

# TOWN OF NORWELL

## Advisory Board

### Meeting Minutes

April 2, 2013

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TOWN CLERK

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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, Gary Thomas, Skip Joseph, Ralph Gordon, George Jamieson, Jacky McClean, Jason Brown and Tim Greene. Not present: Megan Collins and Gary Thomas is running late. Also present: Town Administrator James Boudreau and Selectmen Gregg McBride, Ellen Allen and David DeCoste.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Acceptance of Minutes: None

Transfer Requests: None

Bills: None

Correspondence/Notices: None

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### Article Hearings:

**Article 28 – (Zoning Revisions)** – Present from the Economic Development Committee was Jeff DeMarco, Pat Campbell and Rick Merritt. Rick Merritt briefed the Board and his committee is recommending TM amend the sections of the Zoning By-Law as it affects the Business Districts by removing strikethrough sections and incorporating the tables and bold sections as show in the article. *MOTION: The Advisory Board recommends this article. This is a comprehensive attempt to increase the business tax base in the Town using the existing business districts. Seconded and voted in favor 7-0.*

**Article 29 – (Reduce Buffer Zone)** – Rick Merritt briefed the Board on article and the EDC is working with the Conservation Commission to see if the Town will vote to amend Article XVI-a, Wetlands Protection of the Town of Norwell by-laws, Section 2, paragraph B, by adding after the words “buffer strip” in line 8, the following new text: “Said buffer strip shall be twenty-five (25’) feet in Business C District and Business Districts B1, B4 and B5.” And to amend the Norwell Conservation Commission Wetland Bylaws Regulations, section 3.0 – Jurisdiction, under Buffer Zones, by adding at the end of paragraph (2), the following new text “Said buffer strip shall be twenty-five (25’) feet in Business C District and Business Districts B1, B4 and B5.”, or act on anything relative thereto. AB is waiting on the Water Dept. and ConnCom to weigh in before they make a recommendation. *MOTION: The Advisory Board will make a recommendation at Town Meeting. Seconded and unanimously voted.*

**Special Article 1 – (Union & Personal Contracts)** – Jim Boudreau briefed the Board to see if the Town will raise and appropriate, or appropriate from available funds a sum of money to meet obligations for union and personal contracts, sum to be apportioned by Town Accountant to applicable line items in Article 2. *MOTION: The Advisory Board recommends this article. Seconded and unanimously passed.*

**Article 2 – (Town Budget) (Advisory Board)** – Jim Boudreau went through the budgets and is seeking from available funds, sums of money to defray the charges, expenses and salary obligations of the Town, including debt and interest, and out of state travel for the ensuing year, to provide for a Reserve Fund and to fix salaries and compensation for all Elected Officers of the Town. *MOTION: The Advisory Board accepts Article 2 as presented. Seconded and unanimously approved with a vote of 7-0.*

**Article 3 – (Capital Budget)** – Present: Jeff Fitzgerald and Mark Maiellano. Jeff presented the Capital Budget Requests and the process for reviewing and approving. There had been 6 departments with requests with a total of 13 requested items. The Capital Budget approved 9 of the 13. Grand Total amount requested was \$987,125 and the Capital Budget approved a sum of \$428,345. *MOTION: The Advisory Board recommends this Article as recommended by the Capital Budget Committee. Seconded and unanimously approved with a vote of 7-0.*

**Article 6 – (Police Station Clean-up)**– Jim Boudreau explained the purpose of this article is to see if the Town will vote to appropriate, transfer from available funds or otherwise provide a sum of money for environmental remediation, including lead removal, at the Norwell Police Station, or act on anything relative thereto. *MOTION: The Advisory Board recommends this article as presented. Seconded and passed with a vote of 6-1.*

**Article 15 – (Highway Yard Clean-up)** – Jim Boudreau explained that this article is seeking a sum of \$400,000 to be expended under the direction of the Highway Surveyor for the purpose of debris removal, engineering, storm water, and Highway yard facility rehabilitation in order to comply with an active Order of Conditions from the Norwell Conservation Commission. *MOTION: The Advisory Board recommends this article in the amount of \$400,000. Seconded and passed with a vote of 7-0.*

**Article 35 – (Drainage)** – This article is seeking a sum of \$25,000, to be expended under the direction of the Permanent Drainage Study Committee and the Highway Surveyor for engineering, installation and/or maintenance of Town drainage, or act on anything relative thereto. *MOTION: The Advisory Board recommends this article. Seconded and passed with a vote of 7-0.*

**Article 55 – (Utility Pole)** – This bylaw is proposed for the purpose of maintaining the rural and scenic character of Norwell's neighborhoods, conserve the value of real estate, and lessen the threat of bodily injury and power outages by restricting the length upon which a utility company may leave uncompleted work, wires, or complete or partial poles after replacement. The AB has been informed this will be indefinitely postponed, therefore voted not to recommend. *MOTION: The Advisory Board does not recommend this article 55. Seconded and voted not to recommend with a vote of 7-0.*

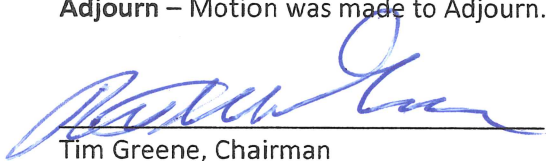
#### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Article 44 – (Conservation Restrictions)** – The Chair of the CPC has sent a letter requesting that the Advisory Board vote to reconsider this Article. The Chair will come before the Advisory Board to explain this Article on April 4, 2013. *MOTION: The Advisory Board voted to reconsider Article 44. Seconded and unanimously voted to reconsider.*

#### **NEXT MEETING**

April 4, 2013

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



Tim Greene, Chairman