

**Norwell Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
August 21, 2013**

Ellen Allen opened the meeting and introduced Jason Brown, Gregg McBride, David DeCoste, Tammie Garner and Town Administrator Jim Boudreau. *MOTION: Jason Brown moved the Board approve the agenda as written. Seconded and unanimously voted.*

CITIZEN COMMENTS – Penny Wilson of 120 Prospect Street had 2 concerns. First, that the Selectmen Minutes were not being posted to the website and second, inquiring about plans for the Town Hall building. Ellen Allen agreed that the minutes were an issue and explained that she and Jim Boudreau are discussing how to improve this. She also stated that the second matter was on the evening's agenda.

Swearing In Ceremony – Police Officers William Crowley & Nathan Morena – Chief Ross welcomed Officer William Crowley and Officer Nathan Morena to the Norwell Police Department. Town Clerk Patricia Anderson swore them in. The Board of Selectmen congratulated and welcomed the new officers.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 2, 2013 and two for January 9, 2013, all open meetings. *MOTION: David DeCoste moved to approve the following open meeting minutes: January 9, 2013 and two for January 16, 2013. Seconded and voted 3-0-2 in favor with Jason Brown and Tammie Garner abstaining because they were not on the Board at that time.*

OLD BUSINESS

Committee Liaisons:

- David DeCoste – Energy Committee had information provided to them on Green Communities and would like to meet with the Selectmen after Town Meeting.
- Tammie Garner – Personnel Board received 106 applications for the Facilities Manager position and will begin narrowing them down.
- Jason – Advisory Board Nominating Committee has re-appointed Skip Joseph so the Advisory Board has a quorum to meet. The AB Nominating Committee currently has 5-6 applications and will set-up interviews for Sept. 5th.
- Gregg McBride – discussions are taking between the Community Housing Trust and Housing Authority about transferring some matters related to 40B's to the Trust to allow better 40B tracking for the Town.
- Ellen Allen – PMBC put out documentation for the police station sub-bids.
- Ellen Allen would like to have Board members follow-up with their assigned committees and complete descriptions. Denise Nestor will provide information she has received and inform members of missing descriptions.

Library/Town Hall Study Committee – Ellen Allen explained that the Board of Selectmen have created this committee for the purpose of reviewing plans presented by the PBMC in 2007/2008 for a combined new Library and Town Hall.

Special Town Meeting Warrant Articles – Board discussed articles that will be in the Special Town Meeting Warrant:

STM Article 2 – Police Station Project at Washington Street – The Board will vote the amount to put in the warrant tonight and whether each member supports it at their next meeting. *MOTION: Jason Brown moved that the Board approve an amount for the Police Station project at 300 Washington Street in the amount of \$5,204,000 as recommended by the OPM for Article 1 of the Special Town Meeting. Seconded and unanimously voted.*

STM Article 4 – CPA Surcharge Reduction from 3% to 2%– The Board voted unanimously to place this article on the Warrant. Board will vote whether they support it at their next meeting.

STM Article 3 – EDC Re-Zoning Proposal – The Board unanimously supports this article.

STM Article 10 – Samuel Stetson House Move to new Cemetery – The Board unanimously supports this article.

NEW BUSINESS

2013/2014 Election Worker Appointments – *MOTION: Jason Brown moved to approve Election Workers as listed, Democrats, Republicans and Unenrolled, which were submitted to the Board of Selectmen by the Town Clerk in the “2013/2014 Election Worker List” memo dated August 13, 2013 and that the individuals be appointed to a term expiring June 30, 2014. Seconded by David DeCoste and unanimously voted.*

Medical Marijuana Discussion – Jim Boudreau explained that the deadline for preliminary applications to the State is August 22, 2013 along with a \$1,500 check and proof of at least \$500,000 collateral backing. The Town has met with at least 4 companies interested in dispensary and manufacturing centers. Norwell has 2 Office Parks zoned, however both have challenges. According to Town By-laws, a medical marijuana business needs to be 500' from school properties, day cares and residential zones, which leaves a large part of the Office Parks not eligible. The second part of the process will require a company to get a Letter of Support from the Board of Selectmen, provide a specific site and a \$30,000 nonrefundable check, with funds going to the State. Round 2 will take place in October. For this initial year, the State will approve a maximum of 35 facilities, with at least one and no more than five in each county. Gregg McBride inquired about the financial benefits to the Town. Because these must be nonprofits, “profits” earned must be distributed to the host communities. Police Chief Ross explained that cultivating and manufacturing marijuana is a violation of federal law, which conflicts with this new state law. Jim Boudreau explained that these facilities will be heavily secured. Question from the audience: Who will do the monitoring of these facilities and the answer was the State Dept. of Public Health and local Police Departments.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Public Hearing for Soil Removal from High School, Board of Health and Water Commissioners, High School Field Project, TM Articles, discussion of publishing Town employees' salaries on the web site and Finance Director/Town Accountant for Reserve Policy discussions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- EEE Risk level elevated to moderate
- Memo – Highway Surveyor on Resurfacing Lincoln Street, Summer Street and Winter Street
- Memo – National Grid Tree Removal/Trimming

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Contracts for SEIU, Personnel Plan, and Finance Director/Town Accountant

MOTION: Jason Brown moved the Board enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing contracts for SEIU, Personnel Plan, and Finance Director/Town Accountant 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 bargaining position. 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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