# Norwell Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes January 23, 2013

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

Agenda Amended to add: Committee Appointment. MOTION: Ellen Allen moved the Board approve the agenda as amended. Seconded by David DeCoste and unanimously voted.

## **CITIZEN COMMENTS** – None

## COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

Mark Maiellano – Capital Budget Committee – Mark Maiellano had applied for the CBC. He was not present, but had recently been interviewed and selected by Paul Foulsham as his designee on the Athletic Fields Committee. MOTION: Ellen Allen moved to appoint Mark Maiellano to the Capital Budget Committee to a Term Expiring June 30, 2015. Seconded by David DeCoste and unanimously voted.

7:35 Local Historic District Study Committee Update – Jay McOsker, Vice Chair of the Local Historic District Study Committee updated the Board of Selectmen. For the past year the LHDSC has been working on a survey that was sent to residents in three sections of Town: Main Street, High Street and Summer Street. They also had an informational meeting in November. Due to the low response rate, the Committee would like to resend surveys to the High & Main Street residents. Summer St. clearly does not look like a potential area for a district. Jay McOsker is requesting an additional \$2,500 to resend the survey and work on informational materials. The previous expenses for mailings had been paid for through the Selectmen's budget. Jay McOsker explained that the Committee needs more feedback in order to assess whether there is sufficient interest among residents in the Town Center (Main St.) or High St. to justify recommending creation of an Historic District. He also briefed the Board on what surrounding Towns have done for Historic Districts. Ellen Allen asked that the Committee give the Selectmen all the research documents they compile about other Towns' Historic Districts.

**8:00 Verizon – Hawker & Peddler Request** – Applicant did not show. *MOTION: Ellen Allen moved to continue the Hawker & Peddlers request from Verizon. Seconded by David DeCoste and unanimously voted.* 

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Refund of Notes** – Jim Boudreau explained that this is a procedural vote which will allow refinancing existing borrowings at lower interest rates.

MOTION: Ellen Allen moved that the Board of Selectmen authorize the Treasurer to provide for the sale and issuance of refunding bonds under General Laws Chapter 44, Section 21A to refund all or any portion of the remaining principal of and any redemption premium and interest on the Town's \$2,000,000 General Obligation Fire Station Bonds dated March 1, 2001 and/or the Town's \$11,189,000 General Obligation Municipal Purpose Loan of 2005 Bonds dated February 15, 2005, provided that no such refunding bonds shall be issued under this vote unless and until the final interest rate(s) and other terms of such refunding bonds have been approved by this Board. Seconded by David DeCoste and unanimously voted.

One Day License Request – Bartending Service of New England – March 23, 2013 MOTION: Ellen Allen 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 Vinal School PTO Fundraiser event to be held at the Cushing Center on March 23, 2013 between the hours of 7:00PM to 11:00PM. Seconded by David DeCoste and unanimously voted.

## One Day License Request - James Library - February 8, 2013

MOTION: Ellen Allen moved that the Board approve a request from the James Library/First Parish Church of 24 West Street Norwell for a one day license to serve Wine only for the Valentine's Desserts Party at the James Library on Friday, February 8, 2013 between the hours of 8:00PM to 10:00PM. Seconded by David DeCoste and unanimously voted.

Amend EDC Charter – Ellen Allen explained that the Charter had never been updated to reflect the change made at the Planning Board's request to have a member of their board serve as a non-voting member of the EDC instead of the Town Planner. *Motion: Ellen Allen moved that the Board amend the Economic Development Committee Charter section on members and to replace the Town Planner with a member of the Planning Board to be a non-voting member. Seconded by David DeCoste and unanimously voted.* 

## **OLD BUSINESS**

David DeCoste inquired about the process of submitting an Article on reducing the CPA surcharge. Jim Boudreau explained that Town Meeting Articles were on the Agenda for discussions at the next Selectmen's meeting and would include this.

MOTION: Gregg McBride moved that the Board of Selectmen retire from the Osborn Room and move the meeting to the Selectmen's Conference Room to discuss the details of their draft Goals, remaining in Open Meeting. After that the Board would be going into Executive Session to discuss a grievance and personal contracts. Seconded by Ellen Allen and unanimously voted.

**Goals and Policies** – The Selectmen reviewed and revised the prior draft of their Goals. These are to be finalized at an upcoming meeting.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION** – Grievance Response and Personal Contracts

MOTION: Ellen Allen moved that the Board enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a grievance and personal contracts. Seconded by David DeCoste and unanimously voted.

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

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