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Norwell Advisory Board Meeting Minutes 3/10/2020

The Advisory Board was called to order by Chair Peter Smellie at 7:00 P.M. Also present were Town Administrator Peter Morin and Board Members Mark Cleveland, Harry Solis, Susan Darnell, Jesse McSweeney, Karen Reynolds, Julie Sim, and Kate Steele. Unable to attend was Rick Goulding.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Minutes – The minutes of the February 25, March 3, and March 5 meetings were distributed and reviewed.

Motion made to accept the Minutes of the February 25, 2020 meeting as printed. Seconded and passed 8-0-0.

Motion made to accept the Minutes of the March 3, 2020 meeting as printed. Seconded and passed 8-0-0.

Motion made to accept the Minutes of the March 5, 2020 meeting as printed. Seconded and passed 8-0-0.

Bills – Mr. Morin noted that he had signed a payment voucher of \$93.75 for the stenographer.

Motion made to approve the voucher signed by Mr. Morin. Seconded and passed 8-0-0.

Reserve Fund Transfer Requests – None

Correspondence/Notices – None

Action Items / Discussions – None

FY 2021 BUDGET REVIEW AND 2020 TOWN MEETING ARTICLES

Recreation - CPC Articles

Recreation Superintendent George Grey proposed a level-services budget for general expenses and playground repairs and maintenance, along with contractually negotiated salary increases. Last year, significant maintenance funds went towards flooring maintenance and shelving of Departmental equipment; there are no similar projects planned for this year.

Gaffield Park was recently renovated with CPC funds; this year, they have requested additional CPC funding to repave the parking lot. A second CPC grant application requests funds to renovate the pathway leading to East Field, behind Town Hall, to encourage greater use.

2020 TOWN MEETING ARTICLES

Board of Health

Mr. Morin advised that BoH had proposed articles to remove bylaws regarding smoking in public places and the sale of tobacco products, as they are duplicative of newly enacted state regulations. A vote will be taken on Thursday.

Highway Yard Cleanup

Mr. Morin indicated that significant progress had been made in the highway yard cleanup; the funds approved in the original 2015 Town Meeting article had been spent down and need replenishment.

Motion made to recommend the article titled Highway Yard Debris Removal in the amount of \$50,000. Seconded and passed 8-0-0.

Road Safety Equipment

The article requests funding to purchase signage, lights, and other road safety equipment. Mr. Morin recommended that it be approved for \$25,000 rather than the \$50,000 requested, as there is a positive balance in the current fiscal year article that can be rolled over.

Motion made to recommend the article titled Road Safety Equipment in amt of \$25,000. Seconded and passed 8-0-0.

EPA MS4 Stormwater Compliance

This annual consent article requests funds for the purpose of complying with the EPA's 2020 MS4 Stormwater General Permit. Mr. Morin recommended that it be approved for \$20,000 rather than the \$25,000 requested, as there is a positive balance in the current fiscal year article that can be rolled over.

Motion made to recommend the article titled EPA MS4 Stormwater Compliance in the amount of \$20,000. Seconded and passed 8-0-0.

Drainage Funding

The culverts in town are in need of significant investment, and this was a priority for Highway Commissioner Glenn Ferguson. Mr. Morin recommended that this article be approved for \$200,000 rather than the \$300,000 requested, as there is a positive balance of around \$62,000 in the current fiscal year article that can be rolled over.

Motion made to recommend the article titled Drainage Funding in the amount of \$200,000. Seconded and passed 8-0-0.

Road Resurfacing

Mr. Morin recommended that this article be approved for \$275,000 rather than the \$300,000 requested, as there is a significant positive balance in the current fiscal year article that can be rolled over, as well as supplemental Chapter 90 funding. Public roads are resurfaced according to a schedule devised with a consultant's assistance.

Motion made to recommend the article titled Road Resurfacing in amount of \$275,000. Seconded and passed 8-0-0.

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emergency declaration from the Governor's office would include provisions to allow Town business to continue temporarily, as well as possible exemptions from the public meeting law to allow for remote meetings.

South Shore VoTech, the Norwell School Department, and voting on two Board of Health articles are on the agenda for Thursday.

FUTURE MEETINGS

3/12/20, 3/17/20, 3/19/20, 3/24/20, 3/26/20, 3/31/20, 4/2/20

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn at 8:24 P.M. Seconded and passed 8-0-0.

Peter Smellie, Chair