# Norwell Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes April 11, 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 - None**

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Budget Discussions – John Mariano explained the Board had been informed of an error made in calculating the dollar impact of the proposed override. This was due to the incorrect treatment of the over the levy debt in the calculation. \$198.00 is the effect of the regular proposition 2½ tax increase. The \$351.00 originally stated as the impact of the override did not take into account our excluded debt raised outside of the levy. Therefore the correct tax impact of the \$2,859,875 override is \$691.00 for the average assessment of \$541,722.62. John Mariano also explained that the needs of the Schools and Town had not changed. Gregg McBride wanted to stress the override numbers have not changed, just the impact.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Award Prospect Street Affordable Housing Bid – The RFP was awarded to the organization Road to Responsibility, who will develop a 5 bedroom group home on Prospect Street. Jim Boudreau explained that having a group home with 5 bedrooms counts towards Affordable Housing. MOTION: Gregg McBride moved that the Board award the development of the Prospect Street property to Road to Responsibility to be developed on the site listed as Parcel #C9-28 on Assessors Map #1 Parcel 7. Seconded by Ellen Allen and unanimously voted.

**Award 81 Washington Street Bid** – John Mariano explained that this property is the old fire station on Washington Street with an assessed value of \$377,900 which was the minimum bid. There was only one successful bidder. *MOTION: Gregg McBride moved that the board award the bid for the purchase of 81 Washington Street to Michael S. Bonner, Esq. of Johnson, ACETO, Bonner & Prager, LLP in the amount of \$377,900.00. Seconded by Ellen Allen and unanimously voted.* 

Ellen Allen asked Jim Boudreau to comment on what there are on the use of the proceeds from this sale. He explained that they cannot go into the operating budget; they can be used for renovations to a building or a new building. Gregg McBride elaborated that it would have to be used for something eligible for bonding for the same length of time as was the fire station.

**Appoint Inspector of Animals** – The Town's current Animal Control Officer & Inspector of Animals is Paul Murphy. The term for this appointment is May 1, 2012 until April 30, 2013. These dates are dictated by the State. *MOTION: Gregg McBride moved that the Board appoint Paul W. Murphy as the Inspector of Animals to a term running May 1, 2012 through April 30, 2013. Seconded by Ellen Allen and unanimously voted.* 

**Highway Department Memorandum of Agreement** – This is a Memorandum of Agreement to resolve a request for a superseding order of conditions involving the highway property.

MOTION: Gregg McBride moved that Board of Selectmen sign a Memorandum of Understanding which when fully executed will resolve the request for a superseding order of conditions involving the Highway Barn Property. Seconded by Ellen Allen and unanimously voted.

<u>UPCOMING MEETINGS</u> – The Board discussed scheduling meetings. Ellen Allen reported that she had been approached by a resident who said they would find it helpful for working people if the Selectmen considered a Sunday evening meeting. Ellen Allen inquired if the televised Board meeting recordings could be replayed on the public channels.

April 18 – Regular meeting; Ellen Allen will not be in attendance
April 25 – The Board will attend the School Meeting and reschedule its regular meeting
April 30 at 7:00 PM in the Osborn Room. This meeting will be recorded and be re-broadcasted
as many times as needed. School Committee is scheduled for this evening.
May 17 at 7:00 PM

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** – Contracts and Personnel

### ADJOURNMENT -

MOTION: Gregg McBride moved the Board enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Contracts and Personnel 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. Ellen Allen voted yes, Gregg McBride voted yes and John Mariano voted yes.

Board of Selectmen