

**Norwell Board of Selectmen
Open Meeting Minutes
5/30/18**

TOWN OF NORWELL
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Present: Jason Brown, Gregg McBride, Ellen Allen, Alison Demong, Joe Rull, Peter Morin

Open session; 7:02pm

The meeting was called to order by Chair Ellen Allen.

All discussed the upcoming week's responsibilities.

Summer Schedule

Ms. Allen is out of town for the next 2 weeks.

Mr. Brown is gone one of two next weeks.

Mr. Morin will be out of town next week.

No meeting 6/6, 7/4

Meeting Schedule for the Summer will be every other week: 7/11, 7/25, 8/8, 8/22.

First meeting of the fall schedule will be Sept. 5th.

There will be a 6/13 meeting.

The Elevated Marijuana Company from Scituate has purchased the property on Cordwainer Just a grow facility. Already licensed in Dartmouth. Coming this evening.

All discussed the composition and future appointments to the Carleton Committee, which will be discussed later in the meeting (composition).

Mr. Morin said that he has hired an interim conservation agent. Frank Schellenger has been a longtime member of the town of Hanson Conservation Commission. There will not be a vote recount for Norwell Housing Authority member Fred Levin. His opponent Charles Markham will be the new committee member.

Mr. Morin mentioned the employee-wide "sick day bank" for the SEIU police clerk who is recuperating. There are 60 applicants for Linda Murphy's position in the Highway Dept.

The BOS will meet next Thursday at 2pm for a storm debriefing update at the Police Station.

All discussed upcoming open committee positions.

Future Meetings

Update on tablet use and People GIS

Meeting with Chiefs

Open Session – 7:32pm

The meeting was called to order in the Osborn Room by Chair Ellen Allen 7:38pm. She reminded all that the meeting is recorded and televised.

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

Citizen Comments – None

BOS announcements

Ms. Demong mentioned the tick spray event at the Ventress Memorial Library this Saturday.

Town Administrator's Report

Mr. Morin reported on the interim Con Com agent who will provide technical support in the absence of Nancy Hemingway.

7:35 Medical Marijuana Letter of Non-Opposition

Executive Director Rebecca Adams and President Rob Proctor of Elevated Access Center (EAC) presented their proposal for a grow facility in the Town.

Ms. Adams gave a synopsis of their company's background and reasons for applying. She also noted that Mr. Proctor and other members of the management team have a background in HVAC systems and air handling products which will tie in well for air control in the grow facility. EAC is fully funded, and the property at 400 Cordwainer Drive was purchased by Mr. Proctor. The building will be a 1 story structure for cultivation only.

Mr. Proctor and Ms. Adams discussed reasons that the Town will benefit from the presence of this company, adding that there will not be any retail traffic from this business. EAC met with Mr. Morin and Chief Ross to discuss prospective plans. They will work with a security company recommended by Chief Ross. All reviewed the proposal, which is on file in the BOS office. Questions were asked and answered. Mr. Proctor stated that EAC is using a very methodical approach to this business; cultivate and wholesale the product first and see what happens when adult use takes over. Mr. Proctor referenced the rising costs of their facility in Dartmouth, so that location will be retail only. The Cordwainer Drive operation will be less costly. Questions about transporting the product were asked and answered. Third party delivery services will also be an option. Signet Security will be hired once the non-opposition letter is received from the BOS. Climate control and airflow is critical for this operation, and the backgrounds of the corporate office mesh well with this proposition. Mr. Brown asked about future wholesale plans; per Mr. Proctor, he is hoping to supply medical product, but may need to finance the medical product with recreational sales. Questions were asked about the Dartmouth vs. Norwell operations. Mr. Proctor stated that this facility on Cordwainer is a good buy as the site engineering and pre-construction work is done, which will ensure quicker completion of the building. This will not preclude other letters of non-opposition from prospective businesses in the Town. Questions were asked about business hours and number of employees. Ms. Allen summarized the status of zoning for medical marijuana and the vote banning recreational sales in the Town. Mr. Morin explained the Town bylaws for cultivation for retail sale in other towns. The Town's bylaw would have to be amended to sell to facilities that retail recreational product.

Next steps; issue the letter of non-opposition using the form of the letter sent to Mass Medi-Spa. *Motion; made by Gregg McBride, seconded by Alison Demong, that the BOS issue a letter of non-opposition to EAC contingent on reaching a mutually acceptable host agreement. Unanimously voted*

Mr. Proctor reported on the status of their non-opposition letter applications in other towns. Board members will sign the letter once it is completed by Mr. Morin.

EAC acquired the rights to the Cordwainer Drive building design but still need to apply to the Building Department for permits.

Carleton Property Committee Structure

Ms. Allen repeated the background information about this new committee and its mission statement. Ms. Demong suggested starting the interview process at a late June BOS meeting and invited residents to apply. She added that there will be lots of opportunities to be part of the decision process. Ms. Allen charged all standing committees to be thinking about options and proposals for this large purchase. Mr. Brown would like appoint a very well rounded committee with open minded, big picture viewpoints who will produce the best product for the Town. Ms. Allen asked Mr. McBride to spread the word to the CHT, and also invited residents who are present or past members of Con Com to apply.

Town Administrator Review Process

Ms. Allen explained the recent judicial ruling about review information that would violate the open meeting law. The board asked Mr. Morin to prepare a self-assessment and send it to the board, to be shared at the June 20th meeting. It will be signed off at the following meeting.

Goal Setting for FY19

Ms. Allen asked board members to think about goals and send her the additions and edits to the FY18 list. She will compile the comments and send them to all. The Goals were pared down last year so the process should be more streamlined this year. The Focus Areas/goals will be on the agenda for June 20th, and the Town Administrator review will be on the agenda for June 27th.

Future Meeting Agenda Items:

Add Sparrell School discussion – June 27th

Bylaw Review Committee – June 20th

Selectmen Representatives for Committees

Motion; made by Gregg McBride, seconded by Alison Demong, to appoint Jason Brown as the BOS representative to the Advisory Board Nominating Committee. Unanimously voted

Complete Streets Committee – Ms. Demong invited Mr. Rull to attend Friday's meeting to see if this would be of interest to him.

Electronic Voting Committee

Motion; made by Gregg McBride, seconded by Alison Demong, to appoint Jason Brown as the BOs representative to the Electronic Voting Committee. Unanimously voted

Cable TV committee – Gregg McBride will remain as the BOS representative for the time being, and is planning to stay on through the transition to Harbor Media in Hingham. He will ID a contact person from Harbor Media for the new library building.

Community Housing Trust – Gregg McBride will remain on the board for time being until the 40 River Street project is done.

Plymouth County Advisory Board

Motion; made by Gregg McBride, seconded by Alison Demong, to reappoint Ellen Allen to the Plymouth County Advisory Board as the BOS representative. Unanimously voted

Carleton Property Committee – the board will make BOS appointments at the end of committee selection process. The noted that the board could appoint more than one Selectman.

Economic Development Committee – BOS representative Jason Brown referenced the BOS goals and the MAPC work, noting that the consulting work is not far enough along. Expectations are not being met from the MAPC, and he would like to see if more can be done. Discussion

ensued about getting people involved in the development process, with board members adding that they are hoping for more insightful ideas from the MAPC consultants. All discussed next steps with Mr. Morin. Mr. Rull would like to connect with this committee.

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Joe Rull – Future Agenda Items

1. Town Center – address more businesses and activities in the Town, such as a food truck or kids' activities. (Mr. McBride suggested that Mr. Rull meet with Ken Kirkland to get background information on prior plan suggestions.
2. Truck traffic, specifically the PA Landers company, is terrible in the Town. Invite them to a meeting to discuss alternate routes.

Mr. McBride invited Mr. Rull to the next Traffic Committee meeting. Per Mr. McBride, the committee would like to develop sensible speed limits in the Town. Mr. Morin added that this persistent traffic flow problem, which is exacerbated by the Marshfield ban on trucks on Bridge Street, could be taken to the state for resolution. Mr. Rull will attend the Traffic Committee meeting.

3. Movie nights on Town Common, portable screen, possible construction of a gazebo, music? All discussed ways to make this happen.

Mr. McBride referenced the zoning article for Town Center that would have invited new business, but failed to pass. All discussed ways to attract and keep shoppers in the Town. Complete streets is planning to address this issue at an upcoming meeting.

Adjournment

Motion; made by Gregg McBride, seconded by Alison Demong, to adjourn at 8:50pm.

Unanimously voted


Ellen Allen, Chair