

**Norwell Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
March 5, 2014**

Ellen Allen opened the meeting and introduced Jason Brown, Gregg McBride, David DeCoste, Tammie Garner and Town Administrator Jim Boudreau. *MOTION: Jason Brown moved the Board approve the agenda as written. Seconded and unanimously voted.*

CITIZEN COMMENTS – None

7:35 Gary Schaffer – Recreation Commission Applicant – Gary Schaffer briefed the Board of Selectmen on why he is interested in serving on the Recreation Commission and what he could bring to that Committee. *MOTION: Gregg McBride moved the Board appoint Gary Schaffer to the Recreation Commission for a term ending June 30, 2016. Seconded and unanimously voted.*

7:40 Senior Real Estate Tax Work Off Program – Present: Assistant Assessor Barbara Gingras, Finance Director Donna Mangan, Treasurer/Collector Darlene Sullivan, HR Manager Barbara Childs, AB Members, COA Director Rosie O'Connor. History of Senior Real Estate Tax Work-Off Program was explained. Current Program & Administrative Procedures: Current Program Eligibility Criteria, Participant Mandatory Deductions, Current Process, Current Funding, Application Process. Proposed Changes to Senior Tax Work-Off Program: Eligibility and Work Criteria, Tax Credit Amount, OBRA Retirement and Medicare Deductions/Calculating NET Tax Credit Amount, Processing the Tax Credit Amount, Proposed Funding for the Program, Determining the Number of Participants on a Calendar Year Basis, Requesting a Participant from the Program, Application Process, Selection Process – Two Tier Approach, Pre-Volunteer Assignment Requirements, Onboarding, After Volunteer Assignment Ends. No actions taken.

OLD BUSINESS

PBMC appointment – Jeff Fabrizio was interviewed at a past Board of Selectmen for a Capital Budget position and is willing to serve on the PMBC. *MOTION: Jason Brown moved the Board appoint Jeff Fabrizio to the PBMC for a term ending June 30, 2016. Seconded and unanimously voted.*

Letter re: Active Streets Bill – At past meetings, the Board has been in discussions if they wanted to sign the Support Letter RE: Active Streets Program in Transportation Bond Bill being sent to the State. The Board took no action and will take this off the table for future discussions.

Committee Liaison Updates –

NEW BUSINESS

One Day License Request from First Parish Church – March 22, 2014

MOTION: Jason Brown move that the Board approve a request from First Parish Church of Norwell for a one day license to serve Wines & Malt only for Medieval Banquet held at the Parish Hall, 24 River Street Norwell on March 22, 2014 between the hours of 6:00PM to 10:00PM. Seconded and unanimously voted.

Close the Warrant for Special and Annual Town Meeting – *MOTION: Jason Brown moved that the Board of Selectmen close the Warrant for the Special and Annual Town Meetings to be held on Monday, May 5, 2014. Seconded and unanimously voted.*

Open and Close Warrant for Annual Town Meeting – *MOTION: Ellen Allen moved that the Board of Selectmen Open the Warrant for the Special and Annual Town Meetings to be held May 6, 2013 at the Norwell Middle School. Seconded and unanimously voted.*

MOTION: Ellen Allen moved to accept five Articles for the Annual Town Meeting as follows: 1) Unemployment, 2) Fields, 3) Storm Article, 4) Stetson House Revolving Fund and 5) Recycling Brush Pile. Seconded and unanimously voted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

2013 Town Reports are due, please return to the Selectmen's Office.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Personal Contracts - Fire Chief, Police Chief, Town Administrator
Union Contracts and Potential Litigation

MOTION: Jason Brown moved the Board enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining and 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 Garner voted yes.



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