

**Norwell Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
June 13, 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 but moving Chief Ross to the first appointment. Seconded by David DeCoste and unanimously voted.*

CITIZEN COMMENTS – None

7:45 Ted Ross – Police Transfer Request – Chief Ted Ross requested approval for a Lateral Transfer to fill an open patrolman position. Edward R. Phelps is a 10 year veteran of the Rockland Police Department and the Chief believes he would be a good fit for the Norwell Department. David DeCoste asked the Chief to explain the Veteran's preference when hiring officers, which the Chief did. *MOTION: Ellen Allen moved to approve the lateral transfer of Edward R. Phelps. Seconded by David DeCoste and unanimously voted.* The Board welcomed Officer Phelps.

7:35 Planning Board and Economic Development Committee – The Board explained its desire that the two Boards work together to develop ways to increase non-residential tax revenue. Gregg McBride gave a brief history on how the Town Center was very active until the Town Hall was moved to its current location and businesses began to close. Economic Development Chair Rick Merritt spoke about commercial development opportunities. Planning Board Chair Peggy Etzel said she would like to try to involve the community in the process and Gregg McBride explained there will be a notice going out in the tax bill to residents explaining how they can sign up for e-mail notices from the Town about committee meetings that interest them. There was some discussion of Expedited Permitting laws.

NEW BUSINESS

Selectmen Appointment to Advisory Board Nominating Committee – *MOTION: David DeCoste nominated Ellen Allen to the Advisory Board Nominating Committee as the Board of Selectmen Rep. Seconded by Gregg McBride and unanimously voted.*

One Day License Request from Bartending Service of New England – June 23, 2012 – Norwell Men's Group Scholarship Fundraiser to be held at the Cushing Center. *MOTION: Ellen Allen moved that the Board approve a request from Bartending Service of New England for a one day license to sell All Alcohol for the Norwell Men's Group Scholarship Fundraiser to be held at the Cushing Center on June 23, 2012 between the hours of 6:00PM and 11:00PM. Seconded by David DeCoste and unanimously voted.*

Dissolve Affordable Housing Partnership – Gregg McBride explained the reason for dissolving this partnership. At the May 2012 Town Meeting it was voted in Article 42 to amend the Town's Affordable Housing Trust By-Law passed in Article 41 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 15, 2007 by replacing it with a new Norwell Community Housing Trust. Gregg McBride gave a brief overview of the Norwell Community Housing Trust and explained that there will be one member from the Board of Selectmen on the Trust. *MOTION: David DeCoste moved to dissolve the Norwell Affordable Housing Partnership. Seconded by Ellen Allen and unanimously voted.*

UPCOMING MEETING – June 20, 2012

ADJOURNMENT – *MOTION: Ellen Allen moved to adjourn. Seconded by David DeCoste and unanimously voted.*



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