

**Norwell Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
4/11/18**

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

Open session; 7:02pm

The meeting was called to order by Chair Jason Brown.

All quickly discussed the content of the contract with John Haskins to hay the Whiting Fields for the next two years if the Town votes to purchase the Carleton property. It will be finalized and approved at a future meeting. The BOS can end this contract at any point in time if needed.

All discussed Ron Mott's revised bylaws for mooring and permits.

Ms. Allen reported that the Chapter 70 money for the Town is up \$48,494 on the cherry sheet.

Approve minutes

Motion; made by Alison Demong, seconded by Peter Smellie, to approve the Open Meeting minutes for the 2/28/18 meeting. Unanimously voted

The Sparrell building shared space MOU with the Schools was discussed. Mr. Morin will follow up with the consultant for next steps on the space needs study. The board signed the agreement.

40 River Street project update

Mr. Morin reported that there was no response to the asbestos removal RFP. He will repost the info and hopefully get some responses.

Open Session – 7:30pm

Mr. Brown called the meeting to order in the Osborn Room at 7:38pm.

Motion; made by Alison Demong, seconded by Peter Smellie, to approve the agenda with the exception of item 4g, which will be postponed. Unanimously voted

Mr. Brown reminded all that the meeting is recorded and televised.

Citizen Comments – None

Selectmen's Reports and Announcements

Mr. McBride announced the groundbreaking ceremony for 40 River Street on April 19th at 11am. The ceremony at the building site will be followed by a reception in the First Parish Church parish hall. All are invited to attend.

Recreation Budget

Recreation Director George Grey was present to update the board on his department budget. The department is seeking the additional funds that were discussed last year to allow for some direction and authority to maintain Gaffield and Reynolds Parks. Gaffield Park is in the design phase of the CPA funded rehab and will hopefully be completed this summer. Questions were asked and answered. Mr. Grey hopes to work on Gaffield at the end of the summer to minimize the time the park is closed, but it will be a 4 to 5 week process. Ms. Demong emailed both Mr. Grey and Mr. Ferguson about the need for tick control on the woodsy borders of Gaffield Park. They will spray in the evenings and use hand spreaders. Residents will be notified about the spraying and the closure of the playground.

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The budgeted extra 3K will be utilized to cover the camp program scholarship shortfall, as well as repairs and maintenance. This general expense will provide the flexibility to spend where it's needed most. Ms. Allen's questions about the Pine Street fields were answered by Mr. Grey. He will research who is responsible for updates. All discussed the new programs and available facilities, but Mr. Grey cautioned that the department is small and can't be spread too thin. They are working out some of the kinks in the new programs. All thanked Mr. Grey for coming in.

2018 Junk License Renewal

Motion; made by Alison Demong, seconded by Peter Smellie, to renew the junk license for Stone House Antiques, expiring 4/30/19. Unanimously voted

Public Hearing - Common Victualler's License, Press Juice Bar, 340 Washington St.

Motion; made by Alison Demong, seconded by Peter Smellie, to open the public hearing at 7:45pm. Unanimously voted

The notice of public hearing was read by Clerk Peter Smellie.

New business owner Shannon Bruno gave an overview of her plans for the juice bar, which will be located in the old Pepperidge Farm store. Some lunch items and healthy foods will be offered in addition to the juices.

Motion; made by Alison Demong, seconded by Peter Smellie, to approve the CV license expiring 12/31/18. Unanimously voted

Motion; made by Alison Demong, seconded by Peter Smellie, to close the public hearing at 7:49pm. Unanimously voted

Ron Mott; Harbormaster Rules and Regs for Mooring and Permits

Mr. Brown reminded Mr. Mott that the first review of these bylaw changes was complex and asked him to summarize the document, noting why the updates are requested. Mr. Mott gave highlights of the updates which accommodate changes in the boating world.

Mr. Brown asked questions about the new inspections bylaw section. The Town will now have 4 inspectors. Mr. McBride noted that there is now ruling that moorings can't be sold as part of a real estate transaction.

Motion; made by Alison Demong, seconded by Peter Smellie, to approve the mooring bylaws and changes. Unanimously voted

Cable Committee Contracts

Steve Muzrall and Andy Reardon were present to update the board on cable contract renewals for Verizon and Comcast. All discussed the proposed contract with Marshfield Cable, but noted that their board of directors has decided not to work with the Town. The Cable Committee is now looking at Harbor Media (Hingham), who is eager to move forward with the Town. Mr. McBride and Mr. Muzrall met with Harbor Media to discuss next steps. They would like to move forward and negotiate with Harbor Media. The agreement will be more contract services than a mutual agreement like Marshfield TV. This would provide a professional staff that could expand the cable services to more groups in the Town. The Town would have access to shared space in the large Hingham studio. The committee will use PEG money to fund these activities. Mr. Brown asked about the possibility of having a Norwell studio if Town Hall moves to the Sparrell building. Mr. McBride explained that some portion of the PEG money would be retained to expand the equipment and maybe build a small studio in the Sparrell building. The committee is hoping to broadcast in the new library in a designated space. As the Town is entering into negotiations for the new contracts with Verizon and Comcast it will be asking for such things as wiring between such buildings as the Sparrell and Galapagos17schools. The Hingham studio is just off Derby Street. If the Town signs a contract with Harbor Media, studio use by Norwell residents will be a part of the agreement. Mr. McBride added that this regionalization is the way of the future, especially for a small town like Norwell. The current balance of the PEG funds is about 1.1M. The committee would like to try for a new broadcast room to be included somewhere in the Town. Discussion ensued about having additional facilities, perhaps in the

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high school, to allow students to learn about broadcasting, which could be funded by the PEG money. Mr. Muzrall noted that the Town would need staff as well as space. Negotiations are moving forward with Comcast, whose contract expires in November. There will an open meeting in September for all to attend.

Chief Reardon also commented on the Town's issues with low hanging wires that are owned by Verizon. The Town will be negotiating to get the wires to the appropriate height for the safety equipment. Verizon needs to rehang their wires higher and better secured. Chief Reardon added that this issue is taking far too long to correct, and asked residents to please know that the committee is working on this. The situation is frustrating because both companies leave equipment hanging and not cleaned up. The wires on the ground are becoming a safety issue as well as an eyesore. These are negotiating issues for the next contract renewal. All discussed frustrations with Verizon and their lack of response to requests to get the work done. Mr. Muzrall has drafted a letter to the Verizon contracts manager to address these issues as the Town gets ready for the next negotiation, which won't be until 2019 (one year behind Comcast). Mr. Morin suggested that this issue be part of the meeting agenda when the BOS does its storm review discussion. Chief Reardon added that wires hanging in the street prevent the safety equipment from getting to its location, so the repairs can't take an indefinite amount of time. Questions were asked about ownership of the wires. Mr. McBride suggested that Mr. Muzrall work with Mr. Morin on the letter to Verizon, which will be reviewed next week at 7pm. All thanked the Cable Committee for their hard work.

Execute MOU – Town Offices/Sparrell Building Agreement

Motion; made by Alison Demong, seconded by Peter Smellie, to execute and sign the MOU for the Sparrell building shared space agreement. Unanimously voted

Announcements

Ms. Demong announced the Complete Streets Public Hearing at 7:30pm on April 30th to discuss the proposed Main Street sidewalk.

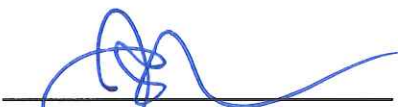
Mr. Brown reminded all about the Moderator's meeting on Monday, April 30th.

Adjournment

Motion; made by Alison Demong, seconded by Peter Smellie, to adjourn at 8:30pm. Unanimously voted

Future Meetings

4/18 School vacation? Yes if meeting is needed.
4/25 no JB maybe no meeting
4/26 MAPC at Cushing Center for Economic development.
4/30 Complete streets public hearing.


Jason Brown, Chair