

**Norwell Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
9/27/17**

TOWN OF NORWELL
TOWN CLERK
2018 FEB -2 AM 11:14

Present: Jason Brown, Alison Demong, Ellen Allen, Gregg McBride Peter Smellie
Peter Morin

Open session

Mr. Brown called the meeting to order at 7:35pm.

Motion; made by Ms. Demong to approve the agenda, seconded by Peter Smellie. Unanimously voted

Citizen Comments – None

Selectmen's Reports and Announcements

None

Town Administrator's Report - None

7:35 Christian McDonald- Hawkers-Peddlers License

Mr. Christian McDonald of 2 Eleanor Lane Rockland, MA came before the Board to apply for a Hawkers/Peddlers license in order to perform door to door solicitation to market his business. Mr. McDonald has started a business in which he takes trash containers from residents' homes to the street and returns them when they are emptied. The Board commended Mr. McDonald on his initiative but informed him that they rarely grant licenses for door to door solicitation. The Board suggested he explore other manners of contacting residents and wished him well.

**7:45pm Donna Mangan Finance Director and Darleen Sullivan Treasurer-Collector –
Advance in Lieu of Borrowing**

Ms. Mangan, the Finance Director and Ms. Sullivan the Treasurer-Collector presented a request for an advance in lieu of borrowing in the amount of \$500,000 to provide funds for road repair, maintenance and paving. At the May 2017 Annual Town meeting a \$1.6 million bond was authorized to be issued for this purpose. The Highway Surveyor has aggressively pursued his paving responsibilities to take advantage of the low cost of asphalt and other materials. In order to ensure funds are available to continue his work an advance in lieu of borrowing was recommended by Ms. Mangan and Ms. Sullivan. There was a general discussion as to whether it was better to authorize the funds for the advance be transferred from the Stabilization Fund or from free cash. The problem with withdrawing them from the Stabilization Fund was that the withdrawal would create a measure of risk in the event an emergency required additional use of the fund. The use of free cash was discussed, but the Commonwealth Department of Revenue (DOR) has yet to certify the Town's new free cash number and there was concern that this transaction may somehow adversely impact the amount of free cash certified. Ms. Mangan suggested that the Board postpone action on this matter until the state certifies the Town's free cash number. She stated that it was likely that DOR would certify free cash prior to the Board's next meeting. Based on that information, the Board postponed any action on this matter to its next meeting.

No Place for Hate Committee Establishment

Ms. Allen suggested that the Board of Selectmen establish a No Place for Hate Committee. Documentation was provided to the Board documenting that a committee had been formed and certified by the Anti-Defamation League in 2000 and in 2007. Ms. Allen said she had been approached by residents who asked that the committee be formed. She stated that she hoped

the Committee would focus its efforts on education and that she would reach out to the School Committee to determine their interest in joining in this effort. She stated that she would report back to the Board at a future date, once she had heard from the School Committee.

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Norwell Half Marathon

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The Board reviewed the application from RaceWire to conduct its fourth annual half marathon on November 5, 2017. The application had been reviewed by all departments. Ms. Demong moved and Mr. Smellie seconded that the application be approved provided that the applicants fully comply with the Operations Plan prepared by the Police, Fire and Highway Departments. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

*Motion; made by Alison Demong, seconded by Peter Smellie, to adjourn at 8:49 pm.
Unanimously voted*



Jason Brown, Chair