

**Norwell Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
May 23, 2012**

Chairman Gregg McBride opened the meeting and introduced Vice Chair Ellen Allen, Clerk David DeCoste and Town Administrator James Boudreau.

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

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Open Meeting: January 11, February 15, February 22, April 18, May 7. Executive Session for February 15 and Public Hearing for April 18. *MOTION was made to accept the minutes as listed above. Seconded by David DeCoste and voted favorably by Gregg McBride and Ellen Allen with Dave DeCoste abstaining.*

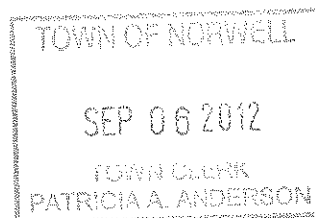
7:35 Brian Gillis, Columbia Gas, Paul Foulsham, Highway Surveyor – Columbia Gas is requesting a road opening permit starting at 99 Main Street and continuing 5,200 ft to 322 Main Street (Sparrell School) including all intersections 100 ft each way. *MOTION: Ellen Allen moved to approve the request from Columbia Gas subject to conditions 1, 2, 4 and 5 in the attached memo from Paul Foulsham and further subject to the work at the access road to the Highway yard be done when school is not in session and further subject to the performance bond in condition 2 being satisfactory to the Town Administrator. Condition 3 was eliminated because that portion of Main Street has been removed from the permitted area. In addition, condition 5 was modified in the motion to allow Columbia Gas to use its own inspector. Seconded by David DeCoste and unanimously voted.*

NEW BUSINESS

Appointment Process – The Board of Selectmen would like to encourage any resident interested in participating on a Committee to submit applications for consideration.

Tax Relief – Ellen Allen briefed the Board that there is information available for Norwell Citizens regarding Tax Relief and citizens should contact the Assessors Office for more information.

Future Meetings Discussion – The Board has a list of items to address at future meetings: Financial Policies, Affordable Housing Trust and Plan, Economic Development Committee and Planning Board working together, improving communications to residents including improvements to the Town website, reviewing the new changes to the Town Charter with Town Counsel, preparing job descriptions for Town Boards and Committees, holding hearings on whether to change the CPA surcharge, facilitating on-going work re the Police Station, meeting again with the Energy Committee and deciding whether to adopt Green Communities, continuing regular meetings with Boards and departments, working to increase the safety of dangerous intersections (such as Lincoln & Norwell Ave., Prospect & Grove and Town Center), and facilitating the ESCO and facilities assessments approved at Town Meeting.



OLD BUSINESS

None

UPCOMING MEETINGS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

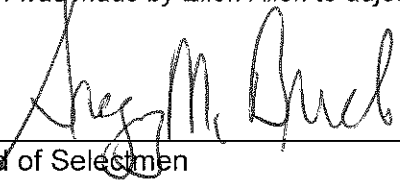
2012 Norwell Memorial Day Parade

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Not needed

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Ellen Allen to adjourn. Seconded by David DeCoste and unanimously voted.



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