

**Norwell Board of Selectmen  
Meeting Minutes  
June 7, 2017**

TOWN OF NORWELL  
TOWN CLERK  
2017 SEP -7 PM 12:00

**Present:** Jason Brown, Gregg McBride, Peter Smellie, Peter Morin

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**Open Session-7pm**

*Motion; made by Ellen Allen, seconded by Peter Smellie, to approve the minutes of the May 3, 2017 Open Meeting. Unanimously voted*

Peter Morin announced that Facilities Manager Dave Sutton has given notice. Mr. Sutton did an excellent job and worked hard to make the Town buildings better. A temporary manager will be hired until his replacement can found. The job description will be rewritten before hiring a new manager. Mr. Morin also announced other personnel changes in the Town Hall administrative staff.

Next week's meeting will include reviews of the personal contracts for the Police Chief, Deputy Police Chief and the Fire Chief. The Deputy Police Chief contract will be reworked to include more competitive compensation. Ms. Allen asked that Barbara Childs provide comps for this position.

All discussed concerns and proposed solutions for this contract.

All discussed the Town's event application form and next steps. Review of this form will be put back on an upcoming agenda for reconsideration of the current fee schedule. Mr. Morin will review it prior to any meeting discussion.

Ms. Allen read a letter from resident Ruth Horgan regarding the St. Helen's property. She hopes that the Town will purchase this property and relocate Marian Manor to this site.

Ms. Demong attended the COA's Gateway to Summer event. Mr. Morin was at the COA for the monthly BOS hour Q and A session. The Memorial Day parade and scheduled events went well. Flags were placed on veterans' graves by the Boy Scouts.

**Open Session – Osborn Room- 7:30pm**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by Chair Jason Brown.

*Motion; made by Ellen Allen, seconded by Peter Smellie, to approve the agenda as written. Unanimously voted*

**Citizen Comments - None**

**Selectmen's Reports and Announcements**

Mr. Brown thanked all for coming out for the Memorial Day parade. He also announced that there are many volunteer slots available for Summerfest on June 17th. Please call the BOS office for more information.

**Town Administrator's Report**

Peter Morin repeated his announcement about the departure of Facilities Manager Dave Sutton.

**CAFR Award (Comprehensive Annual Financial Report)**

Mr. Morin gave background information about the comprehensive overview of financial reporting compliance conducted during the annual audit, which allowed the Town to qualify for this prestigious government award for excellence. Earning this award requires a concerted and persistent effort. It also puts the Town on a higher level than most towns in the Commonwealth

as far as financial reporting. Kudos were given by all to Donna Mangan and her staff along with other Town departments such as the Treasurer's office and the Assessor's office. The report graded the town proficient in every grade and category. Ms. Mangan read a statement about this award and what it means for the Town.

**Ride for Habitat for Humanity Bike Race Request**

*Motion; made by Ellen Allen, seconded by Peter Smellie, to approve the 11<sup>th</sup> annual bike ride for Habitat for Humanity on June 10, 2017, from 7:30am to 9:30am. Unanimously voted*  
Participants will be passing through Norwell, and will not need any set up or parking.

**7:45PM – Public Hearing, CV license, Pour Coffee and Bagel Co., 686 Main Street**

*Motion; made by Ellen Allen, seconded by Peter Smellie, to open the public hearing for a Common Victualler's license for Michael Sheskey, dba Pour Coffee and Bagel Company, 686 Main Street at 7:45pm. Unanimously voted.*

Mr. Smellie read the notice of public hearing.

Business owner Michael Sheskey is present for this hearing. He gave the BOS an overview of his new store. There is no cooking activity at present except for baking muffins in the convection oven. Mr. Sheskey has prior experience running a coffee shop.

*Motion; made by Ellen Allen, seconded by Peter Smellie, to approve a Common Victualler's license for Michael Sheskey, dba Pour Coffee and Bagel Co., at 686 Main Street. Unanimously voted.*

*Motion; made by Ellen Allen, seconded by Peter Smellie, to close the public hearing at 7:52pm. Unanimously voted*

**Regional Policy – Recreational Marijuana Discussion**

Mr. Morin gave a quick update based on the recent MMMA meeting. Eighty communities in the state have taken at least one form of action to address the commercial sale of marijuana. All of the Town's abutting communities except Marshfield and Rockland have taken action. Marshfield will act in September to vote a moratorium (maximizing their time period for the moratorium). Rockland has made no indication of future actions. Pro recreational sale communities are Hanson and Halifax, which will be accommodated into their medical marijuana overlay zone. All discussed the prevalence of more medical marijuana licenses than was previously assumed. The primary concern is whether this will have an impact on subsequent restriction of sales of recreational marijuana. There are no imminent law changes as far as an agreement on commercial sales in the medical overlay zone.

The next step is to look at the response from the Attorney General's office, which will probably be late summer/early fall.

**Adjournment**

*Motion; made by Ellen Allen, seconded by Peter Smellie, to adjourn at 8pm. Unanimously voted*

  
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Jason Brown, Chair