

TOWN OF NORWELL
Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
April 26, 2016

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

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Acceptance of Minutes - Roger asked for questions or comments about the March 22 and March 29, 2016 Meeting Minutes. The March 29, 2016 Minutes had to be amended due to a misunderstanding about the Water Department request for a new work utility truck. Motion to accept the Minutes from March 22, 2016. *Seconded and passed 8-0.*

Transfer Request - Three transfer requests

1. A request for transfer from the Reserve Fund for the Printing of the Town Warrant for \$593.00. Motion to approve the request to transfer \$593.00 for the Printing of Warrant. *Seconded and passed 8-0.*
2. A request for transfer from the Reserve Fund for the Fire Department for \$43,678. This is for two extraordinary and unforeseen reasons. In July of 2015, the Fire Department had to clean up a 275 gallon oil spill and potential for environmental contamination. Total for clean up was \$11,684.30. The Fire Department also had to rebuild the motor for Engine 2 due to substantial power loss. The repair comes with a 10,000 hour warranty and Chief Reardon expects it to last another 10 years. Total for rebuilding motor was \$31,922.90. Motion to approve the request to transfer a total of \$43,678 for Fire Department. *Seconded and passed 8-0.*
3. A request for transfer from the Reserve Fund for the Board of Health for \$40,000 for hauling solid waste for the months of April and May. This is a result of the unexpected violation of contract of hauler DelPrete and the eventual new contract for Waste Management. Motion to approve the request to transfer a total of \$40,000 for Board of Health. *Seconded and passed 8-0.*

The Moderator's Meeting was held last week. The following Articles will be consent vote at Town Meeting : 1, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 22, 24, 26, 27, 30, 31 and 39.

Four Articles were indefinitely postponed

1. STM Article 7 - Cost of trash carts were negotiated into the contract for 5 years with no interest.
2. ATM Article 41 - will not add to the Stabilization Fund.
3. ATM Article 42 - will not add to the OPEB Fund. The collected meals tax will help fund OPEB Trust Fund.
4. ATM Article 44 - will not decrease the tax rate.

ACTION ITEMS / DISCUSSIONS

WARRANT ARTICLES FOR RECONSIDERATION

Article 40 - This Article seeks money for the Highway Surveyor to conduct an engineering study/traffic analysis of the feasibility of opening the second entrance at the Vinal School. Jacky requested a reconsideration this Article after attending the School Committee meeting on April 11, 2016. Motion to reconsider Article 40. *Seconded and passed 8-0.*

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The School Committee, Police Chief Ross and Fire Chief Reardon agree there is a traffic problem, but it is not interfering with safety. Ed Cox was present to discuss residents concerns. He stated that since bringing this issue to attention, the School Committee is trying to resolve this problem by talking with parents about the procedures for pick up and encouraging students to ride the bus, and asking Police for traffic detail on the days with most traffic. Motion to NOT recommend a traffic study at the Vinal School and rely on the School and Police Departments to resolve the issue. *Seconded and agreement of 8-0 to NOT recommend traffic study.*

WARRANT ARTICLES FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Article 4 - This Article seeks \$1,193 for the payment of bills incurred from prior years. The Fire Department had insufficient funds to pay a bill for \$1,193. The bill was received after the deadline for a request for transfer from the Reserve Fund. Motion to accept Article 4 of the Warrant for Special Town Meeting for \$1,193. *Seconded and passed 8-0.*

Article 5 - This Article seeks \$15,000 to be added to the Building Department Inspector Fees Account due to the illness of the Building Inspector and paying his substitute. This will cover the shortfall in inspector fees including wiring inspector fees. Motion to accept Article 5 of the Warrant for Special Town Meeting for \$15,000. *Seconded and passed 8-0.*

WARRANT ARTICLES FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Article 4 - This Article seeks \$117,000 to meet obligations for union and personal contracts including settled contracts for Police and SEIU Unions and negotiating contracts for Fire Department and AFSCME Unions. Motion to accept Article 4 of the Warrant for Annual Town Meeting for \$117,000. *Seconded and passed 8-0.*

Article 5 - This Article seeks \$19,000 for obligations for the compensation schedule under the Personnel Plan to the applicable line items in Article 2. Motion to accept Article 5 of the Warrant for Annual Town Meeting for \$19,000. *Seconded and passed 8-0.*

Article 7 - It is anticipated the Board of Selectmen will approve the acceptance of Fieldstone Way at their meeting tomorrow. AB will take action at Town Meeting.

Article 8 - Accepting Forest Ridge as a public way is not ready and will be indefinitely postponed.

Article 12 - This Article requests \$450,008 in anticipation of full (100%) reimbursement by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts of Chapter 90 Funds. Motion to accept Article 12 of the Warrant for Annual Town Meeting for \$450,008. *Seconded and passed 8-0.*

Article 18 and 19 - These Articles dealing with Billboards has yet to go before the Zoning Board. The AB will take action at Town Meeting.

Article 37 - This Article seeks \$100,000 to be added to the Special Education Stabilization Fund. This amount was discussed and endorsed by the School Department. Note this Fund requires an Article and a $\frac{2}{3}$ vote at Town Meeting to access these funds. Motion to accept Article 37 of the Warrant for Annual Town Meeting for \$100,000. *Seconded and passed 8-0.*

Article 41, 42 and 44 - These Articles have been indefinitely postponed.

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Article 43 - This Article seeks \$100,000 to be added to the Capital Expenditure Stabilization Fund.

Motion to accept Article 43 of the Warrant for Annual Town Meeting for \$100,000. *Seconded and passed 8-0.* 2016 MAY 31 AM 11:13

Article 45 - This Article seeks to amend the Zoning Bylaws relating to political signs has not gone before the Planning Board. The AB will take action at Town Meeting. RECEIVED

Article 46 - This Article seeks to include a Parcel at 170 Washington Street in the B-2 zone. Planning Board has not yet acted. The AB will take action at Town Meeting.

Article 50, 51 & 52 - These Articles seek to amend the Town bylaws by adding a new section for Article 50 Residency of Elected Town Officers and Article 51 Residency of Appointed Town Officers and Article 52 Eligibility to be appointed to a Board, Committee or Commission. The AB is revisiting these Articles that were discussed on March 22, 2016. Action was deferred at that time to give Town Counsel time to review and advise. Town Counsel does not see legal challenges to the phrasing of these petitions. The AB does not see the necessity of bylaws for Residency of Elected Town Officers, Residency of Appointed Town Officers nor the Eligibility for appointment. Motion to accept Article 50 of the Warrant for Annual Town Meeting as drafted. *Seconded and failed 0-8.* Motion to accept Article 51 of the Warrant for Annual Town Meeting as drafted. *Seconded and failed 0-8.* Motion to accept Article 52 of the Warrant for Annual Town Meeting as drafted. *Seconded and failed 0-8.*

FUTURE MEETINGS

May 2 at 6:30pm at the Norwell Middle School

May 3 & 4 at 7:00pm at the Norwell Middle School

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


Roger Hughes, Chairman