Norwell Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes

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Ms. Allen opened the meeting at 7:35pm, and introduced Gregg McBride, Peter Smellie and Town Administrator Peter Morin. Alison Demong arrived during the meeting. Jason Brown called into the meeting as he was unable to attend in person.

Motion; made by Gregg McBride, seconded by Peter Smellie, to approve the agenda as written. Unanimously voted

Citizen Comments

None

Selectmen's report

Mr. Smellie would like to invite the newly elected state Senator to a BOS meeting, along with relevant Town boards such as the Conservation Commission and the Community Housing Trust.

Announcements

Ms. Allen announced that water restrictions for the Town are in effect as of Monday, June 6th.

Norwell Police 5K Road Race

Ms. Allen asked Mr. Morin to review the race request for all. The Norwell Police Department would like to sponsor a race on Oct. 22nd, with a 9am start, finishing at the Norwell High School. Mr. Morin reviewed the proposed race route with all. Mr. McBride would like to confirm that residents of EA Joseph Drive are comfortable with this race as part of the proposed route as the street is quite narrow. Mr. Morin received a text from Chief Ross stating that no one has checked with residents yet, but this topic will be put back on the agenda at a meeting in the summer.

Contracts for Approval

The Mass Medi-Spa contract approval was reviewed, along with the plans for their new building on Cordwainer Drive. Mr. Morin gave a summary of the main points of the contract, as well as a recap of meetings with this company over the past 4 years. The BOS visited a medical marijuana facility in another community this past week in order to gain insight into their operations. The ZBA issued a special permit for the construction of this new building. While the company does have the approval to build, they can't operate without a license. They will obtain a provisional license from the state to start construction. When all the requirements have been met, including the growing regulations, they can be fully licensed to operate. Ms. Allen talked about the details of the approval process undertaken by the BOS before approving this contract. The concerns of Town residents were addressed by the board at an earlier BOS open meeting. This final version of the Community Benefit Agreement has a 5 year term, with a detailed list of graded payments to the Town.

Motion; made by Gregg McBride, seconded by Peter Smellie, to authorize the Town Administrator to sign the agreement as stated above on behalf of the BOS. The board voted 2 yes, 1 no. Motion carried.

7:45pm - National Grid Pole Hearing, South and Mill Street (cont'd.)

Motion; made by Gregg McBride, seconded by Mr. Smellie, to open the public hearing for the National Grid pole hearing for South and Mill Street.

This hearing will be continued at the request of National Grid as their engineer representative is unable to attend this meeting.

Nicholas Mirabile, resident at the corner of South St., voiced concerns about pole 44, stating that they would like the pole location moved about 20 feet up the street. Mr. McBride added that Ms. Mirabile gave the same comments at the last meeting. However, the requested direction would be closer to wetlands. Both Mr. and Ms. Mirabile cited curb appeal as the reason. P44 is on the opposite side of South Street, right at the intersection towards Silverbrook Lane. All looked at the map and identified the pole that is directly in the homeowners' line of sight from the house. If the location were moved slightly it would be in between the two homes in a wooded area. Ms. Allen suggested that a representative from National Grid and the homeowner meet at the location in question. Mr. Morin will try to arrange this, and will follow up with the Conservation Commission for confirmation of acceptance of the proposed location for pole 45. Motion; made by Gregg McBride, seconded by Peter Smellie, to continue this hearing to June 15, 2016 at 7:45pm. Unanimously voted Ms. Demong arrived in time to vote on this motion. Ms. Allen updated her on the meeting activity to this point in time.

Execute Local 888 Memorandum of Agreement (MOA)

This contract was negotiated by Mr. Morin and is a 3 year MOA tentatively agreed to by the Town. It calls for 2% increases in COLA's, clarification in calculating time worked and overtime, modification in schedule flexibility to attend meetings with approval of the Town Administrator and allows avoidance of new overtime costs under federal law. For example; if a clerk in the Police Department is forced to work 3 shifts (24 hours straight), he/she would now receive double overtime. Mr. Morin reviewed highlights of this agreement, which include clarification of issues on job posting and bidding, and provides a 3% raise in the third year of service. It eliminated a 6 month step 2 increase for new hires. There is an increase in the health insurance premium share paid by employees, sick leave bank language clarifications, and a tuition reimbursement of a maximum \$600 per year per employee, and \$6000 per year total reimbursement per group.

This MOA is the product of frank and candid negotiations. Ms. Demong thanked Mr. Morin for his excellent work on this contract.

Motion; made by Gregg McBride, seconded by Peter Smellie, that the board approve the MOA between the Town of Norwell and SEIU 888. Unanimously voted

Mr. Morin requested that board members stay after the meeting to sign this agreement.

Execute Police Memorandum of Agreement (MOA)

This is also a 3 year agreement with COLA's of 2% each year. Mr. Morin gave details of the contract additions and edits. Areas of change include training, overtime, creation of new specialist positions, paid detail between 12am and 8am increases, uniform and equipment language (body armor), new language dealing with parental and domestic violence leave, bereavement leave and incentive for early notification of retirement (which would allow better planning and budgeting on the Chief's part). Mr. Morin gave kudos to the Police Department on their professionalism during these negotiations.

Motion; made by Gregg McBride, seconded by Peter Smellie, that the Town of Norwell amend the current agreement that expires on June 30, 2016 with this MOA. Unanimously voted

8:00 pm – Public Hearing – Common Victualler's License - Boston Pizza, New Owner Motion; made by Gregg McBride, seconded by Peter Smellie, to open the public hearing for a transfer of the CV license due to a change in ownership for Boston Pizza. Unanimously voted Mr. Smellie read the notice of public hearing.

Frank Baldecini acted as legal representative for Elgert Duka, the new owner, stating that Mr. Duka is an applicant for the transfer of common victualler's license for Boston Pizza. Mr. Duka has requested an assignment of the lease from the landlord to Mr. Duka as the new owner. There are no plans for expansion of the physical space, but he is looking for expanded hours on Sunday from 11-9pm. The establishment will be run in exactly the same way. The restaurant will

offer the same recipes as well as delivery. Mr. Duka and his wife are currently working at the restaurant, which has no liquor license.

Mr. McBride stated that there are two outstanding issues. Mr. Duka needs to apply to the BOH for a health permit. Mr. Duka stated that he did that today. The Town Treasurer mentioned that there are taxes due dated May 26th which are still unpaid by the landlord. The CV license will be held until the landlord pays these taxes. The other individuals notified have no comments or issues with this license transfer. The closing is anticipated sometime next week, when hopefully the taxes will be paid. Mr. Duka will check back with Town Hall for the status.

Motion; made by Gregg McBride, seconded by Peter Smellie, to approve the transfer of the common victualler's license for Norwell Boston Pizza, Inc., subject to the receipt of the permit by the health agent and real estate taxes paid by landlord, thru December 31st, 2016. Unanimously voted

Board of Selectmen Update

Ms. Demong updated the board on the application for the \$220K technology grant. Two days ago the state announced that 52 towns applied for and received funding, but Norwell was not among the recipients. Over 100 towns applied for funding, which was considerably more than expected by the state. Ms. Demong will follow up with the grant coordinator for more information.

The Ticksmart program opens with their first event this Saturday at 9am in the parking lot at Devine Feed and Pet. Please come and learn about lyme disease prevention!

Adjournment

Motion; made by Gregg McBride, seconded by Peter Smellie, to adjourn at 8:10pm. Unanimously voted

Jason Brown