

**Norwell Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
February 5, 2014**

Ellen Allen opened the meeting and introduced Gregg McBride, David DeCoste, Tammie Garner and Town Administrator Jim Boudreau. Jason Brown was not present.

Agenda amended: Beautification Awards rescheduled to February 26, 2014 and the 7:50 appointment moved to 7:35. *MOTION: David DeCoste moved the Board approve the agenda as amended. Seconded and unanimously voted.*

CITIZEN COMMENTS – None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: David DeCoste moved to approve the open meeting minutes for October 2, 16, 2013, November 20, 2013, January 29, 2014 and January 29, 2014 executive session minutes. Seconded and unanimously voted.

7:35 – Chief Ross, Approve Lateral Transfer of Officer Joseph F. Esposito, Jr. – 3 officers interviewed by command staff to fill 2 current vacancies from retirement of Sergeant Clark and transfer of Officer Dooley. This transfer would fill one vacancy. Chief Ross asked that the Board request a list to fill the other vacancy. Takes a long time to get someone hired off the list. Need to go through the process and then find an academy. Mr. McBride asked why not take more transfers? One issue was there were 2 officers applying from the same department and the chief there asked that we not hire both. *Motion by Mr. DeCoste to approve the lateral transfer of Officer Joseph F. Esposito, Jr. from the Rockland Police Department to the Norwell Police Department effective February 20, 2014, Seconded and unanimously voted.*

Motion by Mr. DeCoste to request a list of eligible candidates for the position of police officer from the Civil Service Unit within the Human Resource Division. Seconded and unanimously voted.

OLD BUSINESS

MMA Annual Meeting Re-Cap – Mr. McBride, Mrs. Garner and Mrs. Allen all shared highlights from the recent MMA Annual meeting.

Medical Marijuana – Jim Boudreau reported that the awardees of the first round of applications for Medical Marijuana licenses did not include the applicant for a location in Norwell.

NEW BUSINESS

FY15 Budget and Free Cash – Jim Boudreau presented his proposed FY15 budget (copy attached) and reported on the Free Cash available for the May Special and Annual Town Meetings.

Selectmen Warrant Articles – Jim Boudreau reviewed the articles that he had identified for the Selectmen to include for the May Special and Annual Town Meetings.

Maureen Murphy – Council on Aging Appointment – *David DeCoste moved that Maureen Murphy be appointed to the Council on Aging for a term expiring 6/30/16. Seconded and unanimously voted.*

Request for Best Buddies Bike Ride – May 31, 2014 – *MOTION was made by Mr. DeCoste that the Board approve a request from Best Buddies Challenge to hold a Benefit Bicycle Race that will pass through the Town of Norwell on Saturday, May 31, 2014 from Mt. Blue Street to Neal Gate Street, subject to the satisfaction of the Police Chief, Fire Chief and Highway Surveyor. Seconded and unanimously voted.*

Request for Evan Henry Road Race – May 18, 2014 – *MOTION was made by Mr. DeCoste that the Board approve the request from the organizers of the Evan Henry Road Race to hold the 14th Annual Road Race on Sunday, May 18, 2014 at the Norwell High School and further that the organizers work with Chief Reardon and Chief Ross to meet any of their requirements. Seconded and unanimously voted.*

UPCOMING MEETINGS: Assessors, Council on Aging, HR Director Barbara Childs and petitioners regarding the Senior Tax Work-Off Program will all be invited to come to a meeting in the near future. Proposed changes to the program will be on the warrant for the May Town Meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Board expressed condolences to the family of Bill Bernardi on his passing. He was on various town boards and committees dating back to 1969.

Board wished Virginia Loney a happy 100th birthday.

ADJOURNMENT – *Motion was made to adjourn. Seconded and unanimously voted.*



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