

**TOWN OF NORWELL
Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
Town Meeting
May 2 & 3, 2016**

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The Advisory Board was called to order by Roger Hughes at 6:30 pm. Present were Jacky McClean, Susan Powell, Mark Maiellano, Ralph Gordon, Tim Greene, Jane Stout and Karen Reynolds.

ACTION ITEMS WARRANT ARTICLES FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Article 4 - On March 24, the AB recommended a sum of money to meet obligations for Union and Personnel Contracts. No further action required.

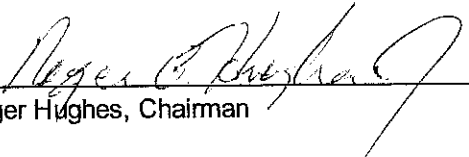
Article 7 - Fieldstone Way and **Article 13** Storm-water Compliance are part of the consent agenda and no further action taken. **Article 45** Political Signs and **Article 46** Amend Zoning Map for 170 Washington Street have been indefinitely postponed.

Article 19 - This Article is intended to create a Billboard Overlay District in the Town by amending the Zoning Bylaws by adding a new section. This district would be located along Route 3 including that portion of land within the existing Business District. Motion to accept Article 19 of the Warrant of the Annual Town Meeting as drafted. *Seconded and passed 7-1.*

Article 19 - This Article intends to adopt an amendment to the Zoning Bylaws to allow billboards within the Town of Norwell. A billboard is defined as a fixed or dynamic single or multiple-sided freestanding sign only allowed within the Billboard Overlay Zone that is larger than 40 square feet in area. This billboard must comply with all State and Town regulations. It must demonstrate that NO residentially zoned property is within a 1,000 foot radius. It is NOT more than 200 feet from a highway nor less than 300 feet from another billboard. The structure must be properly maintained and blend in with its surroundings and landscape. It may NOT be more than 75 feet in height from the ground to the top edge of the billboard. One other consideration is the financial compensation from which the Town would benefit. The role of the Advisory Board is to look out for the best financial interest of the Town. If this amendment is adopted, the addition of 1 or at most 2 billboards along Route 3 would generate a stable revenue source to help keep property taxes in check. Motion to accept Article 19 of the Warrant of the Annual Town Meeting as drafted. *Seconded and passed 7-1.*

Article 51 - Residency of Appointed Town Officers and **Article 52** - Eligibility to be Appointed to a Board, Committee or Commission - These Articles were discussed at the April 26 AB Meeting. The AB did not endorse these Articles. Town Counsel advised several changes to the language but the intent and purpose of these Articles remains the same. After a discussion on the merits of reconsidering Article 51 & 52, no action taken.

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



Roger Hughes, Chairman