

# **Town of Norwell Advisory Board Meeting Minutes March 11, 2014**

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The Advisory Board was called to order by Tim Greene at 7:30 p.m. Present were: Skip Joseph, George Jamieson, Dave McEachern, Mark Maiellano, Mary Ellen Coffey and Chad Forman. Town Administrator Jim Boudreau was also present.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

**Acceptance of Minutes:** None

**Bills:** None

**Transfer Requests:** None

**Correspondence/Notices** None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Article Hearing – Police Chief Ross**

AB briefed on Article 10 of ATM which is requesting funding for furnishings for the new police station. All newly purchased technology will be brought over from the old station. The chief doesn't have a number yet and hopes that the contingency for the project will cover some of these costs. He will get back to the AB as soon as he has a firm number, which he hopes will be before the warrant goes to print.

### **Article Hearing – Citizens Petition-Marie Molla**

Marie Molla briefed the board on this article which is requesting a parcel of property on Main St. (across from the soccer fields) to be transferred from care and custody of the BOS to care and custody of Conservation Commission. She would like to ensure the property remains in agricultural use and believes the best way for that to continue is to transfer it to Conservation Commission. The Conservation Commission supports this article. Selectman Gregg McBride informed the AB that the Town has had a lease with Hornstra Farm since 1999. He foresees that agreement to continue.

### **Article Hearing – Finance Director - Donna Mangan:**

STM #4 - Housekeeping article that authorizes the release of unissued debt.

STM #5 - Health Insurance opt-out stipends need to be funded so this article is requesting a transfer of funds from the health insurance line to the various payroll lines.

STM #6 - Inspectors lines need to be funded and we have the available funds coming into the town.

STM #8 - Currently, we have no unpaid bills.

**Motion was made and seconded to recommend STM articles 4-6. Passed unanimously. (7-0)**

ATM #35 - This article gives the finance Director permission to pay Medicaid bills up to \$3,000.

**Motion was made and seconded to recommend as written. Passed unanimously. (7-0)**

### **Article Hearing – South Shore Vo-Tech**

This article establishes a stabilization fund to help SSVT manage their budget. **Motion was made and seconded to recommend as written. Passed unanimously. (7-0)**

### Article Hearing – Veterans Agent

STM #9 - Requesting \$15,000 for Veteran Benefits. **Motion was made and seconded to recommend as written. Passed unanimously. (7-0)**

### Article Hearing – Board of Selectmen

STM #1 - No numbers yet. Jim will let us know when they have settled contracts.

ATM #1 - Housekeeping article

ATM #4 - Union contracts and other contracts still out. Will wait for numbers.

ATM #6-8 - Planning Board needs to accept roads as public way. Waiting to hear from Planning Board.

ATM #9 - BOS is meeting with Paul Foulsham to see if he has the funds to address the safety concerns at the intersection of Prospect and Grove Streets. This may be absorbed in Paul's budget.

ATM #12 - Library/Town Hall Study may need money for study purposes. Waiting for confirmation from that group.

ATM #13 - Retirement sick-leave buy back in the amount of approximately \$27,000 for the director of the Recreation Department.

ATM #14 - Housekeeping item. Verizon needs easement approval.

**Motion was made and seconded to recommend as written. Passed unanimously. (7-0)**

ATM #15 - Establish a stabilization fund for eventual turf replacement.

**Motion was made and seconded to recommend as written. Passed unanimously. (7-0)**

ATM #57 - This is to lower the bond amount for the police station. The Town received a better rate than expected and therefore does not need to borrow as much.

ATM #62-64 - BOS are requesting money in OPEB, Capital Stabilization and Stabilization accounts.

ATM #65 - This is another recurring article that asks the town to reduce the tax rate.

### OLD BUSINESS

Budget and Article Discussions

General budget discussions included placing requests in an article versus department line items. Police clerks and OT for police was discussed. No voting of past articles occurred.

**FUTURE MEETINGS** - AB will plan to meet every Tuesday and Thursday until the warrant goes to print.

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



Tim Greene, Chairman

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