

TOWN OF NORWELL

Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes

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

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Acceptance of Minutes - Roger asked AB to look over Minutes of March 24, March 28, and March 31, 2015. Motion to accept Minutes from March 24, 28, and 31, 2015. *Seconded and unanimously passed 8-0.*

Transfer Requests - A request to transfer \$14,082.00 to cover the costs for the search for a new Town Administrator. \$14,000.00 will go to the Collins Center the agency used to guide that search. \$82 was used for minor expenses and lunch for the candidates during the final phase of the search. Motion to accept the request of transfer of \$14,082.00 for the search for new Town Administrator. *Seconded and passed 8-0.*

Correspondence: The Cemetery Commission asked the AB reconsider a stipend request for a total \$8,000 for Lynne Rose, the Chairman of the Commission. The Commission makes this request as the responsibilities include overseeing daily operation of two cemeteries. While the AB understands this is a volunteer with great commitment, the Town needs to address the function of the Commission before increasing the stipend. Motion to accept the request to reconsider the stipend request for the Cemetery Commission. *Seconded and failed 0-8.*

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

Warrant Articles for Annual Town Meeting

- **Article 38** - This Article for Main Street Pathwalk Project was originally discussed and voted 2-2-2 on March 28, 2015. On March 31, 2015 the AB voted 8-0 to reconsider Article 38 at a later date as several members of the AB were unclear and had questions that were unanswered. This evening Paul Foulsham introduced Environmental Partners Group to discuss and answer questions about the Main Street Pathwalk Project. The pathwalk is designed to be five feet in width plus a granite curb along Main Street for pedestrian and bicycle traffic. Discussion included ADA compliance with respect to wheelchair access, driveways, crosswalks across side streets, curbs, and obstructions such as mailboxes, trees, and telephone poles along with rock walls. Other considerations included traffic lights at South Street and crosswalks across Main Street at South Street, Norwell Middle School to Town Hall, and in Town Center. Motion to accept Article 38 of the Warrant for Annual Town Meeting as drafted. *Seconded and failed 4-4.*

Prepare for Town Meeting - Roger directed the AB members to consider and email him a list of the Articles they would like to present at Town Meeting. Presentations should be short and concise and highlight points not made by the Department making the Article request.


OLD BUSINESS

- **Article 22** - Donna Mangan requested a reconsideration of Article 22 which appropriates Chapter 90 Funds for apportionment to the Highway Department. This Article was discussed March 10, 2015 and passed 7-0. This is a housekeeping request and appropriate action will be taken at Town Meeting. Motion to reconsider Article 22. *Seconded and failed 0-8.*

FUTURE MEETINGS

May 4, 2015 at 6:30p.m. at Norwell Middle School

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



Roger Hughes, Chairman