# Town of Norwell Advisory Board Meeting Minutes March 25, 2014

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

### **ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

Acceptance of Minutes: The following minutes were accepted by the AB: 3/20/14 (8-0)

Bills: none

Transfer Requests: none

Correspondence/Notices: none

# **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Article Hearings**

**Board of Health – Article 31 – South Shore Recycling Cooperative** – The town joins this Cooperative yearly so this was considered a housekeeping article. Motion was made and seconded to recommend as written. Passed unanimously (8-0).

Water Commissioners – Article 30 – Water System Maintenance and Upgrade – The Water Commissioners discussed the upgrades necessary at three different wells. Request may be changed so AB didn't vote on this article. The Water Commissioners also discussed a CPC land purchase request. The CPC hasn't voted on whether to support this purchase for aquifer protection so the Commissioners are waiting for that decision before they move forward on the upgrade request.

Community Housing Trust – Article 36 – <u>Transferring Land to CHT</u> – Gregg McBride presented rationale for transferring land of old police station (when use complete) from BOS to CHT. CHT doesn't want to put too much money into this possible project until they hear from Town Meeting that this is something they would like to explore. AB will wait to hear how the BOS vote on this proposal.

Historical Commission – Article 33 – <u>Stetson Ford House Revolving Fund</u> – This is a yearly request and considered a housekeeping article. Motion was made and seconded to recommend as written. Passed unanimously (7-0).

Capital Budget Committee – Article 3 – Capital Budget Requests – Capital Budget Chairperson, Kevin Burns discussed requests from departments and CBC recommendations. Requests totaled \$960,784.75 and the Committee recommended \$419,500. Facilities Manager helped with recommendations. Capital Budget would like to have someone come in and organize 5 year requests of all the departments and keep them in a central location. AB member questioned whether the cost of this was justified. No voting took place because this list has to be compared to all money articles including Article 2.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **CPC Articles**

<u>Pathways</u> – AB discussed whether we would be willing to recommend the original pathway request of \$900,000 if the CPC revoted that and came back to the AB with a request for \$900,000. Based on the discussions, the AB doesn't seem inclined to recommend \$900,000 so Tim was going to reach out to CPC to inform them. No vote was officially taken because CPC will need to let us know if we should vote the presented request of \$400,000 to bring the pathway to Miller Woods or if the CPC changes that request.

<u>Land Purchase</u> – The AB briefly discussed the Water Commissioners request to purchase land adjacent to 112 acres already owned by the Water Department.

<u>Highway/Tree and Grounds</u> – The Chairperson brought up maintenance of many of the CPC articles and talked to the director of Tree and Grounds and asked for a cost for the increased maintenance. Paul stated he really needs another person in the Highway Department. Tim is going to delve into the budget and see if he can make that happen. No vote was taken.

AB was instructed to look at the old AB letter from last year's spring ATM warrant and mark it up and be ready to discuss it on Thursday. Thursday's meeting will be a general discussion about the budget and all related money articles.

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

Tim Greene, Chairman