## Norwell Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes July 9, 2014

Ellen Allen opened the meeting and introduced Jason Brown, Gregg McBride, David DeCoste and Town Administrator Jim Boudreau.

MOTION: Jason Brown moved the Board approve the agenda as written. Seconded and unanimously voted.

<u>CITIZEN COMMENTS</u> – Ramona Caruso of 30 Grove Street appeared before the Board. She is complaining that a storage container located at the home across the street from her has not been removed. Mr. Boudreau responded that the Town has sent numerous communications to the owner and has finally heard from a representative of the owner. They are making arrangements for the removal of the container, but do not believe that the Town has the right to require the removal. Mr. Boudreau will get her a date certain for the removal.

Brought up the issue of the kennel license. Thinks that the license needs to issue under the laws in effect prior to January 1, 2014, not the law in effect now.

7:35 Robert Molla – CPC Applicant – Bob Molla briefed the Board of Selectmen on why he is interested in serving on the CPC and what he could bring to that Committee. 85 Kings Landing. Life Long resident of the Town. SSVT School Committee member and former Water Commissioner. Wants to look at the way we spend CPC monies. Have purchased a lot of land. Would like some parks and sidewalks that all residents could enjoy. Should not be taking property out of taxation. Would bring a new perspective to the Board. Thinks Norwell has been more restrictive of use of funds than other Towns. Should pick projects that the whole town would benefit from. Pathway to nowhere at \$1 million a mile. Has not seen a lot of people using the pathway. Could make better use of the money. Thinks that the Town spends too much money, both in general and CPC.

8:30 Josh Snyder - CPC & PBMC Applicant - Reschedule

#### OLD BUSINESS

**2014 Re-appointments to Committees, Boards & Commissions (Cont'd)** – MOTION: Jason Brown moved to appoint the following members as listed below. Seconded and unanimously approved.

Name	Appointed to:	Term Ending
Peter Smellie	Energy Committee	June 30, 2015
Robert A. McMackin	Energy Committee	June 30, 2015
Noel Ripley	Historical Commission	June 30, 2015
Darleen Sullivan	Sr. Tax Relief Committee (Treasurer/Collector)	June 30, 2017
Laurie Galvin	Commission on Disabilities	June 30, 2017

**Discussion of Sidewalk Letter and Draft Survey** – The Board discussed the letter from Don Mauch of Main Street relative to the sidewalks and the draft response from the Chair. The Board approved the response. Mrs. Allen and Mr. Boudreau will work on a generic response to send out to residents who ask questions about the sidewalks. Mrs. Allen and Mr. McBride discussed competing thoughts on when the survey should go out and whether or not we need to have a design done before the survey is sent. Mr. McBride believes that we need to send the survey out sooner rather than wait so that the Board can make an application to the CPC for potential

funding. Mrs. Allen feels that we need to have the design and, in any case, we should wait until the summer is over and people are back in Town and paying attention. Mr. Brown wanted to know whether the survey will encompass the entire Town or just Main Street and that the survey has to include names and addresses so we can see who lives where and what they feel about the sidewalk. Mr. DeCoste agrees that we cannot get multiple surveys. Mr. Brown likes direct mailing. Send a survey, respond to a survey. Then someone has to chase down people to respond and then collect and collate the answers. Mr. Boudreau talked that the engineering will determine what side of the street that the sidewalk will be on. Engineers do not recommend crossing the street at different points. May require a walk light if that occurs.

Mrs. Allen asked if we should distinguish the side walk from South to Hanover Line. Board feels that it will complicate the survey. Mr. Brown believes that the question about wanting to see the design before committing should be removed. Thinks that people will just check that and may require an additional survey.

FY15 BOS Goals - Board was fine with the draft Goals for the Board. Will be voted next week.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**TA Review & Goals** – Board has TA job descriptions and Goals. Each member will complete their assessment and them Mrs. Allen and Mr. Brown will compile the actual review. Be thoughtful.

#### North River Theatre One Day License Request – July 26, 2014

MOTION: Jason Brown moved that the Board approve a request from North River Theatre Inc. for a one day license to sell All Alcohol for live theater performances at the North River Theater, Inc. 513 River Street Norwell on Saturday, July 26, 2014 between the hours of 7:00PM to 11:00PM. Seconded and unanimously voted.

North River Theatre One Day License Request – Sept. 13, 19, 20, 21, 27, 28, 2014 MOTION: Jason Brown moved that the Board approve a request from North River Theatre Inc. for a one day license to sell All Alcohol for live theater performances at the North River Theater, Inc. 513 River Street Norwell on September 13, 19, 20, 21, 27, 28, 2014 between the hours of 7:00PM to 11:00PM. Seconded and unanimously voted.

**Easement on Wildcat for OSRD** – MOTION: Jason Brown moved that the Board approve the easement on Wildcat for the OSRD. Seconded and unanimously voted.

BOS Liaisons & Committee Appointments — Members are not sure that we need to continue to have appointments to various boards and committees, but should focus on subjects, such as the police station, etc. Mrs. Allen said she has been asked why the Selectmen do not have a member on the CPC and Mr. McBride pointed out that most towns do not have a member of the Board of Assessors on the CPC. Would make sense to have someone from the Board on the CPC, particularly on spending CPC funds vs. general fund revenue. Mr. DeCoste opposes putting a member of the Board on the CPC. Should retain the 3 residents on the Board as set up. Would look at changing the make-up of the Board at Town Meeting, to replace Assessors rep. Mrs. Allen believes that a Board member brings a wider view to the Board. Should discuss more when Tammie is here.

**Execute License Agreement – Barstow Fields** – License Agreement between Town of Norwell and Norwell Farms know as Barstow Fields. *MOTION: David DeCoste moved that the Board approve the License Agreement between the Town of Norwell and Norwell Farms.* Seconded and unanimously voted.

# Review proposed OPEB Trust Document - it is finished and is being checked

## ANNOUNCEMENT(S):

Condolences to the Family of Jean McKenney

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION** – Pending Litigation

Uen H. Allen

MOTION: Jason Brown moved the Board enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation and not return to open session. Seconded and unanimously voted.

Chairman Ellen Allen explained that to discuss this in an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the Town's bargaining or litigating position. Ellen Allen polled the Board. DeCoste voted yes, McBride voted yes, Brown voted yes and Allen voted yes.

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