

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

Gregg McBride opened the meeting and introduced Ellen Allen and Town Administrator James Boudreau. Not in attendance John Mariano.

Gregg McBride explained that the Board had been in a meeting since 7:00PM to execute a Purchase & Sale for Property so the Pathway Committee can move forward.

*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 Library – Library Manager** – Present: Rebecca Freer and Jeanne Ivas. Becky Freer would like the Board's permission to hire a Systems Manager. The current Systems Manager, Kathy Harrison, has resigned effective October 3, 2011. Ellen Allen wanted to know which parts of the job were the most difficult and Becky Freer said management, technology and purchasing from vendors. Gregg McBride stated that after the Town Technology Study, Technology may be done differently in the future and the role could change. He noted that this position has two components; Technology and Management. *MOTION: Ellen Allen moved that the Board allow the Library to post for the position of systems manager/assistant director for hire as a step 1 or step 2 with the understanding that the difference in the expenditures of the year from that hire vs. Kathy Harrison be earmarked to be returned to Free Cash. Seconded by Gregg McBride and unanimously voted.*

**7:55 Drew McAllister – Economic Development Committee Applicant** – Drew McAllister briefed the Board of Selectmen on why he is interested in serving on the Economic Development Committee and what he could bring to that Committee. *MOTION: Ellen Allen moved to appoint Drew McAllister to the Economic Development Committee to a term ending June 30, 2013. Seconded by Gregg McBride and unanimously voted.*

**8:05 Michael Tobin – Economic Development Committee Applicant** – Michael Tobin briefed the Board of Selectmen on why he is interested in serving on the Economic Development Committee and what he could bring to that Committee. *MOTION: Ellen Allen moved to appoint Michael Tobin to the Economic Development Committee to a term ending June 30, 2013. Seconded by Gregg McBride and unanimously voted.*

**Cultural Council Appointments** – *MOTION: Ellen Allen moved to appoint Pat Bigger, Debbie Cox and Kelly Kehoe to the Cultural Council to a term ending June 30, 2013. Seconded by Gregg McBride and unanimously voted.*

**OLD BUSINESS** – None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Request to Use Town Common for Harvest Party & Live Nativity Scene** – James Boudreau briefed the Board that this has been held in the past with zero complaints and events are open to anyone.

*MOTION: Ellen Allen moved to permit the New Hope Chapel of Norwell to host a Harvest Party on Sunday, October 30, 2011 from Noon until 3:00PM on Norwell Town Common subject to receipt of their insurance certificate. Seconded by Gregg McBride and unanimously voted.*

*MOTION: Ellen Allen moved to permit the New Hope Chapel of Norwell to host a Live Nativity Scene on Sunday, December 18, 2011 from Noon until 4:00PM on Norwell Town Common subject to receipt of their insurance certificate. Seconded by Gregg McBride and unanimously voted.*

**One Day License Request from North River Theatre – September 30, 2011**

*MOTION: Ellen Allen move that the Board issue a special license for the selling of all-alcohol for an event held at the North River Theater on Friday, September 30, 2011 from 7:00PM to 11:00PM. Seconded by Gregg McBride and unanimously voted.*

**Election Worker Appointment –** *MOTION: Ellen Allen moved that the Board appoint Jeanne Cianciola and Judith Enright as elections workers for the Town of Norwell for a Term ending June 30, 2012. Seconded by Gregg McBride and unanimously voted.*

**Request to Fill Positions; Police Clerk, Tree Laborer –** Chief Ted Ross spoke on the need for hiring Police Clerks. Gregg McBride wanted to clarify this has been discussed in the past and it is the most cost effective way of staffing the Police Station.

*MOTION: Ellen Allen moved to allow the Police Chief to fill the Police Clerk positions. Seconded by Gregg McBride and unanimously voted.*

*MOTION: Ellen Allen moved to authorize the Director of Lands and Natural Resources hire a Tree Laborer for the Trees and Grounds Department. Seconded by Gregg McBride and unanimously voted.*

**Accept Historical Commission Resignation –** *MOTION: Ellen Allen moved to accept the resignation of Donald Therrien of the Norwell Historical Commission. Seconded by Gregg McBride and unanimously voted.*

**Habitat for Humanity Fee Waiver Request –** *MOTION: Ellen Allen moved to waive fees that are under the jurisdiction of the Board of Selectmen for the South Shore Habitat for Humanity affordable housing located on Circuit Street. Seconded by Gregg McBride and unanimously voted.*


**Approve Ballot Question for Special Election –** Discussed construction of new Police Station, emergency generators for Town Hall / School, Jacobs Pond Dam, CPC Land Purchase, affordable housing trust charter changes, transfer of land for water department, funding for veterans benefits, personnel contracts, stabilization, purchase of electronic sign boards, technology study, Transfer of Land on Wildcat to Conservation, Highway Yard Clean-up and time table for getting information to the Town Clerk.

**Close Special Town Meeting Warrant –** *MOTION: Ellen Allen moved to close the Special Town Meeting Warrant. Seconded by Gregg McBride and unanimously voted.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** – None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** – Not needed

*MOTION: Gregg McBride moved to Adjourn at 8:14 PM. Seconded by Ellen Allen and unanimously voted.*

  
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