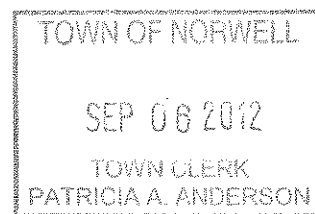


**Norwell Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
March 14, 2012**



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.

7:30 – John Mariano explained that the Board had been in Executive Session since 7:00PM.

CITIZEN COMMENTS – None

7:35 Chief Ross - Grant Announcements – Chief Ted Ross described to the Board the Grants that Deputy Chief Suurhans had applied for and had been awarded to the Police Department. First grant was in the amount of \$3,935.12 for the purpose of Underage Alcohol Enforcement and the second one, a Traffic Enforcement Grant, in the amount of \$2,000.

8:00 Bob Koditek - Duck Derby Request – Bob Koditek is requesting to use the Town Landing on Bridge Street on Saturday, June 16, 2012 between the hours of approximately 1:00PM to 4:00PM at most. The purpose of this request is to hold a fundraiser for the South Shore Habitat for Humanity. This event will consist of people purchasing rubber ducks and having them released at or near the shack at Norris Reservation and the ducks will float down the North River with the current ending at the Town Landing on Bridge Street.

The Board of Selectmen had several suggestions that need to be addressed including: Contacting the Trustees of the Reservation due to the parking and making sure no one parks on private property along Turner's Way. Gregg McBride confirmed that the purpose of this request was to see if the Board of Selectmen will approve a request to use the Town Landing for this event. Also present for this hearing was the Norwell Harbormaster Ron Mott.

MOTION: Gregg McBride moved that the Board approve a request from the South Sore Habitat for Humanity and local partnership committee to hold a Duck Derby event on Saturday June 16, 2012 from 1:00PM to 4:00PM at the Bridge Street Ramp and stipulated that they coordinate with the Fire Chief, Police Chief, Highway Surveyor and coordinate with the proper authorities in Marshfield and that Public Safety requirements be adhered to and if the road needs to be closed that they need to report back to the Board of Selectmen. Seconded by Ellen Allen and unanimously voted.

8:15 Dan Collins, Government Study Committee, Charter Update – Dan Collins updated the Board of Selectmen on the Charter changes and what Boards and Committees will be affected. The Board did not have the revised version of the Charter Change and will not approve it until they have a chance to read it. Jim Boudreau explained that is time sensitive because it needs to be approved by the BOS, sent to be approved by the State Legislature before it can go on the ballot. Town Clerk needs time for printing of the ballot. John Mariano suggested that the Town Clerk, who is responsible for elections, take a look at this. The Board scheduled to meet Monday morning and approve it at that time.

8:30 Donna Mangan, Financial Director – Financial Policy – Donna Mangan discussed with the Board new Financial Policies regarding Reserves.

MOTION: Gregg McBride moved that the Board of Selectmen approve the Town of Norwell Reserve Fund Policy dated March 14, 2012. Seconded by Ellen Allen and unanimously voted.

NEW BUSINESS

Open and Close the Warrant for Special Town Meeting

John Mariano explained the Board will open and close the Special and Annual Town Meeting Warrant to include 6 articles.

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

MOTION: Gregg McBride moved to allow the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) to place 2 Land Purchase Articles into the Special Town Meeting Warrant. Seconded by Ellen Allen and unanimously voted.

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

Open and Close Warrant for Annual Town Meeting

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

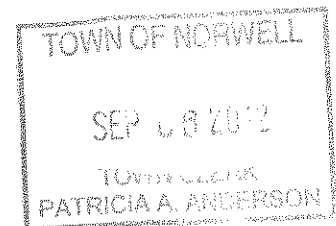
MOTION: Gregg McBride moved to accept four Articles as follows: 1. The Selectmen to establish a new Human Resource position, 2. CPC House Keeping Article, 3. School Committee authority to sign energy contracts in excess of 3 years, 4. Citizens Petition re: Landing of Helicopters. Seconded by Ellen Allen and unanimously voted.

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

Carol Moore/St. Helen's Church Heart Work Camp 1 Day License Request – March 24,

2012 – *MOTION: Gregg McBride moved that the Board approve a request from Carol Moore/St. Helen's Church Camp Heart Work Camp for a one day license to serve Wine and Malt only for a Murder/Mystery Fundraiser held at St. Helen's Hall, 383 Washington Street, Norwell on March 24, 2012 between the hours 7:00PM to 10:00PM contingent on receiving a certificate of insurance naming Town of Norwell as additionally insured should it be necessary based on past practices. Seconded by Ellen Allen and unanimously voted.*

Update on Office of Campaign and Political Finance Presentation – Ellen Allen requested this be discussed. Last week the School Department set-up a session to discuss rules and regulations, what can and can't be done by elected officials, appointed members, etc. Ellen Allen explained that the Board of Selectmen can campaign openly for or against overrides. Ellen Allen asked that this information be placed on the Town Website.



OLD BUSINESS

Budget Discussion – The Board discussed that the Advisory Board had informally polled it's members and they supported the \$2.8M override 8-1. The AB are in the process of Article Hearings. Ellen Allen suggested that the Selectmen continue to attend the AB meetings. Ellen Allen would like to have Jim email to the BOS the version of the budget he has been working on. Ellen Allen also stated that the Board will not discuss this information unless it is an open posted meeting.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

March 19, 2012 at 8:30 AM Open Meeting in Selectmen's Office.

March 21, 2012

March 28, 2012

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Reminder that 2011 Town Reports are over due to the Selectmen's Office
- Xfinity Channel Lineup Changes

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Pending Litigation

ADJOURNMENT – Gregg McBride moved to Adjourn from Open Session and go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation and not returning to Open Session. To have this discussion in open session would be detrimental to the Town. Seconded by Ellen Allen and unanimously voted. John Mariano polled the Board: Gregg McBride votes yes, Ellen Allen votes yes and John Mariano votes yes.



Board of Selectmen

