

Norwell Board of Selectmen
Open Meeting Minutes
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Present: Ellen Allen, Jason Brown, Gregg McBride, Alison Demong, Joe Rull, Peter Morin

Open session; 7:02pm

The meeting was called to order by Chair Ellen Allen.

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

Unanimously voted

Ms. Allen summarized the Town Administrator Annual Review process for the board. Once Mr. Morin's review is discussed at the next meeting, Ms. Allen and the staff will put together a draft for the written review and approval. The review will be finalized at the July 11th meeting.

Ms. Allen would like to hold off on a few of the committee. The rest of the reappointments will be done this evening in the open session.

Mr. McBride received a proposal to replace the Town's current street lighting with LED fixtures. The payback time is about 2.5 years, and the cost benefit is significant without a large outlay of money. A meeting with the company will be scheduled for July.

The Carleton Property Committee interviews will begin next week with the first 5 candidates. Next week's Meeting agenda;

1. Norwell Farms sublicense; invite Con Com, Norwell Farms, NHC, and Bob Galvin. Ms. Allen updated all on the background of this discussion
2. Town Hall/Sparrell move – next steps
3. BOS Goals
4. Library Committee

Ms. Allen asked the board to look at the BOS focus areas.

Ellen McKenna will send the master committee list to the board after the reappointments this evening.

Open Session – 7:30pm

Ellen Allen called the meeting to order in the Osborn Room at 7:35pm.

She reminded all that the meeting is recorded and televised.

Citizen Comments – None

BOS announcements

Mr. Brown commented on current events in the town of Rockland. He noted that his statement is more of a commentary on Norwell rather than Rockland. Speaking for the board, he added that "we work hard at this job, and are proud to serve on this board, which has always maintained the highest level of professionalism."

Ms. Demong thanked Mr. Ferguson for moving so quickly on the Main Street sidewalk.

Ms. Allen reported that the Town has signed a letter of recognition for Mary Merritt who has served as a Police Department dispatcher for 30 years. Congratulations on your retirement, Mary!

Town Administrator's Report - None

Committee Reappointments

Ms. Allen gave a quick recap of some of the openings currently available on Town committees. The board will postpone the CPC and Con Com reappointments to a future meeting.

The Board reviewed the lengthy list of committee reappointments, as well as volunteers not re-upping for another term. All commented on the fact that the majority of the Town's committees have no vacancies, and thanked all of the volunteer board and committee members for donating their time and expertise to the Town. *Motions; made by Gregg McBride, seconded by Alison Demong, to reappoint each committee member as indicated for their specific term on the attached Committee member list. Unanimously voted (the list of appointees is attached)*

Ms. Allen thanked all who volunteered for a new term of office.

BOS Goals Discussion

Mr. McBride suggested reviewing the FY18 goals before moving forward with the FY19 goals. All discussed the suggestions made by Ms. Allen and Mr. Rull. Mr. Rull would like to assign a Selectman to champion each goal.

Mr. Rull would like to serve on the Traffic Committee, which meets on the third Friday of each month. He commented on the importance of monitoring agenda items in order to get projects accomplished. The board had a long discussion about River Street and its current traffic issues. Resolution of this problem will require involvement by the Highway Surveyor and the rest of the Traffic Committee.

Mr. Morin added that the BOS still has the ability to be in the forefront on this issue as far as certain aspects, such as other towns shutting down their roads to truck traffic. Mr. Morin asked Mr. Rull to call him to set up a meeting of department heads to move this process forward.

Town Administrator Review Program

Mr. Morin reviewed his self-assessment with the board, highlighting notable accomplishments. He thanked the board for the opportunity to work with them, and the board reiterated their appreciation of his hard work. Ms. Allen noted the hard work Mr. Morin did on creating a financing plan to go along with the Capital Plan as part of the run-up to the Town Meeting to approve the Library override. All will review Mr. Morin's memo and present their comments at the next meeting.

Future Agendas

June 27th

Library Building Committee
Norwell Farms agreement finalization
Update from Peter Morin on Town Hall-Sparrell discussion
Committee reappointments
Carleton Property Committee interviews begin
Goal setting for BOS, finalize
Provide personal reviews for Town Administrator

Future Meetings

No meeting July 4th

July 11th

More Carleton interviews
Dave Osborne – Veterans agent discussion
July 25th - Street lights, Real Term Energy

Adjournment

Motion; made by Mr. McBride, seconded by Ms. Demong, to adjourn at 9:42pm. Unanimously voted



Ellen Allen, Chair