Norwell Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes September 10, 2014

Ellen Allen opened the meeting and introduced Gregg McBride, David DeCoste, Tammie Garner, Town Administrator Jim Boudreau, and Town Counsel Bob Galvin. Not present: Jason Brown.

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance - Moment of Silence for 9/11 Remembrance

Agenda Amended to reschedule Athletic Field Committee, FY15 BOS Focus Areas to include TA Goals, reschedule Stetson Meadow Cemetery Rates and add new business #6 Half deed to 81 Washington Street. MOTION: David DeCoste moved the Board approve the agenda as amended. Seconded and unanimously voted.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Ramona Caruso, 30 Grove Street Norwell, expressed her concern on a Shed Permit issued today for 31 Grove Street and stated that it is a shipping container not a shed. Town Counsel explained this is not a conversation for the Selectmen to be engaged in, it is the decision of the Building Inspector, and if Ms. Caruso does not agree, she has appellate rights at the Zoning Board of Appeals. Ramona expressed her frustration that this was permitted today as a shed. Ellen Allen ended the conversation.

Richard Ricciardi, also of 30 Grove Street commented on the Shed issue and inquired who is over the Building Inspector. Town Counsel said to put complaints in writing to the Town Administrator and then it is between the Town Administrator and the Employee and not for the Public to decide. Ellen Allen explained the purpose for having Town Counsel present is to make sure that the Selectmen follow State Laws.

7:35 Land Donation – Doris Avenue, Marynel Wahl, Conservation Commission – Marynel Wahl is looking for the Selectmen to approve Doris Ave. Land donation and put it under the care and custody of the Conservation Commission. MOTION: David DeCoste moved that the Selectmen accept the donation of property located on Doris Ave. Parcel ID 27-19 to be placed in the care and custody of the Conservation Commission. Seconded and unanimously voted.

MOTION was made by Gregg McBride to move New Business before Old Business. Seconded and unanimously voted.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval for LP Storage – 300 Washington Street – This license request is for 3,000 gallons of Propane for the new Police Station to run the emergency generator. MOTION: David DeCoste moved that the Board approve the License to install a contained 3,000 LP Gas Storage Container at 300 Washington Street. Seconded and unanimously voted.

North River Theatre One Day License Requests – November 8, 14, 15, 21, 22, 23, 2014 MOTION: David DeCoste moved that the Board approve a request from North River Theater, Inc. for one day licenses to sell All Alcohol for live theater performances at the North River Theater, Inc. 513 River Street Norwell on November 8, 14, 15, 21, 22, 23, 2014 between the hours of 7:00PM to 11:00PM (Sunday only 2:00PM to 5:00PM). Seconded and unanimously voted.

St. Patrick's Road Race Request – March 14, 2015 – Anne Marie Winchester of South Shore Race Management sent a letter requesting to hold the 4rd Annual St. Patrick's Day 4 Miler on Sunday, March 14, 2015 starting at 10:30AM. Race will begin and end at McGreal's Tavern. *MOTION: David DeCoste moved the Board approve the request from Anne Marie Winchester of South Shore Race Management, LLC, to hold the 4rd Annual St. Patrick's Day 4 Miler on Sunday, March 14, 2015 at 10:30AM provided EMT and police details are arranged with the Fire and Police Chiefs. Seconded and unanimously voted.*

Car Wash Request, Norwell High Student Government – September 13, 2014 – Water Superintendent John McInnis has approved the request. MOTION was made to approve the request to use the Town Hall parking lot for a Car Wash on Saturday, September 13, 2014 between 9AM and 12PM. Seconded and unanimously approved.

81 Washington Street Deed – The Board will accept a deed to half of 81 Washington Street to continue with the sale of the old fire station. This will require the Board to accept, with one signature being notarized. *MOTION: David DeCoste moved that the board accept ½ a deed at 81 Washington Street, the Old Fire Station. Seconded and unanimously voted.* David DeCoste, Tammie Garner and Gregg McBride signed. Ellen Allen will have her signature notarized tomorrow.

OLD BUSINESS

Status Review of FY15 BOS Focus Areas – Focus areas discussed & adopted for the Town Administrators FY15: Leadership & Support – develop a written punch list of tasks and project being done by, or under the direction of the Town Administrator to be reviewed regularly with Selectmen. Budget Development & Finance – Develop a funding strategy for the 5 Year Capital Plain, including potential use of free cash, under levy & excluded debt, capital stabilization, general stabilization, operating funds, CPA funds and/or leasing and recommend a 5 year OPEB strategy, including ways to reduce and/or fund the liability. Personnel Relations & Management – set annual goals for department heads who report directly to the Town Administrator and establish a process and schedule for their reviews. General Management & Facilities – provide leadership for development of a thorough, 5+ year Capital Improvement Plan by overseeing and coordinating the work of the Facilities Manager and other constituencies including the Permanent Building & Maintenance Committee, Capital Budget Committee, Schools, Library, Water Department, and Historic Commission. MOTION: David DeCoste moved that the Board adopt the above mentioned Town Administrators FY15 Focus Areas. Seconded and unanimously voted.

BOS FY15 Agenda Items – Ellen Allen had provided the Board with a list of future Agenda items that will need to be covered.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: David DeCoste moved the Board enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Personal Contracts and not return to open session. Seconded and unanimously voted. Chairman Ellen Allen explained that to discuss this in an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the Town's bargaining or litigating position. Ellen Allen polled the Board. DeCoste voted yes, McBride voted yes, and Garner voted yes.

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