

**Norwell Board of Selectmen  
Meeting Minutes  
April 15, 2015**

Ellen Allen opened the meeting at 7:30pm, and introduced Jason Brown, David DeCoste, Tammie Garner. She also introduced new Town Administrator hiree Peter Morin. *MOTION: Jason Brown moved the Board approve the agenda as written. Seconded by David DeCoste and unanimously voted.*

**REPORTS**

**a) Citizen Comments** – None

**b) Selectmen's Reports and Announcements-**

Ellen Allen reported reaching agreement with Mr. Morin on his compensation contract. He will start work on June 1, 2015.

*Motion: Made by Jason Brown, seconded by David DeCoste, to approve and sign the Contract. Unanimous approval, and all will sign, including current Mr. Hechenbleikner.*

Potholes were again addressed. Mr. Foulsham is working hard to get to all of them.

Town Meeting Forum was announced (4/29, 7:30pm), Special and Annual Town Meeting will be May 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> if needed, 7pm at the Middle School gym. Three presentations by the CHT on the 40 River Street project will take place, locations/dates on their webpage.

The new Police Station open house is this Saturday, from 2:30-4:30pm.

The next regular BOS meeting will be held on May 13 at 7:30 pm.

**Discussion/Action Items**

**h) 7:44pm Police Station property-consideration of declaring it surplus to the Town's needs:** the pros and cons of this topic were discussed, with the option to wait and see how the Town votes at TM, then decide. Alternative ideas for the site were discussed, as well as "wait a year and see" before declaring the property surplus. Selling the property for less than FMV was discussed, BOS would be responsible for the Terms and Conditions of the sale. Ms. Allen will discuss this with the Town Moderator before Town Meeting.

**j) By Law Committees** – Ms. Allen reviewed the decision for two Bylaws committees. See attached information). Comments were made regarding Committee composition and designees. The decision on this will be made at the next BOS meeting after conferring with Pete Hechenbleikner.

**k)Town Meeting Forum** – Ms. Allen has heard back from several committee members who will speak about their Articles.

**l) Half Marathon Approval** – *Motion: made by Jason Brown, seconded by David DeCoste, to approve the Norwell Half Marathon organized by Racewire, on November 1, 2015. Unanimously voted.*

**n) Bartending Service of New England One Day License Request** – 5/1/15

*MOTION: Made by Jason Brown, seconded by David DeCoste, that the Board approve a request from Bartending Service of New England, LLC for a one day license to sell Wines and Malt for Auction/Fundraiser held at the Cushing Center on 5/1/15 between the hours of 6:00-10:00pm. Unanimously voted.*

**o) North River Theater One Day License Request:** 5/1,2,3,8 and 9, 2015

*MOTION: Jason Brown moved that the Board approve a request from The North River Theater, Inc. for a one day license to sell All Alcohol for live theater performances at the North River Theater, 513 River Street Norwell on the above listed dates during the live performance hours. Seconded by David DeCoste, and unanimously voted.*

**p) Car Wash Request: from Nicole Lazcano – Date: May 9, 2015**

Water Superintendent John McInnis has approved the request. *MOTION: made by Jason*

*Brown, seconded by David DeCoste, to approve the request to use the Town Hall parking lot for a Car Wash on Saturday, May 9, 2015, between 10AM and 2PM with a rain date of May 16, 2015. Unanimously approved.*

**q) Road Opening Season:** Ms. Allen read the announcement (see attached)

**r) Keno Monitor Discussion: Norwell Sunoco and DA's Mart**

Anyone objecting to the MA state lottery's offer to place Keno monitors in these locations Has 21 days to file a written objection (by May 18<sup>th</sup>) to the State Lottery Commission. The board discussed this issue, and no one had any objections.

**a) 8:15pm Public Hearing, National Grid, Poles for listed roads**

*Motion: made by Jason Brown, seconded by David DeCoste, to open the public hearing for poles for listed roads. Unanimous approval*

Two representatives from National Grid, Mr. Glen Zalubil and Mr. Bill Matthieu, reviewed the placements and reasons for new poles in the following locations:

**1. Central Street-** 127 Central St., homeowner Nicholas Lent stated that the electric lines are currently attached to a maple tree planted in 1876. The tree suffered as a result of the lines, and needs to be cut down. If stump not removed, the pole will be an obstacle in the driveway. Who would pay to remove stump? Should decision be deferred until payer is determined? Aside, only resident notification was ad in the Norwell Mariner. Individual letters should be considered (would be underwritten by National Grid) BOS will continue this location hearing to the May 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**2. Wildcat Lane** – homeowner had same concern, front of house too close to fire hydrant This is again correcting wires to a tree situation.

*Motion: made by Jason Brown, seconded by David DeCoste, to approve installation of pole on Wildcat Lane. Unanimously voted.*

**3. Cross St.** – 45 Cross Street, no objection by homeowner.

*Motion: made by Jason Brown, seconded by David DeCoste, to approve installation of pole on Cross Street. Unanimously voted.*

**4. Mt. Blue St.** – 4 new poles, 124 Mt. Blue street, homeowner was concerned, because pole is correcting the tree problem, and only placement is into a paved area of driveway.

National Grid will work to minimize and repair damage to paved area.

64 Mt. Blue St., Cold Harbor Farm, sightline issue, 15 feet from driveway. Next two poles are across the street in area with no homes.

*Motion: made by Jason Brown, seconded by David DeCoste, to approve installation of 4 poles on Mt. Blue Street. Unanimously voted.*

**8:45pm Motion:** *made by Ellen Allen, seconded by Jason Brown, to continue the public hearing on Central Street and River Street to May 13, 2015. Unanimously voted.*

*Motion: made by Ellen Allen, seconded by Jason Brown, to close the public hearing on Cross Street, Wildcat Lane and Mt. Blue Street. Unanimously voted.*

*Motion: made by Ellen Allen, seconded by Jason Brown, to open the Public Hearing for Main Street. Mr. DeCoste read the notice.*

**Main Street** – 281 Main St., homeowner had no objection. 285 Main St., pole will be set back as far as possible. Ms. Allen informed the National Grid representatives that Main St. is being repaved this summer, and these installations should probably wait until the road is finished. She would prefer not to approve these until the Highway Surveyor has reviewed their location.

*Motion: made by Jason Brown, seconded by David DeCoste, to continue the public hearing on Main Street to May 13, 2015 at 8pm. Unanimously voted.*

Ms. Allen asked that National Grid meet with Paul Foulsham in the meantime to discuss this part of the pole project.

**g) Summerfest update**

Kristen Jevney and Kera Kirschner updated the BOS on plans for this event. Banners will be

approved by Tim Fitzgerald for conformity to Town regulations and approved and hung by the Fire Department.

*Motion: made by Jason Brown, seconded by David DeCoste, to approve, subject to the Fire Chief's approval, the banners for Summerfest. Unanimously voted.*

Summerfest announcement will be made at Town Meeting. Further update details were discussed.

**m) BOS position on Warrant Articles**

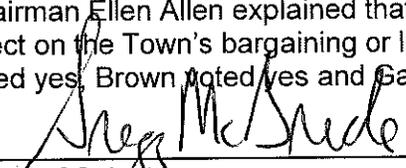
Adoption of Stretch Code Community - Tim Fitzgerald gave an overview on this subject, stating that adoption of this policy will qualify the Town for grant money, even though the Stretch Code will disappear in the near future.

ATM Article 3 – Amendment to the Capital Budget for \$48,000 to do a technology upgrade at Town Hall (server upgrade). Ms. Allen will make a motion to amend the Capital Budget at Town Meeting for the \$48,000. All board members approve. Ms. Allen reviewed each Article, determining yes or no on a BOS vote. Some Article will be voted on by the BOS after Town Forum, or at Town Meeting. \$200,000 in Free Cash will be transferred into the Capital Expenditure Stabilization Fund (recommended by Pete Hechenbleikner). This would be good for the Town's bond rating, to have the fund "in excess of \$1million". All TM Articles have an assigned presenter, and discussion on votes will continue after Town Forum.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION –**

*MOTION: Jason Brown moved the Board enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Union contract negotiations and not returning 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, Brown voted yes and Garner voted yes, Allen voted yes.

  
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Attachments:

1. Bylaw committee information
2. Road Opening Season
3. National Grid Pole replacement documentation

