

**Norwell Board of Selectmen  
Meeting Minutes  
5/2/18**

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

**Open session; 7:02pm**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Jason Brown.

All discussed the Preservation Restriction Agreement (PRA) on the Grange Hall and the Town's option to purchase the building from the Norwell Grange, which will be transferred to the buyer. The building needs over \$600K of repairs, and this sale of the building will enable the restoration of the building's historic exterior.

This PRA will be announced at the open session.

**Approve Minutes**

*Motion; made by Alison Demong, seconded by Gregg McBride, to approve the minutes of the 3/28/18 Executive Session; the 4/4/18 and 4/11/18 Open Sessions. Unanimously voted*

All discussed preparations for BOS Town Meeting Articles presentation.

**Open Session – 7:32pm**

Jason Brown called the meeting to order in the Osborn Room at 7:38pm.  
All sent good wishes for a speedy recovery to BOS member Peter Smellie.  
He reminded all that the meeting is recorded and televised.

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

**Citizen Comments – None**

**BOS Announcements** – Mr. Brown read the announcement for Saturday's Trash Bash. Yellow trash bags, gloves, coffee and donuts will be available at Town Hall on Saturday from 9-11am. The bags will also be available at various locations in the town this week. All are urged to participate.

Ms. Demong invited residents to bring a pair of shoes to Devine's Feed Store on Saturday from 9-11am to be sprayed with tick repellent. The Plymouth County entomologist will also be on hand to answer questions about ticks. All are welcome!

**Special Police Officer Appointment**

Chief Ross was present to give the board a background summary on Ms. Paige Lambert, noting her impressive qualifications for this post. Chief Ross recommended that she be appointed as a Special Police Officer.

*Motion; made by Alison Demong, seconded by Ellen Allen, to appoint Paige Marie Lambert as a Special Police Officer for a term ending 6/30/19. Unanimously voted*

**Applicant for a Hawker and Peddler License**

Chris Martin, Sales Manager for Tru Green, was present to apply for this license. He summarized the background information on his two employees who would be going door to door in the town selling the Tru Green services. Mr. Brown explained that residents in the Town have voiced their opposition to this type of solicitation, so the board does not approve this type of

license application. Some discussion ensued and the board voiced their regrets but the answer was still no.

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#### **Approve Grange Hall Preservation Restriction Agreement (PRA)**

Ms. Allen summarized the series of events leading to this upcoming transfer of the property from the Norwell Grange to Ms. Denise Laiosa, who owns the Norwell Karate School. She explained that the CPA building restriction allows the BOS to exercise the option to purchase the building for \$1. The PRA on the building will allow the Norwell Grange organization to sell the property without the BOS exercising their option. Ms. Laiosa will preserve the exterior of the building in exchange for the BOS not exercising their option, and will sign the PRA that will be placed on the building. This historic restriction has been agreed to by the BOS and Ms. Laiosa. It will need to be approved by the MA Historical Commission and then be placed on the building in perpetuity. Ms. Laiosa would have to get approval from the Norwell Historical Commission for any proposed changes to the exterior.

*Motion; made by Alison Demong, seconded by Ellen Allen, to approve the PRA at 142 Main Street. Unanimously voted*

The draft PRA will go to the MA Historical Commission for approval. There may be some minor changes, but the form follows state guidelines.

The board again stated that the Town is selling the option to purchase the building in exchange for the PRA, as Norwell doesn't need to own another decrepit old building.

#### **Haskins License Approval**

Mr. McBride reported that Mr. Haskins signed a contract with the board to hay the Whiting Fields if the Town votes to purchase the Carleton property. Mr. Haskins is happy to stay and hay the fields. Ms. Demong reminded all that this contract does not go into effect until the purchase is voted in.

#### **Town Meeting Preparation and Assignment of Articles**

Mr. Brown explained the consent agenda Articles.

Questions were asked and answered about the Warrant Articles in preparation for residents' questions. Mr. Morin will do a couple of slides about the current Town Hall vs. moving to the Sparrell building.

#### **Adjournment**

*Motion; made by Alison Demong, seconded by Ellen Allen, to adjourn at 7:57pm. Unanimously voted*

Mr. Brown urged all to attend Town Meeting.

There will be no meeting next Wednesday.



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**Jason Brown, Chair**