

**Norwell Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
2/7/18**

TOWN OF NORWELL
TOWN CLERK

2018 MAR -1 PM 2:53

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

Open session; 7:00pm

The meeting was called to order by Chair Jason Brown.

Mr. Morin explained the purpose and appointment of the constables in the Town.

The P and S for a parcel on Grove Street, signed by the Water Department was discussed. The Water Department is purchasing this land with their funds. All would like to see a map. The P and S will be signed by the BOS, and the Water Department will be in to discuss this at a future meeting.

Mr. Morin handed out a list of articles for Town Meeting. He will add an Article the Warrant for the Grange. Ms. Allen will follow up with Gary Thomas, who is the lawyer for the project, for the status of the restriction and potential sale. An additional discussion topic would be the abandonment of the current easement on the property.

Discussion ensued about the draft MOU for the space allocation of Sparrell building, including the discussion of shared meeting space.

Mr. Morin had a discuss with Mr. Ferguson and Ms. Anderson about changing their jobs from elected officials to appointed positions. Mr. Ferguson was not opposed to this idea, but Ms. Anderson didn't want to pursue this option yet.

All discussed the location of the Whiting Fields purchase Article; the Special Town Meeting or the Annual Town Meeting.

Open Session – 7:30pm

Jason Brown called the meeting to order in the Osborn Room at 7:32pm.

He reminded all that the meeting is recorded and televised

*Motion; made by Alison Demong, seconded by Peter Smellie, to approve the agenda as written.
Unanimously voted*

Citizen Comments – None

Selectmen's Reports and Announcements

Ms. Allen announced that the MMA is addressing housing next Tuesday. If the Community Housing Trust would like any input please contact Ms. Allen. She is also meeting with the Director of the MBTA Advisory Board to explore together with COA Director Susan Curtin how Norwell may be able to receive up to 35K of the cost of rides for seniors via a reimbursement of 50% of our MBTA assessment on the Cherry Sheet. She will explore the parameters of using this funding and receiving the reimbursement. Mr. Brown reminded all how important this funding would be to the COA, whose budget underwrites the senior rides in the Town. This would free up cash for other things.

7:35pm Constable Applicant – Adam Loomis

Mr. Loomis would like to finish out his father's term as constable in the Town and/or be appointed to his own term. Mr. Morin would like to appoint him to his own term.

Motion; made by Ms. Demong, seconded by Peter Smellie, to appoint Adam Loomis to be a constable in the Town of Norwell for his own term, ending 12/31/2021. Unanimously voted

TOWN OF NORWELL
TOWN CLERK

2018 MAR -1 PM 2:53

RECEIVED

Potential Land Purchase Article/Water Department, 221 Grove Street

This purchase would provide watershed protection for the well field on Grove Street. This is only a P and S at this point.

Motion; made by Alison Demong, seconded by Peter Smellie, to sign the P and S to purchase the property at 221 Grove Street. Unanimously voted

The Water Department will attend a future BOS meeting to discuss this transaction.

Board of Selectmen – Warrant Article Discussion

The Warrant Articles for the 2018 Special and Annual Town Meeting were discussed at length and edited to reflect the requested changes and additions.

Close the Warrant

Motion; made by Alison Demong, seconded by Peter Smellie, to close the Warrant for the 2018 Special Town Meeting. Unanimously voted.

Motion; made by Alison Demong, seconded by Peter Smellie, to close the Warrant for the 2018 Annual Town Meeting. Unanimously voted.

Mr. Morin will provide an updated draft of the Warrant to the BOS for review and will make any changes necessary.

Norwell Farms Sub-Lease

Ms. Allen recapped the status of this issue for the board. There is currently no farmer hired for this summer, but Norwell Farms will use one acre for flowers, etc. The original license agreement didn't anticipate a for-profit entity. As Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) groups are deemed for-profit by the IRS, Norwell Farms needs to be able to sublicense this one acre to a farmer with the same terms as the main license. Norwell Farms would also remain fully responsible for the terms of the existing license. The BOS will be required to sign off on this, along with Con Com and the Historical Commission. The license will be signed at the next Con Com meeting for a 3-year period, with a 1-year extension. The current contract is valid through 2019 with the 1- year extension. Mr. McBride would like to know why the last farmer was selling to commercial businesses. Ms. Allen said that apparently farmers can't make a living by just working the farm for the CSA. They need to have additional sources of income. This situation might prompt the need to rethink how this license is structured. Con Com needs to decide within a year how to proceed with this land use; they might want to discontinue the CSA relationship and have the land worked by someone else.

Adjournment

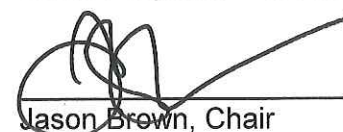
Motion; made by Alison Demong, seconded by Peter Smellie, to adjourn at 8:50pm. Unanimously voted

Future Meetings;

2/21/18 is the next meeting date

Resume normal schedule 2/28

Glenn Ferguson – at some point soon, maybe 2/28


Jason Brown, Chair