

**Norwell Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
March 13, 2013**

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – July 11, 2012

MOTION: Ellen Allen moved to approve the July 11, 2012 open and executive session meeting minutes. Seconded and unanimously voted.

Norwell Reads – Friends of Norwell Public Library members Nancy Perry and Meredith Atkinson presented the 2013 Norwell Reads. This year's book selection is Gardner Heist written by Ulrich Boser. This is Norwell's 9th year hosting "Norwell Reads" that will run from April 6th to May 1st. Kick off date on April 6th will be a reception and talk with Anthony Amore, current head of security at the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum. Some of the activities include finger printing, dinner and the movie "Stolen;" other events include "Art Matters" at the Council on Aging, story times, book discussions, "Meet Isabella Gardner" at the James Library and a trip to the Museum.

ESCO – Jim Daylor of Ameresco. Gregg McBride asked Daylor to explain the acronyms: Ameresco is the name of one of the largest Energy Service Companies in North America. An ESCO is a turnkey facilitator for energy efficiencies and energy savings projects in municipal facilities. Ameresco has done a preliminary energy audit of all Town and School buildings (inside, outside, heating, cooling) and has identified a list of possible capital improvements that could be done. Ellen Allen inquired if the Board will have a cost amount to present to Town Meeting and they will. Daylor explained in detail how savings are measured and verified. The study and report are at the Town's expense, which amount will be credited toward any work actually done by Ameresco. Funding is done with a 20 year bond; Ameresco guarantees that the savings will cover all debt service obligations. The Board discussed bonding the project and timing.

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

One Day License Requests from Norwell High School Boosters – March 21, 2013

MOTION: Ellen Allen moved that the Board approve a request from Norwell High School Boosters Foundation for a one day license to serve Malt Only for the Men's Night Out held at the St. Helens Parish Hall on Washington Street, Norwell on March 21, 2013 between the hours of 6:00PM and 10:00PM. Seconded and unanimously voted.

One Day License Request from North River Theater – April 13, 19, 20, 21, 26, 27, 2013

MOTION: Ellen Allen moved to approve a One Day License request to Sell Alcohol at the North River Theatre, Inc. on April 13, 19, 20, 21, 26, 27, 2013 between the hours of 7:00 PM and 11:00 PM. Seconded and unanimously voted.

Harbormaster Appointment – *MOTION: Ellen Allen moved the Board reappoint Ronald P. Mott as the Harbormaster for a term ending December 30, 2013. Seconded and unanimously voted.*

Request from McGreal's Tavern to Serve starting at 10:30AM on March 16, 2013 –

McGreal's Tavern asked to host the number pickup, registration and after race relaxation for the St. Patrick's Day 4 Miler Road Race in Norwell. This is the second year of the race and it benefits several charities and scholarship funds. This will be the second year for McGreal's to be hosting. *MOTION: Ellen Allen moved that the Board grant McGreal's Tavern permission to serve alcohol starting at 10:30 AM for an event to be held on March 16th, 2013. Seconded and unanimously voted.*

Article Discussion – Jim briefed the Board on a Draft copy of Articles for the Special and Annual Town Meetings.

Special Town Meeting:

Article 1 Union and personal contracts: one is up this year, and there is a tentative agreement with Water Department that will be funded, a few personal contracts will be in next week for approval.

Article 2 Regional Dispatch funding due to storms and assessment for air changer with an estimated cost of \$38,000.

Article 3 Snow & Ice: no numbers yet.

Article 4 Legal services; placeholder unlikely to be needed.

Article 5 NEMO storm expenses.

Article 6 Unemployment: for past 4 years had been less than the budgeted \$40,000, but to date has gone over and already required a \$7,000 transfer; will require additional funds.

Article 7 Pathways Committee article for CPC funds for design from the Middle School to the Center of Town.

Article 8 CPC funding for design and engineering for Clipper Community Complex athletic fields at High School.

Article 9 Funding for Veterans' Benefits

Article 10 To pay any unpaid bills incurred after the close of the prior FY.

Article 11 Placeholder for money to be added to the Stabilization Fund.

Annual Town Meeting:

Article 4 Water Dept. union and personal contracts.

Article 5 Funding compensation schedule under the Personnel Plan.

Article 6 Funds for environmental remediation, including asbestos and lead removal, at the Norwell Police Station.

Article 7 Establishment of the position of a Facilities Manager.

Article 8 Establishing a Synthetic Turf Stabilization Fund from fees collected for use of these fields for the purpose of making capital repairs.

Article 9 ESCO placeholder

Article 10 School Parking fees revolving fund.

Article 11 Jim Boudreau will have further discussion with the Schools to explain.

Article 12 Annual paving which the Advisory Board has already approved.

Article 13 Chapter 90 distribution from state gas tax.

Article 14 Continuation of Municipal Storm water management funding.

Article 15 Highway rehabilitation project to comply with active ORD.

Article 16 Amendment of Town of Norwell By-Laws changing Town Election date to the second Saturday following the Annual Town Meeting; requested by Town Clerk.

Article 17 Office of the Town Clerk allowing alternate office hours when required performance falls on a Saturday.

Articles 18 & 19 Assessors articles for professional and contracted services for revaluations.

Article 20 Senior Tax Work-Off program.

Article 21 Brush pile clean-up at Recycle Center.

Article 22 Planning Board District A Zoning Changes for Town Center.

Article 23 Planning Board Zoning elimination for Common Driveways.

Article 24 Planning Board Medical Marijuana Zoning.

Article 25 Water Dept. \$1,250,000 for water main drilling from treatment plant to Tiffany Road area.

Article 26 Water Dept. \$200,000 for conducting water treatment pilot studies at the Grove St. wells.

Article 27 Withdrawn.

Article 28 EDC setbacks and parking Zoning article.

Article 29 EDC buffer Zoning setback in business zones.

Article 30 EDC is withdrawing.

Article 31 Athletic Fields Committee article for raising funds.

Ellen Allen believes this article should be withdrawn because CPC is only funding design and engineering, which now allows time for fundraising for the synthetic turf.

MOTION: Ellen Allen moved that the Board strike Article 31 from the Warrant related to the availability of funds from the Town to cover a portion of the cost to cover the purchase of synthetic turf. Seconded by David DeCoste and unanimously voted

Article 32 Cushing Memorial Hall parking lot resurfacing.

Article 33 Transferring land (Cuffee's Lane) care and custody from the Board of Selectmen to the Conservation Commission.

Article 34 Transferring land (off Pine Street) care and custody from the Board of Selectmen to the Conservation Commission.

Gregg McBride questioned reasons and would like more discussions on both Articles 33 and 34.

Article 35 Maintenance of Town drainage.

Article 36 Council on Aging position: Personnel Re-classification from Grade 8 to Grade 9.

Article 37 Changes to increase Senior Work Program credit from \$750 to \$1,000.

David DeCoste asked if this article is more money per hour or adding more hours; it is the former. If Article 37 passes then it would reduce the number of participants eligible for program. Ellen Allen said she would hate to see people turned away that could benefit from this program. The Board discussed and agreed on placing this article before or after the Board of Assessors request for \$38,000 for Senior Tax Work Program (Article 20).

Article 38 Reauthorization of the Stetson Ford House Revolving Fund.

Gregg McBride said this Article should be from the Historical Commission, not CPC.

Article 39 Funding for construction of phase 1 of Norwell's Stetson Meadows Cemetery.

Articles 40-43 eliminated.

Article 44 CPC funds request for \$50,000 for Conservation Restrictions on Open Space.

Article 45 CPC funds request for \$120,493.50 for improvements of Jacobs Pond Conservation area.

Article 46 CPC funds request for \$28,000 for recreation and open space installing signage, trail maps and kiosks.

Article 47 CPC funds requested for \$6,590 for renovation and repairs at Jacobs Farmhouse.

Article 48 CPC funds requested for \$2,569 for Norwell Historical Society for museum quality restoration of two paintings at Jacobs Farmhouse.

Article 49 CPC funds request for \$9,066 for ScanPro that will scan historical documents to a PC at the Library.

Article 50 CPC housekeeping article.

Article 51 Petition Article for a Flag Bylaw.

Article 52 Petition request to exempt the first \$100,000 of assessed value of commercial properties from the CPA surcharge. This article may be indefinitely postponed; Jim Boudreau is in discussions with Town Counsel about its legality.

Article 53 Petition request from Penny Wilson to reduce the CPA surcharge from 3% to 1%.

Article 54 Petition to revoke the CPA surcharge submitted by Bob Kustka.

Article 55 Will be indefinitely postponed.

Article 56 South Shore Women's Center donation.

Article 57 Addition of funds to OPEB trust.

Article 58 Stabilization Fund placeholder.

Article 59 Tax rate placeholder.

Jim Boudreau noted that the order of some Articles will be changed in the final Warrant.

Ellen Allen would like information on the Capital Budget requests and will attend the Advisory Board meeting. David DeCoste would like an updated list of Committee openings.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Reminder – 2012 Town Reports were due in the Selectmen's Office on Friday, February 28, 2013.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: Ellen Allen moved the Board adjourn from Open Session and enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the Treasurer/Collector Contract and not return to open session. Seconded and unanimously voted.

Chairman Gregg McBride explained that to discuss this in an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the Town's bargaining or litigating position. Gregg McBride polled the Board. David DeCoste voted yes, Ellen Allen voted yes and Gregg McBride voted yes.



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