

**Norwell Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
September 25, 2013**

Ellen Allen opened the meeting and introduced Jason Brown, Gregg McBride, David DeCoste, Tammie Garner and Town Administrator Jim Boudreau. Agenda amended to eliminate appointment with Wendy Bawabe and interview with Laurence Gogarty. *MOTION: Jason Brown moved the Board approve the agenda as amended. Seconded and unanimously voted.*

7:35 Wendy Bawabe, Historical Commission, Town Seal Use – Matter resolved.

8:00 Laurence Gogarty – PBMC Applicant – could not attend and will reschedule.

CITIZEN COMMENTS – None

OLD BUSINESS

Committee Liaisons – Jason Brown briefed the Board that the Advisory Board Nominating Committee had concluded interviews and had a lot of strong candidates to review. They are discussing if appointments should be made before or after the Special Town Meeting. Gregg McBride will be attending the Community Housing Trust meeting tomorrow evening.

Code of Conduct – Gregg McBride had used the Town of Littleton's Code of Conduct as a base for the Board to work off of. The Selectmen then had in-depth discussions in forming a rough draft to use for Norwell's Code of Conduct for Boards/Committees that are appointed by the Board of Selectmen and Town Administrator. Jason Brown inquired who, with the new charter change, would handle, if necessary, a member of the Advisory Board; Jim Boudreau stated that it would be the AB Nominating Committee. Ellen Allen suggested that this policy be phrased as expectations since this is not enforceable by law.

NEW BUSINESS

Assign Special Town Meeting Articles – Of 13 Articles, only 5 belong to the Board of Selectmen. David DeCoste will move Article 4, Ellen Allen Article 2, Tammie Garner Article 1, Jason Brown Article 6, Gregg McBride Article 10 and may be involved in Article 11 as a member of the Community Housing Trust. Jim Boudreau explained to the newer members that a book will be provided for Town Meeting providing the motions and explanations for the articles. Jason Brown will coordinate with EDC Chair Rick Merritt on their presentation of Article 3.

Police Station Bids – Jim Boudreau reported that there were only 2 bids received. The OPM had been asked to find out from other companies that had taken out bid packages, why they had not bid. Some responded that Town Meeting had not yet approved the project or the job was too small, or they were too busy. The bids that came in were higher than expected. PBMC & OPM are meeting this week to review.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

October 2, 2013 – Town Meeting Discussions, Housing Authority Letter of Support, Letter for Pension Obligation Bond.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Police Station Open Houses on October 2nd 4:30-7:30 and October 5th 9:30-12:30.
- Norwell Farms and Norwell Historic Commission are hosting a Historic Home Tours on October 3rd 9:00-4:00.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Fire Grievance Discussion, Town Administrator Contract, and Finance Director Contract

MOTION: Jason Brown moved the Board enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a Fire Grievance Discussion, Town Administrator Contract, and Finance Director Contract and not return to open session. Seconded and unanimously voted.

Chairman Ellen Allen explained that to discuss this in an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the Town's interests. Ellen Allen polled the Board. Jason Brown voted yes, Gregg McBride voted yes, David DeCoste voted yes, Tammie Garner voted yes and Ellen Allen voted yes.



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