

**Norwell Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
January 16, 2013**

Gregg McBride opened the meeting and introduced Ellen Allen, David DeCoste and Town Administrator James Boudreau. Gregg McBride explained that at 6:00PM the Board had been in Executive Session for a Grievance Hearing. *MOTION: Ellen Allen moved the Board approve the agenda as written. Seconded by David DeCoste and unanimously voted.*

CITIZEN COMMENTS – None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 13, 2012

MOTION: Ellen Allen moved to approve the meeting minutes for the June 13, 2012 open meeting. Seconded by David DeCoste and unanimously voted.

7:30 George Davis – Norwell Energy Committee – George Davis briefed the Board of Selectmen on why he is interested in serving on the Energy Committee and what he could bring to that Board. *MOTION: Ellen Allen moved to appoint George Davis to the Norwell Energy Committee to a Term Expiring June 30, 2013. Seconded by David DeCoste and unanimously voted.*

7:35 Beautification Committee Awards – Present: Chairman Richard Barry, Susan Solis, Arthur Lunny, Gillian Parker, Susan Hall, Peg and Bob Norris. Richard Barry stated that this is the 24th year the Committee has presented Awards. Richard also offered condolences for former Member Chairman Charles Morgan who passed this week. The Committee updated the Selectmen on the various projects the Beautification Committee has done around Town. The Awards were then presented to Friendship Home, Chris and MaryEllen Stoddard of Main Street, and Bob and Joan Chatfield, who were not able to attend.

7:50 Conservation Commission Update – Present: Chairman David Osborn and Robert Woodill. David told the Selectmen that members had been volunteering on cleaning up the stone walls and had cut the brush back approximately 30 ft. at the Jacobs Fields. David explained that the budget request was leveled funded except the request of \$4,000 for the maintenance line. Ellen Allen commended them for all the work done on the stone walls at Jacobs Farm. Bob Woodill briefed the Board on the CPA Articles the Commission is requesting. The first Article will be for use at Jacobs Pond for a docking system, access to the island, a new parking area, installation of picnic tables and other amenities, all to be ADA compliant. The other CPA article requests are for signage and kiosks, street signs, trail signs, trail maps and other informational signage for Cuffee's Lane, Donovan Fields and the Wildcat Complex. Ellen Allen asked that the Conservation Commission move forward with the remaining Farm Contracts.

8:00 School Committee Update – Present: Chair Kiersten Warendorf, Amy Koch, Brian Noble, MaryLou O'Leary, Superintendent Matt Keegan and Director of Finance and Operations Warren MacCallum. Matt Keegan that the School Department is extremely grateful for the community supporting the override. He then made a presentation on the override and what it has done for the teachers and students. (*See attached override presentation handout*). The Board of Selectmen discussed various Town Meeting articles that may have an impact on the Schools and asked the Schools to be involved and give feedback on the Articles.

OLD BUSINESS

Goals & Policies – Gregg McBride explained that the Selectmen had been working on Goals and Policies. Gregg compiled a list of goals from the Selectmen's past discussions as a point of reference. Ellen suggested they define whether goals are short or long term. Gregg suggested that the goals be in place before the Board increases to 5 members.

1. Goal – Maintain Community's Financial Stability and AAA Bond Rating.
2. Goal – Clarify Board's Policy Making Role
3. Goal – Promote Short and Long range planning to maintain the Character of Town and enhance sense of Community.

David DeCoste said he would like to have all Payroll Warrant, Bill Warrant and Minutes posted publicly. Ellen Allen asked what the benefit would be to have employees' pay posted, noting that it does not give a clear picture of base pay, since it could include overtime or incentives. Going forward, Goals and Policies will be on the Agenda under Old Business for further discussions.

NEW BUSINESS

The Silent Chef One Day License Request – February 1, 2013

MOTION: Ellen Allen moved that the Board approve a request from The Silent Chef for a one day license to sell All Alcohol for the Scituate Animal Shelter event to be held at the Cushing Center on February 1, 2013 between the hours of 6:30PM to 11:00PM. Seconded by David DeCoste and unanimously voted.

Open Warrant for Special and Annual Town Meeting – Ellen Allen would like to see if petitions could be reviewed sooner rather than later for proper wording to avoid problems.

MOTION: Ellen Allen moved that the Board open the Warrant for the Special Town Meeting to be held May 6, 2013 located at the Norwell Middle School. Seconded by David DeCoste and unanimously voted.

MOTION: Ellen Allen moved that the Board Open the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting to be held May 6, 2012 located at the Norwell Middle School. Seconded by David DeCoste and unanimously voted.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

January 23, 2013

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Town has received a MIIA Loss Control Grant for a \$5,000 Emergency Response Trailer.

ADJOURNMENT – Motion was made to adjourn by Ellen Allen, seconded by David DeCoste and unanimously voted.

Ellen H. Allen

Board of Selectmen