

**Norwell Board of Selectmen  
Meeting Minutes  
June 19, 2013**

Ellen Allen opened the meeting and introduced Selectmen Jason Brown, Gregg McBride, David DeCoste and Town Administrator Jim Boudreau.

Agenda Amended: Susan Curtin – Commission on Disabilities Applicant rescheduled.  
Laura Sheridan – Cable TV Committee Applicant has withdrawn her name.

*MOTION: Jason Brown moved the Board approve the agenda as amended. Seconded and unanimously voted.*

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**CITIZEN COMMENTS** – None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – None

**Appointments**

Kathy Rothwell – Applicant to Cemetery, Cultural Council or Recreation – Rothwell described her background and why she felt she would be a good addition to one of these committees. The Board felt that the Cemetery Committee was in greatest need of an additional member.

*Jason Brown moved that the Board appoint Kathleen Rothwell to the Cemetery Committee for a three year term expiring on June 30, 2016. Seconded and unanimously voted.*

Harry Merritt - Conservation Commission. Did not come to meeting.

**7:45 Public Hearing – Accord Auto, LLC-MV Class II License**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**1. 2013 Committee Appointments (cont'd)**

Jason Brown moved that the Board appoint Susan Fuller Hall to the Beautification Committee to a term expiring June 30, 2016. Seconded and unanimously voted.

Jason Brown moved that the Board appoint Nathalie Vining to the Cultural Council to a term expiring June 30, 2015. Seconded and unanimously voted.

Jason Brown moved that the Board appoint Michael J. Tobin to the Economic Development Committee to a term expiring June 30, 2016. Seconded and unanimously voted.

Jason Brown moved that the Board appoint Russ Paulin and George Davis to the Energy Committee to a term expiring June 30, 2014. Seconded and unanimously voted.

Jason Brown moved that the Board appoint Patricia Shepherd to the Historical Committee to a term expiring June 30, 2016. Seconded and unanimously voted.

Jason Brown moved that the Board appoint Dennis J. Mahoney to the North River Commission to a term expiring June 30, 2016. Seconded and unanimously voted.

Jason Brown moved that the Board appoint Vicky E. Spillane to the Recycling Committee to a term expiring June 30, 2016. Seconded and unanimously voted.

Jason Brown moved that the Board appoint Peter J. Jones as Sealer of Weights & Measures to a term expiring June 30, 2014. Seconded and unanimously voted.

Jason Brown moved that the Board appoint Matthew P. Power and Frank White to the Town Technology Committee to terms expiring June 30, 2014. Seconded and unanimously voted.

Jason Brown moved that the Board appoint Gregg McBride to the Community Housing Trust to a term expiring June 30, 2015. Seconded and unanimously voted.

## **2. Liaison Update**

**David DeCoste:** Conservation Commission is working out a summer schedule. The Chairman of the Energy Committee says she is going to bring a gentleman in at some time to discuss solar panels at no cost to anyone, except to the State. Ellen Allen mentioned that the Selectmen need to discuss Green Communities with the Energy Committee.

## **3. Civic Engagement**

To aid in recruiting volunteers for committees, Ellen Allen explained that she had prepared questionnaires, which Denise Nestor sent to all committee heads, asking them to provide information about their committees' size, purpose, meeting schedule, etc. These will be made available at Town Hall and on line. It was suggested that it would also be helpful to have a Town of Norwell Facebook page, but someone would "need to own it." Gregg McBride said he didn't think we were ready for it yet and we first need to work on our website, providing information such as how the 40B Affordable Housing law works. Also, noted the Board's minutes need to be put on the website as soon as they are finished. It was also reported that sometimes, if you click on a link on the website, it doesn't go through, so the links need to be checked regularly. An organizational chart needs to be put on our website. A lot of other items could possibly be on the website and it generally needs more work. The Fire, Police and Schools have good webpages. It was also suggested that the Board try to meet with small groups in town to encourage more citizens to get involved on town committees.

### **UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

**40B/Affordable Housing; Putting the Town's "Checkbook" on the Website**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**ADJOURNMENT** – *Motion was made to adjourn from Open Session. Seconded and unanimously voted.*

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** – Pending Litigation, Process for Removal from Town Board/Committee, Town Administrator Review & Goals

*MOTION: Jason Brown moved that the Board enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining and pending litigation 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 or litigating 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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