

**Norwell Select Board
6-30-21
Open Session**

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The meeting was called to order by Chair Bruce Graham at 7:00pm.

Approval of Agenda

*Motion; made by Jason Brown, seconded by Pete Smellie, to approve the agenda as amended.
Unanimously voted.*

BOS Reports and Announcements

The Town received a Complete Streets grant for \$199,000. State Sen. Patrick O'Connor hosted a meeting to provide more information on this grant award. The grant is earmarked to help complete the sidewalk to Town Center.

Mr. Reardon updated the board on Monday night's CHT meeting. Chair Gregg McBride stated that the Trust would like to schedule a meeting with the Select Board for an update on Trust activities and future plans. Two long time members of the Trust have stepped down; Peter Shea and Liz Hibbard. Both were instrumental in the successful completion of the 40 River Street AH project. Mr. Graham thanked both for their service to the Town.

Town Administrator - None

Citizen Comments-None

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion; made by Jason Brown, seconded by Pete Smellie, to approve the Open Meeting minutes for 6/16/21. Unanimously voted.

7:15pm Trattoria San Pietro Public Hearing (FVB, Inc.) 376 Washington Street Norwell – Change of Officers/Directors, Transfer of Stock, Alteration of Premise

*Motion; made by Jason Brown, seconded by Pete Smellie, to open the public hearing.
Unanimously voted.*

Mr. Smellie read the notice of public hearing as posted in the Patriot Ledger. Lawyer Ryan Gazda joined the meeting via Zoom to speak to the board and answer questions about these updates. Anna Duarte is now the 100% owner after the death of the other partner. The alteration of the premises is the outdoor patio renovation previously approved by the Select Board to allow year round outdoor meal service. There are no additional operation changes. Questions were asked and answered about the layout of the new patio space. All departments have signed off on these changes.

Motion; made by Jason Brown, seconded by Pete Smellie, to close the public hearing for the Trattoria San Pietro. Unanimously voted.

Motion; made by Jason Brown, seconded by Pete Smellie, to approve the change of officers/director, transfer of stock and alteration of premise as discussed and reviewed during the public hearing, for the FVB, Inc. All Alcohol license expiring 12/31/21. Unanimously voted.

7:30pm National Grid Pole Hearing – Stetson Road, poles 26 and 27

*Motion; made by Jason Brown, seconded by Pete Smellie, to open the public hearing.
Unanimously voted.*

Mr. Smellie read the notice of public hearing as posted in the Patriot Ledger. Mr. Simon Yeung of National Grid was present via Zoom and updated the board on the relocations of the poles to accommodate the subdivision's new street. Mr. Morin provided

additional information for these pole moves, adding that there is a statutory requirement to protect the property owners' rights. If the poles are not moved it can adversely affect the property values. The abutters/residents know about this movement as they were properly notified via certified mail from the Town Administrator's office. There were no public comments.

Motion; made by Jason Brown, seconded by Pete Smellie, to close the National Grid pole hearing. Unanimously voted.

Motion; made by Jason Brown, seconded by Pete Smellie, approve the petition from National Grid to move Stetson Road poles 26 and 27 as petitioned and presented in the packet. Unanimously voted.

Provisional Promotion to Police Sergeant – Francis Molla, III

Chief Lee and Officer Francis Molla III were present to update the board on this provisional promotion effective 7/15/21. Chief Lee noted that Officer Molla will move forward to take the civil service exam, but it could take several months for results. The Chief thought it was important to fill the ranks of the supervisors with this temporary promotion.

Officer Molla has been with the department for 21 years. He is the senior patrol officer of the department and will work out well as a leader. He has been accepted to the MetroLEC green unit dive team based out of Scituate. He will take the civil service exam with the other candidates when it is offered next. Per Chief Lee, there is no favoritism, but Officer Molla is in the "right place at the right time".

In response to questions from the board, Chief Lee noted that a senior sergeant is leaving the department on 7/15/21. This is a civil service approved position for a supervisor.

Mr. Morin spoke with the chief several times, adding that this is a sound plan to alleviate some of the current stress on the sergeants in the department. Chief Lee answered other questions about department role changes.

Motion; made by Jason Brown, seconded by Pete Smellie, to approve the provisional promotion of Francis Molla III to temporary sergeant. Unanimously voted.

Review and Approve contract – Stony Brook cottage demolition, effective 7/1/21

Mr. Graham summarized this project and contract for the board. The approved amount should be adequate to cover the cost of the asbestos removal during the demolition.

Motion; made by Jason Brown, seconded by Pete Smellie, to approve the contract for the demolition of Stony Brook cottage, effective 7/1/21, subject to the proper insurance coverage edits/updates. Unanimously voted.

Town Hall Renovation Committee Appointments

With regard to the prior meeting discussion about time commitments for potential committee members, Mr. Morin updated the board on the arrangement for timely posting of the board and committee meeting minutes going forward. Authorized access to appropriate committee webpages for Town employees has been organized and the Town Clerk is comfortable with the plan.

Mr. Morin named the members of the committee as follows:

- Town Administrator – Peter Morin
- Department head – Pat Anderson
- Town Hall union employee – Nancy Dooley
- Select Board Representative – Andy Reardon
- Facilities Manager – Ted Nichols

Motion: made by Jason Brown, seconded by Pete Smellie, to appoint members of the Town Hall Renovation Committee as named above. Unanimously voted

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Committee Applications; Council on Aging

Motion; made by Jason Brown, seconded by Pete Smellie, to appoint Ralph Rivkind to the Council on Aging for a term expiring June 30, 2024. Unanimously voted.

The Commission on Disabilities appointment has been postponed to a future board meeting as the applicant could not attend.

Town of Norwell Reappointment – Town Sealer Robert Egan

Motion; made by Jason Brown, seconded by Pete Smellie, to reappoint Robert Egan as the Town Sealer of Weights and Measures for a term expiring 6/30/22. Unanimously voted.

Committee Vacancies

The board reviewed the list of vacancies, highlighting various committees and board activities. Both the vacancy list and the fillable committee application form are available on the Select Board page of the Town website.

Town website – meeting minutes posting availability

Mr. Morin expanded on the plan to bring the posting of board and committee minutes up to date and posted on the Town website in a timely manner. Those boards that meet on a regular, frequent basis and also have a paid employee who takes the minutes will each be responsible for posting their own minutes. Those committees without a paid assistant and who meet less often will have their approved minutes posted by the Town Clerk.

Adjournment

Motion; made by Jason Brown, seconded by Pete Smellie, to adjourn at 7:48pm. Unanimously voted.



Bruce Graham, Chair

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