

**Town of Norwell  
Select Board  
Open Meeting – Remote Access only  
4/24/24**

**Present:** Bruce Graham, Brian Greenberg, Andy Reardon, Jason Brown, Darleen Sullivan, Kim Roy

Vice Chair Andy Reardon called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

**Approval of Agenda**

*Motion; made by Andy Reardon, seconded by Brian Greenberg, to approve the agenda.*

*Roll call vote: Reardon – yes, Graham – yes, Greenberg – yes, Brown – yes*

**Discussion/Action Items**

- a) 7:15pm – Street Acceptance for Cowings Cove – vote

*Motion; made by Bruce Graham, seconded by Brian Greenberg, to open the public hearing at 7:15pm. Graham – yes, Greenberg – yes, Brown – yes, Reardon – yes*

Ms. Sullivan read the notice of public hearing.

Mr. Greenberg recused himself from the hearing as he is an abutter to this street.

Mr. Graham expressed his reservations about accepting private roads as public ways but will go along with this application. As there were no public comments, Mr. Reardon called for a motion to close the public hearing.

*Motion; made by Bruce Graham, seconded by Jason Brown, to close the public hearing at 7:20pm. Brown – yes, Graham – yes, Reardon – yes.*

Discussion ensued about the Town's street acceptance policies for private roads, residents' expectations about Town services available for private roads and street acceptance policies compared to similar towns (per Mr. Graham, comparable towns do not accept private roads as public streets). Drainage maintenance issues were highlighted as a significant factor in the Town's reluctance to accept private roads. Per Mr. Greenberg, there is a drainage easement in place for this street to allow the Town access to the storm drains as needed, but without the responsibility of ongoing maintenance, which will fall to the HOA.

*Motion; made by Bruce Graham, seconded by Jason Brown, to accept Cowings Cove as a public way. Brown – yes, Graham – yes, Reardon – yes.*

Mr. Brown left the meeting at this point. Mr. Greenberg rejoined the meeting.

- b) 7:30pm – 367 Circuit Street: Storage of Combustibles – LP-Gas license for storage in excess of 2000 gallons

*Motion; made by Bruce Graham, seconded by Brian Greenberg, to open the public hearing at 7:30pm. Graham – yes, Greenberg – yes, Reardon – yes*

Ms. Sullivan read the notice of public hearing.

Mr. Reardon announced that this hearing will be continued to the Select Board meeting on May 1, 2024, at the advertised time.

*Motion; made by Bruce Graham, seconded by Brian Greenberg, to continue this public hearing to the Select Board meeting on May 1, 2024, at 7:30pm. Graham – yes, Greenberg – yes, Reardon – yes.*

**Future Meeting Dates;** May 1<sup>st</sup>, Town Meeting – May 6th, May 15th

**Adjournment**

*Motion; made by Andy Reardon, seconded by Brian Greenberg, to adjourn at 7:40pm.  
Unanimously voted*

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Andy Reardon, Vice Chair