

**Norwell Board of Selectmen  
Open Meeting Minutes  
11/7/18**

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**Present:** Ellen Allen, Gregg McBride, Jason Brown, Alison Demong, Joe Rull, Peter Morin

**1. Open Session; 7:30pm**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Ellen Allen at 7:30pm. All rose to recite the Pledge of Allegiance. Ms. Allen reminded all that the meeting will be recorded and televised.

**2. Reports**

**a. Citizen Comments:** None

**b. Selectmen's Reports and Announcements:** Ms. Allen commended the Town Clerk's office for their great work on early voting for the first time, as well as the heavy turnout on Election Day. She commended Alison Demong and David DeCoste for running a respectful campaign and congratulated both Rep. DeCoste and Sen. O'Connor on their wins. Mr. McBride reported that Harbor Media would start soon handling the cable TV work in town. Dates for the upcoming Discrimination and Harassment training for employees and volunteers were announced. Ms. Allen also noted the town's Snow Regulations recently publicized in the newspaper and asked that it be posted on the town website

**c. Town Administrator's Report:** Mr. Morin told the Board about a serious car accident that had occurred on Main St. and commended the Fire and Police Departments for doing an amazing job handling it.

**Discussion/Action Items**

**Veterans Day Schedule**

Mr. Morin reported that the ceremony will begin at 10:30 a.m. at the Town Common. All are welcome.

**Muhammad Khan – Limousine License Applicant**

Mr. Khan reviewed his application for a limousine company license with the board and answered questions.

*Motion; made by Gregg McBride, seconded by Alison Demong, to approve the license request for the S N Limo Service. Unanimously voted*

**Accept Resignations from Jim Kneeland, Electronic Voting Committee  
Brian D'Souza, Community Housing Trust**

*Motion; made by Gregg McBride, seconded by Alison Demong, to accept with regret the resignation of Jim Kneeland from the Electronic Voting Committee. Unanimously voted*

*Motion; made by Gregg McBride, seconded by Alison Demong, to accept with regret the resignation of Brian D'Souza from the Community Housing Trust. Unanimously voted*

The board thanked Mr. Kneeland and Mr. D'Souza for their service to the Town.

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### **Compact Grants**

The Board discussed various ideas for requesting a Compact Grant from the State. Joe Rull suggested a study about where to put athletic fields since the Pine St. soccer fields are usually too wet to play on. He also suggested a possible reconfiguration of the Pine St. fields. Mr. McBride explained that the wet fields result from the impermeable clay layer on top of the old landfill and said that there had been a recent discussion with a member of the Board of Health about having an Article at Town Meeting for money to get a professional evaluation. He noted that the required work may not be as onerous as historically thought and that there are many uses permitted on top of properly capped landfills. Ms. Allen explained that there had been a report prepared at the time the Clipper Community Complex was done that already identified other locations for additional fields. The next item on their list of recommendations was to add another soccer field for young kids at the Osborne fields. Discussion ensued about using CPC funds to pay for this at a recent meeting of the Athletics Field Committee with the Carleton Property Committee. Based on the discussion, Mr. Morin recommended that the Board apply for a Compact Grant for a landfill reuse study that would identify what needs done and possible uses after remediation. The Board liked the idea and Mr. Morin agreed to complete the grant application.

### **Additional Announcement**

Ms. Demong reported that the Board would be holding a meeting, co-hosted by the Chamber of Commerce, on Friday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at the Fire/Police headquarters with business owners to discuss the Town's sign by-law and how to improve it.

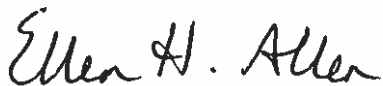
### **Rachel Wollam – CPC Applicant**

Rachel Wollam gave a short summary of her background and reasons for applying for a seat on the CPC.

*Motion; made by Gregg McBride, seconded by Alison Demong, to appoint Rachel Wollam to the Community Preservation Committee for a term ending 6/30/21. Unanimously voted*

*Motion; made by Gregg McBride, seconded by Alison Demong to adjourn into Executive Session at approximately 8:10 p.m. to discuss a personal contract and potential land acquisition, not returning to Open Session. To discuss these matters in Open Session would be detrimental to the negotiating position of the Town. Unanimously voted*

*Ms. Allen polled the board; McBride voting yes, Demong voting yes, Brown voting yes, Rull voting yes, Allen voting yes*



**Ellen Allen, Chair**