

**Norwell Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
February 13, 2013**

Gregg McBride opened the meeting and introduced Ellen Allen, David DeCoste and Town Administrator Jim Boudreau. Agenda Amended to add: New Business #4 Snow Removal Budget. *MOTION: Ellen Allen moved the Board approve the agenda as amended. Seconded and unanimously voted.*

CITIZEN COMMENTS – None

Storm Update – Chief Reardon and Jim Boudreau updated the Board that the storm started Friday, power was out during the storm, and National Grid could not begin restoration until Sunday due to the wind and sizable trees down. Power was up by Monday and school opened on Tuesday. Question was asked of Chief Ross about the officer that had a tree fall on him during the storm and the Chief explained that the tree fell on the cruiser with the Officer in it and the Officer is fine, cruiser totaled. Gregg McBride thank Ellen Allen for the organizing Shelter during the storm. Ellen Allen explained that the shelter volunteers made it up as they went along and has a list of how to improve if there is a next time. David DeCoste thank the Highway, Fire, Police and COA for the outstanding job done.

7:35 Energy Committee Update – Present Bob McMackin, Mary Cole, George Davis and Steven Ivas. Bob McMackin updated the Selectmen on has explored possible wind and solar. The Committee concluded that a Green Community (GC) was the way to go and solar was better than wind turbines. 110 towns that are GC including several of neighboring towns. Five criteria's to become a GC: (1) Adopt a right of sighting in designated locations for generations. (2) Adopt expedited permitting process (12 months). (3) Establish energy use baseline and plan to reduce baseline by 20% in 5 years. (4) Purchase "only" fuel efficient vehicles. (5) Adopt stretch code by law requiring new commercial, industrial and residential construction to minimize life-cycle energy costs. Other items Bob touched on was input from neighboring towns with GC, GC designation and grant process; energy tracking; initial grant for Norwell. Ellen Allen would like an electronic copy of the slide presentation.

7:45 Technology Committee Update – Present: Jim Boudreau, Marynell Wahl-Halatsis and Frank White. Jim Boudreau briefed the Selectmen how the Committee has met a few times and recently with the consultant regarding the RFP on the accounting software, cloud, security. This committee has very talented members, the school was having a problem with one of the servers and Wi-Fi and one of the Committee Members were able to fix problem easily. The Selectmen thanked Committee Members.

8:00 PBMC Committee Update – Present for PBMC Update: Glenn Ferguson and Chief Ross updated the Selectmen on the status of the Police Station plans for renovation at current location. Glenn Ferguson has asked the Selectmen the best way to revisit and re-enter conversations with the Architectures for on the Washington Street location with his Board (PBMC). The Selectmen agreed that there is a need to remove the lead from the Police Station basement. Ellen Allen addressed the lack of security and safety which is a major concern. Question was asked to Advisory Board Member(s) Tim Greene to weight in and his feeling is that the current location is no longer feasible, money has been poured into study after study and when it was voted at Town Meeting it only lost by 5 votes. Gregg McBride polled the Board to voice their preference. Ellen Allen stated that pursuing Washington Street is her preference, possibly change the OPM to beat down the cost and if the assessment on taxes being less than \$100 per year on the median. David DeCoste agrees with \$2.8M is a bad idea but favors

identifying and take care of what needs to be done (clean basement and remove lead) at the River Street location and Washington Street makes sense. George Jamison stated that doing nothing is costing more money.

OLD BUSINESS

Goals & Policies – this will be held

Selectmen Articles – Jim Boudreau listed the potential articles that the Selectmen will be submitting. (Legal, regional dispatch, union wages, police station lead removal, water property, facility manager, turf, stabilization fund, ESCO, tax rate reduction, OPEB, Contracts, Stabilization).

NEW BUSINESS

Close the Warrant for Special and Annual Town Meeting

MOTION: Ellen Allen moved that the Board of Selectmen close the Warrant for the Special and Annual Town Meeting to be held on Monday, May 6, 2013. Seconded and unanimously voted.

One Day License Request from James Library – March 15, 2013

The Board held this application because the information was not correctly entered.

Amend Date for One Day Liquor Request from James Library – February 13, 2013

MOTION: Ellen Allen moved that the Board amend a request from the James Library/First Parish Church of 24 West Street Norwell for a one day license to serve Wine only for the Valentine's Desserts Party at the James Library from Friday, February 8, 2013 to Friday, February 15, 2013 between the hours of 8:00PM to 10:00PM. Seconded by David DeCoste and unanimously voted.

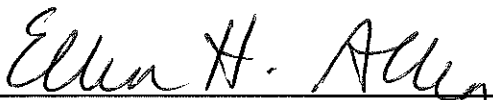
Snow Removal – Jim Boudreau has a letter from Paul Foulsham indicating that the Highway Department's Snow Removal budget as of February 11, 2013 has a balance of \$50,809.21. There are bill and contractors to be paid and another snow situation is taking place on Wednesday, February 13th with another for this coming weekend. The Town's sand and salt shed need to be replenished. Paul Foulsham is requesting that the Board vote to transfer or allow deficit spending. *MOTION was made to allow the Highway Surveyor to deficit spend the snow and ice budget. Seconded and unanimously voted.* Jim Boudreau explained that the Highway Surveyor is extremely frugal with spending.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Future meetings to be scheduled: Energy Committee, Farm Licenses, 81 Washington Street.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – None

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



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