

**Norwell Board of Selectmen  
Open Meeting Minutes  
June 14, 2017**

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

**Executive Session**

**Open Session-7:30pm**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Jason Brown.

*Motion; made by Ellen Allen, seconded by Peter Smellie, to approve the agenda as written with the elimination of the second Executive Session. Unanimously voted*

**Citizen Comments**

None

**Selectmen's Reports and Announcements**

Summerfest is Saturday. All are invited to attend this fun family event, which will be held rain or shine.

**Town Administrator's Report**

None

**Reorganization of the Board of Selectmen**

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

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

*Motion; made by Ellen Allen, seconded by Alison Demong, to nominate Peter Smellie as Clerk of the Board of Selectmen. Unanimously voted*

*Motion; made by Alison Demong, seconded by Peter Smellie, to nominate Ellen Allen as the BOS rep to the Advisory Board Nominating Committee. Unanimously voted*

*Motion; made by Ellen Allen, seconded by Peter Smellie, to retain Alison Demong as the BOS rep to the Complete Streets Committee. Unanimously voted*

*Motion; made by Ellen Allen, seconded by Peter Smellie, to retain Jason Brown as the BOS rep to the Bylaw Review Committee. Unanimously voted*

*Motion; made by Ellen Allen, seconded by Peter Smellie, to retain Gregg McBride as the BOS rep to the Cable TV Committee. Unanimously voted*

*Motion; made by Ellen Allen, seconded by Peter Smellie, to retain Gregg McBride as the BOS rep to the Community Housing Trust. Unanimously voted*

*Motion; made by Alison Demong, seconded by Peter Smellie, to retain Ellen Allen as the BOS rep to the County Advisory Board. Unanimously voted*

*Motion; made by Alison Demong, seconded by Peter Smellie, to retain Ellen Allen as the BOS rep to the OPEB Trust. Unanimously voted*

*Motion; made by Alison Demong, seconded by Peter Smellie, to retain Ellen Allen as the BOS rep to the Library Project Committee. Unanimously voted*

*Motion; made by Alison Demong, seconded by Ellen Allen, to retain Peter Smellie as the BOS rep to the Electronic Voting Committee. Unanimously voted*

**Dissolve the nonactive committees**

*Motion; made by Ellen Allen, seconded by Peter Smellie, to dissolve the following committees, subject to confirmation that they are not mandated in the Town's bylaws. Unanimously voted*

1. County Co-op Extension Service Agent
2. Development and Industrial Committee

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3. Groundwater Protection
4. Insurance Advisory Committee
5. Joint Zoning By-Law Committee
6. Mapping Commission
7. Route 3 Land Development
8. Permanent Site Committee
9. Salt Use Study Committee
10. Stetson Ford Study Committee
11. Veteran's Memorial Committee
12. Memorial Day Committee
13. Permanent Drainage Committee
14. Storm Water Committee
15. Storm Water Committee – Phase II
16. Water Supply Committee

The Design Review Board and MBTA Designees will be discussed at a future meeting.

**7:45pm Public Hearing for CV License, Door Knock Dinners, 707 Main Street**

*Motion; made by Ellen Allen, seconded by Peter Smellie, to open the public hearing for a CV license for Door Knock Dinners at 7:45pm. Unanimously voted*

Mr. Smellie read the notice of public hearing.

Per Mr. Morin, this is an existing business that has relocated.

*Motion; made by Ellen Allen, seconded by Peter Smellie, to approve the CV application for Door Knock Dinners. Unanimously voted*

*Motion; made by Ellen Allen, seconded by Peter Smellie, to close the public hearing at 7:50pm. Unanimously voted*

**Historical Commission RFP Process**

NHC Chair Noel Ripley and David DeGhetto were present to discuss this process. Mr. DeGhetto handed out a list of current CPC Article balances and reviewed the RFP status of these historical projects with the board. Mr. McBride commented that there are many projects in the Town that are in the "RFP queue" along with these historical projects, and gave some examples. All discussed next steps, with Mr. Morin suggesting a procedure to address this problem. Ms. Allen will contact a potential OPM about taking on this set of projects and RFP's on a consulting basis. The Town's list of outstanding projects will be prioritized and combined with the list from the NHC. Mr. Morin will be following up with the NHC for next steps. Mr. Ripley and Mr. DeGhetto departed at 8:03pm.

**Ke Zhao – Committee Applicant**

Ms. Zhao gave a brief summary of her background and experience. She would like to volunteer to serve on a Town Committee.

*Motion; made by Ellen Allen, seconded by Peter Smellie, to appoint Ke Zhao to the Beautification Committee for a term expiring on June 30, 2020. Unanimously voted*

*Motion; made by Ellen Allen, seconded by Peter Smellie, to appoint Ke Zhao to the Cultural Council for a term expiring on June 30, 2019. Unanimously voted*

**Commission On Disabilities Appointment**

*Motion; made by Ellen Allen, seconded by Peter Smellie, to appoint Mary Morin to the Commission on Disabilities for a term ending June 30, 2020. Unanimously voted*

**Other Business**

*Motion; made by Ellen Allen, seconded by Peter Smellie, to approve and authorize the extension of the Technology Services Agreement. Unanimously voted*



The board discussed hiring an Interim Facilities Manager as well as an OPM to work on the RFP's. HR Manager Barbara Childs will be invited to the June 28<sup>th</sup> BOS meeting to discuss a revised job description for the Facilities Manager position.

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### **8:15 Dog Hearing**

Mr. Brown reviewed the procedure and rules for conducting a hearing about an event such as this. The hearing is conducted under oath for all who wish to speak. Town Counsel administers an oath. This is not a trial, and witnesses will make statements and answer questions at the discretion of the Chair, who read MA General Law 140, Section 157, which pertains to the conduct of this hearing. Town Counsel is present at this hearing. Mr. Brown called the complainant, Alison Link, who was sworn in by Town Counsel.

Ms. Link gave her statement about the incident, which occurred on 4/28/17 at the Clipper Community Complex baseball field. The board asked after the status of her daughter; Ms. Link stated that she is doing very well and has made a full recovery. All looked at the police report, which detailed her injuries. Ms. Link's husband contacted the owner of the dog to discuss approaches to any future interaction between this dog and children. Mr. Smellie asked if the dog's owner disputed this version of the story. Per the Dog Officer Brian Willard, the dog's owner went to the Police Station and reported the incident on the day it occurred. Discussion ensued, and all noted the report from the Dog Officer, stating that there is no past history of attacks. The dog owner was fined for having a loose dog and no license.

Mr. Brown asked if anyone else had reported any other danger from this dog. Answer – no. Dog Officer Brian Willard was sworn in.

Officer Willard gave a recap of his report, adding that the owner of the dog now gives a version which differs slightly from the original report.

Chief Ross was sworn in and presented his recap of the incident.

*Motion; made by Jason Brown, seconded by Peter Smellie, to close the public portion of the hearing. Unanimously voted*

Deliberation on hearing:

The board discussed the testimony given. Mr. Brown reminded all that dogs are NOT allowed on the playing fields in the Town, which would include the Clipper Community Complex (CCC); control of the dog (or any dog) at this site is irrelevant. Either the dog is dangerous or not.

*Motion; made by Ellen Allen, seconded by Peter Smellie, that the board finds this dog to be dangerous and it is therefore banned from the Town of Norwell. The dog owner will receive a notice of the ban, along with the finding of this hearing written by Town Counsel. A copy will be sent to the Brockton Animal Control Officer and the complainant. Town Counsel is also directed to add a warning to the letter based on any violation of the ban. Unanimously voted*

*Motion; made by Ellen Allen, seconded by Peter Smellie, to close the hearing at 8:36pm. Unanimously voted*

Discussion ensued about the vagueness of the Town bylaws applying to the non-playing fields areas of the CCC.

The board agreed to meet on their summer schedule, which will be every other week, beginning July 12<sup>th</sup>.

The next meeting will be June 28<sup>th</sup>.

*Motion; made by Ellen Allen, seconded by Peter Smellie, to adjourn at 8:40pm. Unanimously voted*

  
Jason Brown, Chair