

**Norwell Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
January 4, 2012**

John Mariano opened the meeting and introduced Gregg McBride, Ellen Allen and Town Administrator James Boudreau.

MOTION: Gregg McBride moved the Board approve the agenda as written. Seconded by Ellen Allen and unanimously voted.

CITIZEN COMMENTS – None

7:35 – Auditors Exit Conference – Frank Biron of Melanson Heath & Company presented the final Auditors report to the Board of Selectmen. Key points:

- Clean opinion. No management letter, but a few lesser level suggestions. Continued strong financial position noted, but cautioned against the continued heavy use of Free Cash and Overlay Surplus, particularly to fund the operating budget. This is especially concerning if not budgeting in a way that replenishes FC. These trends can negatively impact a Town's debt rating. All three Selectmen expressed this shared concern.
- The auditor explained where the unfunded OPEB liability appears in the financials and other presentational changes from prior years.
- The auditor offered to provide examples of written financial policies.

8:30 – A. W. Perry, Wildcat OSRD – Jim Boudreau explained that the state has rejected the format of the state and local conservation restrictions on this residential development. The Selectmen approved and signed revised versions that separate the two into separate documents.

Donna Mangan – Finance Discussion – Donna Mangan discussed the Goals and Objectives for her new role as the Finance Director. The Board said it would help prioritize these. Jim Boudreau noted that Donna Mangan's continued responsibilities as the Town Accountant often delay her work on new Financial Director initiatives.

Chief Reardon – Grant Announcement – Chief Reardon presented to the Board of Selectmen a grant received from MEMA (Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency) of \$15,000 to be used to purchase a digital signboard that will be used during future power outages to keep residents informed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – None.

APPOINTMENTS

Appoint Interim Veteran's Agent – Michael J. Thorp – Jim Boudreau briefed the Board on Michael Thorp and how he is also the Veterans Agent for Hanover and Duxbury.

MOTION: Gregg McBride moved the Board to allow Town Administrator James Boudreau be able to appoint Michael J. Thorp as the Interim Veterans Agent. Seconded by Ellen Allen and unanimously voted.

Provisional Sergeant Appointment – Robert Clark – Chief Ted Ross recommended and the Board appointed Detective Robert Clark as a Provisional Sergeant until the Norwell Police Department participates in the next promotional exam and a new list for appointing a permanent Sergeant. This will take approximately one year. The Chief noted that this will reduce the amount of detective work done, but will reduce overtime expenditures.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

January 11, 2012

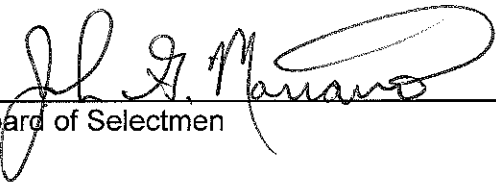
January 18, 2012

January 25, 2012 and this meeting will be held in the Little Theater at the High School.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Not needed

ADJOURNMENT Motion was made to adjourn at 9:00 PM.



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