

**Norwell Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
September 7, 2011**

John Mariano opened the meeting and introduced Gregg McBride, Ellen Allen and Town Administrator James Boudreau.

Agenda amended to add Town Counsel Robert Galvin to discuss National Grid complaints and discuss budget request letter.

MOTION: Gregg McBride moved the Board approve the agenda as amended. Seconded by Ellen Allen and unanimously voted.

CITIZEN COMMENTS – None

7:35 Senator Hedlund – The Senator updated the Board on the status of the State's budget, stabilization fund, budget projections for 2012, pension obligations, MMA effectiveness and ways to bring in revenue for local communities. The State's problem is spending exceeds revenue. Ellen Allen inquired about cuts in the current Cherry Sheet and the Senator stated the possibility is there. He discussed Chapter 90. John Mariano explained that upper Main Street needs to be paved and that the Town did lower Main at a cost of approx. \$700,000. The Senator discussed the CPC Bill that is with the House Ways and Means Committee that would allow CPA Funds to be used on existing recreational facilities. Ellen Allen questioned the future of casinos, Quinn Bill, 40B and that the State doesn't pay Plymouth County what it owes to maintain, clean, heat the Court Houses. The county has no revenue sources to maintain and revenue from the registry of deeds is only .1025¢ per \$1.

Board Members briefed the Senator on the concerns with National Grid. Last week's Selectmen meeting was attended by Marcy Reed, President of National Grid and residents in attendance expressed their anger on the lack of response.

NEW BUSINESS

Town Counsel Robert Galvin – Attorney Galvin explained to the BOS the regulations and actions that can be taken on behalf of the residents regarding the National Grid power outage. John Mariano said that problem was lack of response, lack of preparedness and lack of communication. Attorney Galvin will draft a letter to the Department of Public utilities and also send a copy of the complaint to the AG's office. *MOTION: Gregg McBride moved that the Board direct Town Counsel to prepare a complaint to be submitted to the Department of Public Utilities on behalf of the Town of Norwell. Seconded by Ellen Allen and unanimously voted.*

Set Special Town Meeting Date – Town Clerk has submitted dates for a STM to be held on November 21, 2011 which is primarily for the purpose of the Police Station override. Warrant should be opened next week for a period of 2 weeks. *MOTION: Gregg McBride moved the Board set November 21, 2011 at 7:30 PM for the Special Town Meeting to be held at the Norwell Middle School. Seconded by Ellen Allen and unanimously voted.*

Set Special Election Date – James Boudreau has been working with the Town Clerk on the time frame. The Board will hold off on setting a date.

Budget Request Letter – The Board discussed a Budget request letter that will be sent to all Town Departments, Boards and Committees. James Boudreau will draft and send for review.

United Nations Proclamation – Ellen Allen read the United Nations Proclamation. John Mariano will sign.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Tuesday, September 13, 2011 at 7:00 PM at the Police Station.
- Wednesday, September 14, 2011 at 5:00 PM joint meeting with School Department held in the School Administration Building then recess until 7:00 PM for Open Meeting in Town Hall.
- Tuesday, September 20, 2011 at 7:00 PM.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Hazardous Waste Collection Day on October 29 at the Hanover Transfer Station.
- Board expresses Condolences to the Crowley Family – Patricia Crowley former Town Treasurer/Collector.
- 9-11 Memorial Shadow Run Race to be held on September 11th @ 8:00 AM.


ADJOURNMENT at 8:50 PM

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Collective Bargaining and Personnel Contracts

MOTION: John Mariano moved the Board enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining and personnel contracts and not returning to open session. Seconded by Gregg McBride 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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