

**Norwell Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
October 23, 2013**

Ellen Allen opened the meeting and introduced Gregg McBride, David DeCoste, and Tammie Garner. Not in attendance: Jason Brown and Jim Boudreau. Agenda Amended to: cancel executive sessions before and after the open meeting, add New Business #7 Liquor License Request, and noting that New Business #4 had been taken out of order and executed at 7:00 p.m. *MOTION: David DeCoste moved that the Board approve the agenda as amended. Seconded and unanimously voted.*

CITIZEN COMMENTS – George Halatsis of 24 Grove Street voiced concerns on behalf of his family and Ramona Caruso about noise coming from the Fox and Hound Doggie Day Care that opened in October. George read a statement about the excessive barking from this new business. The abutters felt that they had not been granted due process according to the Town's By-Laws in the approval process for the business. They would like the Selectmen to review this to make sure no oversights had been made in granting the Occupancy Permit.

Connie Bermingham of 19 Leigh Road asked the Selectmen about plans to clean Jacobs Pond. Ellen Allen explained that she would allow Bermingham to speak after approval of minutes, which was next on the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – *MOTION: David DeCoste moved to approve the following Executive Session minutes: September 18, 2013 and September 25, 2013. Seconded and unanimously voted.*

7:35 Jacobs Pond – The Board had received a letter from residents living near the pond, inquiring when it would be treated again for invasive weeds. Gregg McBride inquired if the Conservation Commission had been contacted on this issue and Connie Bermingham stated that they had and that the Commission agreed it needed to be cleaned. McBride said no special plan is needed since it had been cleaned every 3-4 years in the past using various funding sources. The Commission needs to find out the cost and determine if their Conservation Fund could be used for this. Alternatively, they could submit an article for the Special Town Meeting in May so funds could be appropriated and used immediately thereafter. The Board thanked Bermingham for raising the issue.

OLD BUSINESS

Committee Liaisons Updates:

- David DeCoste – Conservation Commission: The dock installation project at Jacobs Pond will be completed as early Saturday assuming the contract is signed tonight by the Selectmen.
- Tammie Garner – Personnel Board: The Facilities Manager is very close to completing the employment requirements and should be on board within a few weeks.
- Gregg McBride – Stetson Cemetery: The Selectmen will be signing the Comprehensive Permit that transfers 23 acres of land on Wildcat to the Conservation Commission as required by the Mass. Dept. of Fish & Wildlife as mitigation for the "taking" of turtle habitat at the new cemetery site. In addition, a 3 member Cemetery Building Committee had been established that will review plans & specs from the Engineer. McBride is a member of this committee along with Kevin Cafferty and Mark Devine. Town Administrator Jim Boudreau will act as advisor to the committee.

Code of Conduct – This will be called a “Policy on Public Discourse.” It will be voted when the full Board is in attendance.

Pension Obligation Bond Letter of Support – The Board made a few changes to the latest draft and then voted on it. *MOTION: Tammie Garner moved that the Board of Selectmen authorize Ellen Allen to sign this Letter to Representative Nyman regarding House Bill H3377, an Act authorizing the Plymouth County Contributory Retirement System to issue pension funding bonds or notes. Seconded and voted in favor 3-1 with David DeCoste opposed.*

NEW BUSINESS

Athletic Field Committee Resignation – *MOTION was made to accept the resignation of Mark Maiellano from the Athletic Fields Committee and the Capital Budget Committee to take a position on the Advisory Board. Seconded and unanimously voted.*

Town Technology Committee Appointment – Marynel Wahl-Halatsis’s term on this committee had expired and she wanted to continue to serve on it. *MOTION: David DeCoste moved to re-appoint Marynel Wahl-Halatsis to the Town Technology Committee to a Term Expiring June 30, 2014. Seconded and unanimously voted.*

Execute 81 Washington Street Contract – *MOTION: David DeCoste moved that the Board of Selectmen execute a purchase and sale agreement for the sale of the old fire station located at 81 Washington Street to Michael Bonner, Esq., c/o Johnson, Aceto, Bonner & Prager, LLP, 67 Batterymarch, Suite 400, Boston MA, in the amount of \$301,000. Seconded and unanimously voted.*

Execute Conservation Management Permit – *MOTION: David DeCoste moved that the Board execute the Conservation and Management Permit for the Norwell Cemetery on Stetson Meadows and that the Chairman of the Board execute the agreement on behalf of the Board of Selectmen. Seconded and unanimously voted.*

Execute Police Station Contract – *MOTION: David DeCoste moved that the Board of Selectmen award and execute a contract with Mill City Construction of Lincoln, Rhode Island for additions to 300 Washington Street for the Town of Norwell Public Safety Facility with no alternates in the amount of \$4,798,718.00 and that the Chairman of the Board execute the Contract on behalf of the Board of Selectmen. Seconded and unanimously voted.*

Execute Dock & Launch Contract – *MOTION: David DeCoste moved that the Board of Selectmen award a contract for the Jacob’s Pond dock project to FWN Docks of 725 Main Street, Dunstable, Massachusetts in the amount of \$75,000. Seconded and unanimously voted.*

Bartending Service of New England One Day License Request – *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 Norwell Men’s Club Fundraiser to be held at the Cushing Center on November 2, 2013 between the hours of 8:00PM to 11:00PM. Seconded and unanimously voted.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Flu Shot Clinics for Norwell Residents will be held on Wednesday, October 30, 2013 from 5:00PM to 7:00PM at Norwell Town Hall.

ADJOURNMENT – *Motion was made to adjourn. Seconded and unanimously voted.*



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