

**Norwell Board of Selectmen
Open Meeting Minutes
5/23/18**

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Open Session – 7:32pm

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

He reminded all that the meeting is recorded and televised

Motion; made by Alison Demong, seconded by Ellen Allen, to approve the agenda as written. Unanimously voted

Citizen Comments – None

BOS Announcements

All thanked Selectman Peter Smellie for his service to the Town during his term of office, as well as his additional time served on other Town boards. All wish him well and a speedy recovery.

Town Administrator's Report

Mr. Morin has been invited to speak on mental health and criminal justice at the international town managers meeting in Baltimore in September.

Reorganization of the Board of Selectmen

Mr. Brown called for a motion to reorganize the Board of Selectmen.

Motion; made by Alison Demong, seconded by Gregg McBride, to reorganize the Board of Selectmen.

Unanimously voted

Motion; made by Alison Demong, seconded by Gregg McBride, to nominate Ellen Allen as the Chair of the Board of Selectmen. Unanimously voted

Motion; made by Alison Demong, seconded by Ellen Allen, to nominate Gregg McBride as the Vice Chair of the Board of Selectmen. Unanimously voted

Motion; made by Gregg McBride, seconded by Ellen Allen, to nominate Alison Demong as the Clerk for the Board of Selectmen. Unanimously voted

Other positions currently held by BOS members:

1. Plymouth County Advisory Board Representative; Ellen Allen will stay on
2. Carleton Property Committee; Gregg McBride or Alison Demong, to be determined
3. Advisory Board Nominating Committee – open
4. Complete Streets – currently Alison Demong
5. Bylaw Review Committee – currently Jason Brown
6. Electronic Voting Committee – was Peter Smellie
7. Traffic Committee – currently Gregg McBride
8. MBTA Representative – currently Ellen Allen
9. MAPC Representative – currently Jason Brown
10. Conservation Commission – potential liaison?

Next week agenda; discussion about other BOS assignments

Mr. McBride reminded all that committee re-appointments/appointments will be discussed at an upcoming meeting.

7:45pm McGreal's Tavern – License Suspension or Revocation

Motion; made by Gregg McBride, seconded by Alison Demong, to open the public hearing about the potential license suspension or revocation at 7:45pm. Unanimously voted

Ms. Allen read the rules of the hearing from MA general law for cancellation of a license, noting the reasons for this hearing. Supporting documentation for this hearing is on file in the BOS office.

Ms. Allen stated that this will be an informal hearing. The rules of evidence will not apply but the hearing will be recorded. The licensees will be able to respond and present witnesses if they desire.

The license in question is a standard annual on-premise Common Victualer, All Alcohol pouring license. Both Kevin and Mary Ann McGreal were present. Ms. Allen invited them to come forward to be sworn in by Town Counsel Bob Galvin.

Mr. McGreal made comments and gave a short history of the business, stating that they were forced to close on 4/30/18. After considering different options, they offered the license to the new occupant, who declined because his business won't be opened until November at the earliest. The McGreals were notified by their landlord on 4/4/18 about their eviction from the premises.

They are requesting that the license not be revoked as they would like to turn it in. As they were only able to operate their business for four months, they would like to ask for a pro-rated refund from the Town.

All expressed regret that McGreals has closed. Ms. Allen asked for comments from the board; there were none. Mr. Morin stated that he will work with the Finance Office to prorate the refund of the license fee.

Motion; made by Gregg McBride, seconded by Alison Demong, to close the public hearing at 7:55pm.

Unanimously voted

Motion; made by Gregg McBride, seconded by Alison Demong, to accept the return of the license for the premises of McGreal's Tavern and to refund the prorated annual fee for the period 1/1/18 to 4/30/18.

Unanimously voted

All witnessed the license being turned in to Town Counsel at the close of the public hearing.

Appointments to the Council on Aging (COA)

John Mahoney – 6 Madison Court, gave a summary of his background and reasons for applying.

Motion: made by Gregg McBride, seconded by Alison Demong, to appoint John Mahoney to the COA for a term expiring 6/30/21. Unanimously voted

Frances Kneeland was not present at the meeting, but has been interviewed by COA Director Susan Curtin.

Motion: made by Gregg McBride, seconded by Alison Demong, to appoint Francis Kneeland to the COA for a term expiring 6/30/21. Unanimously voted

Adjournment

Motion; made by Gregg McBride, seconded by Alison Demong, to adjourn at 8:07pm. Unanimously voted



Ellen Allen, Chair