

**Norwell Board of Selectmen  
Meeting Minutes  
March 28, 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 COMMENTS** – Penny Wilson of Prospect Street voiced her concern on the poor quality of the broadcasting of the Selectmen's meetings; her carrier is Comcast. Gregg stated that he has Verizon and is having the same problem and the problem is with the microphones within the meeting room.

**7:35 Library – Short/Long Term Strategic Planning Discussion** – Present: Director Rebecca Freer and Trustees Jeanne Hagelstein-Ivas, Sarah Summers and Henry Goldman. They discussed the limited space at the Library, how it is utilized and updates needed such as windows and carpets.

**Library – Request to Fill Vacant Position** – Rebecca Freer asked to fill a 10 hour per week shelving position. The Board inquired if the hours could be spread out over the current employees and expressed a concern that this could put a part time person into a benefited position. John Mariano wanted to confirm that if the override does not pass, the Library has money and is prepared to fund this position, which the Library confirmed. *MOTION: Gregg McBride moved that the Library be allowed to fill the vacant 10 hour per week shelving position. Seconded by Ellen Allen and unanimously voted.*

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Board/Committee Cooperation** – John Mariano stated that there has been a letter from the Economic Development Committee looking for the assistance and co-operation of the Town Planner. The Planning Board has responded that it is busy preparing for Town Meeting and the earliest they can meet with the EDC will be after Town Meeting. The support the ECD needs is with the GIS System and the Town Planner is the most knowledgeable. Ellen Allen suggested that the Board of Selectmen periodically meet with the Planning Board.

**Budget Discussion** – The Board of Selectmen will go before the Advisory Board to discuss a no override budget and produce a budget with \$73,000 of additional cuts.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Economic Development Committee Letter** – This was addressed in the discussions under Old Business, Board/Committee Cooperation above.

**PEC – Health Agreement** – Jim Boudreau updated the Board of Selectmen on the changes to health insurance benefits that he had negotiated with all the town's & schools' unions. These negotiations came about as a result of the recently passed state municipal health insurance bill. Boudreau projects savings of over \$100,000 from the changes. John Mariano commended Jim Boudreau on all the hard work put into the budgets and contracts. *MOTION: Gregg McBride moved that the Board execute the Memorandum for Town of Norwell Employees Union Contract MGL32B Sections 21, 22 and 23. Seconded by Ellen Allen and unanimously voted.*

**Resignation - Joanne Dirk, Recycling Comm. & S.S. Recycling Cooperative** – John Mariano read a letter of resignation from Joanne Dirk who is resigning from the Recycling Committee and the South Shore Recycling Cooperative effective June 30, 2012. John Mariano thanked Joanne for her years of service. *MOTION: John Mariano moved to accept the resignation of Joanne Dirk with regret, effective June 30, 2012. Seconded by Ellen Allen and unanimously voted.*

**UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

- April 4 – Board of Selectmen will post for 6:30 to handle regular business and then at 7:30 the Board will join the School Committee for a Q&A Budget Forum and presentations.
- Ellen Allen would like to schedule the following for upcoming meetings: Police Chief to discuss the status of the Police Station, PBMC to lay out a plan for the Town Buildings, the Library and an update on the COA.
- Ellen Allen would like to have the County Commissioners/County Treasurer Tom O'Brien in to explain ways they can help with outsourcing and saving money.
- Ellen Allen will not be available for the April 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Jim Boudreau announced that the dispatch center in Hingham is going live and will let the Board know the date for the Open House.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** – Contracts, Collective Bargaining, Pending Litigation

*MOTION: Gregg McBride moved the Board enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing contracts, collective bargaining and pending litigation 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 could 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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