

**Norwell Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
December 28, 2011**

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – None

7:35 Chief Ross – Request to Hire – Chief Ross discussed with the Board the need to hire. The Department is down 2 officers; one resignation and one retirement. In addition the Department has an officer out on an extended line of duty injury. The Chief is also looking for a provisional promotion of a detective to a temporary sergeant position. This will save \$35k in overtime.

MOTION: Gregg McBride moved that the Board authorize Chief Ross to fill the two vacancies in the Police Department. Seconded by Ellen Allen and unanimously voted.

MOTION: Gregg McBride moved to allow the Chief to fill the Sergeants Position with at Provisional Promotion. Seconded by Ellen Allen and unanimously voted.

OLD BUSINESS

Police Station Discussion – Hold a future meeting. In the process of setting up a meeting with the Architect that did the original study of existing Police Station. Ellen Allen would like Chief Ross to look into what would be necessary to set-up a temporary location.

NEW BUSINESS

Budget Discussion – Reviewed all initial department requests which total approximately \$3.7 million more than preliminary estimated revenues (except Free Cash & Overlay Surplus).

Executed Town Accountant Agreement

Amended Local 888 MOA – To change the premium split for future hires for health insurance to 60/40 and increase the payment to \$6K if coverage is dropped.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

January 4, 2012 – Audit review

January 11, 2012 – Muni Health Legislation Public Hearing

January 18, 2012 – Open Warrant

January 25, 2012 – Date chosen for “Financial State of the Town” presentation to all departments and the public.

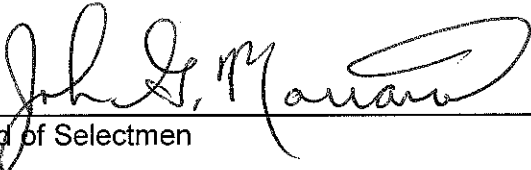
ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

ADJOURN at 8:45 PM

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Pending Litigation and Contracts

MOTION: Gregg McBride moved the Board enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation and contracts 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 may have a detrimental effect on the Town's bargaining or litigating position. John Mariano polled the Board. Gregg McBride votes yes, Ellen Allen votes yes and John Mariano votes yes.



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