

**Norwell Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
January 18, 2012**

John Mariano opened the meeting and introduced Gregg McBride and Ellen Allen. Not Present
Town Administrator James Boudreau.

Amend Agenda to add Conservation Agent Salary as New Business #3.

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

CITIZEN COMMENTS – None

7:35 Chief Reardon – Fire Department Budget – Chief Reardon went through his budget and explained various line items including the staffing model, recall procedures, and a financial comparison of additional staff vs. additional overtime. Increases are requested for vehicle repair and maintenance and building maintenance at the Central Station. 51% of calls are for ambulance service. There is new legislation proposed that could reduce insurance reimbursements for ambulance services. The Chief is requesting again this year a replacement for the 2004 Command Vehicle (w/180,000 miles) in the capital budget.

8:00 Recreation Commission – Little League Field Dedication to Paul Crowley – Present: Ginny Maree, Pat Richardson, Denise Nestor and Joanne Collins. Chair Ginny Maree explained that the Recreation Commission had been approached by Paul Crowley's sister-in-law Joanne Collins with a request to have Little League Field #3 dedicated to Paul to recognize over 20 years of dedication to the youth sports in Norwell. *MOTION: Gregg McBride moved that the Board approved the request to dedicate Little League Field #3 at Woodworth Park to Paul C. Crowley. Seconded by Ellen Allen and unanimously voted.*

8:15 Chief Ross – Police Department Budget – Chief Ross presented an on overview of services that the Police Department provides. Chief Ross highlighted the patrol staffing, cases that the Detectives have worked on, the role of the Prosecutor, Specialized Programs provided by the Department, detailed information on the department's fleet of vehicles and a survey comparison to other Towns.

8:45 Ron Mott – Harbormaster Budget – Ron Mott explained that the Harbormaster has limited powers and would like to be able to write citations. The Board will hold off on these discussions. Ron Mott then explained his budget.

9:00 Wendy Bawabe – Historical Commission – Wendy Bawabe has requested that the Board of Selectmen decrease the membership size from 7 members to 5 members. The MGL states that the membership can carry between 3-7 members. *MOTION: Gregg McBride moved that the board change the membership of the Historical Commission from 7 to 5. Seconded by Ellen Allen and unanimously voted.*

APPOINTMENTS

Richard Hartigan – Cemetery Commission Appointment

MOTION: Gregg McBride moved to appoint Richard Hartigan to the Cemetery Commission to a Term Expiring June 30, 2012. Seconded by Ellen Allen and unanimously voted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – None

NEW BUSINESS

North River Theatre One Day License Request – *MOTION: Gregg McBride moved that the Board approve a request from The Silent Chef for a one day license to sell All Alcohol for live theater performances at the North River Theater, Inc. 513 River Street Norwell on the following dates: February 4, 10, 11, 12, 17, 18, 2012 between the hours of 7:00 PM to 12:00 AM. Seconded by Ellen Allen and unanimously voted.*

Open Warrant for Special and Annual Town Meeting

MOTION: Gregg McBride moved that the Board Open the Warrant for the Special Town Meeting to be held May 7, 2012 located at the Norwell Middle School. Seconded by Ellen Allen and unanimously voted.

MOTION: Gregg McBride moved that the Board Open the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting to be held May 7, 2012 located at the Norwell Middle School. Seconded by Ellen Allen and unanimously voted.

Conservation Agent Salary – *MOTION: Gregg McBride moved that the Board authorize Town Administrator Jim Boudreau to offer a salary above Step 1 to the candidate selected for the position of Conservation Agent. Seconded by Ellen Allen and unanimously voted.*

OLD BUSINESS – None

UPCOMING MEETINGS

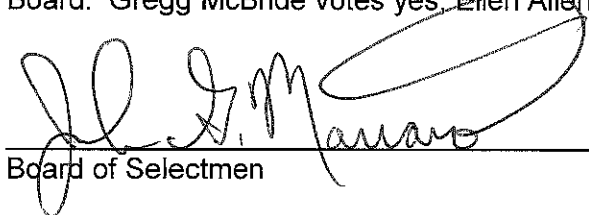
January 25, 2012 – Budget presentation at the High School in the Little Theater
February 1, 2012

ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Contracts

MOTION: Gregg McBride moved the Board enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing contracts and not return to open session. Seconded by Ellen Allen and unanimously voted.

Chairman John Mariano explained that to discuss this in an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the Town's bargaining or litigating position. John Mariano polled the Board. Gregg McBride votes yes, Ellen Allen votes yes and John Mariano votes yes.



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