

**Norwell Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
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Present: Jason Brown, Peter Smellie, Peter Morin, Alison Demong, Ellen Allen, Gregg McBride

The meeting was called to order by Chair Jason Brown.

Citizen Comments – None

Selectmen's Reports and Announcements

The Jacobs Farm RFQ Committee will be interviewing candidates for the Jacobs farmhouse project on Monday, October 30th.

Town Administrator's Report

Mr. Morin stated that a new Facilities Manager candidate will be chosen by next week.

7:35pm Sgt. Samuel Stetson House Status

Ms. Demong gave a short status update and background for this project. NHC members Noel Ripley and Dave DeGhetto were present in addition to the Cemetery Committee to discuss next steps for this project. Mr. McBride added background information about the original project. More discussion ensued about a long term plan for this house. Mr. Brown outlined the steps necessary, but added that there is an apparent funding shortage to move the house to the cemetery land. Mr. Ripley gave a cost estimate of \$52K to move the house, which doesn't include the septic construction or other improvements.

Pros and cons of moving the house to the cemetery site were discussed (with cost estimates). \$95K remains in the CPC Article budget at this point in time. The board also discussed the Stetson Kindred's position on this house.

There is enough information to put out another RFQ for this project. It should include septic construction as an alternative since it won't be occupied right away. There was no response to the original RFQ. All agreed that the goal is to get the house off the street.

Mr. Ferguson and Mr. Morin will come up with a plan.

8pm Tom Poor – Barque Hill Street Light Request

Mr. Poor, a resident on Barque Hill and president of the Barque Hill Association, gave a short history of the association. Street lighting on Barque Hill Drive is an issue, as demonstrated by the map of the residential area's street lights. Residents would like to correct the poor lighting on Barque Hill and Brigantine Circle, which has younger kids and more people out exercising after dark. All discussed both the street lights and the speeding issue on these streets. Barque Hill is ¼ mile long, with minimal lighting. Other lighting issues in the area were discussed along with the speeding issue (which will be addressed in a separate meeting). Per Mr. Poor, the existing street lighting is functioning. All discussed the number of lights needed for the area.

Mr. Poor will call Chief Reardon for next steps to meet with National Grid.

Ballot Question Language

The library ballot question wording has been reviewed by Town Counsel and Bond Counsel. Per Mr. Morin and Ms. Allen, everyone has reviewed and approved this language.

Motion; made by Alison Demong, seconded by Peter Smellie, to approve the Warrant Article motion and ballot question for the library Article. Unanimously voted.

STM Warrant – Reopen for Placeholder Article

Motion; made by Alison Demong, seconded by Peter Smellie, to reopen the Warrant to include an invoice from the previous fiscal year. Unanimously voted

Mr. Morin recapped the situation; Kearsarge Energy has worked with National Grid to calculate the metering credits and actual cost, but the reconciliation includes a utility bill for about \$1800 in prior fiscal year charges.

Motion; made by Alison Demong, seconded by Peter Smellie, to reopen the STM Warrant. Unanimously voted

Motion; made by Alison Demong, seconded by Peter Smellie, to include an article in the STM Warrant to pay the invoice from fiscal year 2017 for an amount to be determined. Unanimously voted

Motion; made by Alison Demong, seconded by Peter Smellie, to close the STM Warrant. Unanimously voted

Adjournment

Motion; made by Alison Demong, seconded by Peter Smellie, to adjourn at 8:21pm. Unanimously voted

Future Meetings

1. Nov. 1st - Position and vote on Library- discussion and time for debate
2. Nov. 1st - Next meeting – BOS to approve a draft of the Grange preservation restriction before submitting to Mass historical society.
3. Nov. 8th and 29th – health insurance, potential change in provider, discussion on the 8th, vote on the 29th.



Jason Brown, Chair