

**Norwell Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
February 22, 2012**

John Mariano opened the meeting and introduced Gregg McBride, Ellen Allen and Town Administrator James Boudreau. John Mariano explained that the Board had been in a working session since 6:00 PM.

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

CITIZEN COMMENTS – None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – *MOTION: Gregg McBride moved to approve the following meeting minutes, February 1, 2012 open session, February 1, 2012 executive session, February 8, 2012 open session, February 8, 2012 executive session at 4:00 PM and February 8, 2012 executive session at 8:30 PM. Seconded by Ellen Allen and unanimously voted.*

APPOINTMENTS – None

7:35 Government Study Committee – Dan Collins updated the Board on the Charter Revisions. John Mariano inquired about the time frame in order to have it on the Ballot on May 19, 2012 and Dan Collins explained the process; revisions will need to be approved by the Secretary of State, State Legislature and returned to the Town for approval. John Mariano strongly suggested that Dan Collins talk with the Town Clerk for the dates and time frame and deadlines for the ballot. John Mariano thanked Dan Collins and the Government Study Committee for the hard work and time.

8:00 Pledge of License – Bo-Tes Imports – John Mariano recused himself from any discussions that pertain to Bo-Tes and turned the meeting over to Gregg McBride and left the room until discussions were over. Jeff Winn was there on behalf of the Bo-Tes owners, Tom and Mary Campanelli of 714 Main Street. They will purchase the property with Rockland Trust being the lender. Gregg McBride inquired whether and how permitting Bo-Tes to pledge the license could negatively affect the Town's position. Jim Boudreau reported that Town Counsel, Bob Galvin, has reviewed the matter and does not think it would be detrimental to the Town's position to permit the pledge and that the Town has full authority on renewing or withdrawing a license. *MOTION: Ellen Allen moved to accept the petition from Bo-Tes to pledge its liquor license to Rockland Trust. Seconded by Gregg McBride and passed.*

OLD BUSINESS

Budget Discussion – John Mariano explained that tonight at 6:00 the Board had been working on the Budget with the exception of the school portion. The Board will be meeting with the School Committee on their portion of the budget. Board feels that it is best to go with a single number for an override.

NEW BUSINESS

Selectmen Association Legislative Update – Ellen Allen updated the Board on the MMA Board Meeting she attended.

State Budget:

1. Revenues from taxes on sales of sugary drinks: still needs to be worked out,
2. Unrestricted general government aid: MMA is working on getting it a stable funding source
3. Circuit Breaker: MMA seeking full funds,
4. Chapter 90 funding \$200M; MAA would like 3 year commitment at \$300M. This number is finalized in March.
5. Bill for emergency medical services to prevent paying patients directly vs. direct payment to municipalities is supported by MMA,
6. Discussion on public utilities, including legislation allowing municipalities to set up their own power companies being supported by MMA.
7. New bill filed on Feb. 10th requiring all building permits to give 10 days' notice to all abutters within 500 feet: MMA is speaking against this bill.
8. MMA is focusing on issues at the Federal Level.

John Mariano thanked Ellen Allen for being involved at the MMA and keeping the Board informed.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

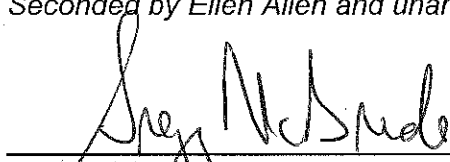
Monday, February 27th – Joint meeting with School Committee

Tuesday, February 28 – Joint meeting with the Advisory Board

ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Disposition of Property

MOTION: Gregg McBride moved that the Board exit Open Session and enter into Executive Session not returning to open Session for the purposed of discussing Disposition of Property. Seconded by Ellen Allen and unanimously voted.



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