

**TOWN OF NORWELL
Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
February 25, 2016**

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The Advisory Board was called to order by Roger Hughes at 7:00pm. Present were Susan Powell, Jane Stout, Tim Greene, and Karen Reynolds. Jacky McClean, Ralph Gordon and Mark Maiellano were absent. Also present was Town Administrator Peter Morin.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

The Minutes for February 23 will be ready for the March 1, 2016 meeting. There were no Bills, Transfer Requests nor Correspondence/Notices.

ACTION ITEMS / DISCUSSIONS

Council on Aging - Rosemary O'Connor and Dee Dee Obert were present to discuss the budget for the Council on Aging. COA is thriving. There is an increase in demand for services from transportation, outreach and referrals to matching teens with seniors to do yard work and snow removal. Again the Senior Work Program is successful. The program places residents in the schools, town offices, recycling center and other departments where they work in exchange for a credit toward their real estate taxes. COA is meeting with the Personnel Board to discuss a pay upgrade for the Outreach and Program Coordinator. The AB invited the COA back to review the outcome. The date is set for March 15, 2016.

Library - Judy and Catherine best summarized the budget request for the Library by stating the FY17 meets the Municipal Appropriation Requirement (MAR) set by the MA Board of Library Commissioners. Motion to accept the recommendation of the Town Administrator for the total budget of \$608,104 for the Library. *Seconded and passed 5-0.*

South Shore Vocational Technical School - Bob Molla explained the tremendous jump in tuition fees for the South Shore Regional School was due to a doubling in enrollment from 7 students in 2014-15 to 15 students in 2015-16 as of October 1, 2015. The AB and Town Administrator stressed the important value of the education and skills our students are receiving at the S.S.Vo.Tech. However, the AB expressed alarm and perplexity about the *State* requirement that Norwell pay an increased percentage per pupil based on foundation enrollment. Also, Peter states the unfortunate relationship between administrators is lacking as demonstrated by the late notice to changes in

tuition fees. He will work toward repairing the damage. One goal of a more positive rapport is open and advance communication about tuition fees and Town responsibilities. Motion to accept the recommendation of the Town Administrator for the total budget of \$249,159 for South Shore Vocational Technical School. *Seconded and passed 5-0.*

FUTURE MEETINGS

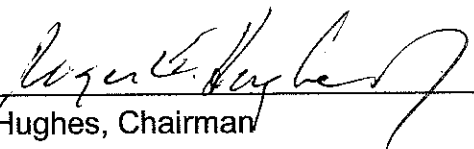
March 1, 2016 - Conservation, Planning, Treasurer/Collector, Assessors

March 3 - Board of Water, Board of Health, Recycling, Trash, Highway, Trees

March 8 - Town Clerk, Meetings/Elections, Registrars, Facilities Manager, Building Department, Cemetery

March 15 - Schools, Council on Aging

Adjourn - Motion made to Adjourn. *Seconded and passed 5-0.*



Roger Hughes, Chairman

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