

**Norwell Board of Selectmen  
Meeting Minutes  
February 20, 2013 @ 4:30 PM  
Fire Department**

Gregg McBride opened the meeting and introduced Ellen Allen, David DeCoste and Town Administrator James Boudreau. *MOTION Ellen Allen moved the Board approve the agenda as written. Seconded and unanimously voted.*

**CITIZEN COMMENTS** – None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – January 23, 2013 Open Meeting and Executive Session  
*MOTION: Ellen Allen moved to approve the meeting minutes for January 23, 2013 both open and executive session. Seconded by David DeCoste and unanimously voted.*

**One Day License Request – James Library – March 15, 2013**

*MOTION: Ellen Allen moved that the Board approve a request from Beth Golden DBA Twist of Class of 64 Woodworth Lane Scituate, MA to hold an event at the James Library/First Parish Church of 24 West Street Norwell for a one day license to serve Champagne only for a Piano & Minamba Concert at the James Library on Friday, March 15, 2013 between the hours of 8:30PM to 11:00PM. Seconded by David DeCoste and unanimously voted.*

**Storm De-Briefing** – Gregg McBride thanked everyone for coming to give updates and de-brief on this past storm and the Shelter that was set up in the Middle School and if necessary what can we do to improve in the future. Present: John Lunn, Warren McCallum, Mike Jenkins, Paul Foulsham, Rose O'Connell, Chief Reardon and Chief Ross.

- Gregg – upon arrival no heat and lights were dim. John Lunn was called to assist.
- Warren – generator is set-up and designed for: elevator, fire alarms, boiler, emergency lights not occupation. Discussed future items that should be put on alternate wiring switch(s) when school is being used for a shelter: first load test wiring with what is needed, heating, kitchen, lights and hot water.
- Gregg suggested alternate wiring be installed to override when school is used for a shelter.
- Chief Reardon – past plan had been to use the Gym as sleeping areas and the café as feeding and gathering areas. There should be gates to block off and secure the educational areas of the school.
- Chief Ross agrees with Chief Reardon that for security and control purposes it is a must to block off the educational areas.
- May be a need to maintain School and Shelter to function at same time and figure a way to handle both and maintain security of the school.
- In years past there had been a back room of the gym for a pet center. Potential problems: pets not getting along with other pets and people, people not liking pets, pets getting loose and allergies to pets.
- Ellen stated that it was nice to have two different sleeping areas because the kids and elderly were not a good mix.
- Waste was pumped to storage treatment tank 22,000 gallon tank and not the leaching fields.
- Generator should run school at a 100% capacity.
- Town Hall would benefit from a generator for contacting Building Inspector, Electrical Inspector, Board of Health, handle pumping station, boiler, security and phone systems for storm related issues.
- Expectations and plans need to be set: hours, heat settings, electrical for running oxygen tanks, times for meals to be served, pay compensation for working.

- Senior Outreach – communicate to the senior to let them know there is a shelter. Brainstorming was done to find ways to communicate to the Residents.
- Look into how Marshfield, Scituate and Kingston handled shelters which were well run.
- Ellen would like to have a better check in and out system along with identifying any medical conditions/problems.
- Chief Ross will assign someone to talk to neighboring towns and gather information on emergency shelters and communications.
- Paul Foulsham complimented the work that National Grid had done during this storm and thanked the workers on behalf of the Town.
- Discussed avenue to take to ensure that National Grid maintain trimming tree limbs near power lines.
- Gregg addressed the cost of this storm and Chief Reardon stated that the School, Police, Highway and Fire are compiling the figures.
- Questions on the cots left at school: blankets need to be cleaned (Warren offered to have the School clean) and cots need to be removed.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Goals and Policies** – Ellen Allen would like Chief Ross, Chief Reardon and Highway Surveyor Paul Foulsham weight in on the “Building a stronger community public safety” and how the Selectmen can be supportive. Chief Reardon would like to provide training to volunteers before storms happen and Paul Foulsham has concerns on down time during storms

**Sergeant Stetson House Article Discussion** – Historic Commission Member Wendy Bawabe explained the Commissions first choice was have the house go to the Kindred or second choice would have it moved in one piece to the Cemetery location. Gregg explained that there is a Plan B (Wendy Bawabe & David DeCoste had seen for first time). They discussed the Plan B from George Ellis of Sylvester Builders for moving the house. Restoration to House should be overseen by the PBMC. Article put forth should be move house and place on foundation at the Cemetery entrance.

**Cemetery Article Discussion** – Gregg McBride discussed the plans from Bob Merrill to include engineering estimate, estimate from civitext for landscaping entire property, building, 20% contingencies, and inflation factor at general construction at \$2,015,583. Alternate task for earth work in the area would be to excavate grave area down 4 feet, sift soil remove boulders, and put soil back at of cost of \$428,000 item. To purchase a plot you need to be a resident of Norwell and that will change allowing non-residents the ability to purchase plots. Board strongly agrees that a financial analysis needs to be done on costs. Funds collected sits in a General Fund account and needs to be appropriated at Town Meeting.

### **UPCOMING MEETING:**

February 27, 2013

**ADJOURNMENT** – Motion was made to adjourn by Ellen Allen, seconded by David DeCoste and unanimously voted.

  
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