

TOWN OF NORWELL
Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
February 19, 2013

The Advisory Board was called to order by Chairman Tim Greene at 7:30 p.m. Present were: Mary Ellen Coffey, Gary Thomas, Skip Joseph, Ralph Gordon, George Jamieson, Jacky McClean, and Tim Greene. Not present: Jason Brown and Megan Collins. Also present: Town Administrator James Boudreau and Selectmen David DeCoste.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Acceptance of Minute – January 10, 2013. MOTION was made to accept the Advisory Board Meeting Minutes for January 10, 2013. Seconded and PASSED unanimously. Jacky McClean abstained.

Transfer Request – Medicaid for \$265.00 – MOTION was made to transfer from the Reserve Fund in the amount of \$265.00 to Fund 1, Department 135, Schedule 0201, Account 05690 to pay for School based Medicaid services per quarter ended 9/30/12. Seconded and PASSED unanimously.

Bill – W.B. Mason \$55.33 – MOTION was made to accept and sign the W.B. Mason bill in the amount of \$55.33. Seconded and PASSED unanimously.

Correspondence/Notices:

Memo – Special & Annual Town Meeting
Norwell Volunteer Fair

NEW BUSINESS

Snow and Ice Deficit Spending – Highway Director Paul Foulsham briefed the Advisory Board on this past storm and has asked the Advisory Board to approve deficit spending for snow & ice removal. Paul Foulsham thanked Chief Reardon for obtaining trucks from the State at no cost to Norwell for snow removal in the center of town. MOTION made to approve deficit spending. Seconded and passed unanimously.

Budget Discussions – Jim Boudreau presented his balanced budget for FY14 and explained the budget does not rely on non-recurring revenues, meets all current staffing levels and begins to address OPEB on a budgetary basis. The Federal outlook; fiscal cliff has been averted for the time being, clock is ticking on debt ceiling debate, national economy is still very shaky and lack of federal action could send economy back into recession. The State outlook as of December shows the Commonwealth is \$540M short for FY13. The Governor has asked for so-called 9C cuts which would allow him to cut funding for accounts not directly under his control (local aid) and has proposed a 1% reduction in local aid for current fiscal year. Other information Jim

touched on was the State Budget for FY14, Revenue, State Aid History, Net State Aid, Local Receipts, Taxation, Tax Levy and Available Funds. Available funds which will not be used to balance the budget are Free Cash at \$1,837,612 and Stabilization at \$1,726,287. Capital Stabilization is currently \$653,825 and can be used to supplement funds for the capital budget plan and or capital spending. Budget Recommendation for FY14 is \$44,093,410, an increase of 2.9% over FY13: 44% of operation budget is General Government; 56% of operating budget is School Budget including Vo-Tech (this does NOT include debt exclusion) and all budgets maintain current service levels.

OLD BUSINESS

None

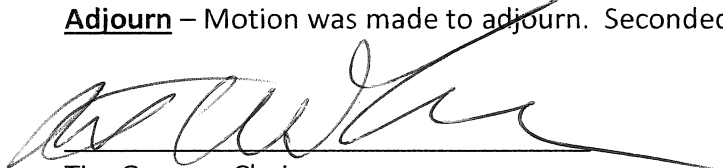
PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

NEXT MEETING

February 26, 2013

Adjourn – Motion was made to adjourn. Seconded and unanimously passed.



Tim Greene, Chairman