

Town of Norwell Advisory Board Meeting Minutes April 3, 2014

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

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Acceptance of Minutes: Motion was made and seconded to accept minutes from 3/27/14 (6-0-2) and 4/1/14 (8-0).

Bills: none

Transfer Requests: Motion was made and seconded to approve an Advisory Board Reserve Fund transfer for school based medicaid in the amount of \$181.00. Passed unanimously.

Correspondence/Notices: none

NEW BUSINESS

None

OLD BUSINESS

Discussions and voting - articles and budget:

#11 - Library/Town Hall Study Committee - Committee presented their case. Some AB members believe that the study on the Town Hall has been completed and doesn't need to be duplicated but all members seemed to agree the study of the library is necessary. Motion was made to recommend this article in the amount of \$30,000. A second motion was made to amend the amount to \$10,000. The amendment failed to carry. The original motion was seconded. Failed to recommend by a vote of (3-5).

#49 - Citizen Petition transferring Main Street property control from the BOS to the Conservation Commission. BOS voted to support this article (4-0-1). Motion was made and seconded to recommend this article as written. Passed (7-1).

#33 - Request to transfer Police Station property on River Street to the Community Housing Trust. Selectmen Jason Brown explained to the AB that while the BOS did not formally take a vote on this article, some of the members of his board believe the transfer may be premature. Motion was made and seconded to recommend this article as written. Failed (1-7).

#21 - Main Street paving/drainage bond - Jim explained the funding for this project can happen under the levy. We will have to find approximately \$125,000 in FY17 but then in FY19 we will see a significant drop in the under levy debt. Motion was made and seconded to recommend the article as written. Passed unanimously.

#27 - Water Department adjusted their request as a result of the CPC land acquisition article. Motion was made and seconded to recommend this article in the amount of \$75,000. Passed unanimously.

#16 - Paul discussed his articles and prioritized for the AB. Motion was made and seconded to reconsider this article, now that AB knows Paul's preference for allocation of Free Cash to Highway articles.

Motion was made and seconded to recommend this article in the amount of \$75,000. Passed unanimously.

#17 - Paving article - Motion was made and seconded to reconsider this article. Passed unanimously. Motion was made and seconded to recommend this article in the amount of \$300,000. Passed unanimously.

#20 - Pile clean up - Motion was made and seconded to recommend this article in the amount of \$225,000. Passed unanimously.

STM #1 - We still don't have numbers to vote as contracts haven't been settled. Motion was made and seconded to make our recommendation at Town Meeting. Passed unanimously.

#4 - We still don't have numbers to vote as contracts haven't been settled. Motion was made and seconded to make our recommendation at Town Meeting. Passed unanimously.

#5 - We still don't have numbers to vote as contracts haven't been settled. Motion was made and seconded to make our recommendation at Town Meeting. Passed unanimously.

#6 - Waiting for the Planning Board to give us direction on this. Motion was made and seconded to make our recommendation at Town Meeting. Passed unanimously.

#7 - Waiting for the Planning Board to give us direction on this. Motion was made and seconded to make our recommendation at Town Meeting. Passed unanimously.

#8 - Waiting for the Planning Board to give us direction on this. Motion was made and seconded to make our recommendation at Town Meeting. Passed unanimously.

#9 - Motion was made and seconded to recommend this article in the amount of \$175,000. Passed unanimously.

#2 - AB had discussions about adding an employee in the HWY department. With the contractual help added this year and the new Tree/grounds employee added last year, some members felt they would like to see the results of these additions before adding a new employee that was not recommended by the Town Administrator.

Motion was made and seconded to add an employee in the Highway Department. Failed to carry (4-4). Police clerks line discussed but no motion was made. This is a line item that the BOS will discuss before FY 16.

Motion was made and seconded to recommend Article 2 as shown in the FY15 Town Administrator column in draft 6. Passed unanimously.

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



Jim Greene, Chairman