

**Norwell Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
March 20, 2013**

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 – October 17, 2012 executive session and open session for: June 27, 2012, December 5, 2012, December 12, 2012, December 19, 2012. *MOTION: Ellen Allen moved to approve executive session for October 17, 2012 and the following open session minutes: June 27, 2012, December 5, 2012, December 12, 2012, and December 19, 2012. Seconded and unanimously voted.*

NEW BUSINESS

Appoint Inspector of Animals – The Town's current Animal Control Officer & Inspector of Animals is Paul Murphy. The term for this appointment is May 1, 2013 until April 30, 2014. These dates are dictated by the State. *MOTION: Ellen Allen moved that the Board appoint Paul W. Murphy as the Inspector of Animals to a term running May 1, 2013 through April 30, 2014. Seconded and unanimously voted.*

Treasurer Contract – Jim explained under the new Charter as the appointing authority he will be executing Treasurers Contract. Jim appointed Darleen Sullivan coming from Hanover as the Treasurer/Collector, first year \$72,000 with a start date April 1, 2013.

Car Wash Request from the 5th Grade Class at Vinal School – May 19, 2013 – Water Superintendent John McInnis has approved the request. *MOTION was made to approve the request from Eileen Ward on behalf of the 5th Grade at Vinal School to use the Town Hall parking lot for a Car Wash on Sunday, May 19, 2013 between 9AM and 1PM. Seconded and unanimously approved.*

OLD BUSINESS

Budget Discussion – Jim presented budget updated: health insurance line is at 2.5% has dropped to 2.3% which means Teachers will be paying 25% up from 20% and new employees will pay 60% up from 20% so this will be a decrease in budget line. Tree & Grounds department additional employee, \$11,000 for COA clerical for full coverage. After meeting with the Schools we increased the unemployment line from \$40k to \$58k. Increased regional dispatch from 325 to 338, partial funding for a Facility Manager for 10 months for the Towns portion school will pick up \$30,000 for 12 months with expected start date in September. House Budget will not be out until first few week in April which is after we go to print. Senate is late May and numbers are higher. Ellen inquired if the Chapter 90 has been filed and it has not.

Public Hearing – Common Victualler Wine & Malt License – VanGogh & Vino, 412 Washington Street

Article Discussion – Jim explained that the Planning Board has 2 articles and suggested they just reference changes. COA to increase amount \$750 to \$1,000, Assessors has not agreed to increase the \$38,000 and if they don't the COA will withdraw. Jim will present the Selectmen articles to the Advisory Board tomorrow evening. Gregg discussed the COA request and

members of the AB questioned why this falls under the Assessors with funding from Overlay Surplus. Increase yearly by \$12,000, fund from free cash, if increased would more residents take advantage, Ellen stated that not all slots are filled, same residents every year, most communities have a needs test and Norwell does not. Program is successful and the guys that tend to the Trails in Town go above and beyond the allowed hours. Capital Budget will submit a request for approx. \$428K two big ticket items; sander truck for \$175K & aerial bucket truck for \$198K not funded but had full support for bucket truck. Paul Foulsham rents truck for a week twice per year for immediate danger. If he had a truck preventative maintenance could be done. Question asked about sharing with several towns and it becomes a problem; who gets priority if there is a storm. Jim will have discussions with Hanover to see if sharing could be an option. Middle School needs to be larger to handle shelter situation, Sparrell generator is extremely old & leaking oil, Town Hall does not have a generator. Generator cost for Town Hall \$65K, 2 at the Schools \$160K and Capital Budget does not recommend.

Annual Article 8, Synthetic Turf Stabilization Fund and Board discussed and will withdraw.
MOTION: Ellen Allen moved to withdraw Article 8 Synthetic Turf Stabilization Fund. Seconded and unanimously voted.

Discussed brush removal at the highway yard, salt shed, snow and ice at approx. \$300k and more salt needs to be ordered. Jim will have better numbers for the Cemetery next week. Articles that will be bonded include Water, ESCO and Cemetery.

Special Article 1 Union and Personal Contracts – *MOTION: Ellen Allen moved that the Board submitted Article 1 of the Special Town Meeting as presented in the Draft Warrant. Seconded and unanimously voted.*

Special Article 4 Legal Services – Jim explained that he carries this article when 40B's are active and does not expect funding needed. *MOTION: Ellen Allen moved that the Board include Special Town Meeting Article 4 for potential Legal Service expenses as presented. Seconded and unanimously voted.*

Special Article 5 February blizzard (NEMO) – For non-snow and ice related expenses.
MOTION: Ellen Allen moved that the Board vote in favor of Special Article 5 February related blizzard funds in the amount of \$58,000. Seconded and unanimously voted.

Special Article 11 Stabilization Funds – This is to add funds to the Stabilization Funds.
MOTION: Ellen Allen moved that the Board include Article 11 Stabilization Funds in the Special Town Meeting as presented in the draft Warrant presented. Seconded and unanimously voted.

Article 1 Town Reports – *MOTION: Ellen Allen moved that the Board support Article 1 Town Reports as printed in the draft. Seconded and unanimously voted.*

Article 4 Union and Personal Contracts – *MOTION: Ellen Allen moved that the Board include Article 4 as proposed for the Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Seconded and unanimously voted.*

Article 6 Lead Removal at Police Station – *MOTION: Ellen Allen moved that the Board approved Article 6 as proposed for remediation funds for an amount to be determined. Seconded and unanimously voted.*

Article 7 Facility Manager – Will vote when more information is available for salary.

Article 8 Synthetic Turf Stabilization – The Board withdrew Article

Article 9 ESCO – Will hold Article until more information is available.

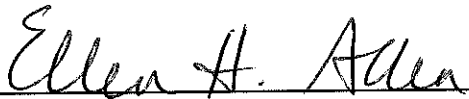
Article 57 OPEB Trust Fund – MOTION: Ellen Allen moved that the Board retain Articles 57 in the Annual Town Meeting Warrant for potential use. Seconded and unanimously voted.

Article 58 Capital Stabilization Fund – MOTION: Ellen Allen moved that the Board retain Articles 58 in the Annual Town Meeting Warrant for potential use. Seconded and unanimously voted.

Article 59 Stabilization Fund – MOTION: Ellen Allen moved that the Board retain Articles 59 in the Annual Town Meeting Warrant for potential use. Seconded and unanimously voted.

Article 60 Tax Rate – MOTION: Ellen Allen moved that the Board retain Articles 60 in the Annual Town Meeting Warrant for potential use. Seconded and unanimously voted.

Motion was made to adjourn at 8:45PM. Seconded and unanimously voted.



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