

**Norwell Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
October 31, 2012**

Gregg McBride opened the meeting and introduced Ellen Allen, 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 – Sarah Gibbs inquired about the status of her request that the Board appoint a mediator to settle her dispute with the Board of Assessors over tax abatements. Gregg McBride stated that he had checked with Town Counsel and it is not allowable, or provided within the regulations, for the Board of Selectmen to do this. Jim Boudreau will print Town Counsel's email for Sarah Gibbs. Gregg McBride explained that the Board of Assessors is a separate elected Board and the Selectmen do not oversee them.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 6, 2012 ES

MOTION: Ellen Allen moved to approve the June 6, 2012 Executive Session meeting minutes. Seconded by David DeCoste and unanimously voted.

7:35 James F. Cavanaro – Hawkers & Peddlers Request – James Cavanaro came before the Board to request an extension to his Hawkers and Peddlers License, initially approved for a one month trial period. The Board had not received any negative feedback to date. The Board discussed the possibility of reviewing this request on a quarterly basis vs. having Mr. Cavanaro come before the Board monthly. *MOTION: David DeCoste moved to approve the request from James F. Cavanaro for a Hawkers & Peddlers License to peddle financial services for Edward Jones Investments through the Calendar Year 2012. Seconded by Ellen Allen and unanimously voted.*

NEW BUSINESS

Storm Cleanup – Chief Reardon reported that National Grid is now going house to house to make final repairs resulting from Hurricane Sandy. Ellen Allen thanked the Town's support personnel who dealt with phone calls from frustrated residents during the power outages. David DeCoste asked that National Grid come in to discuss how/when tree trimming is done to reduce potential storm damage. Gregg McBride explained that the utility companies are required to file plans for this with the Conservation Commission yearly. The Board acknowledged that National Grid handled plans and communications for Hurricane Sandy much better than for Hurricane Irene.

Goals for upcoming contracts – The Board discussed how to have a better organized system for handling Contracts. Jim Boudreau suggested that the Selectmen set goals for the contracts. He explained that the Water Department Contract had already expired, the Highway/Trees & Grounds Contract would expire June 30, 2012, and the Clerical Contract would expire June 30, 2012.

Farm Licenses – Farm licenses had been sent out for signatures.

UPCOMING MEETINGS: November 7, 2012

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Elections are on Tuesday, November 6, 2012

ADJOURNMENT – Motion was made to adjourn by Ellen Allen, seconded by David DeCoste and unanimously voted.



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