

**Norwell Board of Selectmen
Norwell High School Library
Meeting Minutes
April 4, 2012**

John Mariano opened the meeting and introduced Gregg McBride, Ellen Allen and Town Administrator James Boudreau.

John Mariano explained that the Board would be meeting in the Library for a few agenda items before moving to the Auditorium for a joint meeting with the School Committee, including a Question and Answer Forum on the FY13 Budget.

The agenda was amended to add under New Business Nos. 3. McGreal's Bike Run, 4. Hot Dog Cart on Town Property, 5. CPC Article, 6. Possible Ballot question for Override and 7. Potential Articles. *MOTION: Gregg McBride moved the Board approve the agenda as amended. Seconded by Ellen Allen and unanimously voted.*

CITIZEN COMMENTS – None

NEW BUSINESS

Road Opening Season – John Mariano read a letter from Highway Surveyor Paul Foulsham announcing that he would be accepting applications for Road Openings and Trench Permits stating Monday, April 9, 2012. Per new laws, Trench Permits must now be obtained as part of the Road Opening Permit process.

CPC Surcharge/Open Warrant – John Mariano explained that the Board discussed at a past public meeting the possibility of adding an article to the Annual Town Meeting Warrant that would offer residents the option to reduce the CPA surcharge. Recently, some residents had contacted the Board to ask that this be done and others not to do so. The Board opened this up for discussion with attendees. Specific suggestions from residents were to eliminate the charge, to keep it at the full 3%, or to reduce it in an amount necessary to offset the amount of the potential override. Following the discussion, the Board decided not to reopen the warrant at this late date, but to discuss the issue at a future meeting, well in advance of next year's town meeting.

McGreal's Bike Run – McGreal's Tavern had been asked to host a stop for a fundraising "Bike Run" event on Sunday, April 15th from 1:30PM to 2:45PM and requested permission to serve alcohol on the outside deck. *MOTION: Gregg McBride moved that the Board grant McGreal's Tavern permission to serve alcohol on the outside deck for an event to be held on Sunday April 15th, 2012 from 1:30PM to 2:45PM provided they had a police detail as required by the Police Chief. Seconded by Ellen Allen and unanimously voted.*

Hot Dog Cart on Town Property – Jim Boudreau briefed the Board on the request from Tom Kat Dogs for permission to set-up a Hot Dog Cart on Town Property. Tom Kat would need to seek permission from the School Department to sell at soccer fields, ball fields, lacrosse and other fields. Jim explained that the Town has no policies or procedures for this type of request. It was decided not to grant approval at this time. Gregg McBride asked to have this on a future agenda for discussion.

Possible Ballot question for the Override – Jim Boudreau prepared sample ballot questions with various wording for the Board to approve. John Mariano asked the audience if they had

any questions. *MOTION: Gregg McBride moved that the Board place the following question on the ballot, "Shall the Town of Norwell be allowed to assess an additional \$2,859,875 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of funding the operating budgets of the Town and the Public Schools for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012?" Wording seconded by Ellen Allen and unanimously voted.*

Potential Articles – Ellen Allen explained an Article that should be added to the Warrant to appropriate funds for resurfacing the Town of Norwell Trees & Grounds Yard. Should the override pass, the article to hire the equipment to to resurface the High School parking lots would likely pass. It would be most cost effective to pave the Tree & Grounds Yard at the same time and there would be Free Cash available to fund it.

Regarding Article 3, John Mariano stated that the Board of Selectmen needs to adopt a policy on what is and is not defined as Capital items and then it should be presented to the Capital Budget Committee.

Ellen Allen suggested changing the purpose of the excluded debt service stabilization fund to a Capital Expenditure Stabilization Fund established pursuant to MGL.Ch.40, Section 5B for the purpose of reserving funds for capital expenditures. Jim Boudreau will see if Free Cash could also be added to this fund with the current proposed language for the article.

Ellen Allen would like to add an article, the purpose of which would be funding from available funds the Town's OPEB Trust fund.

MOTION: Ellen Allen moved that the Board open the Warrant to be held on May 7, 2012. Seconded by Gregg McBride and unanimously voted

MOTION: Ellen Allen moved that the Board add an article "To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, or appropriate from available funds \$25,000 or any other sum to be expended under the direction of the Highway Surveyor for resurfacing the Town of Norwell Trees & Grounds Department Yard or act on anything relative thereto". Seconded by Gregg McBride and unanimously voted.

MOTION: Ellen Allen moved that the Board add an article "To see if the Town will vote to change the purpose of the excluded debt service stabilization fund to a Capital Expenditure Stabilization Fund established pursuant to MGL.Ch.40, Section 5B, for the purpose of reserving funds for capital expenditures, or act on anything relative thereto". Seconded by Gregg McBride and unanimously voted.


MOTION: Ellen Allen moved that the Board add an article "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum of money to be deposited into the Town's OPEB Trust Fund to offset future costs of retired employee health insurance, or act on anything relative thereto." Seconded by Gregg McBride and unanimously voted.

MOTION: Gregg McBride moved that the Board close the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting to be held on May 7, 2012. Seconded by Ellen Allen and unanimously voted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Friends of the Norwell Council On Aging are holding their Spring Fair on April 5th form 9:00AM to 2:30PM in the Osborn Room at Town Hall.

MOTION: John Mariano moved to recess so the Board could move to the High School Library to participate in a joint meeting and presentation with the School Committee. Seconded by Ellen Allen and unanimously voted.



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