

TOWN OF NORWELL
Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
March 3, 2015

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The Advisory Board was called to order by Chairman Roger Hughes at 7:00pm. Present were Jacky McClean, Skip Joseph, Mark Maiellano, Chad Forman, Ralph Gordon, David McEachern and Karen Reynolds. Also present was Interim Town Administrator Peter Hechenbleikner. Fran Molla was absent.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Acceptance of Minute: Minutes for February 26 will be accepted at March 5, 2015 meeting.

Bill: None

Transfer Request: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Budget discussions

Cushing Center - Jef Fitzgerald present to answer questions about tenants, revenues, expenses, septic and paving. Historically the Cushing Center's budget is covered by the revenues it generates. Its success has seen a downward trend in recent years. Last year it did not cover its costs due to a loss of tenants. Currently it is fully rented. Jef anticipates another slow year due to the new septic system and paving the parking lot projects. Motion to accept the recommendation of the Town Administrator for the total budget of \$65,555. *Seconded and unanimously passed 8-0.*

Police Department - As a follow up to previous discussion of the Police Department, Chief Ted Ross refigured several lines of his budget. He was present to answer questions regarding Holiday Pay and Overtime Pay. Motion to accept the recommendation of the Town Administrator for the total budget of \$2,657,093. *Seconded and unanimously passed 8-0.*

Sealer of Weights and Measures - Peter gave brief description of duties of Sealer of Weights and Measures. Along with other departments, Peter recommends an audit of fees for this department. Motion to accept the recommendation of the Town Administrator for the total budget of \$8,193. *Seconded and unanimously passed 8-0.*

Animal Control Officer - Peter gave brief description of this part time position. This year the budget increase includes barn inspection. Norwell is thinking about regionalizing this department with other towns. Motion to accept the recommendation of the Town Administrator for the total budget of \$10,852. *Seconded and unanimously passed 8-0.*

Harbormaster - This department is covered by the revenues it generates through mooring fees. Motion to accept the recommendation of the Town Administrator for the total budget of \$7,848. *Seconded and unanimously passed 8-0.*

OLD BUSINESS:

Board of Health - Peter reported that problems with trash hauler, DelPrete, was fixed to the satisfaction of the Board of Health. They will continue on the job until the contract ends on June 30. Due to the uncertainty of Pay-As-You Throw, the next hauler contract will be for one year. The budget for the Board of Health assumes there will not be Pay-As-You Throw which will be voted at Annual Town Meeting. Motion to accept the recommendation of the Town Administrator for the total budget of \$995,033. *Seconded and unanimously passed 8-0.*

Unclassified Employee Benefits - Peter gave an update on this budget. He pointed out changes in Health Insurance Opt Out and Liability Insurance. This is still a work in progress, Peter will continue to update as progress is made.

Street Lights - Peter gave update on this budget. The green energy project that Norwell bought into reduces costs for the Schools, Water Department, Town Hall, and Street Lights. These cost savings are dependent on energy costs and presently, we pay about half market price. Peter continues to learn about this program and will update at future AB meetings.

FUTURE MEETINGS:

March 5, 2015

March 10, 2015

A short discussion about meeting on Saturdays to work on Town Warrant ended on a positive note. No dates reserved.

Adjourn - Motion made to Adjourn. *Seconded and unanimously passed 8-0.*



Roger Hughes, Chairman