

**Norwell Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
June 12, 2013**

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

Pledge of Allegiance

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

CITIZEN COMMENTS - None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – None

Ron Mott - Conservation Commission Applicant

Ron Mott has applied for a position on the Conservation Commission. He said he has been a resident in Norwell for 67 years and was previously on call fire department for 33 years and presently is Harbormaster. He said he would enforce the Water Protection Act and the bylaws pertaining to conservation issues if appointed. He has also worked with the DEP and Army Corps of Engineers on Chapter 91 permitting of docks and walkways on the North River, overseeing repairs and new structures and making sure they were in compliance with the permits issued. Ellen Allen said they have another applicant coming in to interview next week and the Board should not make an appointment until after that.

Police Station: The current building has a lot of liabilities and the proposed new building is slightly larger. Estimated cost in dollars per square foot are \$370. The design meets all building code requirements and safety concerns. The building does not have frills, is very economical and what the town needs. The contractor receives all bids and picks the lowest bid for each subcontract: masonry, mechanical, electrical, plumbing, windows and doors etc. General bidding and building rules are all built into MA law including "prevailing wages," which make the cost significantly higher than for commercial construction. When designing a police facility, every room is specific to a function; every room has to be outfitted differently: prison processing, cells, detention, booking, storage areas, lobbies, office spaces. In all these spaces we have access control requirements, surveillance requirements, data and telephone requirements. This drives up the cost relative to other types of buildings.

Ellen Allen said we would have a whole strategy to work out with respect to the financing.

Laura Sheridan – Cable Committee Applicant – Postponed

OLD BUSINESS

GATRA – We were approached by the Friendship Home and COA about the lack of public funding for transportation for people with disabilities. The Town has paid about \$68,000 a year for its state MBTA assessment and gotten nothing. So the Friendship Home and COA started having conversations with GATRA about possibly having that money instead go toward a contract with GATRA for service to the Town. The idea is initially to have Ride on Call for

people with disabilities. It could be expanded to include specific routes for people to take buses to stores, etc.

Liaison Update – Jason had spoken to Jef Fitzgerald and the Capital Budget Committee about future capital planning. He sees the need to have some type of budget, need to have a number to go into capital each year. Discussed the use of the Capital Stabilization Fund; they don't understand specifically what it is for. They need to develop a 5 year plan. Jim would assist with that effort and have a good inventory of the town's fixed assets and vehicles to help with doing a long range plan. They would also need to talk about sources of revenue for doing things including Free Cash. They may have one more opening on Capital Budget Committee. Ellen said they appointed someone last week and Jim will check if there is another opening.

The Cemetery Committee is meeting next week and Gregg will be going to that.

Ellen and Tammie met with representatives from the Library and reviewed the history of previous plans for a new library. There was a presentation of all the library is doing, all the people they are serving and the variety and capacity for their programs. They discussed getting the Town Hall/Library combination plan moving forward again. It might make sense to establish a temporary committee to study and provide a recommendation on whether to go forward with that plan or pursue something else. Need an updated assessment of the characteristics and size of a library of the future. We have to look at what the Town can afford for the Police Station, Town Hall, Library, and any updates to the schools. The Library Trustees have not come back to us on what they need. We need to help them with that process.

Community Engagement – Put on a future agenda

Summer Schedule – Tammie and Ellen are away on July 3, 2013. Need to be flexible in July, but may want to meet weekly to be prepared to take the Police Station proposal to STM in the Fall.

NEW BUSINESS

2013 Re-appointments – Most people have responded to stay on, but no response is not necessarily a No, so we won't deal with a no response at this time. We can approve these by committee with same expiration date.

Vice Chair, Jason Brown made the following motions: I move that the Board reappoint Glen Ferguson and David C. Benedict to the Athletic Field Committee for a term expiring June 30, 2016. Seconded and unanimously voted.

I move that the Board reappoint Peg Norris and Robert H. Norris to the Beautification Committee for a term expiring June 30, 2016. Seconded and unanimously voted.

I move that the Board reappoint Lois S. Barbour to the Board of Appeals for a term expiring June 30, 2016. Seconded and unanimously voted.

I move that the Board reappoint Stephanie Molinari to the Capital Budget Committee to a term expiring June 30, 2016. Seconded and unanimously voted.

I move that the Board reappoint Alison Demong to the Community Preservation Committee for a term expiring June 30, 2016. Seconded and unanimously voted.

I move that the Board reappoint Marynel Wahl-Halatsis to the Conservation Commission to a term expiring June 30, 2016. Seconded and unanimously voted.

I move that the Board reappoint Thomas C. Scavitto to Constables for a term expiring June 30, 2016. Seconded and unanimously voted.

I move that the Board reappoint Lenord Cubellis to the Economic Development Committee to a term expiring June 30, 2016. Seconded and unanimously voted.

I move that the Board reappoint Mary Cole to the Energy Committee to a term expiring June 30, 2014. Seconded and unanimously voted.

I move that the Board reappoint Cliff Prentiss to Fence Viewer to a term expiring June 30, 2014. Seconded and unanimously voted.

I move that the Board reappoint Edward J. Geswell, Edward J. Geswell III, Alternate, Michael Hoadley and Gary A. Young, Alternate, as Gas & Plumbing Inspector to a term expiring June 30, 2014. Seconded and unanimously voted.

I move that the Board reappoint Timothy J. FitzGerald as Inspector of Buildings to a term expiring June 30, 2016. Seconded and unanimously voted.

I move that the Board reappoint Charles Palmeri and John C. Lunn, Alternate, as Inspector of Wires to a term expiring June 30, 2014. Seconded and unanimously voted.

I move that the Board reappoint Janet Watson and Kim Zayotti to the Local Historic District Study Committee to a term expiring June 30, 2016. Seconded and unanimously voted.

I move that the Board reappoint Joseph Strazdes to the North River Patrol to a term expiring June 30, 2014. Seconded and unanimously voted.

I move that the Board reappoint Ernest Anastasio, Michael A. Brenton, Kevin J. Driscoll, Matthew R. Luccarelli, Maureen Shirkus and Katelin Jenkins to Special Police Officers to a term expiring June 30, 2014. Seconded and unanimously voted.

I move that the Board reappoint James Boudreau to the Town Technology Committee to a term expiring June 30, 2014. Seconded and unanimously voted.

I move that the Board reappoint Anne Staples to the Recreation Commission to a term expiring June 30, 2016. Seconded and unanimously voted.

I move that the Board reappoint John A. Micek to the Traffic Study Committee to a term expiring June 30, 2016. Seconded and unanimously voted.

YMCA – Road Race Request – This is the second year in a row and it is a 5K road race on Saturday, October 19, 2013. It would begin at the YMCA, up Mill Street to Pleasant Street, up to Circuit Street, then turn around and go back. It would begin between 8 and 9 a.m. and would include a “fun walk” as well. The Police Chief has endorsed the event provided they are in touch with our new Deputy Chief to arrange police details and review the traffic plan. They have provided their insurance certificate. Ellen believes everything is in order. Chief Reardon has also signed off and has made it clear if they need an ambulance that it has to come from our Norwell Fire Department per our union contract.

Jason Brown moved that the Board issue a permit to the YMCA for a road race on Saturday, October 19, 2013, beginning and ending at the South Shore YMCA, 75 Mill Street, Hanover starting between 8 - 9 am, and the route is subject to the stipulations of the Police and Fire Chiefs. Seconded and unanimously voted.

Upcoming Meetings – Ellen Allen has a list of them and will present them next week.

Announcements – The Women’s Lacrosse Team at the High School are Division II State Champions and on Monday night won their game 20-8. Congratulations to them! Schedule for applications for the Community Preservation Committee in anticipation of a possible Fall Town Meeting: they are going to accept applications this summer, which must be presented in their final phase. They are due here at Town Hall by 4pm on July 8, 2013.

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

MOTION: Jason Brown moved the Board enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the Town Administrator's contract 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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