

**Norwell Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
February 1, 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 COMMENT: Betsy Hilsinger read a statement in support of an override for the schools.

7:35 Tammie Garner – Personnel Board – Tammie Garner briefed the Board of Selectmen on why she is interested in serving on the Personnel Board and what she could bring to that Board. Application cannot be considered until Jim Boudreau resigns his position on that board. He will do that this week and the Board will take up her application at their meeting on 2/8/12.

7:40 Kevin Cohane – Commission on Disabilities – Kevin Cohane briefed the Board of Selectmen on why he is interested in serving on the Commission on Disabilities and what he could bring to that Board. *MOTION: Gregg McBride moved to appoint Kevin Cohane to the Commission on Disabilities to a Term Expiring June 30, 2015. Seconded by Ellen Allen and unanimously voted.*

7:45 Russ Paulin – Norwell Energy Committee Applicant – Russ Paulin briefed the Board of Selectmen on why he is interested in serving on the Norwell Energy Committee and what he could bring to that Board. *MOTION: Gregg McBride moved to appoint Russ Paulin to the Norwell Energy Committee to a Term Expiring June 30, 2012. Seconded by Ellen Allen and unanimously voted.*

7:50 Energy Committee Update – Present: David Brooks, Mary Cole, David Yampanis, Robert McMackin and Russ Paulin. Mary Cole explained recent efforts made by the Energy Committee including applications for two MAPC grants, which are currently pending:

- LEAP (Local Energy Action Program) grant, which is designed to help towns create and implement local energy action plans over a two-year period with the goal of creating long-term sustainable plans of action.
- MAPC Shared Energy Manager Initiative. This grant would pay for the cost of an energy manager for two years. This person would be shared by 2-3 towns. The concept is that this person would generate enough savings to cover the cost to the towns of taking over the salary & benefits after the initial two year period.

In addition, the committee would like the Selectmen to take the steps necessary to become a designated Green Community. John Mariano said that he does not support adopting the Stretch Building Code, which is part of that. The Green Communities program offers energy base lining and technical assistance that can be used even if not applying for the Green Community designation and there was general agreement that this should be pursued.

NEW BUSINESS

The James Library One Day License Request – February 12, 2012

MOTION: Gregg McBride moved that the Board approve a request from The James Library Center for the Arts for a one day license to serve Wine & Malt Only for a Piano Concert and Reception to be held at the James Library on February 12, 2012 between the hours of 3:00PM to 5:30PM. Seconded by Ellen Allen and unanimously voted.

The Silent Chef One Day License Request – March 30, 2012

MOTION: Gregg McBride moved that the Board approve a request from The Silent Chef for a one day license to sell Wine & Malt Only for the event Spring Stirrings to be held at the South Shore Science Center on March 30, 2012 between the hours of 7:00PM to 11:00PM. Seconded by Ellen Allen and unanimously voted.

Best Buddies Bike Ride Request – June 2, 2012

MOTION: Gregg McBride moved that the Board approve a request from Best Buddies Challenge to hold a Benefit Bicycle Race that will pass through the Town of Norwell on Saturday, June 2, 2012 from Pond Street to Neil Gate Street subject to the satisfaction of the Police Chief, Fire Chief and Highway Surveyor. Seconded by Ellen Allen and unanimously voted.

Evan Henry Road Race Request – May 20, 2012

MOTION: Gregg McBride moved that the Board approve the request from the organizers of the Evan Henry Road Race to hold the 12th Annual Road Race to be held on Sunday, May 20, 2012 at the Norwell High School and further that the organizers work with Chief Readon and Chief Ross to meet any of their requirements. Seconded by Ellen Allen and unanimously voted.

Budget Discussion – Jim Boudreau gave an overview of revenues and requested budgets which result in a deficit of over \$3 million as a starting point for setting an override amount. The Board also discussed the need to establish a no override budget proposal. The Board discussed the idea of issuing a technology bond, which had been presented at the January 25, 2012 meeting. The School Committee had expressed concern about bonding only one year of their annual technology/curriculum needs. Ellen Allen suggested that a bond could be used for one time technology purchases, specifically the School Dept.'s \$300K outside technology article and ~\$100K Financial Accounting Software that would be an outside article request from the town.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

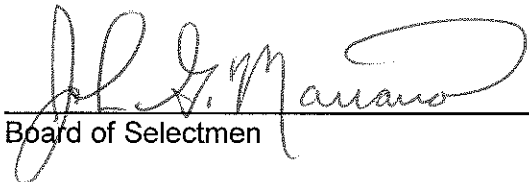
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ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Pending Litigation and Contracts

MOTION: Gregg McBride moved that the Board enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation and contracts and not returning 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 voted yes, Ellen Allen voted yes and John Mariano voted yes.



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