

**TOWN OF NORWELL  
Advisory Board  
Meeting Minutes  
March 24, 2015**

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

**ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

**Acceptance of Minute:** Roger asked AB to look over Minutes from March 14, 2015 and March 17, 2015. Minutes from March 14, 2015 were revised. Motion to reconsider Minutes from March 14, 2015. *Seconded and unanimously passed 8-0.* Motion to accept the Minutes from March 17, 2015. *Seconded and unanimously passed 8-0.*

**NEW BUSINESS**

The revised agenda placed items 1-7 on hold for future meetings.

**Warrant Articles for Annual Town Meeting**

- **Article 50** - This Article seeks to reduce the CPA surcharge from 3% to 1%. Don Mauch lead a discussion of reducing this surcharge. If this Article passes at Town Meeting, it guarantees that it will be on the ballot at the election and only if this is voted would the surcharge change. This is a tax relief for Town residents, especially when bonds are issued. AB members considered projects accomplished by the fund and gave a reminder that the State matches funds in several rounds. Motion to accept Article 50 of the Warrant for Annual Town Meeting as drafted. *Seconded and failed 0-8.*
- **Article 51** - This Article seeks to revoke the Community Preservation Act thereby removing the CPA surcharge of 3%. A similar discussion to Article 50 ensued. Motion to accept Article 51 of the Warrant for Annual Town Meeting as drafted. *Seconded and failed 0-8.*
- **Article 1** - This Article seeks to accept the reports of its Officers, Boards, Departments, Committees and commissions. Motion to accept Article 1 of the Warrant for Annual Town Meeting as drafted. *Seconded and unanimously passed 8-0.*
- **Article 6** - This Article seeks to accept Birchwood Lane as a public way. All restrictions were satisfied and paper work is filed. Motion to accept Article 6 of the Warrant for Annual Town Meeting as drafted. *Seconded and passed 7-0-1 abstain.*
- **Article 7** - This Article is a work in progress and will be revisited in the future.
- **Article 5** - This Article seeks to raise a sum of money to meet obligations for the compensation schedule under the Personnel Plan. Discussion included pros and cons of current system. Motion to accept Article 5 of the Warrant for Annual Town Meeting not to exceed \$25,000. *Seconded and unanimously passed 8-0.*
- **Article 4** - This Article seeks a sum of money to meet obligations for union and personal contracts. Motion to accept Article 4 of the Warrant for Annual Town Meeting not to exceed \$15,000. *Seconded and unanimously passed 8-0.*

**Warrant Articles for Special Town Meeting**

- **Article 1** - This Article seeks a sum of money to meet obligations for union and personal contracts. Discussion included pros and cons of current system. Motion to accept Article 1 of the Warrant for Special Town Meeting not to exceed \$30,000. *Seconded and unanimously passed 8-0.*
- **Article 7** - This Article was to be withdrawn from the Warrant. New information requires a reconsideration. This Article seeks a sum of money for the payment of bills incurred from prior years. Motion to accept Article 7 of the Warrant for Special Town Meeting for \$1,000. *Seconded and unanimously passed 8-0.*

- **Article 2** - This Article seeks a sum of money to meet obligations for health insurance stipends. Motion to accept Article 2 of the Warrant for Special Town Meeting for \$60,000. *Seconded and unanimously passed 8-0.*

Items 16-19 were continued to a future meeting.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

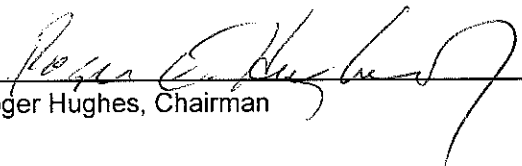
Reconsider Articles for Warrant of Annual Town Meeting

- **Article 29** - David DeCoste argued that having the Assessor on the CPC was important because s/he has specialized information about property being considered and an expertise of open spaces. Discussion included a note that not all communities have an Assessor on their CPC and that public information could answer questions about properties and open spaces. Motion to reconsider Article 29 of Warrant. *Seconded and passed 7-1.* Motion to accept Article 29 of the Warrant for Annual Town Meeting as drafted. *Seconded and unanimously passed 8-0.*

### **FUTURE MEETINGS**

March 28, 2015

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

  
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Roger Hughes, Chairman