

**Norwell Board of Selectmen  
Meeting Minutes  
September 11, 2013**

Ellen Allen opened the meeting and introduced Gregg McBride, David DeCoste, Tammie Garner and Town Administrator Jim Boudreau. Jason Brown was attending a Planning Board Meeting and joined the Selectmen's meeting for Executive Session.

*MOTION was made that the Board approve the agenda as written. Seconded and unanimously voted.*

The Board had a Moment of Silence for 9/11 Remembrance

**CITIZEN COMMENTS** – None

**7:35 Donna Mangan, Finance Director – SoftRight Contract** – The Board executed the contract that had been presented by Mangan at the September 4th meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**81 Washington Street Bid Results** – Jim Boudreau briefed the Board on the bid results for the old fire station on Washington St. Bids were opened Friday, August 30, 2013, with 3 submitted for \$235,000, \$280,000, and \$301,000. Consequently, if the high bidder falls through, the Town has 2 other bids it can move to. Gregg McBride inquired what will happen to the funds received from this sale and Jim Boudreau explained that it would depend on how the building was funded (bonded vs. cash). If bonded, then it can only be used for other town buildings with the funds placed in a special revenue account until appropriated. Spending them would need to be voted at a future Town Meeting. He is still investigating how the building was funded.

**Set Special Election Hours** – The Town Clerk does not think the hours were previously voted by the Selectmen, just the date. *MOTION was made to set the Saturday, October 19, 2013 Special Town Election hours as 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM. Seconded and unanimously voted.*

**Cushing Memorial Director Appointment – Paul Tedeschi** – Jim Boudreau explained that Paul Tedeschi had been on the Committee, but his papers had not been returned on time. *MOTION was made to re-appoint Paul Tedeschi as a Cushing Memorial Director for a Term Expiring June 30, 2016. Seconded and unanimously voted.*

**Bartending Service of New England One Day License Request – 10/17/13**

*MOTION: David DeCoste moved that the Board approve a request from Bartending Service of New England, LLC for a one day license to sell Wines and Malt only for the Taste of Norwell to be held at the Cushing Center on October 17, 2013 between the hours of 5:30PM and 8:00PM. Seconded and unanimously voted.*

**Bartending Service of New England One Day License Request – 10/26/13**

*MOTION: David DeCoste moved that the Board approve a request from Bartending Service of New England, LLC for a one day license to sell All Alcohol for the St. Andrews Parish Fundraiser to be held at the Cushing Center on October 26, 2013 between the hours of 6:00PM and 10:00PM. Seconded and unanimously voted.*

### **North River Theatre One Day License Requests– November Performances –**

*MOTION: David DeCoste moved that the Board approve a request from North River Theatre Company for one day licenses to sell All Alcohol for live theater performances at the North River Theater, Inc., 513 River Street, Norwell, for the following dates: November 9, 15, 16, 22, 23, and 24, 2013 between the hours of 7:00PM and 11:00PM. Seconded and unanimously voted.*

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Committee Liaisons Updates:**

Tammie Garner told the Selectmen that the Personnel Board had started interviewing the applicants for the Facilities Manager and will be narrowing down the applicant pool.

Ellen Allen attended the School Committee Meeting. The agenda included a review of the FYE13 budget vs. actuals. Main points included: the School Dept. returned over \$50K of free cash (more than in the past); SPED spending was well below budget due to one out-placement not occurring as had been expected; those SPED funds were largely redeployed to building maintenance and additional technology spending. There was also a presentation on the new evaluation process for teachers, which is state mandated. Norwell's approach is being held up as a model for other school systems. Finally, Matt Keegan informed the School Committee that they might be asked in the future to subdivide the Cole School property to facilitate licensing of a marijuana dispensary or manufacturer. As one of the only towns that has already zoned for this, Norwell is receiving many inquiries and hosting one could generate significant revenue for the town. This subdivision would separate the front of the lot, where the school is situated, from the portion at the back that is mostly forested. The by-law requires that any marijuana facility be at least 500 feet from the property line of any school. The state law only requires a 500 foot buffer from the school itself.

Gregg McBride explained that the monitoring of 40B units by the Housing Authority has been difficult due to a lack of staffing. The Housing Authority has transferred this task to the Community Housing Trust and this will be coordinated by a part time contract person, who will be hired using CPA funds.

**Discussion Points re: STM** – Jason Brown had distributed discussion points at 7:00PM. The Board of Selectmen reviewed it and then discussed key points on presenting this information to residents. This will be finalized at the next meeting.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Norwell Police Department will host several open house events for residents to see the facility before the upcoming Special Town Meeting. These will be on the following dates: Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup> from 4:30PM to 7:30PM, Wednesday October 2<sup>nd</sup> from 4:30PM to 7:30PM and Saturday October 5<sup>th</sup> from 9:30AM to 12:30PM. If residents are not able to attend during those times, they should contact the Police Chief to arrange another time. Lynda Allen will place this information on the Town website.
- Norwell Farms will be hosting the Historic House Tours and Shopping Boutique on Thursday, October 3 from 9AM-4PM. The tickets can be purchased at the Norwell Farm stand or at [norwellfarms.org](http://norwellfarms.org).

### **UPCOMING MEETING AGENDA ITEMS:**

- Water Department and Board of Health are scheduled
- Senior Tax Relief Committee – Need to recruit Committee members; want to have them in with the COA and Board of Assessors to discuss the Senior Tax Relief Work-Off Program

- Tammie Garner requested a list of Committee vacancies and Jim Boudreau will have a current copy sent to the Board.
- Employee Handbook and Code of Conduct

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** – Town Administrator Contract, Finance Director Contract, Local 888 Contract and Police Union Contract.

*MOTION: David DeCoste moved that the Board enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the Town Administrator Contract, Finance Director Contract, Local 888 Contract and Police Union Contract, not to return to open session. To have this discussion in open meeting might have a detrimental effect on the Town's position. Seconded and unanimously voted.*

Chairman Ellen Allen polled the Board: Gregg McBride voted yes, David DeCoste voted yes, Tammie Garner voted yes and Ellen Allen voted yes.



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