

TOWN OF NORWELL
Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
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The Advisory Board was called to order by Chairman Tim Greene at 7:30 p.m. Present were: Mary Ellen Coffey, Skip Joseph, Ralph Gordon, George Jamieson, Jason Brown and Tim Greene. Not present Meg Collins. Arriving late were Gary Thomas and Jacky McClean. Also present: Town Administrator James Boudreau and Selectmen Gregg McBride, Ellen Allen and David DeCoste.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Acceptance of Minutes: None

Bills: None

Correspondence/Notices: None

Transfer Request – Unemployment for \$4,306.27 – MOTION was made to transfer from the Reserve Fund in the amount of \$4,306.27 to Fund 1, Department 913, Schedule 0201, Account 05173 for payment of unemployment charges for the month of February. The current balance in the appropriation line is \$737.49. Seconded and unanimously passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Special Article 7 (Pathway Design & Construction) (CPC & Pathways) – Peggy Etzel briefed the Board on this Article. The Pathways is seeking a sum of \$300,000 from CPC for recreation purposes to be expended by the Norwell Pathways Committee for the design, permitting, and construction of or improvements to any pedestrian or bicycle pathways in the Town of Norwell. Such expenditures may include the purchase of land or easements by the Board of Selectmen if the Pathways Committee determines it advisable. Proposed projects under this Article shall be subject to review by the Norwell Planning Board. Expenditures under this Article shall be approved by the Norwell Pathways Committee, the Norwell Planning Board, and the Community Preservation Committee. MOTION: The Advisory Board recommends this article as written. Seconded and passed with a vote of 6-0.

Special Article 8 (Athletic Fields Design & Engineering) (CPC & Athletic Field) – Alison Demong explained that the Athletic Field Committee is seeking a sum of \$225,000 from the CPC for recreation purposes to be expended by the Norwell Athletic Fields Committee for the design and engineering of the Clipper Community complex, which includes the Norwell High School football field, the Norwell High School track, and the Norwell High School multipurpose field, with the understanding that if engineering costs come in as expected, the CPC intends to recommend the construction for a Fall Town Meeting vote. Expenditures under this Article shall be approved by the Norwell Athletic Fields Committee and the Community Preservation Committee. MOTION: The Advisory Board recommends this article as written. Seconded and passed with a vote of 8-0.

Article 43 (Field Proposal) (CPC) – Will be withdrawn

Article 44 (Construction Restrictions) (CPC & Conservation) – Alison Demong of CPC requests the Town will transfer the sum of \$50,000 from the Community Preservation Open Space Subaccount for the purpose of open space preservation. Funds will be used to retroactively apply Conservation Restrictions

on all Open Space properties purchased with Community Preservation Act funds by working with a non-profit organization or other entity that will hold and enforce the restrictions in perpetuity. Expenditures under this Article shall be approved by the Conservation Commission and the Community Preservation Committee. MOTION: The Advisory Board does not recommend this Article. Seconded and voted 2-6 not to recommend.

Article 45 (Jacobs Pond Improvements) (CPC & Conservation) – CPC requests the Town will transfer the sum of \$120,493.50 from the Community Preservation Fund for recreation purposes, for the rehabilitation and capital improvement of the Jacob's Pond Conservation Area. Funds will be used to rehabilitate the existing dock, restore access to the island, create new parking areas, install picnic tables and other amenities, and will fund all permitting requirements in order to make the land and pond more functional for its intended recreational use. Expenditures under this Article shall be approved by the Conservation Commission and the Community Preservation Committee. MOTION: The Advisory Board recommends this article as written. Seconded and passed with a vote of 8-0.

Article 46 (Conservation Land Improvements) (CPC & Conservation) – CPC requests the Town will transfer the sum of \$28,000 from the Community Preservation Fund for recreation purposes, for the rehabilitation of and capital improvements to recreation and open space lands by creating and installing 10 kiosks, 10 street signs, 12 trail signs, trail maps and other informational signage on Town of Norwell open space and recreation lands. Expenditures under this Article shall be approved by the Conservation Commission and CPC. MOTION: The Advisory Board recommends this article as written. Seconded and passed with a vote of 8-0.

Article 47 (Jacobs Farmhouse Repairs) (CPC & Historical) – Peggy Etzel briefed the Board on this article and requests the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$6,590 from the Community Preservation Fund Historic Preservation Subaccount for historic preservation purposes to be expended by the Norwell Historical Society to restore the Tin Ceiling room of the Jacobs Farmhouse which is partly rented to the Society for the display of Norwell related historical objects. Expenditures under this Article shall be approved by the Norwell Historical Society and the CPC. MOTION: The Advisory Board recommends this article as written. Seconded and passed with a vote of 8-0.

Article 48 (Historic Restoration) (CPC & Historical) – To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$2,569 from the Community Preservation Fund Historic Preservation Subaccount for historic preservation purposes to be expended by the Norwell Historical Society for the museum quality restoration of two paintings at the Jacobs Farmhouse and the continuation of a project to reframe and mat additional artifacts to be used as a traveling exhibit of Norwell's history. Expenditures under this Article shall be approved by the Norwell Historical Society and the CPC. MOTION: The Advisory Board recommends this article as written. Seconded and passed with a vote of 8-0.

Article 49 (Library ScanPro) (CPC & Library) – To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$9,066 from the Community Preservation Fund Historic Preservation Subaccount for historic preservation purposes to be expended by the Norwell Public Library for the acquisition of a ScanPro 2000 microfilm viewer and scanner-to-pc. The device will provide access to primary source historic documents stored on microfilm at the library and on interlibrary microfilms borrowed from around the country. It will also enable users to email digital images of the documents or save them to a CD, DVD, or flash drive. Expenditures under this Article will be approved by Norwell Public Library and the CPC. MOTION: The Advisory Board recommends this article as written. Seconded and passed with a vote of 8-0.

Article 50 (CPC Fund Allocation) (CPC) – To see if the Town will reserve, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44B, the sum of \$100,000 from Community Preservation Fund FY2013 revenues for the creation, preservation and support of affordable housing; the sum of \$100,000 from Community Preservation Fund FY2013 revenues for the acquisition, preservation, rehabilitation and restoration of historic resources; and the sum of \$100,000 from Community Preservation Fund FY2013 revenues for the acquisition, creation, and preservation of open space. MOTION: The Advisory Board recommends this article as written. Seconded and passed with a vote of 8-0.

Article 52 (Tax Relief) (Citizens Petition) – This Article is seeking tax relief to the owners of commercial property in Norwell by exempting from the additional surcharge on the annual tax levy, the first \$100,000 in the value of each taxable property. MOTION: The Advisory Board does not recommend this Article. We have been informed that the proponent of the Article will be postponing it at town meeting. Seconded and voted 8-0.

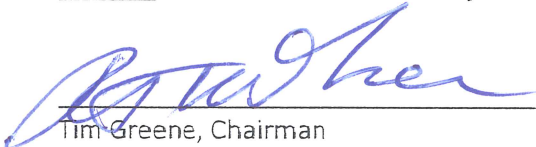
Article 53 (Reduce CPA from 3% to 1%) (Citizens Petition) – Tax relief will be provided to the citizens of Norwell by reducing the additional surcharge on the annual tax levy on real property from 3% to 1%. MOTION: The Advisory Board does not recommend this Article by a vote of 7-1.

Article 54 (Eliminating CPA) (Citizens Petition) – The purpose of this Article is to see if the Town will vote to eliminate/revoke the CPA tax. MOTION: The Advisory Board does not recommend this Article with a vote of 8-0.

Article 5 (Personnel Plan) – To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, or appropriate from available funds, a sum of money to meet obligations for the compensation schedule under the Personnel Plan, said sum to be apportioned by the Town Accountant to the applicable line items in Article 2, or act on anything relative thereto. MOTION: The Advisory Board will make its recommendation at Town Meeting. Seconded and passed with a vote of 8-0.

Article 7 (Facility Manager) (BOS) – Jim Boudreau explained that this is to see if the Town will vote to establish the position of Facilities Manager, said position to be under the direction of the Town Administrator and Superintendent of Schools, and to be employed under the provisions of a personal services contract, or act on anything relative thereto. MOTION: The Advisory Board recommends this Article. This will be a critical position for the Town in maintaining our capital assets and will be a position shared by the Town and School Departments. Seconded and passed with a vote of 8-0.

Adjourn – Motion was made to Adjourn. Seconded and unanimously passed.


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