

**Norwell Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
December 19, 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 – None

7:00 Police Chief Ross Update – The Board of Selectmen invited Chief Ted Ross to update the Board on the steps taken by his Department after the tragic shooting in Newtown CT. Gregg McBride also noted that the Police Chief had been working with the Schools to ensure safety. Chief Ross explained how the process works when an applicant applies for a Fire Arms Permit. The process is guided by State Regulations. The application can be filled out after the fire arms safety course is taken, an interview is scheduled with the licensing Fire Arms Officer, extensive background checks are done and the applicant is finger printed. The Police Department has 40 days to respond if a permit will be issued or not. Within that time, finger prints, photo and application are sent to the State Police for an extensive background check. There is a suitability clause which allows Police Chiefs to determine if there are any incidents known to the department that would justify rejecting the application, such as road rage or other incidents in town.

Chief Ross updated the Board on his interactions with the Schools, joint efforts in the event of a critical incident, and when a SWAT team would be involved. The department has upgraded the weapons carried. The Superintendent and Police Department are working on increased security measures at each school, including recommendations on camera locations.

7:10 CPC – Discussion of CPC Surcharge – Gregg McBride explained “The CPA became a topic of discussion prior to last year’s Town Meeting. The Board at that time did not think that there was sufficient time to debate such a broad policy issue, so we committed to having a discussion on the surcharge before we began the next year’s budget cycle. This meeting will be the start of that discussion.” Gregg McBride introduced CPC Vice-Chair Alison Demong, who gave a brief history of what the CPA surcharge is, the available funds of \$5M+, and the projects in Town that have benefited from utilizing these funds. Alison also explained that these funds had been matched by the State. The topic was then opened up to the audience for questions and comments. Some of the audience comments: Don Brown spoke against the CPA surcharge. Ellen Allen shared an email from a resident that was not able to attend, which voiced his opposition to the CPA surcharge. John Mariano, a CPC member, explained the importance of the CPA funds and how they allow things to be done for which there are no other sources of town money. Fred Levin, a CPC member, stated his opinion that the CPA fund should always have a balance of \$2M - 3M to preserve, protect and have available for unforeseen opportunities. Gregg McBride said that affordable housing should be funded more by the CPA. Gregg McBride made it clear that the Board of Selectmen has not taken a position on reducing the CPA at this point, but will discuss the matter further at a future meeting.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Ralph Rivkind & Pat Haraden – ZBA Alternate members to the Simon Hill Village. *MOTION: Ellen Allen moved to appoint Ralph Rivkind and Pat Haraden to the Zoning Board of Appeals as Panel Members for the Simon Hill applications. Seconded by David DeCoste and unanimously voted.*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – None

NEW BUSINESS

The Silent Chef One Day License Request – January 25, 2013

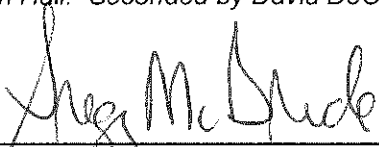
MOTION: Ellen Allen moved that the Board approve a request from The Silent Chef for a one day license to sell Wine and Malt Only for the Hanover PTO event at the Cushing Center on January 25, 2013 between the hours of 7:00PM to 10:00PM. Seconded by David DeCoste and unanimously voted.

The Silent Chef One Day License Request – February 2, 2013

MOTION: Ellen Allen moved that the Board approve a request from The Silent Chef for a one day license to sell All Alcohol at the Norwell PTO event at the Cushing Center on February 2, 2013 between the hours of 6:30PM to 11:00PM. Seconded by David DeCoste and unanimously voted.

81 Washington Street – Jim Boudreau explained that the last time the Old Fire Station property went out to bid it was specifically offered in “as is” condition. One bidder signed on to purchase the property, but subsequently decided he did not want to purchase it without full knowledge of how the property could be developed. Gregg McBride stated that the Board still wants to sell the property and the Board discussed what next steps could be taken. The Board will have an appraisal done at a cost of \$3-4000.

Selectmen will attend Gale Associate’s presentation to the CPC – *MOTION: Ellen Allen moved that the Board of Selectmen recess and reconvene at the CPC meeting in the Lower Level of the Town Hall. Seconded by David DeCoste and unanimously voted.*



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