

**Norwell Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
December 3, 2014**

Ellen Allen opened the meeting at 8:35 PM and thanked the Board of Assessors for coming late. Ellen introduced Gregg McBride, David DeCoste, and Town Administrator Jim Boudreau. Not Present: Jason Brown and Tammie Garner.

Agenda Amended: Community Housing Trust/Legion will be rescheduled, NB #5 Deed for Old Fire Station has been signed. *MOTION to approve the agenda as amended. Seconded and unanimously voted.*

CITIZEN COMMENTS – None

7:00 Planning Board /Energy Committee – Green Communities – RESCHEDULED

Public Hearing – Classification Hearing – Present Board of Assessors Members: Chairman Sue Kirby, Maureen Clark, Joan Osborne and Assistant Assessor Barbara Gingras. Sue Kirby explained Chapter 797. Under the Law, the Board of Selectmen can shift the taxes a number of ways. Residential Exemption up to 20% of average assessed eligible residential parcels, Small Commercial Exemption up to 10% of eligible assessed under \$1 million, wholly occupied by small business or having 10 or fewer employees and a list of eligible businesses prepared by the Commissioner of the Department of Employment and Training. (See attached presentation). The Board of Assessors is proposing a single Tax Rate of \$16.50 with no exemptions.

MOTION: Mr. DeCoste moved that the Town adopt a single rate tax across all Classifications without exemptions for Fiscal Year 2015. Seconded by Mr. McBride and unanimously voted.

Public Comments – None

8:45 Community Housing Trust – Postponed

8:45 Legion – 40 River Street Discussion – Postponed

9:15 Public Hearing – Common Victualler License, The Juice Barn, 412 Washington St.

MOTION: Ellen Allen moved that the Board open the Public Hearing for a Common Victualler License for The Juice Barn. Seconded and unanimously voted.

David DeCoste read the Legal Notice into the Minutes

No Comments from the Audience

The Juice Barn owners Jacob and Allison Barnes are seeking a Common Victualler's License for The Juice Barn, located 412 Washington Street. Co-owner Allison Barnes explained that her business will be serving Organic fresh press Juices, Smoothies, Coffee, Tea and Foods as well as teach Holistic Medicine classes. This will be for take out and have under 20 seats. Business is attached to the Norwell Athletic Club. The following Departments have signed off on approval: Building Inspector, Treasurer/Collector, Health Agent, Fire Chief and Police Chief.

MOTION: David DeCoste moved that the Board approve the Common Victualler License for the Juice Barn 412 Washington Street. Seconded and unanimously approved.

8:30 Shana Hallman – Recreation Commission Applicant – Ellen Allen read the applicant's background and interest in serving on the Recreation Commission and inquired if the Board would be comfortable appointing Shana Hallman without interviewing. *MOTION was made to appoint Shana Hallman to the Recreation Commission to a term expiring June 30, 2016. Seconded and unanimously approved.*

8:35 Matthew DeCoursey – Energy Committee Applicant – Ellen Allen explained to the Board that Matt DeCoursey has been attending the Energy Committee meetings and would like to be appointed as a voting member and inquired if the Board was comfortable appointing without interviewing. *MOTION: was made to appoint Matthew DeCoursey to the Energy Committee to a term expiring June 30, 2015. Seconded and unanimously approved.*

OLD BUSINESS

Approve OPEB Trust – The Board had reviewed and it was ready for approval (*see attached*). *MOTION: David DeCoste moved that the Board approve the draft OPEB Trust Document dated December 3, 2014. Seconded and unanimously approved.*

Domestic Violence Leave Policy – Board reviewed minor changes to draft and additional provision: "...time shall be taken in increments of not less than 2 hours". (*see attached*). *MOTION: David DeCoste moved that the Town of Norwell adopt the draft of the Domestic Violence Leave Policy dated December 3, 2014. Seconded and unanimously approved.*

NEW BUSINESS

Mayflower Health Group Appointment – Jim Boudreau is currently the Town's designee with Darleen Sullivan, Treasurer, as the alternate. Darleen does not have the time to take on this responsibility and Jim suggested that the Chairman be appointed. When Jim leaves, Ellen can become the primary representative and Darleen the alternate. *MOTION: David DeCoste moved to appoint Chairman Ellen Allen as the Town of Norwell alternate to the Mayflower Health Group. Seconded and unanimously approved.*

December Meeting Schedule – Meeting Dec. 8th executive session to discuss interim Town Administrator, regular meetings on December 10th, December 17th and Monday December 29th at 6:00 PM.

One Day License Request – The Silent Chef, 12/18/14 and Waive Town Fee – The License is for the Jim Boudreau Farewell Party. The Board will need 2 motions, approval of license and waive the application fee. Ellen Allen has checked with Town Counsel and all of this is legal.

MOTION: David DeCoste moved that the Board approve a request from The Silent Chef for a one day license to sell All Alcohol for the Jim Boudreau Farewell Party at the Cushing Center on December 18, 2014 between the hours of 6:00PM to 10:00PM. Seconded and approved with Ellen Allen abstaining since she was the applicant for the event.

MOTION: David DeCoste moved that the Town waive the fees for the Silent Chef event on December 18, 2014. Seconded and approved with Ellen Allen abstaining.

Deed Approval for Old Fire Station on Washington Street – Voted, Approved and signed.

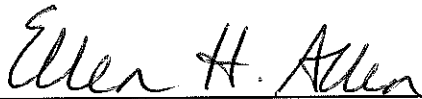
ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Jim Boudreau Farewell Party will be held December 18, 2014 from 6-9 at the Cushing Center, \$20 for tickets with a Cash Bar. Call the Selectmen's office for more information.
- CPC Annual Meeting to be held on December 4, 2014 at 7:00PM in the Osborn Room.
- Gregg McBride would like to Acknowledge and Thank Mrs. Schlossberg for willing her half of Property helping the Town move forward on the sale of the Old Fire Station at 81 Washington Street.
- Jim Boudreau announced that the production company for the Finest Hour has completed filming and left Town.
- Holiday on the Common Sunday December 7, 2014 will begin at 2:00 PM, Tree Lighting will be at 4:00 PM. David DeCoste will attend representing the Selectmen.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: David DeCoste moved the Board enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Personal Contracts 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 and Allen voted yes.



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Attachments:

Classification Hearing Presentation
OPEB Trust Agreement
Domestic Violence Leave Policy

