

**Norwell Board of Selectmen  
Meeting Minutes  
December 17, 2014**

**7:00 Portion of the Meeting** – Present: Selectmen Allen, Brown, DeCoste, and McBride.

*MOTION: David DeCoste moved that the Board approve the Executive Session minutes of 2/6/13, 3/13/13, and 9/11/13. Seconded and voted 3-0 with Brown abstaining.*

*MOTION: Jason Brown moved that the Board approve the Executive Session minutes of 6/12/13, 8/14/13 ES1 and 8/14/13 ES2. Voted 4-0.*

*MOTION: Jason Brown moved that the Board approve the Open Meeting minutes of 11/12/14 and 5/28/14. Seconded and voted 4-0.*

**7:30** Ellen Allen opened the televised portion of 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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Done during the 7:00 p.m. portion of the meeting as noted above.

**7:35 Public Hearing – Clapp Brook – Continued**

*MOTION made to open Public Hearing. Seconded and unanimously voted.*

David DeCoste read the Legal Notice into the Minutes

*MOTION: Jason Brown moved that the Board continue the Public Hearing for Clapp Brook Road to January 14, 2015. Seconded and unanimously voted.*

*MOTION was made and seconded to close the Public Hearing. Seconded and unanimously voted.*

Some items were taken out of order.

**Interim TA** – Ellen Allen reported that Pete Hechenbleikner had been selected and will start January 6, 2015. He was Town Manager in Reading for 27 years before retiring a couple years ago.

**The Silent Chef One Day License Request – January 31, 2015** – *MOTION: Jason Brown moved that the Board approve a request from The Silent Chef for a one day license to sell All Alcohol for a PTO Fundraiser at the Cushing Center on January 31, 2015 between the hours of 6:30PM to 11:00PM. Seconded and unanimously voted.*

**Land Donation – Doris Avenue** – The Board approved and signed the documentation to accept a donation of land on Doris Ave. in Norwell.

**Solar Energy Letter** – Several members of the Board had looked into the organization, Environment Massachusetts, requesting that this letter be supported by the Selectmen. Because of their political positions on many issues, the Board decided not to support this letter. They did not want any appearance of supporting Environment Massachusetts generally.

**7:45 Rockland Trust Company – OPEB Trust Investment Strategy** – Brian Callow presented an overview of investment strategy, performance and the benefits/differences of investing independently as opposed to being in a pool. He recommended the Board adopt a somewhat more aggressive investment strategy due to the long term nature of the investments. (See attached presentation.)

**8:15 Daniel Sherman – OPEB Actuarial FY14** – Bi-annual presentation of OPEB actuarial analysis highlighting the positive impact management decisions and funding have made on the unfunded liability and the discount rate. Sherman touched upon the ARC and what amount the Town would need to set aside annually to be fully pre-funding.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**40B Forum Plans** - Garner said that the challenge in preparing this is balancing the number of topics with the time available. She and DeCoste have agreed upon four themes: Overview (Town Counsel and Senator Hedlund), Norwell's Experience & Strategies (Town Counsel & Gregg McBride), Lessons from Other Towns (Easton Selectman Colleen Corona), and "What's Next?" about pending 40Bs. Q&A at the end. Present as a panel with a Selectman moderating. Tentative dates of March 4 or 18, when the Planning Board is not meeting and could attend. The requested presenters will be contacted about their availability.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Selectmen Town Meeting Articles** – Ellen Allen and Jim Boudreau reviewed a list of potential articles for the Selectmen to put forth at the May Town Meeting. These would be in addition to the annual boilerplate articles:

- 1) Allowing Secret Ballots to be requested at Town Meeting.
- 2) Adopting a Strong Police Chief
- 3) Changing the composition of the CPC by replacing the Assessors position with either a Selectman or another At-Large member
- 4) Updating the antiquated Signs By-Law
- 5) Requesting funding for a By-Laws review (either zoning, non-zoning or both)
- 6) Reducing the Energy Committee from 9 to 7 members
- 7) Articles related to the Green Communities application
- 9) Use of proceeds from the sale of the old Washington St. fire station for a new Salt Shed

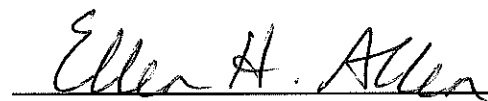
The Board will discuss these again at a future meeting.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

The Town sold the old Fire Station on Washington St. for \$301,000, which goes into a special account.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION** - Cancelled.

*MOTION: Jason Brown moved that the Board adjourn. Seconded and unanimously voted.*

  
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