

TOWN OF NORWELL



ANNUAL TOWN REPORT 2016

TOWN DIRECTORY

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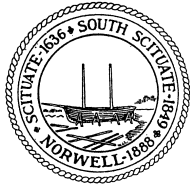
Town Offices – 345 Main Street

Hours: Monday & Tuesday, 8:00 AM to 4:15 PM, Wednesday, 8:00 AM to 7:30 PM,
Thursday, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM and Friday, 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM (Unless Noted Differently)

<u>ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT</u>	781-659-8010
<u>ANIMAL CONTROL</u>	781-659-8012
<u>ASSESSOR’S DEPARTMENT</u>	781-659-8014
<u>SELECTMENS DEPARTMENT</u>	781-659-8000
<u>BOARD OF HEALTH / RECYCLING / TRASH</u>	781-659-8016
<u>BUILDING DEPARTMENT / APPEALS</u>	781-659-8018
<i>Inspectors: Building, Wire, Gas, Plumbing</i>	<i>Inspections by Appointment</i>
<u>CONSERVATION COMMISSION</u>	781-659-8022
<u>PLANNING BOARD</u>	781-659-8021
<u>HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT</u> , Secretary.....	781-659-8042
<i>After office hours</i>	781-659-7979
<u>RECREATION COMMISSION</u>	781-659-8046
<u>TAX COLLECTOR / TREASURER</u>	781-659-8070
<u>TREES / CEMETERY DEPARTMENT</u>	781-659-8009
<u>TOWN CLERK</u>	781-659-8072
<i>Birth Certificates, Death Certificates, Elections</i>	
<i>Marriage Licenses, Voter Registration, Dog Licenses, etc.</i>	
<u>VETERAN’S AGENT</u>	781-659-8004
<u>WATER DEPARTMENT</u>	781-659-8076
<u>NORWELL PUBLIC LIBRARY</u>	781-659-2015
64 South Street Mon-Wed 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM, Thu-Sat 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM	
Sun (Sept-April) 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM	
<u>COUNCIL ON AGING (SENIOR CITIZEN DROP-IN CENTER)</u>	781-659-7878
<i>Mon – Fri 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM Hot Lunch Program, Senior Bus, Activities</i>	
<u>POLICE DEPARMENT</u>	
<i>40 River Street</i>	781-659-7979
<u>FIRE DEPARTMENT – HEADQUARTERS</u>	After Office Hours - 781-659-8156
	After Office Hours – 781-659-7979
<u>SCHOOL DEPARTMENT</u>	781-659-8800
Superintendent Office - <i>Mon – Fri 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.</i>	

IN MEMORIAM

Elinor L. Mackin	February 28, 2016	Teacher
Byron V. Leary	May 17, 2016	School Librarian
Joseph R. Carty	July 19, 2016	Bd. of Registrars Historical Comm. Centennial Comm. CPC Capital Budget Comm. Election Worker Advisory Bd. Osborn School Ad Hoc Comm. Overhead Wire Comm. Fire Dept. Study Comm.
Carolyn MacLellan	July 29, 2016	Election Worker
Robert W. Turner, Sr.	August 21, 2016	Highway Dept. Custodian
Mark C. Mederos	Nov. 4, 2016	Trail Crew Leader, C.O.A & Conservation Comm.
Diane M. McCarthy	Dec. 2, 2016	Water Dept. Secretary Bldg. Dept. Secretary



Town of Norwell

Plymouth County

Massachusetts

2016 Population 11,200, Land area 21 square miles, Normal temperature, January: 27F, Normal Temperature, July 70.0F, Elevation at Town Hall approximately 81 feet above sea level, Town Meeting form of government with 5-member Board of Selectmen as Executive Authority.

REPRESENTATIVES IN STATE & FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

U. S. Senators

Elizabeth Warren (D)

Edward J. Markey (D)

Governor's Council 4th District

Christopher A. Iannella, Jr. (D)

Representative in Congress, 10th District

William R. Keating (D)

County Commissioners

Sandra M. Wright (R)

Daniel A. Pallotta (R)

Gregory M. Hanley (D)

State Representative, 5th Plymouth District

David F. DeCoste (D)

State Senator, Norfolk & Plymouth District

Patrick O'Connor (R)

Sheriff, Plymouth County

Joseph D. MacDonald (D)

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Conservation Commission

ELECTED OFFICIALS

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Joan	Osborne	2019
William E.	Houser	2018
Susan	Kirby	2017

BOARD OF HEALTH

John O.	Litchfield	2019
Mary E.	Doherty	2018
Peter M.	Dillon	2017

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Gregg	McBride	2019
Jason	Brown	2019
Alison	DeMong	2018
Peter D.	Smellie	2018
Ellen H.	Allen	2017

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

Frederick H.	St. Ours	2019
Peter	Dillon	2018
Steven P.	Ivas	2017

HIGHWAY SURVEYOR/DIR

Glen	Ferguson	2019
Paul M.	Foulsham	2016

HOUSING AUTHORITY

Genevieve	Davis	Duration
Nancy J.	Dooley	2019
Fred N.	Levin	2018
John F.	Carnes, Jr.	2018
Edward F.	Walsh, Jr.	2017

MODERATOR

William C.	Coffey	2017
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PLANNING BOARD

Scott	Fitzgerald	2019
Don	Mauch	2019
Jamie G	Crystal-Lowry	2018
Kenneth	Cadman	2017
Patrick	Campbell	2017
Bradford V.	Washburn	2016

PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Victor M.	Posada	2019
Kathleen D.	Fitzgerald	2019
Christine	Smith	2018
Monika F.	Brodsky	2018
Sarah C.	Summers	2017
Jeanne	Hagelstein-Ivas	2017
Kathryn E.	Mudgett	2016

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Christina	Kane	2019
Patrick S.	Reed	2019
MaryLou	O'Leary	2018
Kiersten H.	Warendorf	2017
Allison	Link	2017
Amy	Zintl Koch	2016
Glenn C.	Ferguson	2016

TOWN CLERK

Patricia M.	Anderson	2017
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TOWN OFFICIALS, BOARDS, DEPARTMENTS AND COMMISSIONS

ADA COORDINATOR

Stephen	Muzrall	2018
Thomas	Barry	2017
Timothy	FitzGerald	2016

ADVISORY BOARD

3 YRS

Susan	Powell	2019
Mark C	Maiellano	2019
Amy	Koch	2019
Tim	Greene	2018
Jane A.	Stout	2018
Jacquelyn	McClellan	2018
Roger	Hughes	2017
Ralph	Gordon	2017
Karen	Reynolds	2017
Frances	Molla	2016

Susan K.	Solis	2016
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BOARD OF APPEALS

3 YRS

Lois S.	Barbour	2019
Philip Y.	Brown	2018
David L.	Turner	2017

ALTERNATE MEMBERS:

Thomas P.	Harrison	2018
Ralph J.	Rivkind	2017

40B SPECIAL ALTERNATE

Patrick J.	Haraden	duration
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ADVISORY BOARD NOMINATING COMMITTEE

1 YR

Gregg	McBride	2019
William C.	Coffey	2018
Roger	Hughes	2017
Ellen H.	Allen	2016

BOARD OF REGISTRARS

3 YRS

Robert J.	Lannin	2019
James C.	Pinkham	2018
Mary	Cole	2018
Patricia M.	Anderson	2017

AMBULANCE ABATEMENT COMMITTEE

Peter	Morin, Town Administrator
Darleen	Sullivan, Treasurer
T. Andrew	Reardon, Fire Chief

BUILDING

3 YRS

Tori	Koch	n/a
Judy	Pietroski	n/a

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Thomas	Barry	2019
Timothy J.	FitzGerald	2016

BUILDING INSPECTOR ALT.

Gerald	O'Neill	2018
Michael B.	Simpson	2017

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

1 YR

Brian	Willard	2017
Paul	Murphy	2016

ATHLETIC FIELDS COMMITTEE

3 YR

Glenn	Ferguson	2019
David C.	Benedict	2019
Mary Beth	Shea	2019
Gerald	Kehoe	2019
Jeannie	Burtch	2017
Kiersten	Warendorf	2017
Eric	Thorbahn	2017
Paul	Foulsham	2016
Richard	Webber	2016
Jeff	Bergholtz	2016

BURIAL AGENT

3 YRS

Patricia M.	Anderson	2017
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BY-LAW REVIEW COMMITTEE

Duration

Jason	Brown
Donald	Mauch
Bob	Woodill
Lois S.	Barbour
John	Litchfield
Sally	Turner
Spencer	Joseph
Bruce	Humphrey

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

3 YRS

Peg	Norris	2019
Robert H.	Norris	2019

CABLE TV COMMITTEE

Jonathan Grabowski
 Gregg McBride
 Andy Reardon
 Alex Milne
 Stephen Muzrall
 Joseph Lipowski

3 YR
 duration

2019
 2018
 2018
 2018
 2018
 2017

Fred N. Levin
 Robert H. Norris
 Aleta Scully
 Julie Gillis
 Joan Osborne
 Brendan Recupero
 David M. Osborne
Ellen McKenna

2018
 2018
 2018
 2018
 2017
 2017
n/a

CAPITAL BUDGET

Kimberley Dall
 Linda Martin-Dyer
 Tim Greene
 Peter W. Smellie
 Brian Greenberg
 Skip Joseph
 Peter Bloomfield
 Kevin J. Burns
 Stephanie Molinari

3 YRS

2019
 2019
 2018
 2018
 2017
 2017
 2017
 2017
 2016

COMPLETE STREETS COMMITTEE

Gary Schaffer
 Kevin Cafferty
 Glenn Ferguson
 Alison Demong
 Ellen Mosier
 Patrick Campbell
 Paul Foulsham

3 YRS

2019
 2019
 2019
 2018
 2018
 2016
 2016

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Rebecca Allen
 Richard Hartigan
 Francis J. Nagle
 Lynne Rose
 Bill Malloy

3 YRS

2018
 2018
 2018
 2018
 2017

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Marynel Wahl
 Bob McMackin
 Ronald Mott
 Stacy Minihane
 Robert Woodill
 David M. Osborne
 Justin Ivas
 Bruce Humphrey
 Lori Hillstrand
Nancy Hemingway
Meredith Schmid
Jeanne Cianciola

3 YRS

2019
 2018
 2018
 2018
 2017
 2017
 2017
 2016
 2016
duration
n/a
n/a

COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES

Susan Curtin
 Deborah M. Paine
 Patti M. Nelson
 Kevin Cohane
 Laurie Galvin
 James Kelliher
 Michele O'Hara

3 YRS

2019
 2018
 2018
 2018
 2017
 2017
 2016

CONSTABLES

Thomas C. Scavitto
 Kevin J. Dalton
 Shawn Murphy
 Peter J. Carlson
 Michael C. Moore
 Jerold S. Loomis
 David Lewis

3 YRS

2019
 2018
 2018
 2018
 2018
 2018
 2017

COMMUNITY HOUSING TRUST

Brian D'Souza
 Gregg McBride
 Patricia G. Richardson
 Andy Reardon
 Bruce Burgess
 Peter M. Shea
 Liz Hibbard
 Tricia Lederer
Ellen McKenna

2 YRS

2018
 2018
 2018
 2018
 2018
 2017
 2017
 Alt
n/a

COUNCIL ON AGING

Bonnie J. Campbell-Dunn
 Maureen Murphy
 Wesley H. Osborne, Jr.
 Edward Cox
 Lynne Rose
 Maryellen Arapoff
 Kate Vaughan

3 YRS

2019
 2019
 2018
 2018
 2018
 2017
 2017

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

John Mariano
 Jamie Crystal-Lowry

3 YRS

2018
 2018

Susan	Curtin, Director	n/a
Dee	Obert	n/a
Rosemary	O'Connor	2016

CULTURAL COUNCIL

Susan	Vroman	2019
Constance	Stone	2018
Marilynn	Raineri	2018
Elaine	Garvey	2018
Anna	d'Entremont	2018
Christine	Hudanich	2018
Cynthia A.	Wright	2018
Nathalie	Vining	2017
Lois	Athanasious	2017

CUSHING MEMORIAL DIRECTORS

Paul S.	Tedeschi	2019
Donna M.	Cunio	2018
Alex	Milne	2018
Patrick	Reed	2018
James E.	Fitzgerald	2017
MaryLou	O'Leary	n/a

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Michael J.	Tobin	2019
Jesse	Carbone	2019
Stephen	Marsh	2019
Richard A.	Merritt	2018
Natalie	DiCecca	2018
Patrick	Campbell	2017
Bradford V.	Washburn	2016
Susan	Solis	2016

EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS CENTER

Theodore J.	Ross Police Chief
T. Andrew	Reardon, Chief

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

T. Andrew	Reardon, Chief
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FACILITY MANAGER

David	Sutton, Facility Manager	
Stephen	Fitzpatrick, Custodian	
Andy	Papadopolous, Custodian	2016

FENCE VIEWER

Cliff	Prentiss	2017
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FIRE DEPARTMENT

T. Andrew	Reardon, Chief
Thersea	Graham, Administrative Asst.

CAPTAINS:

Kenneth R.	Benting
David J.	Kean
Jeffrey C.	Simpson

FIRE FIGHTERS:

John R.	Cushing
Eric	Chiasson
Brian	Cole
George P.	Doucette
JD	Dwyer
Sean	Ford
Jon M.	Healy
Tyler	Hannigan
Jeffrey	Jacobson
Harry L.	Merritt
William J.	Milne
Jeannie N.	Payne
Michael B.	Ryan
Robert F.	Silva
Dave	Smith
Michael	Teague

CALL FIREFIGHTERS:

Michael	Cohen
James	Majenski
Parker	Merritt
Alex	Morena
John	Ward

FOREST FIRE WARDEN

T. Andrew	Reardon, Chief
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GAS & PLUMBING INSPECTOR

Edward J.	Geswell	2017
Edward J.	Geswell III, Alternate	2017
Michael	Hoadley, Alternate	2017
Gary A.	Young, Alternate	2017

GENERAL BY-LAW REVIEW COMMITTEE

Peter D.	Smellie
Ted	Ross
Scott	Snider

Duration

HARBORMASTER

Ron	Mott
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HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT		3 YRS	MBTA ADVISORY BOARD		Duration
Glen	Ferguson	2019	Peter	Morin	
Linda	Murphy	n/a			
Sharon	Ouellet	n/a	MOORING BY-LAW COMMITTEE		Duration
Denise	Nestor	n/a	Robert	Molla, Jr.	
Paul M.	Foulsham	2016	Ronald	Mott	
			Edward	Pecoraro	
HIGHWAY/TREE ENVIRONMENTAL AUDIT		None	William G.	Arnold	
Peter	Morin		David Lee	Turner	
Gregg	McBride		MUNICIPAL HEARING OFFICER		
Paul M.	Foulsham	2016	Peter	Morin	
HISTORICAL COMMISSION		3 YRS	NORTH RIVER CLEANUP		Duration
Janet	Watson	2019	John G.	Marshall	
Patricia	Shepherd	2019			
David	DeGhetto	2018	NORTH RIVER COMMISSION		3 YRS
James	Kelliher	2018	Dennis J.	Mahoney	2019
Robert H.	Norris	2018	Timothy	Simpson	2019
Nancy	McBride	2017			
Noel	Ripley	2017	NORTH RIVER PATROL		1 YR
Katharine	Campbell	2016	Joseph	Strazdes	2017
HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGER			OPEN SPACE/RECREATION IMPLEMENTATION		Duration
Barbara	Childs		Nancy	Hemingway	
INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS		1 YR	Marynel	Wahl	
Brian	Willard	4/30/17	Steve	Ivas	
INSPECTOR OF WIRES		1 YR	Chris	Diiorio	
Charles	Palmeri	2017	George	Grey	
John C.	Lunn, Alternate	2017	Shana	Hallman	
LIBRARY EMPLOYEES			OVERHEAD WIRE COMMITTEE		Duration
Judy	McConarty, Director		David	DeGhetto	
Emily	Goodwin, Ass't Director		Arthur	Joseph, Jr.	
Nancy	Perry, Children's Librarian		PARKING CLERK		
Diane	Rodriquez, Adult Services Librarian		Peter	Morin	
Pam	Achille, Technical Services Librarian				
Kristina	Gilberti, Circulation Ass't		PATHWAY COMMITTEE		3 YR
Donna	Keene, Circulation Ass't		Pamela	Brake	
Mary	Kustka, Circulation Ass't		Kenneth	Cadman	
Kathie	Lawrence, Circulation Ass't		Kevin	Cafferty	
Vicki	Rankin, Circulation Ass't		Jim	Kelliher	
Ellen	Markham, Shelver		Pat	Palzkill	
Tom	Fazio, Custodian		Brendan	Recupero	
MAPC		Duration	Brendan	Sullivan	
Peter	Morin		Bob	Woodill	

PERMANENT BUILDING & MAINTENANCE

David	DeCoste	2019
Laurence	Gogarty	2018
Scott	Brodsky	2018
Jeff	Fabrizio	2019
Gary	Osborne	2017
Robert	Molla	2017
Bob	Kourafas	2017
Thomas F.	O'Neill	2017

PERMANENT DRAINAGE COMMITTEE

Glen	Ferguson	2019
Paul M.	Foulsham	2016

PERSONNEL BOARD

Adrienne	Vavpetic	2018
Piper	Sheer	2017
Meghan	Steinberg	2017
Barbara	Childs	duration

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Theodore J.	Ross, Chief
Carol	Brzuszek, Deputy Chief
Marion	Kaskiewicz, Administrative Assistant
Bruce	Melanson, Custodian

SERGEANT

Ronald C.	Fries
William	Lynch
John	McDevitt
Urpo J. E.	Nurmenniemi
Timothy P.	O'Brien
John	Suurhans

PERMANENT OFFICERS:

Kenneth	Camerota
John	Carnes III
William	Crowley
Daniel	Dooley (Detective)
Joseph	Esposito
Jeffrey	Johnson
Robert M.	Meagher
Francis N.	Molla, Jr.
Nathan	Morena
William R.	Pasteris
Edward	Phelps
Kayla	Puricelli
Bryan	Resnick
Craig	Simpston
Sean M.	Sutton

3 YRS**Student Officers:**

Nicole	Flaherty
Kevin	McCurdy
Shane	McNamara

SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS:

Ernest	Anastasio	2017
Michael A.	Brenton	2017
Derek	Campanelli	2017
Robert	Clark	2017
Sean M.	Doherty	2017
Katelin	Jenkins	2017
Matthew R.	Luccarelli	2017
Todd W.	McAnough	2017
Shawn	Murphy	2017

Crossing Guards:

Ginny	Marie
Jill	O'Laughlin
Autumn	Keene

DISPATCHERS / MATRONS / CLERKS:

Bianca	Clark
Heather	Collins
Donna	Galvin
Mary	Merritt
Thomas	Paola
Barbara	Papile
Donna	Wright

RECREATION COMMISSION

Christopher	Madden	2019
Gary	Schaffer	2019
Aleta	Scully	2018
Andrea	Warren	2018
Shana	Hallman	2017
Anne	Staples	2016
George	Grey, Director	duration
Judy	Volpe	n/a

RECYCLING COMMITTEE

Holly Mayer	Wenger	2018
Marjorie J.	Dorney	2018
Carole P.	McCarthy	2018
Susan	Davis	2018
Anne	Fridgen-Traft	2017
Vicky E.	Spillane	2016

SEALER WEIGHTS & MEASURES

Robert	Egan	2017
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SENIOR TAX RELIEF COMMITTEE		3 YRS	Robert W. Galvin, Esq., Asst	indefinite
Jill	O'Loughlin	2018		
Darleen	Sullivan	2017		
SIGN-ZONING OFFICER				
Tom	Barry	2019		
Timothy J.	FitzGerald	2016		
REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DIST.		3 YRS		
Robert L.	Molla, Jr.	2018		
STATE ETHICS COMMISSION		Duration		
Robert W.	Galvin, Esq., Asst			
STORM WATER PHASE II COMMITTEE		Duration		
Glen	Ferguson	2019		
Greg	McBride	2019		
Jack R.	McGinnis			
Neil	Merritt			
Paul M.	Foulsham	2016		
STORM WATER COMMITTEE		Duration		
Glen	Ferguson	2019		
John R.	McInnis			
Paul M.	Foulsham	2016		
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR				
Peter	Morin, Town Administrator	n/a		
Lynda	Allen, Exec. Ass't to Town Administrator	n/a		
Ellen	McKenna, Administrative Assistant	n/a		
Denise	Nestor	n/a		
Tori	Koch	2016		
TOWN ACCOUNTANT		3 YRS		
Donna G.	Mangan, Finance Director	2018		
Nancy	Dooley, Ass't Town Accountant	n/a		
Ellen	Nurmenniemi, Account Payable Admin.	n/a		
TOWN CLERK		3 YRS		
Patricia M.	Anderson, Town Clerk	2017		
Laurie A.	Davis, Ass't Town Clerk			
Jean	Valicenti, Registrars Agent			
TOWN COUNSEL				
Robert E.	Galvin, Esq.	indefinite		
TOWN TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE				1 YR
Peter	Morin			2017
Warren	MacCullum			2017
Steven	Peden			2017
Brian	D'Souza			2017
Matthew H.	Power			2017
Marynel	Wahl			2017
Frank	White			2016
TREASURER/COLLECTOR				
Darleen	Sullivan, Treasurer/Collector			
Mary K.	Merritt, Treasurer/Collector			
Lindsey	Nash, Deputy Collector			
Helene	O'Hearn, Payroll Administrator			
Juli	Bethony, Benefits Administrator			
TRAFFIC STUDY COMMITTEE				3 YRS
Glenn	Ferguson			
T. Andrew	Reardon			
Theodore J.	Ross			
Ellen	Moshier			
Gregg	McBride			
TRENCH INSPECTOR				Duration
Glen	Ferguson			
Timothy J.	FitzGerald, Blg. Inspt.			
Paul M.	Foulsham-Highway			2016
VETERAN'S AGENT				1 YR
David M.	Osborne			2017
VETERAN'S GRAVE OFFICER				1 YR
David M.	Osborne			2017
WATER DEPARTMENT				
John R.	McInnis, Water Superintendent			
Donna	Snow, Administrative Ass't			
Amanda	Kayiales, Meter Reader/Clerk			
WATER SUPPLY STUDY COMMITTEE				
Glen	Ferguson			2019
Paul M.	Foulsham			2016

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

In May of 2016, the Board of Selectmen welcomed re-elected members Gregg McBride and Jason Brown. Jason Brown was elected as Chairman, Ellen Allen as Vice Chairman and Peter Smellie as Clerk.

The Board's areas of focus for the year included:

- Developing new revenue sources - The Board is reviewing and will consider any opportunity to increase revenues other than residential property taxes. The Board also applied for and was awarded a grant under the Governor's Community Compact program to assist with economic development planning. An agreement was reached with a medical marijuana dispensary to be located in a commercial industrial park. This will provide \$125,000 in additional revenue during the current fiscal year.
- Leadership to management of Town buildings - Peter Morin assumed the lead role in completing a Green Communities application, which provided \$148,000 in grants for energy reduction projects in Town Hall and the schools.
- The Town received a \$25,000 Governor's Community Compact grant to develop a long-term capital plan. A town-wide inventory of all capital assets was performed with the assistance of Facilities Director David Sutton. All town departments were interviewed and identified their priorities. This tool will inform Norwell's capital and operational budget for the next decade.
- Develop a Town 40B strategy - The Board has continued discussions with our state legislators about changes to the law but has supported our own development efforts by the Community Housing Trust. The Trust has moved forward on their plans to develop the former police station, and additional affordable units are being proposed by the Norwell Housing Authority at the 2017 Annual Town Meeting.
- Develop long-range plans for employee contracts - This effort is on-going and the Board is working cooperatively with the School Committee and department heads to control growth and the cost of healthcare. Settlements have been reached with three of the Town's unions.
- Improve communication with residents - The Town has worked with ClearGov to put its financial data online in a format that allows meaningful comparisons with similar municipalities.

Norwell is very fortunate that it has many devoted residents who serve on elected, appointed and voluntary Boards and Committees. The Selectmen thank them for sharing their time and talents so generously. Likewise, we are fortunate to have many dedicated, hard-working employees. In particular, the Selectmen are grateful to Town Administrator Peter Morin for his efforts, as well as his support staff, Assistant to the Town Administrator Lynda Allen, Interim Administrative Assistant Ellen McKenna and Administrative Assistant Denise Nestor. Our goals could not be achieved without your insight, guidance and support.

Respectfully submitted,
Jason Brown, Chairman, Board of Selectmen

REPORT OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

I am pleased to provide this report on 2016, a very active year for the Town of Norwell. Jason Brown and Gregg McBride were re-elected to the Board of Selectmen. Jason Brown was elected Chairman of the Board, while Ellen Allen was elected Vice Chair and Peter Smellie, Clerk. There was also a special election to fill the vacant State Senate Seat to which Patrick O'Connor was elected. The November election saw 87 percent of registered Norwell voters cast ballots.

The Annual Town Meeting convened on May 2, 2016 to consider nine articles on the Special warrant and 53 on the Annual. After two days of thoughtful and well-informed debate, a \$50.5 million budget and a \$848,800 capital budget was approved.

The Town Meeting also approved the use of Community Preservation funds to improve playgrounds and playing fields, adopted a Right to Farm bylaw and passed a provision for the recall of elected officials. The Town achieved the designation of a Green Community, which brought \$146,000 in grants to fund energy efficiency improvements in school buildings and Town Hall. The Town also entered into a Commonwealth Compact with the administration of Governor Charles Baker and received grants to fund creation of a long term capital plan and an economic development consultant.

The newly elected Highway surveyor Glenn Ferguson implemented an aggressive pavement program that brought major improvement to road conditions throughout the town.

Last and most importantly, words cannot adequately express my appreciation for the dedication of Assistant to Town Administrator Lynda Allen, and Administrative Assistants Denise Nestor, Tori Koch and Ellen McKenna. Their patience and persistence in meeting the myriad of challenges presented to the Town Administrator's Office cannot be understated. I will forever be in their debt.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter J. Morin, Town Administrator

REPORT OF TOWN COUNSEL

To the Citizens of Norwell and the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I am pleased to submit this Annual Report for 2016 to the residents of the Town of Norwell and to the officials who volunteer, are appointed or elected serve on Norwell various boards, commissions and departments.

The Office of Norwell Town Counsel is staffed by Town Counsel Robert W. Galvin and Assistant Town Counsel Robert E. Galvin. Each year this office strives to provide the Town of Norwell, its boards, commissions and officials the highest quality municipal legal advice in the most cost-effective and efficient manner.

The Town continues also to be ably represented Paul Hodnett, Esq. of Rubin & Rudman, LLP, the Town's Labor Counsel and other special counsel to the School Committee in education matters.

Each year the experience and dedication of the Town's administration, boards and commissions and their staffs has been a crucial element in the efficient management of the town's legal affairs.

The Office of Town Counsel first and foremost is most notably involved in cases where the Town of Norwell is subjected to legal action of one sort or another by persons who claim they are owed money, have had their legal rights infringed by the town, or otherwise where the town must take legal action to prevent a violation of local bylaws or protect and assert its own position. There are typically ten to fifteen cases involving litigation at any given time. The following is a summary list of pending/recently disposed matters:

<u>Name of Case:</u>	<u>Nature of Case:</u>	<u>Status:</u>
Allen v. Planning Board	ANR Appeal	Inactive
Kelly v. Board of Assessors	Tax Appeal	Pending
MacDonald v. Zoning Board	Zoning Appeal (relating to 40B)	Pending

Micciantuono v. Zoning Board	40A Appeal	Dismissed.
Murphy v. Planning Board	ANR Appeal	Judgment
White Barn Lane v. Zoning	40B Appeal	Pending Board
White Barn Lane v. Planning Board	Declaratory Judgment	Pending
Williams v. Zoning Board	Zoning Appeal	On Remand
Related: Lareau v. Zoning Board		Pending
Cost of Settled or Judgment Cases against Town: \$0		

The other duties of a Town Counsel are often not well known to the public since they are frequently set forth in our charter which is not often read; however, in general, the office of Town Counsel provides three types of services: (a) prosecution of claims and defenses on behalf of the town; (b) advisory services designed to guide officials and boards through the intricacies of legal system and legal requirements in order to prevent litigation; (c) review of policies, procedures and bylaws; (d) review of all contracts for form and substance; and, (d) issuance of advisory opinions and ethical opinions to public officials and employees.

During the last year, I assisted the Town in acquiring parcels of land which were gifted or donated, advised the town related to town properties, attended Selectmen' and advised regarding the Jacobs Farm House and advised the Selectmen and Moderator before, during and after Town Meetings, rendered advisory opinions, consulted on proceedings before the Selectmen, and responded to inquiries on a variety of other municipal issues including bylaw changes, historical preservation, wetland regulations, subdivision control law, property rights, open meeting issues, ethics, and other various municipal issues. I am also called to draft, review and approve municipal contracts and have done so, again, on many occasions during the year.

During the coming year, it is likely we will be asked to address how the town wishes to respond to the new legislation authorizing recreational marijuana use and sales. There is much to be sorted out with this murky law.

In conclusion, I wish to express my gratitude in particular to the Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator, Peter Morin, who has continued the tradition of strong municipal administration, Police Chief and Fire Chief, Zoning Board of Appeals, Planning Board and Town Planner, Conservation Agent, Highway Surveyor, Board of Health, new Building Inspector, Tom Barry, Finance Director, our Town Clerk and the Community Preservation Committee and all of their staffs for their support, as well as the various other town officials and employees who support the office of Town Counsel.

It is a privilege to be of assistance with your legal matters.

Respectfully Submitted,
Robert W. Galvin, Town Counsel
Robert E. Galvin, Asst. Town Counsel

REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS/ZONING OFFICER

In 2016, the Building Department experienced a productive year with building permit applications for new homes, alteration to existing homes, also commercial sign permits and commercial alterations along Washington Street, the office parks and other areas within the town. The Building Department continues to receive permit applications at a steady pace. Assinippi Park has completed a major solar project converting a large segment of one of its parking areas to covered charging stations for electric vehicles; Residential solar and energy upgrades continue to increase as well. Some of the town's 40B projects are well into construction, some nearing completion; others are pending. The Building Department has also researched and anticipates having the permitting process on-line to enhance customer service, increase turnaround time, track, store and access our project records and documents more proficiently. We are also grateful and thankful to the seniors that have volunteered their time to assist the department

RESIDENTIAL PERMITS

New Dwellings	37
Alteration/Renovations	119
Additions	22
Roofs/Sidings/Windows/Garage	
Doors/Doors/Gutters/Trim	128
Decks/Pools/Pool Houses/Sheds	57
Barns/Garages	8
Energy Upgrades/Weatherization	28
HVAC/Mechanical	45
Tents	5
Fireplace/Stoves/Chimneys	23
Demo	8
Solar	27
Foundations	12
Fences	2
Docks	1
Driveway	1

Respectfully Submitted,
Thomas M. Barry, Inspector of Buildings/Zoning Officer
Tori Koch, Administrative Assistant

COMMERCIAL PERMITS

Buildings	1
Foundations	1
Alterations/Renovations/Tenant Fit Outs	27
Roofing Siding/Exterior Work	3
Signs	38
Sprinklers Installation/Relocation	10
Cell Tower Work	4
HVAC/Mechanical	8
Windows	3
Tent	5
Solar	1
Sheds	1

PLUMBING AND GAS DEPARTMENT

The office of the Plumbing and Gas Inspector issued the following permits for the year 2016:

217 Plumbing Permits
239 Gas Permits

These various permits were for residential renovations as well as new construction, conversions from electric to gas and/or propane, commercial fit ups and permits for generators. Each permit requires at least two inspections; a rough and a final.

Respectfully submitted,
Edward J. Geswell, Plumbing & Gas Inspector
Michael Hoadley, Alternate Plumbing & Gas Inspector

WIRING INSPECTOR

The Office of the Inspector of Wires processed approximately 549 electrical permits during calendar year 2016. This is consistent with the 550 permits filed during calendar year 2015. Requests for inspection included but were not limited to new construction, renovations, additions, service installations, appliance upgrades, fire and security alarms, voice data and video, swimming pools, septic systems, and standby generators. The Town has added approximately another 625,000 (thousand) watts of renewable energy in the form of photo-voltaic installations, for calendar year 2016. The Office of the Inspector of Wires also responds to emergency requests from the Town of Norwell's Police

and Fire Departments. The Inspector of Wires holds office hours at the Town Offices Mondays thru Thursdays, 12:30 to 2:00 PM.

We wish to thank the entire Building Department as well as the other offices throughout the Town for their continued assistance throughout the calendar year.

Respectfully Submitted,
Charles J. Palmieri, Inspector of Wires
John Lunn, Alternate Inspector of Wires

BOARD OF APPEALS

The stated *Purpose and Authority* of the Zoning Bylaw is “. . . to promote the general welfare of the Town of Norwell, to protect the health and safety of its inhabitants, to encourage the most appropriate use of land throughout the Town . . .“ The Board of Appeals in its defined, quasi-judicial role endeavors to provide consistent and fair consideration of all matters that may come before it, while serving the best interests of the citizens of the Town of Norwell in upholding the Norwell zoning bylaw. The Town’s zoning bylaw and all changes thereto must be approved by a two-thirds vote of Town Meeting.

During calendar year 2016, the Board of Appeals scheduled seventeen (17) regular and special meeting dates to conduct its business and public hearings on a total of twenty (20) applications under M.G.L. c. 40A and the Norwell Zoning Bylaw. Most residential applications were closed in one evening with public hearings on certain commercial applications continued over one or more meeting nights. The year’s applications included the following requested zoning relief:

Appeal of Denial by Building Inspector	Denied	1
Comprehensive Permit modification		
(including insubstantial)	Approved	1
Remand from Land Court	Action Filed	1
Site Plan/Special Permit: Business District B	Withdrawn	2
Site Plan/Special Permit: Business District C	Approved	2
Sign Variance: Business District C	Approved	1
Special Permit: Residential Dock	Approved	1
Special Permit/Section 6 Finding	Approved	8
Variance – Residential for medical	Approved	2
Variance – Residential for medical	Withdrawn	1

The Town holds escrow provided by each developer for 40B and Site Plan decisions, as allowed by applicable regulations, to engage a qualified peer review consultant and/or construction monitor under individual scopes of service contracts to review plans and oversee construction of all approved projects on behalf of the Town.

Construction continues at 239 Washington Street on the 40B project permitted in October 2003, for thirty-nine (39) homeownership units of which ten (10) are affordable. The Board approved an insubstantial modification request to increase the number of units permitted from thirty-nine (39) to forty (40). The Norwell Inspector of Buildings has issued building permits for one (1) foundation and zero (0) units with thirty-eight (38) Certificates of Occupancy issued. It is unclear when Final As-Built plans will be submitted for review and approval.

The Comprehensive Permit decision for the Damon Farm 40B project, located at Queen Anne’s Corner, was filed with the Town Clerk on November 7, 2008. Construction on the Hingham portion of the project is completed. Six (6) of the twenty-four (24) units permitted in the Norwell portion of the project are to be affordable. The Norwell Inspector of Buildings has issued building permits for three (3) foundations and four (4) units with four (4) Certificates of Occupancy issued.

Construction of the Tiffany Hill 40B project, located off Tiffany Road, under a Comprehensive 40B Permit, filed with the Town Clerk on June 21, 2004, with subsequent modifications, for a total of twenty-four (24) units of which six (6) are to be affordable, commenced in Fall 2014 continues on infrastructure, including stormwater management and access roadways. The Norwell Inspector of Buildings has issued building permits for ten (10) units with zero (0) Certificates of Occupancy issued.

The litigation relating to the Simon Hill LLC Comprehensive Permit decision, filed with the Town Clerk on October 21, 2013, for the proposed One Hundred twenty-six (126) rental units, located off Prospect Street, has been resolved between the developer and abutters. As of the writing of this report, no final construction plans have been submitted to the Town.

The Comprehensive Permit decision for the White Barn Village 40B project, located off Circuit and Forest Streets, was filed with the Town Clerk on May 19, 2008. Eleven (11) of the proposed forty-four (44) unit condominium project are to be affordable. All parties appealed the HAC decision of July 18, 2011, to the Superior Court, where litigation continues unresolved.

The Board also has outstanding litigation with appeals of its decisions on properties located at Stony Brook Lane, 12 Grove Street, and 59 Pond Street. Prior litigation relating to property at 281 Main Street was settled in October 2016.

The Board's application filing fees collected during 2016 totaled \$2,100.00 and were added to the Town's general funds to help offset application review costs. The Board returned \$217.09 of its allocated FY 2016 budget of **\$1,647** to the Town's general funds. The Board also manages escrow funds for consultant review and construction monitoring of 40B projects, as well as monitoring of commercial Site Plan Review projects under construction.

Members wished its administrative assistant, Judy Ockerbloom, a happy and well-deserved retirement, along with Tim FitzGerald, the Town's former inspector of buildings, both of whom retired in June 2016. We are pleased to welcome Tori Koch, who provides careful and thoughtful assistance relating to its activities, as well as Tom Barry, who serves as the Town's new inspector of buildings.

The Board also wishes to thank Town boards, commissions, and departments for technical assistance and recommendations provided on applications throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,
Lois S. Barbour, Chair
Philip Y. Brown, Vice-Chair
David Lee Turner, Clerk
Thomas P. Harrison (Associate)
Ralph J. Rivkind (Associate)

2016 BIRTHS RECORDED IN NORWELL IN 2016

Total number of births: 101

Number of boys: 47

Number of girls: 54

2016 MARRIAGES RECORDED IN NORWELL IN 2016

Date Name of Party A

Name of Party B

April			
1	Jason Jamie Vincent Lindsay of Norwell	Lisa Jean Burnham of Norwell	
7	Joseph Henry Hayes Jr. of Scituate	Kathleen Sheryl Workman of Scituate	
10	Todd Carl McNeil of Norwell	Lynsey Evelyn Gillespie of Norwell	
15	Alexander Gordon Clark Jr. of Norwell	Caitlin Amanda Shuman of Norwell	
May			
6	Michael John O'Brien of Norwell	Kaitlin Martha Wilson of Plymouth	
21	Nicholas James Devito of Norwell	Laura Barrett Lyons of Norwell	
June			
18	Thomas Edward Hannon Jr. of Plymouth	Emily Elizabeth Bartula of Plymouth	
22	Matthew Richard Timmons of Randolph	Nicole Alexandra Robbins of Randolph	
July			
3	Francis John Maloney of Norwell	Pamela Hilton Hultman of Norwell	
23	Joseph Donald Cyr of NY	Amelia Rose Wallace Mattern of NY	
August			
6	Elliott Joseph Lyons of Norwell	Judith Ann Noon of Hanover	
21	Stephen Francis Moar of Norwell	Katie Lynne Wilde of Norwell	
21	Salvatore Vincent Gammara Jr. of NJ	Irita Maria Alfred of Boston	
26	Matthew John Moseley of Norwell	Kathryn Mary Dempsey of Norwell	
27	Jake William Bartlett of Norwell	Jessica Elizabeth Canavan of Norwell	
September			
3	James Andrew Black of Boston	Michela Martin Stager of Boston	
4	Amanda Tayla Sweeney of Norwell	Thomas Martin Barrett of Braintree	
10	Mathew Peter Dimatteo of E. Boston	Amanda Theresa Bellmar of E. Boston	
11	Larra Thornton Sumner IV of Marshfield	Allison Rose VanRiper of Pembroke	
16	Jonathan Michael Cesare of Quincy	Erin Lee McNally of Quincy	
17	Saliba Kozhaya Sukkar of Rockland	Mira Edmond El Kozah of Rockland	
October			
8	Lawrence Joseph McDonnell of Norwell	Robin Marie Churray of Norwell	
9	Erik James Lyons of Norwell	Leanne Elizabeth Martin of Norwell	
15	Christopher William Plummer of Norwell	Sara Alyssa Sozanski of Norwell	
22	Robert John White of Norwell	Amanda Elisabeth Carreiro of Norwell	
November			
5	Peter Garrett Hernandez of Norwell	Brenda Mae Halloran of Norwell	
December			
11	Michael Joseph Kelliher of Brockton	Mara Jacquelyn Kelly of Brockton	
31	John Joseph Donovan of Weymouth	Nicole Brittany Lea of Weymouth	

2016 DEATHS RECEIVED IN NORWELL IN 2016

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Residence</u>
3	Elque Falkner	93	Norwell
3	Jean Mapes Tierney	77	Marshfield
6	Thomas Joseph Conway	85	Norwell
7	John J. McLeod Sr.	82	Marshfield
9	Thomas Barrett Fitzgerald	84	Bridgewater
10	Anna Marie Lafleur	67	Norwell

11	Francis J. Flynn	91	Norwell
11	John S. Hegenberger	56	Pembroke
12	Peter D. Dickman	82	Norwell
17	Martha J. Zuber	76	Braintree
17	William C. Gambill	92	Norwell
18	Stephen Smith	67	Holbrook
19	Dana Raymond Clare	61	Norwell
30	Alan F. Murphy	85	Norwell
30	Robert L. Tedeschi Sr.	91	Norwell
February			
3	Margaret Evans	86	Marshfield
5	Stephen Anthony Kearney	44	Norwell
9	David Marshal Muise	62	Halifax
10	Cecile C. Boyce	83	Norwell
13	Malama Pikoulas	86	Norwell
14	Mary V. Likas	92	Norwell
14	Pauline A. Stadig	90	Hingham
18	Joan Roche	89	Norwell
21	Dorothy Mae Melsky	85	Norwell
22	Kathleen T. Raineri	49	Norwell
23	Judith Papkey	63	Norwell
24	Catherine I. Spillane	92	Norwell
25	Bertha Byron	93	Norwell
March			
10	Joseph W. Matroni	84	Pembroke
20	John R. Cariglia	81	Hanover
22	Elizabeth J. Cornwell	69	Norwell
23	Joan M. Traverse	81	Quincy
28	Arlene Germaine Snowdale	96	Norwell
30	Caroline B. Newell	76	Norwell
31	Robert John Williamson	85	Duxbury
April			
2	Anthony J. Murray	51	Norwell
4	Patricia M. Maddox	60	Norwell
6	Alexis Aurelia Waitekaitis	23	Norwell
6	Helen E. Nilsen	90	Weymouth
7	Helen F. Perry	96	Braintree
9	Lucille Y. Gregory	73	Brockton
11	Victoria A. Dowling	93	Hanover
11	Nancy G. Bennett	79	Marshfield
13	Charline Hare	87	Marshfield
16	Alfred G. Pardo	85	Norwell
24	Patrick J. Cluett	88	Kingston
25	Elizabeth E. Bowler	88	Braintree
26	Patricia J. Allen	73	Hanover
28	Adrienne Alberta Wischart	65	Weymouth
29	Gerald Lee Hathorne	81	Norwell
May			
3	Joseph Edward Clapp	94	Norwell
5	Catherine Molloy	90	Norwell
5	Linda E. Osborne	57	Norwell
11	Juanita Catherine Middleton	96	Norwell
14	Joseph J. Brennan	83	Boston

14	Mark Joseph Lydon	87	Rockland
25	Charles M. Gionet	88	Randolph
27	Margaret M. Hickinbottom	87	Quincy
28	Linda Anne Weber	66	Norwell
28	Joseph S. Hanak	86	Norwell
30	Patricia Ann Joyce	79	Norwell
30	Robert P. Scully	75	Hull
30	Sally Frances Thomas	93	Scituate
June			
3	Rita A. Curran	82	Holbrook
3	Albert E. Tyler Jr.	89	Rockland
5	George E. Lane Jr.	76	Norwell
12	Patricia M. Bovaird	74	Hanover
13	Francis Joseph Geogan II	61	Norwell
15	Marion D. Bayley	94	Norwell
16	Joan Gabriel	84	Norwell
22	Norah M. Rizkalla	9	Norwell
25	Joseph Leonard	55	Norwell
28	Christiane Paule Quinones	90	Norwell
30	Louise A. Camardo	89	Quincy
July			
5	Deborah L. Piccinin	61	Norwell
5	Melvin Robert Olsen Jr.	94	Norwell
7	Thelma M. MacPhee	95	Norwell
7	Philip J. Corbo Sr.	91	Marshfield
7	Richard T. Skinner	52	Weymouth
9	Emma M. Middendorf	82	Rockland
10	Dorothy Marguerite Bartlett	95	Norwell
10	Robert Leonard Dwyer	86	Norwell
10	Joseph F. Trahey Jr.	91	Norwell
12	Eleanor M. Simpson	89	Weymouth
14	Michael A. Cortezzo	56	Norwell
16	Grete Bachenheimer	91	Hull
19	Joseph R. Carty	80	Norwell
20	Billie A. Robb	91	Hingham
20	Gaetano Capobianco	90	Weymouth
25	Laurence D. Collins	79	Norwell
26	James A. Bartholomew	92	Hanover
28	Rosemarie A. Fitzgerald	73	Boston
28	Salvatore A. Spicuzza	83	Halifax
30	Helen M. Simpson	79	Norwell
August			
8	Ann P.B. Fitzgerald	97	Cohasset
12	Richard A. Aitken	73	Rockland
13	Miriam E. Rios	79	Norwell
14	Fay C. Wallstrom	74	Norwell
16	Catherine Marie Dion	86	Hingham
17	David M. Brown	59	Norwell
19	Stephen E. Gagne	67	Norwell
21	Edmond Evans	68	Whitman
21	Robert W. Turner Sr.	85	Norwell
24	Jack J. Depalma	84	Norwell
27	Dorothy R. Vollmer	87	Scituate
29	Flora Caron	94	Rockland

September			
1	Mary A. Dennis	95	Milton
2	Helene H. Smith	93	Weymouth
5	John Herman Parsons	79	Scituate
9	Harriet A. Nichols	84	Norwell
11	Marie Ann Sweeney	70	Norwell
12	Mary N. Fazio	94	Quincy
15	James E. Perkins	47	Norwell
17	Helen Ann Maichle	84	Duxbury
27	Edward J. Duggan	89	Hingham
28	Kathleen Marie King	73	Norwell
October			
2	Ebba H. Damon	92	Scituate
5	Carl J. Casagrande	69	Rockland
9	Louis A. Cataldo	76	Pembroke
12	Maurice Charles Ridpath	96	Hingham
14	Diane Reed	85	Norwell
14	Gertrude Shea	92	Hingham
16	Jeanne E. Burke	87	Norwell
16	Cordelia T. Bergman	92	Norwell
25	Barbara A. Southard	85	Marshfield
28	Joseph M. Kelly Sr.	80	Weymouth
November			
4	Mark Cunningham Mederos	73	Norwell
7	Frances Borden	90	Weymouth
7	David J. Collins	75	Norwell
8	Marc Cadoff	75	Norwell
10	Sean Morrison	83	Hanover
14	Robert Alan Joly	78	Marshfield
16	Beverly M. Fader	92	Rockland
16	James J. Doherty	91	Norwell
17	John F. Grimes	94	Hingham
19	Pearl M. Gilmore	90	Norwell
19	Patrick John Burke	53	Norwell
20	Michael J. Goulding	23	Scituate
21	Ann Lee Deveau	91	Norwell
22	Forrest Alfred Cavallo	82	Norwell
24	Joan M. Roberts	73	Norwell
28	Patrick Anthony Real	78	Rockland
29	June L. Ziedins	52	Norwell
December			
1	Carolyn Margaret Peraino	83	Hingham
2	Diane M. McCarthy	79	Norwell
3	Jeanette Marie Hogan	99	Norwell
5	Elizabeth B. Thalin	89	Norwell
6	Sarah M. Harland	92	Norwell
8	Gisella Frihat	59	Norwell
9	Evalda M. Dussault	93	Weymouth
10	Albert S. Murdy Jr.	87	Norwell
17	Horst Karl Nuermberger	82	Norwell
18	Elizabeth C. McMullan	83	Norwell
21	Albert P. Scandone	95	Duxbury
22	Donna L. Nuite	73	Marshfield
22	Jane Alice Tilley	96	Norwell
25	Elizabeth J. Joseph	81	Norwell

25
30

Edward J. O'Soro
Carol Ann Lagrotteria

96
79

Norwell
Marshfield

DEATHS BROUGHT INTO TOWN FOR BURIAL IN 2016

<u>Date of Death</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Place of Death</u>	<u>Place of Burial</u>
June 8, 2007	Susan Dewhirst	Connecticut	Washington St.
August 17, 2015	John P. Steffens	Boston	First Parish
Nov. 13, 2015	Howard Alan Tubman	North Carolina	First Parish
Jan. 29, 2016	Cosmo Michael Mantia	Weymouth	Washington St.
Jan. 29, 2016	Barbara Jane Bosworth	Florida	Washington St.
Feb. 28, 2016	Elinor L. Mackin	Braintree	Washington St.
March 8, 2016	Joseph Anthony Viola	Scituate	Washington St.
April 17, 2016	Irene E. Horte	Westford	Washington St.
April 29, 2016	Lawrence Lambert	Maine	Washington St.
May 11, 2016	Evelyn Mae Seavey	Duxbury	Washington St.
May 11, 2016	Elizabeth Miller	Connecticut	Washington St.
June 10, 2016	Bernadette Ann Donahue	Plymouth	Washington St.
June 10, 2016	Kenneth M. Benting	Brockton	Washington St.
June 20, 2016	Raymond U. Osborne	Peabody	Washington St.
Aug. 11, 2016	Marie Arlene Krabisch	Middleboro	Washington St.
Aug. 28, 2016	Theresa Louise Keefe	Boston	Washington St.
Sept. 17, 2016	Albert V. Lazuk	Needham	Washington St.
Sept. 21, 2016	Charles Richard Hudson	Weymouth	Washington St.
Nov. 4, 2016	Joseph P. Paradis	Lexington	First Parish
Nov. 8, 2016	Steven T. Gordon	Plymouth	Washington St.
Nov. 10, 2016	Paul G. McCarthy	Boston	Washington St.
Nov. 12, 2016	Esther C. Osborne	Tewksbury	Washington St.

Nov. 15, 2016	Shirley M. Cavanagh	Weymouth	Washington St.
Nov. 23, 2016	Mary D. Bethony	Rockland	Washington St.
Dec. 10, 2016	Jeannette M. Lynch	Weymouth	Washington St.

RECORD OF PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY

MARCH 1, 2016

Pursuant to the Warrant, all eligible voters from Precinct One, Two and Three met at one centralized polling place, the Norwell Middle School, located at 328 Main Street to cast their votes for candidates for the listed offices.

The following election workers were present:

In Precinct I, Joyanne Bond, WARDEN; Helene Quinn, CLERK; Frank Nagle, Marilyn Knowles, Anna Mae Viens, Amy Hudsbeth Cabell, Ellen Torrey, John F. Carnes, Jr., and Rosemarie Mesheau TELLERS:

In Precinct II, Lynne Rose, WARDEN; Jean Valicenti, CLERK; Margaret Lynch, Suzanne Jevne, Ann Bussiere, Ann McLeod, Nancy Schultz, Judy Enright, Eleanor Larson and Virginia Puliafico TELLERS:

In Precinct III, Roslyn Wiseman, WARDEN; Sharon Ducey CLERK; Sharon Ouellet, Brenda Scally, Lise Adams Sherry, Mildred Donahue, Eleanor Bailey, Nancy Joseph, Peter Kates and Margaret Dixon TELLERS:

CONSTABLE on duty Michael C. Moore.

CHIEF WARDEN over all was Town Clerk, Patricia M. Anderson.

Polls opened for all precincts at 7:00 A.M. After 8:00 P.M. closing, tallies compiled in each of the three precincts were brought to the Town Clerk where the final tally of all precincts was made and publicly announced. Breakdown of the number of votes cast in each precinct is as follows:

In Precinct I, 622 Democratic votes cast; 587 Republican votes cast; 0 Green-Rainbow Party cast and 9 United Independent Party votes cast.

In Precinct II, 588 Democratic votes cast; 718 Republican votes; 1 Green-Rainbow Party vote cast and 2 United Independent Party votes cast.

In Precinct III, 671 Democratic votes cast; 642 Republican votes; 1 Green-Rainbow Party vote cast and 3 United Independent Party votes cast.

Total number of votes cast in all precincts was 3844. As of February 10, 2016, the last day to register to vote for this election, there were a total of 7559 registered voter in Norwell. Those participating in the Primary represented 51% of the electorate.

Tallying in open meeting at Town Clerk's office resulted in the following count of votes cast:

REPUBLICAN PARTY

PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE	PREC. I	PREC. II	PREC. III
Jin Gilmore	1	0	0
Donald J. Trump	267	313	296
Ted Cruz	56	57	43
George Pataki	0	0	0
Ben Carson	6	9	8
Mike Huckabee	1	1	0
Rand Paul	1	2	2
Carly Fiorina	2	2	0
Rick Santorum	0	0	0
Chris Christie	1	3	2
Marco Rubio	112	137	125
Jeb Bush	8	10	3
John R. Kasich	120	178	154
No Preference	4	0	2

Write-ins	7	4	7
Blanks	1	2	0

STATE COMMITTEE MAN

Peter J. Buckley	304	386	344
Matthew B, LeBretton	179	210	196
Write-ins	2	3	0
Blanks	102	119	102

STATE COMMITTEE WOMEN

Janet R. Fogarty	365	474	458
Write-Ins	2	8	4
Blanks	220	236	180

Republican Town Committee-Vote for not more that thirty-five.

Richard A. Merritt	284	383	358
Charles P. Forman	230	283	266
Dianne V. Forman	226	286	268
Alexander WJ Milne	227	292	266
James M. DeNeill	258	294	265
Lloyd F. Thompson	193	279	244
Wilette Thompson	196	276	246
David F. DeCoste	309	353	333
Robert L. Littlehale	209	304	264
Shawni M. Littlehale	209	304	260
Jane Mary Rohan	219	276	261
Kay K. Gordon	216	326	280
Julia K. Fontaine	218	275	263
James J. Kennedy	204	302	267
Jason Brown	235	292	275
Geoffrey A. Gordon	230	352	300
Allan Caggiano	204	269	255
Fred N. Levin	229	275	253
Roslyn Wiseman	202	268	261
George D. Jamieson	212	278	272
David A. Barcomb	212	290	293
Matthew H. Power	4	3	1

DEMOCRATIC PARTY

PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE	PREC. I	PREC. II	PREC. III
Bernie Sanders	314	275	347
Martin O'Malley	4	2	5
Hillary Clinton	289	307	312
Rogue "Rocky" DeLafuente	2	0	1
No Preference	8	4	5
Write-ins	4	0	1
Blanks	1	0	0

STATE COMMITTEE MAN

Christopher Doyle Matthews	445	389	444
Write-ins	2	0	3
Blanks	175	199	224

STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN

Alice P. Arena	455	397	451
Write-ins	1	1	1
Blanks	166	190	219

Democratic Town Committee-Vote for no more than thirty-five

Quinn M. Kane	279	247	320
Timothy J. Kane	283	202	248
Karen Kane	286	264	326
Maryellen Coffey	307	308	355
Stephen G. Regan	300	216	279
Priscilla Burgess	260	226	285
Bruce S. Burgess	258	222	277
Jill M. O'Loughlin	307	242	299
Robert A. McMackin	263	220	273
John K. Carpenter	250	227	272
Mary L. Cole	258	238	280
Catherine M. Rahman	261	226	305
James C. Pinkham	255	216	273
Molly A. Lunn	284	246	318
Sheikh A. Rahman	261	221	292
Kevin P. Jones	255	234	297
Raymond E. Baxter	245	208	271
Robert H. Norris	265	226	311
Genevieve S. Davis	267	229	304
Ellen J. Herling	253	239	280
Michael Comer Morris	250	213	270
Katie Jo Robinson Morris	250	213	270
Patricia D. Hainer	263	249	279
Megan M. Collins	286	226	279
Daniel Patrick Collins	275	217	270
Steven A. Infascelli	268	239	293
Alison M. DeMong	286	262	330
Elvoid B. Mayers	270	238	277
Arthur J. Garceau	263	251	302
David Lee Turner	277	253	304
Sally I. Turner	283	258	311
John S. Rahman	259	221	288

GREEN-RAINBOW PARTY**PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE**

Sedinam KCM Curry	0	1	1
Jill Stein	0	1	1
William P. Kreml	0	0	0
Kent Mesplay	0	0	0
Darryl Cherney	0	0	0
No Preference	0	0	0
Write-ins	0	0	0
Blanks	0	0	0

STATE COMMITTEE MAN

Write-ins	0	1	0
Blanks	0	0	1

STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN

Write-ins	0	0	0
Blanks	0	2	0

Green-Rainbow Town Committee-Vote vote for not more than ten

Write-ins	0	0	0
Blanks	0	0	0

UNITED-INDEPENDENT PARTY**PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE**

No Preference	1	0	1
Write-ins	7	1	2
Blanks	1	1	0

STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN

Write-ins	1	1	0
Blanks	8	1	3

TOWN COMMITTEE

Write-Ins	0	0	0
Blanks	0	0	0

A TRUE COPY ATTEST;
 Patricia M. Anderson
 Norwell Town Clerk
 Chief Election Administrator

RECORD OF THE SPECIAL STATE PRIMARY ELECTION, TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 2016

At 7:00 am on Tuesday, April 12, 2016 the polls at the Norwell Middle School, Henry E. Goldman Gymnasium, 328 Main Street, for all eligible voters to cast their votes for their candidates.

Pursuant to the Warrant, eligible voters from Precinct's One, Two and Three met at the Norwell Middle School to cast their votes.

This Special State Primary was held for the vacated seat of Senator Robert Hedlund.

The following election workers were present:

PRECINCT 1, Joyanne Bond, WARDEN, Helene Quinn, CLERK, John F. Carnes, Jr., Ellen Torrey, Eleanor Larson, Rosemarie Mesheau and Anna Mae Viens, TELLERS.

PRECINCT 2, Lynne Rose, WARDEN, Jean Valicenti, CLERK, Virginia Puliafico, Suzanne Jevne, Ann McLeod, Patricia Dolan, Janet Donovan, Nancy Joseph, Marilyn Knowles, Wilma Goodhue and Brenda Scally, TELLERS.

PRECINCT 3, Roslyn Wiseman, WARDEN, Sharon Ducey, CLERK, Eleanore McCann, Peter Kates, Mildred Donahue, Jeanne Hagelstein-Ivas, Kathleen Fitzgerald, Jeanette Simmons, Kay Gordon, Eleanor Bailey and Nancy Schultz, TELLERS.

CONSTABLE Michael C. Moore was present for all three Precincts.

Town Clerk, Patricia M. Anderson was Chief Warden and Election Administrator.

Polls opened for all precincts promptly at 7:00 AM and closed at 8:00 pm. Tallies compiled in each of the three precincts were brought to the office of the Town Clerk. A copy of the Election results were posted on the Town Web-site.

The number of votes cast in each precinct were as follows:

In Precinct 1, 193 votes cast.

In Precinct 2, 170 votes cast.

In Precinct 3, 176 votes cast.

Total votes cast in all precincts were 539 of the 7581 registered voters eligible to vote at this Election 7% cast their vote.

DEMOCRATIC PARTY

SENATOR IN CONGRESS-Vote for One

	<u>PREC. I</u>	<u>PREC. II</u>	<u>PREC. III</u>
Paul J. Gannon	63	45	35
Joan Meschino	45	49	60
Write-ins	1	1	0
Blanks	0	0	0

REPUBLICAN PARTY

SENATOR IN CONGRESS-Vote for One

	<u>PREC. I</u>	<u>PREC. II</u>	<u>PREC. III</u>
Stephen D. Gill	17	15	13
Patrick M. O'Connor	65	59	67
Write-ins	2	1	1
Blanks	0	0	0

UNITED INDEPENDENT PARTY

SENATOR IN CONGRESS-Vote for One

	<u>PREC. I</u>	<u>PREC. II</u>	<u>PREC. III</u>
Write-ins	0	0	0
Blanks	0	0	0

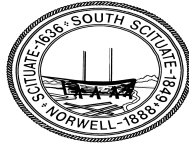
GREEN-RAINBOW PARTY

SENATOR IN CONGRESS-Vote for One

	<u>PREC. I</u>	<u>PREC. II</u>	<u>PREC. III</u>
Write-ins	0	0	0
Blanks	0	0	0

A TRUE COPY ATTEST
PATRICIA M. ANDERSON
Norwell Town Clerk
Election Administrator

TOWN OF NORWELL



**Transcript of Articles in the Warrant for the
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
And
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
Report of the Advisory Board
Monday, May 2, 2016
At 7:30 p.m.**

Please bring this report to the meeting for use in the proceedings at the

**NORWELL MIDDLE SCHOOL
Henry E. Goldman Gymnasium
328 Main Street**

TOWN OF NORWELL

WARRANT

**Special Town Meeting and Annual Town Meeting
Monday, May 2, 2016
At 7:30 o'clock in the evening at Norwell Middle School
Henry E. Goldman Gymnasium**

Plymouth, ss

To one of the Constables of the Town of Norwell, in said County of Plymouth, Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Norwell, who being qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet at the Norwell Middle School, Henry E. Goldman Gymnasium, 328 Main Street, in said Norwell, on Monday, the fourth day of May, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.; then and there to act upon the enclosed articles, to wit:

In case all articles in the foregoing Warrant shall not be acted upon at the Meeting called for on Monday, May 4, 2015, to meet in Adjourned Sessions at such time and place as the meeting shall determine.

This building is accessible to the handicapped and designated parking is provided. If requested, at least one week before the meeting, warrants with large print can be available. Anyone requiring a Sign Language Interpreter should call the Town Clerk's office at least two weeks before the Special Town Meeting at 781-659-807

**Report of the Advisory Board
2016 Special and Annual Town Meeting**

To the Citizens of Norwell:

On Monday May 2, 2016, the Town of Norwell will hold a Special Town Meeting followed by its Annual Town Meeting. The brief Special Town Meeting will cover business matters that must be acted upon before the end of this fiscal year, which is June 30, 2016. During the annual Town Meeting, the citizens of Norwell will vote on a budget for Fiscal Year 2017, as well as many other matters of interest to the Town. These matters include deciding whether to change the Highway Surveyor/ Tree and Grounds Director from elected to appointed, adopt a lodging excise tax, amend the zoning bylaws to allow billboards to be erected in a small commercially-zoned area adjacent to Route 3 with a special permit and approve a proposed \$1.4 million debt exclusion for the construction of sidewalks on Main Street. Your attendance is needed to ensure your voice is heard on these important decisions that impact the services and infrastructure of the Town.

Voters attending Town Meeting, responsibly discuss, debate and determine Norwell's budget for the upcoming year. The Advisory Board's role is to represent all residents as it evaluates and makes recommendations on each article contained in this Warrant. Your elected and appointed officials will also present their recommendations to assist with this process. The Advisory Board recommendations were made following the several months of hearings with town departments and careful consideration of all materials provided.

The proposed FY17 budget is balanced, utilizes reliable revenue estimates and does not rely on any non-recurring revenues. The intent of the budget is to provide sufficient funds to continue to provide the current level of services, address infrastructure needs and maintain the Town's fiscal health. The School Department and the Board of Selectmen continue to work with a common purpose to identify efficiencies and methods to better address budgetary challenges.

We would like to thank the employees and volunteers across all Departments, Boards and Committees for their many efforts. We wish to thank in particular Denise Nestor for her outstanding support to the Advisory Board and wish her a full and speedy recovery. We also thank Lynda Allen and Tori Koch for their excellent work during Denise's absence.

We look forward to seeing you at Town Meeting on May 2, 2016!

Sincerely,

The Norwell Advisory Board

Roger Hughes, Chairman
Ralph Gordon
Susan Powell

Mark Maiellano, Vice Chair
Jacquelyn McClean
Jane A. Stout

Karen Reynolds, Clerk
Tim Greene

TOWN BUDGET

Glossary of Terms

Appropriation: An authorization to make expenditures and to incur obligations for specific purposes. An appropriation is granted by Town Meeting and is usually limited in time and amount as to when it may be expended. Any part of the general appropriation not spent or encumbered by June 30 automatically reverts to surplus. A specific appropriation is carried forward from year to year until spent for the designated purpose or transferred by Town Meeting vote to another account.

Assessed Valuation: A valuation set upon real or personal property by the Board of Assessors as a basis for levying taxes.

Budget: A plan of financial operation consisting of an estimate of proposed expenditures for a given period and the means of financing them. The budget is voted in the spring at Town Meeting for the fiscal year that begins the following July 1st.

Capital Budget: A plan of proposed capital outlays and the means of financing them for the current year.

Cherry Sheet: An annual statement received from the Massachusetts Department of Revenue detailing estimated receipts for the next fiscal year and the estimated state and county government charges payable. These amounts are used by the assessors in setting the tax rate. The actual receipts and charges may vary from the estimates.

Community Preservation Act (CPA): The Town adopted the Community Preservation Act (CPA) in 2002. This Act allows the town to collect a 3% surcharge on property tax bills (the funds can be matched up to 100% by the state when funds are available), which creates the Community Preservation Fund, to use for Community Preservation purposes. Each year, the town must appropriate, or reserve (but not necessarily spend), 10% of the funds for each of the three Community Preservation purposes: Open Space, Historic Resources, and Community Housing. The remaining 70% of the funds can be appropriated or reserved or used for any of the three purposes and for Recreation and for administration.

Debt Service: Payment of interest and repayment of principal to holders of the Town's debt instruments.

Fiscal Year: A 12-month period, commencing July 1 and ending June 30, to which the annual budget applies. Fiscal years are often denoted FYXX with the last two numbers representing the calendar year in which it ends, for example FY11 is the fiscal year ended June 30, 2011.

Free Cash: Free cash is the portion of unreserved fund balance available for appropriation. It is not cash but rather is approximately the total of cash and receivables less current liabilities and earmarked reserves reduced also by reserves for uncollected taxes. This is also referred to as “available cash”. The amount is certified annually by the Massachusetts Department of Revenue.

General Fund: The major town owned fund which is created with town receipts and which is charged with expenditures payable from revenues.

Grant: A contribution of assets by one governmental unit or other organization to another. Typically, these contributions are made to local governments from the state and federal governments. Grants are usually made for specific purposes.

Line-Item Budget: A format of budgeting that organizes costs by type of expenditure such as expenses, equipment, and salaries.

Overlay: The amount set aside to allow for uncollected property taxes. An amount for overlay is added to the appropriations and other charges. The “Overlay Surplus” is the portion of each year’s overlay account no longer required to cover property tax abatements.

Overlay Surplus: The unused amount of the overlay for prior years, which may be transferred, by vote of the Town, to the reserve account or used for extraordinary items.

Property Tax Levy: The amount produced by multiplying the assessed valuation of property by the tax rate. The tax rate is expressed “per thousand dollars” of assessed valuation.

Reserve Fund: Money set aside by Town Meeting to be allocated by the Advisory Board for extraordinary or unforeseen expenditures.

Stabilization Fund: A special reserve funded by Town Meeting for future expenditures.

Terms associated with Proposition 2½:

Debt or Capital Exclusion: The Town can assess taxes in excess of the levy limit by voting a debt exclusion or capital outlay exclusion. This amount does not become a permanent part of the levy limit base, but does allow the Town to assess taxes for a specific period of time in excess of the limit for payment of debt service costs or for payment of capital expenditures.

Excess Levy Capacity: The difference between the Town's tax levy limit and its actual tax levy for the current year. It is the additional tax levy that could be raised without asking for an override.

New Growth: The amount of property tax revenue that the Town can add to its allowable tax levy as a result of new construction, alterations, subdivisions or change of use which increases the value of a parcel of land by more than certain amounts.

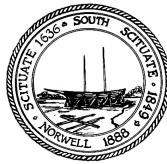
Override: An amount, voted by the Town, which is permanently added to the levy limit. A majority vote of the Selectmen allows an override question to be put on the ballot. Override questions must be presented in dollar terms and must specify the purpose of the override. Overrides require a majority vote of approval by the Town.

Tax Levy Limit: The maximum amount of the tax levy for a period under the restrictions of Proposition 2½. It is calculated as the prior year limit plus new growth plus 2.5% of the prior year levy limit.

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TOWN OF NORWELL



Commonwealth of Massachusetts

WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Monday, May 2, 2016

At Seven-Thirty O'clock in the Evening
At the Norwell Middle School, Henry E. Goldman Gymnasium, Main Street

ARTICLE 1: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds a certain sum of money to pay salaries for Norwell School employees to provide informational technology services to Norwell Town Hall, or take any other action relative thereto.

Requested by the Finance Director and the Board of Selectmen

The Board voted 8-0 to favorably recommend this article.

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be added to line item 1-420-211-5532, Snow Removal and Sanding, or act on anything relative thereto.

Requested by the Highway Surveyor

The Board voted 6-0 to favorably recommend this article. The amount of the article will finalized at Town meeting.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$8000 for participation in a pilot program in partnership with the University of Rhode Island's Tick

Encounter Resource Center for the detection and prevention of tick borne diseases, said money to be spent under the direction of the Board of Health, or take any other action relative thereto.

Requested by the Board of Health

The Board voted 8-0 to favorably recommend this article.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money for the payment of bills incurred from prior years; or act on anything relative thereto.

Requested by the Finance Director

The Advisory Board had taken no vote on this article prior to the deadline for the warrant to go to print. The Board's recommendation will be provided at Town Meeting

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to be added to the Building Department Inspector Fees account 1-241-101 or take any other action relative thereto.

Requested by the Building Inspector

The Advisory Board had taken no vote on this article prior to the deadline for the warrant to go to print. The Board's recommendation will be provided at Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$23,422 from Article 11 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 5, 2014 funds for the purpose of planning and designing a new Town Library or to plan and design renovations and/or an addition to the existing Town Library or to take any other action related thereto.

Requested by the Library Building Committee

The Board voted 8-0 to favorably recommend this article.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow, transfer from available funds or otherwise provide the sum of \$140,000, for the purchase of trash and recycling carts in conjunction with the Town's solid waste disposal and recycling programs, said money to be reimbursed in whole or in part by a grant from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, or take any other action related thereto.

Requested by the Board of Health

The Board voted 7-0 to favorably recommend this article. This will enable the Board of Health to purchase the recycling carts required under the new trash contract. These carts in addition with the new "Pay As You Throw" initiative are intended to reduce the cost of trash removal by increasing the amount of recycling. The cost of the carts will be offset by a state grant.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$400,000 from the Water Retained Surplus Revenues to acquire property known as the Spence Property as shown on Assessors Maps (Block-Lot) 14-14, 14-17, 14-18, and a portion of 1-2 for the purpose of improving the drinking water supply, said money to be spent under the direction of the Water Commissioners and further that no more than \$50,000 of the aforementioned sum be spent on appraisal, legal fees and other unanticipated expenses and the remainder be spent for land acquisition, or to take any action relative thereto.

Requested by the Board of Water Commissioners

The Board voted 8-0 to favorably recommend this article.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will transfer from available funds the sum of \$210,000 from the Community Preservation Fund for the purpose of recreation. Such funds shall be expended by the Athletic Fields Committee to rehabilitate the fields known as Woodworth 3 and the Girls Junior Varsity Softball Field also known as Woodworth 4.

Expenditures under this article shall be approved by the Athletic Fields Committee, or take any other action relative thereto.

Requested by the CPC and the Athletic Fields Committee

The Board voted 8-0 to favorably recommend this article. The article is in the Special Town meeting warrant so that funds are available this fiscal year.

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TOWN OF NORWELL



Commonwealth of Massachusetts

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Monday, May 2, 2016

At Seven-Thirty O'clock in the Evening
At the Norwell Middle School, Henry E. Goldman Gymnasium, Main Street

ARTICLE 1: To see if the Town will accept the reports of its Officers, Boards, Departments, Committees and Commissions, as printed in the 2015 Annual Report, or act on anything relative thereto.

Requested by the Board of Selectmen

The Board voted 8-0 to recommend this article. It is a basic procedural vote.

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, or appropriate from available funds, sums of money to defray the charges, expenses and salary obligations of the Town, including debt and interest, and out of state travel for the ensuing year, to provide for a Reserve Fund and to fix salaries and compensation for all Elected Officers of the Town, or act on anything relative thereto.

Requested by the Advisory Board

I am pleased to present the Fiscal Year 2017 budget for the Town of Norwell, and wish to thank the Board of Selectmen, the Advisory Board, Finance Director Donna Mangan, all Town Department Heads, the School Committee and School Superintendent Matt Keegan for their patience and their assistance in developing this budget. You have made me feel quite welcome in my first year as Town Administrator, and I greatly appreciate your professionalism and commitment to making Norwell an outstanding community.

The budget will be presented in the same format as last year, which enhances both efficiency and clarity. Please note that reclassifications and Personal Services contracts for senior managers, the "FY17 Department request" does not reflect these contracts because they were not finalized prior to the submission of their budgets.

The following are areas of the highlights of the FY 17 budget:

Selectmen

Additional hours for the administrative assistant so the position can provide additional assistance to the Advisory Board and clerical support for the Cemetery Committee.

Reserve Fund

Increased by \$15,000 to 5% of budget pursuant to Board of Selectmen policy.

Police

Addition of a School Resource Officer to work under the supervision of the Chief of Police to enhance the interagency cooperation between the Police and School Departments.

Schools

A 3.48 percent increase as requested by the School Committee

South Shore Vocational

The substantial increase in the assessment is due to a doubling of enrollment.

Highway

Reduction in fuel prices reflected in budget request.

Cemetery

The increase in stipend relates to the additional workload due to the opening of the Stetson Cemetery

Debt

Request reflects savings from the Town's continued AAA bond rating.

Health Insurance

The assessment for health insurance from Mayflower Municipal Health Group (MMHG) was dramatically increased this year. The increase was attributed to increased utilization and prescription costs. For the past several years, MMHG has used reserves to avoid increasing premiums. This year's increased assessment comes even with continued use of reserves to subsidize the premiums. In light of these developments, the Town will explore whether changing providers or negotiating changes in plan design are necessary to contain costs.

Town Insurance

The increase in premium is due to the spike in claims incurred last winter.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter J. Morin
Town Administrator

The Advisory Board took various votes on the individual lines in the budget. The Board supports the entire budget as reflected in the FY17 Advisory Board recommends column. The Board feels the recommended budget is fair and balanced and addresses the needs of the community within the limits of the financial resources available.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or otherwise provide the sums recommended, or any other sum or sums, for Capital Outlay as set forth in the following schedule and determine whether such sums will be provided by taxation or by transfer or by a combination of the foregoing, or act on anything relative thereto.

DEPARTMENT	REQUEST Fiscal Year 2017	AMOUNT	VOTED AMOUNT
Fire Department	Ambulance Class 1	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 250,000.00
Fire Department	Paint Headquarters Station Exterior	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -
Fire Department	Lucas 2.2 chest compression system (quantity 2)	\$ 35,000.00	\$35,000
Town Hall	Town Hall Exterior Repointing	\$ 94,500.00	\$ 94,500.00
Town Hall	Town Hall Facilities Interior work - replacement tiles Recreation storage area and employee kitchen	\$ 18,000.00	\$ -
Town Hall	Town Hall Facilities Interior work -first floor bathroom partition replacement (2)	\$ 4,500.00	\$ -
Town Hall	Miscellaneous repairs and painting	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
Town Hall	Town Hall Facilities Interior work - office directory (3) single wall mount room ADA signs	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -
Water Department	Ford 350 Utility Body DRW 4WD with plow assembly (replacement)	\$ 45,300.00	\$ 45,300.00
Highway Department	Front End Loader with plow (replacement)	\$ 185,000.00	\$ 185,000.00
Highway Department	3 Ton Asphalt Hot Box (replacement)	\$ 40,000.00	\$ -
Tree and Ground Department	Ford F550 with sander, plow and chip box (replacement and upgrade from Ford 350)	\$ 90,000.00	\$ 90,000.00
Tree and Ground Department	Wood Chipper (replacement); less horsepower version available at \$57,000	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 70,000.00
School Department	HVAC for Vinal School (replacement)	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 35,000.00
School Department	HVAC control units to cover Vinal, Cole and Norwell High School	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00
School Department	Generator Sparrell Building	\$ 50,000.00	\$ -
Library	General library refurbishment including interior painting of library walls and replacing circulation desk laminate.	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -
Library	Upgrades/refurbishment to public restrooms, including partitions, sinks/fixtures, lighting	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -
Library	Main Library Doors (replacement)	\$ 15,000.00	\$ -
	TOTAL FY 17	\$1,016,300.00	\$ 848,800.00

Requested by the Capital Budget Committee

The Advisory Board recommends this article unanimously with \$250,000 being transferred from the Capital Stabilization Fund, \$45,300 from Water revenues and the remaining \$553,500 from free cash. The Board supported adding to the Capital Budget Committee's request by \$17,500 to purchase an additional Lucas 2.2 chest compression system. It was the consensus that this expenditure would ensure that both ambulances could respond to cardiac emergencies with state of the art care.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or appropriate from available funds, a sum of money to meet obligations for union and personal contracts, said sum to be apportioned by the Finance Director to the applicable line items in Article 2, or act on anything relative thereto.

Requested by the Board of Selectmen

The Advisory Board had taken no vote on this article prior to the deadline for the warrant to go to print. The Board's recommendation will be provided at Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, or appropriate from available funds, a sum of money to meet obligations for the compensation schedule under the Personnel Plan, said sum to be apportioned by the Finance Director to the applicable line items in Article 2, or to further amend the Personnel Plan by adding the following:

"Employees who are required to use their own vehicle for Town business shall be reimbursed for each mile traveled, subject to written approval by the Department Head or Board Chairperson, at the rate set by the Internal Revenue Service."

or act on anything relative thereto.

Requested by the Personnel Board

The Advisory Board had taken no vote on this article prior to the deadline for the warrant to go to print. The Board's recommendation will be provided at Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Personnel Classification Plan as proposed by the Personnel Board and further to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available funds a sum of money to meet obligations under the amended Personnel Classification Plan, said sums to be apportioned by the Finance Director to the applicable line items in Article 2 or to take any other action relative thereto.

The following positions are proposed to be reclassified:

Position Title	Present Grade	Increase To
Administrative Secretary – Police	6	8
Administrative Secretary – Fire	6	8
Administrative Secretary – Water	6	7
Payroll Administrator – Treasurer/Collector	6	7
Assistant Library Director *	10	11
*Formerly the title was the Library Systems Manager		

Requested by the Personnel Board

The Board voted 5-1 to favorably recommend this article.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote pursuant to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 39 section 10 to accept Fieldstone Way as a public way, or take any other action related thereto.

Requested by the Planning Board and the Board of Selectmen

The Advisory Board had taken no vote on this article prior to the deadline for the warrant to go to print. The Planning Board and the Board of Selectmen had not completed their review. The Board's recommendation will be provided at Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote pursuant to Massachusetts General Law Chapter 39 Section 10 to accept Forest Ridge as a public way or to take any other action relative thereto.

Requested by the Planning Board and the Board of Selectmen

The Advisory Board had taken no vote on this article prior to the deadline for the warrant to go to print. The Planning Board and the Board of Selectmen had not completed their review. The Board's recommendation will be provided at Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or otherwise provide the sum of \$5000 for the care and maintenance of the Town's pathways to be spent under the direction of the Pathways Committee or to take any other action relative thereto.

Requested by the Planning Board and the Pathways Committee

The Board voted 6-0 to favorably recommend this article.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, or appropriate from available funds, the sum of \$30,000 to be expended under the direction of the Permanent Drainage Study Committee and the Highway Surveyor for engineering, installation and or maintenance of Town drainage.

Requested by the Highway Surveyor

By an 8-0 vote the Advisory Board supported the requested funds for this article. This is an annual vote to maintain and make repairs to the Town's drainage. Drainage work done as part of a roadway project is funded through the project, not through this article.

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, or appropriate from available funds, the sum of \$300,000, to be expended under the direction of the Highway Surveyor for resurfacing and related construction/maintenance of Town Ways, or act on anything relative thereto.

Requested by the Highway Surveyor

The Advisory Board voted 8-0 in support of this amount, while recognizing the present condition of the roads and the need for a comprehensive program to plan and finance their improvement more aggressively.

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money in anticipation of full (100%) reimbursement by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts of Chapter 90, Acts of 2008, one apportionment, for State and Highway purposes under the provisions of General Laws Chapter 90, Section 34, Clause 2(A), work on highways, to be expended under the direction of the Highway Surveyor, or meet the appropriation by taxation, by transfer or by borrowing, or any combination of the foregoing, or act on anything relative thereto.

Requested by the Highway Surveyor

The Advisory Board had taken no vote on this article prior to the deadline for the warrant to go to print. The amount of Chapter 90 funding had not been provided by the State at the time the warrant went to print. The Board's recommendation will be provided at Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, or appropriate from available funds, \$30,000 to be expended under the direction of the Highway Surveyor for the purpose of complying with the EPA's 2017 MS4 (Municipal Separate Stormwater Sewer System) Stormwater General Permit or act on anything relative thereto.

Requested by the Highway Surveyor

The Advisory Board voted 8-0 to favorably recommend this article. This article ensures the Town is in compliance with EPA storm-water regulations.

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or otherwise provide \$225,000 to be expended under the direction of the Highway Surveyor for the purpose of debris removal, engineering, storm-water, and Highway Yard facility rehabilitation, or act on anything relative thereto.

Requested by the Highway Surveyor

The Advisory Board voted 8-0 to favorably recommend this article. It funds a continuing effort to remove and remediate the removal of a large amount of debris that has been stored at the Highway Yard. It enacts a plan to ensure that encroachment into environmentally sensitive areas is permanently eliminated.

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or otherwise provide the sum of \$50,000 to conduct a survey of the condition of public roads under the jurisdiction of the Town of Norwell or take any other action related thereto.

By the Board of Selectmen and the Highway Surveyor

The Board voted 8-0 to favorably recommend this article. This expenditure is a component in developing a comprehensive approach to road repair. The last survey of the conditions of the Town's roads was completed over a decade ago.

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will, pursuant to Massachusetts General Law Chapter 41 Section 1B, vote to change the position of Highway Surveyor/Director from elected to appointed by the Board of Selectmen or take any other action relative thereto.

Requested by the Board of Selectmen

The Board voted 8-0 to favorably recommend this article. The overwhelming majority of communities in Massachusetts appoint the individual charged with the care of their roads, trees and grounds. Converting this position from an elected to an appointed one would allow for the adoption of a job description that would specify qualifications and experience requirements. Currently, there is no guarantee or requirement that the person elected would have any experience with road repair, budget planning, collective bargaining or procurement. The Board believes this article is an essential step in improving the care and maintenance of the Town's roads, trees and grounds.

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town of Norwell will appropriate a sum of money by borrowing through a debt exclusion to complete the design, permitting and construction of a sidewalk and related improvements, including cross-walks and handicapped accessible improvement of approximately 11,200 linear feet and approximately 5 feet wide with an approximate two foot grass strip along the southerly side of Main Street from South Street to Norwell Center and to authorize the Treasurer-Collector, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to issue any bonds or notes that may be necessary for that purpose, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

The Board voted 0-7-1 against favorably recommending this article. The Board acknowledges the passion of those who support this measure. However, they felt that there are a number of compelling capital needs. The Board did not believe that the \$1.4 million cost of the project was commensurate with the benefit that it would provide.

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will amend its Zoning Bylaws by adding a new section

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Billboard Overlay District as follows:

Section 7000 Billboard Zoning Overlay District:

The Billboard Overlay District shall include that portion of land within Business District C-1 (Section 6510) and Business District C-2 (section 6520) and shall include land shown on Assessor's Map, Sheet 11C Parcels , 17-035, 17-065, and 18-01 and on Sheet 11D Parcels 17-025, 17-085, 17-087, 18-01, 18-02, 18-061 and 18-062.

Requested by the Board of Selectmen

The Advisory Board had taken no vote on this article prior to the deadline for the warrant to go to print. The Planning Board had not had the opportunity to review the article. The Board's recommendation will be provided at Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will adopt the following amendments to the Zoning Bylaws to allow billboards within the Town of Norwell:

Amend Article V definitions by inserting after the definition of the word "antenna" the following:

"Billboard": A billboard is defined as a fixed or dynamic single or multiple-sided freestanding sign only allowed within the Billboard Overlay Zoning District larger than forty (40) square feet in gross area; which does not advertise a business or profession conducted, a service offered or a commodity sold upon the premises where such sign is located, and which is subjected to Massachusetts General Law Chapter 93 sections 29 to 33 and the rules and regulations of the Office of Outdoor Advertising. "

And further inserting after the definition of the word "Cross Polarized (or Dual Polarized) Antenna" the following:

"Digital/Electronic Billboard: A digital/electronic sign only allowed within the Billboard Zoning Overlay Zoning District is defined as an electronic message display utilizing light-emitting diodes (LEDs), plasma or other technology that present static or multiple static advertisements on advertisements on a rotating basis, freestanding, which does not advertise a business or profession conducted, a service offered or a commodity sold upon the premises where such sign is located, and which is subjected to the rules and regulations of the Office of Outdoor Advertising" , and further amend Article III Section 3331(d) of the Zoning Bylaws by adding after the words Billboards (off premises signs) the following "except as allowed by Special Permit within the Billboard Overlay Zoning District", and further that Article II Section 2460 shall be amended by adding the following sentence "Billboards which may only be located within the Billboard Overlay Zoning District may be up to seventy five (75) feet in height."

Amend Article IV Special Regulations by adding a new section

4950 Billboard Overlay District Purpose

The Norwell Billboard Overlay Zoning District shall establish reasonable standards in accordance with the following purpose and intent:

1. Responsibly address the changing technology of digital displays and the Town's desire to regulate this technology as applied to off-premise signage.
2. To regulate the quality, scale and impact of off-premises commercial billboards in designated areas in order to maintain both a competitive business market and an aesthetically attractive residential community.
3. To encourage the installation of commercial billboards along the designated highway in accordance with the requirements of the federal Highway Beautification Act as most recently amended.
4. To encourage the siting of commercial billboards and electronic/digital billboards in such locations that will not cause driver distraction but can provide public service announcements in emergency situations for the safety and welfare of the public.

5. To preserve the residential character of the Town and protect the environmental, historic and open space resources of the community by designating defined areas of location that minimizes potential adverse aspects to the Town.

4951 Special Permit

Billboards and Digital/Electronic Billboards, as defined in Article V, shall be allowed within the Business District identified in the Billboard Overlay District only by grant of a Special Permit issued by the Board of Appeals. The Board of Appeals may limit the permit for a specific term of years.

4952 Process and Criteria

Special Permit applications shall be submitted in accordance with the administrative procedures in Section 1400 of this Bylaw and as outlined in Massachusetts General Law Chapter 40A. The Board of Appeals shall not render a decision on an application for a special permit under this section without making findings including but not limited to:

1. The applicant has demonstrated compliance with the regulations of the Office of Outdoor Advertising.
2. The applicant has demonstrated no residentially zoned property or pre-existing non-conforming property or other property used for residential purposes within the Town of Norwell, excluding hotels or motels is within a one thousand (1000) foot radius of the proposed location.
3. The applicant has demonstrated that the billboard is not more than two hundred (200) feet from the highway layout and shall not be less than three hundred (300) feet of another billboard.
4. The applicant has demonstrated that the proposed billboard shall be permanently affixed to a pedestal or other main support structure. No portable billboards are permitted. No billboards shall be placed on roofs or walls of buildings.
5. The applicant has demonstrated that the exposed back of signs, poles or other support structures of the proposed billboard are painted and maintained in a manner that appropriately blends with the surrounding buildings and landscape.
6. The applicant has demonstrated that no billboard sign face exceeds seven hundred fifty (750) square feet total area on either side and shall not exceed fifteen (15) feet in height and fifty (50) feet in width.
7. The applicant has demonstrated the proposed billboard has a front yard setback of twenty (20) feet, a side yard setback of twenty (20) feet and a rear yard setback of thirty (30) feet and further is not erected in excess of seventy-five (75) feet in height from the ground to the top edge of the billboard.
8. The applicant has demonstrated that the proposed location does not adversely interfere with the use of adjacent properties; including but not limited to, increasing noise or vibration, casting a shadow or causing a flicker on adjacent properties.
9. The applicant has demonstrated that the billboard is in harmony with or suitable for the surrounding area and would not do significant damage to the visual environment. In making the determination, the Board of Appeals may consider among other factors, the health, safety, general welfare of the public, the scenic beauty of the area, the physical, environmental, cultural, historical or architectural characteristics of the location and area, proximity to schools, places of worship, or open space, the structure, height, size of the sign, the number of other signs on the premises and in the area where the billboard is proposed.
10. No flashing lights shall be allowed. Flashing shall be defined as changing natural or artificial light or color effects by any means except as may occur when panels or messages change on digital/electronic billboards.
11. No sexually orientated, sexually provocative or adult oriented businesses as defined in Massachusetts General Law Chapter 272 Section 31.
12. The Board of Appeals shall determine the amount of annual hours the billboard shall devote to public service announcements during a calendar year.
13. The applicant shall provide financial or other compensation to the Town to mitigate the impact of the proposed billboard on the Town in a form and/or amount identified in an agreement approved by the Board of Selectmen.

Requested by the Board of Selectmen

The Advisory Board had taken no vote on this article prior to the deadline for the warrant to go to print. The Planning Board had not had the opportunity to review the article. The Board's recommendation will be provided at Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will adopt the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 64G, Section 3A and impose a local excise tax of six per cent of the total amount of rent for occupancy of any room or rooms in a bed and breakfast establishment, hotel, lodging house or motel located within the Town of Norwell or take any other action related thereto.

Requested by the Board of Selectmen

The Board voted 8-0 to favorably recommend this article. Adoption of this statute will allow the Town to assess a local tax on hotels, motels and other lodging houses included in the statute. This will provide approximately \$20,000 in additional tax revenue. While the amount is modest it does provide an alternative source of revenue without further burdening homeowners.

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 200A, Section 9A, as amended by Section 65 of Chapter 188 of the Acts of 2010, which provides for an alternate and simplified procedure for disposing of abandoned funds (often referred to as unclaimed checks or "tailings") held by the Town, or take any other action relative thereto.

Requested by the Treasurer-Collector

The Board voted 6-0 to favorably recommend this article.for the warrant

ARTICLE 22 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or otherwise provide the sum of \$17,000 to be expended under the direction of the Board of Health for the care and maintenance of the brush pile at the Recycling Center, or act on anything relative thereto.

Requested by the Board of Health

The Board voted 8-0 to favorably recommend this article.

ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds (Water Department Surplus and/or Water Department Operating Revenue), the sum of \$350,000 to be expended under the direction of the Board of Water Commissioners for the purpose of conducting system facilities maintenance and upgrades, or act on anything relative thereto.

Requested by the Board of Water Commissioners.

The Board voted 8-0 to favorably recommend this article.

ARTICLE 24: To see if the Town will vote to reauthorize the Stetson Ford House Revolving Fund, Student Parking Fees Revolving Fund and Recycling Revolving Fund, pursuant to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, §53E 1/2, for the 2017 fiscal year, or act on anything relative thereto.

Requested by the Finance Director

The Board voted 6-0 to favorably recommend this article.

ARTICLE 25: To see if the Town will accept Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44 Section 53F 3/4 to establish a special revenue fund known as the PEG Access and Cable Related Fund to reserve cable franchise fees and other cable-related revenues for appropriation to support PEG access services and oversight and renewal of the cable franchise agreement, the fund to begin operation for fiscal year 2017, which begins July 1, 2016, or take any other action relative thereto.

Requested by the Finance Director

The Board voted 6-0 to favorably recommend this article.

ARTICLE 26: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, the sum of \$3,000 for School based Medicaid services, or act on anything relative thereto.

Requested by the Finance Director

The Board voted 6-0 to favorably recommend this article.

ARTICLE 27: To see if the Town will vote to amend the General Bylaw Article XVI a-Wetlands Protection-Section 4 by adding the following language after "Massachusetts General Law Chapter 131 Section 140", (with the addition that Cornell Rainfall Data must be utilized to design and evaluate any and all storm-water systems or components) or take any action related thereto.

Requested by the Conservation Commission

The Board voted 7-0 to favorably recommend this article.

ARTICLE 28: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of \$211,722 from the Community Preservation Fund for the purpose of recreation. Such funds shall be expended by the School Committee to upgrade accessibility to all Norwell Public School playgrounds. Expenditures under this article shall be approved by the Superintendent of Schools or his designee and the Recreation Commission, or to take any other action related thereto.

Requested by the Community Preservation Committee and the School Department

The Board voted 8-0 to favorably recommend this article.

ARTICLE 29: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of \$92,600 from the Community Preservation Fund for the purpose of recreation. Such funds shall be expended by the Recreation Department to upgrade the Reynolds Playground. Expenditures under this article shall be approved by the Recreation Commission, or take any other action related thereto.

Requested by the Community Preservation Committee and the Recreation Commission

The Board voted 8-0 to favorably recommend this article.

ARTICLE 30: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, the sum of \$16,230 from Community Preservation Funds for the purpose of recreation. Such funds shall be expended by the Conservation Commission to design, construct and make fully accessible a parking area to service the Forest Street Pathway and the Donovan and Wildcat Trail System or to take any other action relative thereto.

Requested by the Community Preservation Committee and the Conservation Commission

The Board voted 8-0 to favorably recommend this article.

ARTICLE 31: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, the sum of \$2,426 from Community Preservation Funds for the purpose of historic preservation. Such funds shall be expended by the Cushing Memorial Board of Directors for the repair and preservation of the George and Nancy Cushing portraits, or take any action relative thereto.

Requested by the Community Preservation Committee and the Norwell Historical Commission

The Board voted 8-0 to favorably recommend this article.

ARTICLE 32: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of \$110,000 from Community Preservation funds to the Norwell Community Housing Trust for affordable housing purposes, or to take any action related thereto.

Requested by the Community Preservation Committee and the Community Housing Trust

The Board voted 8-0 to favorably recommend this article.

ARTICLE 33: To see if the Town will vote pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44B to reserve the sum of \$107,574 from Community Preservation Fund Fiscal Year 2017 revenues for the acquisition, preservation, rehabilitation and restoration of historic resources; and to reserve the sum of \$110,000 from Community Preservation Fund Fiscal Year 2017 revenues for the acquisition, creation, and preservation of open space, or take any other action related thereto.

Requested by the Community Preservation Committee

The Board voted 8-0 to favorably recommend this article.

ARTICLE 34: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or otherwise provide the sum of \$212,000 for the purpose of making alterations to playgrounds under the jurisdiction of the Norwell School Department to meet accessibility standards or take any other action relative thereto.

Requested by the School Committee

The Advisory Board supports Article 28 which funds repairs to the School playgrounds through Community Preservation funds. Such a use of CPC funds is clearly within the intent of the Community Preservation Act. This article is a contingency should Article 28 not pass. The repairs to the playground would provide accessibility and comply with state and federal law. Failure to comply with these laws could result in liability for the Town. The Advisory Board will await taking a position on this article until there is a vote on Article 28.

ARTICLE 35: To see if the Town will amend the General Bylaws by deleting Article XX of the General Bylaws and replacing it with the following:

ARTICLE XX MOORING BY-LAW

Section 1: AUTHORITY

This By-Law is adopted to protect the public health, safety and welfare; to preserve and protect boats and vessels, their occupants and members of the public in, around, and otherwise on or near the North River, a waterway located within the Town of Norwell, designated as a scenic river by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; and to preserve and protect the natural, scenic and marine resources, their use and enjoyment, in, around and on the North River, a tidal estuary with a substantial current and tidal range and its tributaries, in accordance with, but not limited to, the following Chapters in the General Laws of Massachusetts: C.90B, section 15; C.91, section 10A; C.43B, section 13; C.40, sections 21D & 57; 310 CMR 9.07; and all other applicable laws and regulations.

Section 2: PURPOSE

The purpose of this By-Law is to ensure that all moorings, floats, docks or slips that are placed in the waters of the North River, under the jurisdiction of the Town of Norwell, do not individually or in any combination impede the safety of vessels navigating in the waters of that river. The placement of such moorings, floats, docks or slips shall not interfere, individually or collectively, with any abutting property owner's right of free access to the waters of the North River.

Section 3: DEFINITIONS

In construing this By-Law, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings set forth herein, unless a contrary intent is clearly specified.

"Applicant" – A resident of the town, a non-resident, or the owner of real estate in the town or the owner of a boat or vessel proposed to be moored or berthed within the town.

“Applicant Owner” – The owner of land (the Land) that is contiguous to the North River and provides reasonable and convenient access to a proposed, an existing or an approved mooring location.

“Application” – The form approved by the Board of Selectmen for obtaining a mooring or berthing permit from the town.

“Berth” – Any space wherein a boat is confined by a mooring, wet slip, pier, dock, float, or any other type of docking facility.

“Boat” or “Vessel” – Includes every description of watercraft, used or capable of being used as a means of transportation on the water, including seaplanes, amphibious vehicles, and any other variable use craft when navigating, moored, or berthed on the water, excluding canoes, kayaks, and boats twelve (12) feet in length and under used as tenders to access other vessels.

“Boatyard” – A facility whose function is the construction, repair, or maintenance of boats, which may include provisions for boat storage and docking while awaiting service.

“Marina” – A berthing area with docking facilities under common ownership or control and with berths for ten or more vessels, including commercial marinas, boat basins, and yacht clubs. A marina may be an independent facility or may be associated with a boatyard.

“Mooring” – A place where buoyant Vessels, lobster-cars, floats, or rafts are secured to the bottom of a water body and the mooring tackle, including the block, chain, buoy, pennant, and any other equipment, used to secure the Boat or Vessel. For a free floating mooring unit, requiring more than one mooring block, it shall be considered a mooring for each Boat or Vessel moored thereto, for the purpose of registration and mooring fees for such Boats or Vessels.

Mooring Administrator” – The person appointed from time to time by the Board of Selectmen, to enforce this Mooring By-Law, the Regulations adopted hereunder or to implement or enforce the operational and administrative objectives established from time to time by the Board. The primary duties of the Mooring Administrator shall be to administer, issue and record the issuance of mooring permits, inspect moorings and enforce section 4 of this bylaw to ensure that moorings do not impede or otherwise adversely affect the waterways within the Town of Norwell. The Mooring Administrator shall report to the Board of Selectmen.

“Mooring Fee”- a fee that is paid by the applicant for the granting of a mooring permit, to be recommended by the Mooring Administrator and approved by the Board of Selectmen.

“Mooring Permit” – A written authorization issued by the Town of Norwell to place a mooring within the North River or to berth a boat upon a wet slip, pier, dock, or float within the North River.

“North River” – The waters and areas of the North River within the Town of Norwell, as they exist and are generally defined in the most recent N.O.A.A. map.

“Persons” – Persons shall include individuals, corporations, cooperatives, societies, associations, partnerships, and limited liability companies.

“Private Marina, Docking or Berthing Facility” – A marina, docking or berthing facility, under private ownership by an individual, association, corporation, society, partnership or cooperative, that has facilities for its members, and their guests, for the docking, berthing or mooring of their Boats and Vessels, for which no commercial or rental fee is charged.

“Reasonable and Convenient Access” – such access that will allow the Applicant/Holder of a Mooring or Berthing Permit access to a permitted mooring and any Boat or Vessel moored or berthed thereon in all conditions, within reasonable time limits, so that appropriate action can be taken to preserve and protect such facility, boat or vessel, and the natural resources in, around and on the North River in all conditions.

“Town of Norwell” – The Town of Norwell, Massachusetts, a municipal corporation, with any and all payment to be made to the Town of Norwell Treasurer/Collector and pursuant to Chapter 91, Section 10A and Chapter 40, Section 5G deposited into a fund for the maintenance of the waterways within its jurisdiction.

Section 4: MOORING PERMITS – REGULATIONS AND ENFORCEMENT

(a) No person shall place any block, chain, pennant, or other anchoring or mooring device within the North River, or moor or berth any boat or vessel in any wet slip, or secured to a pier, dock or float within the North River, without first obtaining a Mooring Permit under this By-Law.

(b) A mooring permit, for each calendar year, must be obtained for each mooring placed or to be placed and for each boat or vessel moored or berthed, or to be moored or berthed within the North River. The annual fee for each such Permit, established by the Board of Selectmen, shall be paid to the Town of Norwell Treasurer/Collector, together with a completed copy of the Annual Application Form approved by the Committee. The holder of a mooring permit may, during the calendar year for which it is issued, transfer the permit to an immediate family member without the requirement of payment of an additional fee.

(c) The Mooring Administrator shall prepare, and may amend from time to time, after reasonable public notice and hearing and approval of the Board of Selectmen, regulations governing: the fees and types of fees; the application process for mooring permits; the size, specifications and standards for moorings, slips, piers, docks and floats and their use, upkeep, maintenance, inspection and replacement and, as an alternative or supplement to any one or more of the foregoing, in the discretion of the Mooring Administrator, a certification process by an appropriately designated and approved mooring service provider or providers.

All such Regulations shall be submitted to the Board of Selectmen for review and approval. Upon approval, the Regulations shall be published once in a newspaper of general circulation in the Town and shall be posted on the Town's bulletin board and at the Town Clerk's office for seven (7) consecutive days. They shall become effective upon the expiration of the last seven (7) day cycle for such posting. The Regulations may be amended from time to time in the same manner.

(d) The Board of Selectmen may appoint a Mooring Administrator, and support personnel, when considered necessary or desirable, and when funding is necessary subject to a funding authorization, to implement or to enforce this By-Law, the Regulations adopted hereunder and the operational and administrative objectives established from time to time by the Board of Selectmen.

(e) Any hazard to navigation or property, or any mooring placed or boat berthed within the territorial limits of the North River in the Town of Norwell in violation of the foregoing provisions, or any Regulations authorized and adopted under paragraph (c) above, may be removed at the direction of the Mooring Administrator. The general expense of such removal shall be the responsibility of the owner, operator or the person who caused such hazard or violation.

Section 5: PENALTIES

(a) Whoever violates any provision of this By-Law, or any rule or regulation adopted hereunder, may be subject to a fine not to exceed FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00) FOR EACH OFFENSE. The enforcement of this By-Law shall be under the direction of the Mooring Administrator.

(b) Whoever violates any provision of this By-Law or any rule or regulation adopted hereunder, may be subject, as an alternative to Section 5 (a) above, to a non-criminal disposition pursuant to MGL, Chapter 40, Section 21D, subject to a penalty not to exceed FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00) FOR EACH VIOLATION. The enforcement of this By-Law shall be under the direction of the Mooring Administrator.

(c) The Town shall have the right pursuant to this bylaw to bring actions in equity or contract to recover fines or to compel the removal of a Boat or Vessel

Section 6: SEVERABILITY

If any section, paragraph or provision of this By-Law is determined to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of the By-Law.

Requested by the Board of Selectmen

The Board voted 7-1 to favorably recommend this article. The proposed amendments to the mooring Bylaw are a product of the work of the Mooring Bylaw Review Committee, the Harbormaster and the Board of Selectmen. The review was undertaken pursuant to directions of the 2015 Annual Town meeting. The intent of the new By-law is to change the position of Harbormaster to Mooring Administrator, focusing on recording and permitting moorings and moving away from the statutory public safety role of a Harbormaster.

ARTICLE 36: To see if the Town will vote to create a fund pursuant to the provisions of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 40, Section 5B to be known as the Special Education Stabilization Fund for the purpose of funding extraordinary statutorily mandated special education out of district costs, or take any other action related thereto.

Requested by the School Committee and the Board of Selectmen

The Board voted 8-0 to favorably recommend this article. The creation of this fund will allow for the Town to better address unpredictable costs related to outside tuitions for students in need of specialized programs. This fund is intended to supplement, not replace other funds within the School budget.

ARTICLE 37: To see if the Town will transfer from available funds or otherwise provide a sum of money to be added to the Special Education Stabilization Fund or to take any other action related thereto.

Requested by the Board of Selectmen and the School Committee

The Advisory Board had taken no vote on this article prior to the deadline for the warrant to go to print. The Board's recommendation will be provided at Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 38: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$100,000 to be expended under the Board of Assessors for professional and contracted services in order to perform an interim and triennial revaluation of the real and personal property in the Town as of January 1, 2016, including any defense of said values and the updating and inclusion of new construction so as to ensure it is included in the Town's next new growth calculation, or take any other action relative thereto.

Requested by the Board of Assessors

The Board voted 8-0 to favorably recommend this article.

ARTICLE 39: To see if the Town of Norwell will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, the sum of \$4,000 to contract with South Shore Women's Resource Center for Domestic violence intervention and prevention services for its residents, or act on anything relative thereto.

Requested by Petition

The Board voted 8-0 to favorably recommend this article.

ARTICLE 40: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from free cash or other available funds or otherwise provide a sum of money for the Highway Surveyor to conduct an engineering study/traffic analysis of the feasibility of opening the second entrance, so-called, at the Vinal School to vehicular traffic or take any other action related thereto.

Requested by Petition

The Board voted 8-0 to favorably recommend this article.

ARTICLE 41: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds or otherwise provide a certain sum of money to be added to the Stabilization Fund, as established in accordance with Massachusetts General Law Chapter 40, Section 5B, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Requested by the Board of Selectmen

The Advisory Board had taken no vote on this article prior to the deadline for the warrant to go to print. The Board's recommendation will be provided at Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 42: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or otherwise provide a sum of money to be deposited into the Town's OPEB Trust Fund to offset the cost of retired employee health insurance, or act on anything relative thereto.

Requested by the Board of Selectmen

The Advisory Board had taken no vote on this article prior to the deadline for the warrant to go to print. The Board's recommendation will be provided at Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 43: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a certain sum of money, to be added to the Capital Expenditure Stabilization Fund as established in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 40, Section 5B, or act on anything relative thereto.

Requested by the Board of Selectmen

The Advisory Board had taken no vote on this article prior to the deadline for the warrant to go to print. The Board's recommendation will be provided at Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 44: To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money from available funds and authorize the Assessors to use this sum to decrease the tax rate for FY 2016, or act on anything relative thereto.

Requested by the Board of Selectmen

The Advisory Board had taken no vote on this article prior to the deadline for the warrant to go to print. The Board's recommendation will be provided at Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 45: To see if the Town will adopt the following amendments to the Zoning Bylaws relating to political signs by amending Section 3324 Other Permitted Signs of the General Bylaws by deleting in subsection (a) the words "sixty (60) days" and inserting in place thereof the words "thirty (30) days" and further by deleting subsection (b) and inserting the following new subsection:

(b) "Free standing or posted signs are permissible on privately held property only. Attended signs are permissible on public property and must be held by a person at all times.", or take any other action related thereto.

Requested by Petition

The Advisory Board had taken no vote on this article prior to the deadline for the warrant to go to print. The Board's recommendation will be provided at Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 46: To see if the Town will vote to amend Article VI, Section 6240 business District B-2 in such a manner as to include Assessors Parcels 30-087 and 30-089 in which 170 Washington Street is presently located, in the B-2 zone, or take any other action relative thereto.

Requested by Petition

The Advisory Board had taken no vote on this article prior to the deadline for the warrant to go to print. The Planning Board had not had the opportunity to review the article. The Board's recommendation will be provided at Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 47: To see if the Town will amend its bylaws by adding a new section ARTICLE XXI Recall of Elected Officials as follows:

REASON & PURPOSE

To provide Norwell voters with the ability to recall elected officers who in their belief have failed to perform their duties in accordance with their oath of office.

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, on its behalf, to petition the General Court for passage of a special law substantially as provided below. The Legislature may make clerical or editorial changes in form only to the bill, unless the Board of Selectmen approves amendments to the bill before enactment by the

Legislature. The Board of Selectmen is hereby authorized to approve amendments that shall be within the scope of the general public objectives of this petition.

An Act Providing for the Recall of Elected Officials in the Town of Norwell.

SECTION 1. The Charter of the Town of Norwell, on file in the office of the archivist of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, as provided in Section 12 of Chapter 43B of the General Laws, is hereby amended by inserting a new section 3-13 to the existing article 3:

3-13. Recall of Elected Officials

(a) Any holder of an elected office in the Town of Norwell who has held an elected town wide office, and whose term of office extends beyond the next annual town election, may be recalled therefrom by the registered voters of the Town, as herein provided, for reasons of: (1) conviction of a felony or conviction of the following misdemeanors as defined by Massachusetts General Laws: domestic violence, driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs, the illegal manufacture, distribution or dispensing of controlled substances, assault or criminal harassment, while presently in office; or (2) admission to facts, while presently in office, sufficient to be convicted of a felony or sufficient to be convicted of the following misdemeanors as defined in Massachusetts General Laws: domestic violence, driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs, the illegal manufacture, distribution or dispensing of controlled substances, assault or criminal harassment; or (3) was found in violation of the conflict of interest law (M.G.L. c 268A), while presently in office, as determined by the State Ethics Commission or the Attorney General; or (4) attended less than fifty (50%) percent of the posted public meetings of the board or office of which the official was an elected member or to which he/she has been elected or appointed as part of his/her elected position during the previous twelve (12) months. The elected official's vote on a matter (other than in connection with a conflict of interest violation referenced above) shall not be grounds for a recall petition.

(b) Ten (10) or more registered voters of the Town of Norwell may make and file a Notice of Intent with the Town Clerk bearing the name of the elected official sought to be recalled, and a statement of the specific grounds for the recall as established by Section (a) above, with information sufficient to support the specific grounds for recall, at least one hundred seventy (170) days before the next annual town election. Upon certification of the required signatures by the Registrar of Voters and a determination that the Notice of Intent contains information sufficient to support the specific reason(s) and events for the recall as confirmed by Town Counsel, within five (5) business days, the Clerk shall forthwith deliver to the first named voter on the Notice of Intent, the petition forms, addressed to the Board of Selectman, requesting a recall. The petition forms shall be issued under the signature and official seal of the Town Clerk. They shall be dated and shall contain the names of the first ten (10) registered voters whose names appear on the grounds for the recall as stated in the Notice of Intent to recall. In addition, the petition shall request the election of a successor to the office. A copy of the petition form shall be entered in a record book to be kept in the office of the Town Clerk. The recall petition forms shall be returned and filed with the Town Clerk within sixty (60) days after the receipt of the signed petition forms or the next business day after the 60th day if said day falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, with signatures, names and street precincts. The Town Clerk shall, within three (3) business days following the day of the filing with the office of the Town Clerk, submit the recall petition forms to the Registrar of Voters. The Registrars shall, within fifteen (15) business days after the date of receipt, certify in writing to the Town Clerk thereon, the number of signatures which are names of registered voters in Norwell.

(c) If the recall forms to be certified by the Registrar of Voters shall be found sufficient by containing at least ten per cent (10%) of Norwell's registered voters including at least 100 registered voters from each of Norwell's three (3) Precincts as of the date of the most recent Town election, the petition shall be filed by the Town Clerk with the Board of Selectmen within two (2) business days. The selectmen shall give notice following their next scheduled meeting, in writing, to the elected official whose recall is sought by sending that elected official a copy of the certified recall petition.

If the elected official to whom the recall is directed by the Board of Selectmen does not resign the office within five (5) business days from the date of notice, the Board of Selectmen shall forthwith order an election to be held on the date of the next town election. If a vacancy occurs in the office after a recall election has been ordered the election shall nevertheless proceed as provided in this Act, but only ballots for the new candidates shall be counted.

(d) An elected official whose recall is sought may not be a candidate to succeed him or herself in the recall election. The nomination of candidates, the publication of the warrant for the recall election and the conduct of the election shall be in accordance with the state and local laws relative to elections, unless otherwise provided in this Act.

(e) The incumbent shall continue to perform the duties of his/her office until the recall election, unless the elected official resigns his/her position. If the incumbent is not recalled, he/she shall remain in office for the remainder of his/her unexpired term, subject to recall as before, except as provided by this Act. If recalled in the recall election, he/she shall be considered removed upon the qualification of the successor, who shall hold office during the

unexpired term.

(f) Ballots used in a recall petition shall contain the following propositions in the order indicated:

"For the recall of (name of elected official) who holds the position of (elected office)"

"Against the recall of (name of official) who holds the position of (elected office)"

Immediately at the right of each proposition there shall be a designated space for voters to vote for either of the propositions. Under the propositions shall appear the word "Candidates and directions to voters required by Section 42 of Chapter 54 of the General Laws, and beneath this, the names of the candidates nominated, listed alphabetically, as herein provided. If a majority of the votes cast upon the question of the recall are in favor of the recall, the elected official shall be recalled and the ballots for candidates shall be counted. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared elected. If the majority of the votes cast are in the negative, the ballots for candidates need not be counted unless the incumbent official has resigned previously or a vacancy occurs in the office after a recall election has been ordered pursuant to Section (c) above.

(g) A recall petition shall not be filed against an elected official within six (6) months after she/he has taken office, unless the elected official has been re-elected to another consecutive term in office, then a recall petition may be filed within three (3) months after taking office on the re-election vote; nor, in the case of an elected official subjected to a recall election and not recalled thereby until at least six (6) months have elapsed after the election at which the recall was submitted to the voters of the Town and further provided that an elected official cannot be subject to a subsequent recall petition for the same specific reason(s) and events that were the basis of any prior recall petition.

(h) A person who has been recalled from office, or who has resigned from office after the recall petition has been certified by the Registrar of Voters, shall not be appointed to any town office, board or committee within two (2) years after the recall or resignation.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Requested by Petition

The Advisory Board voted 3-4 against favorably recommending this article. The Board recognized the intent of the petition to provide a remedy for misconduct of elected officials that is currently not available. The majority felt that should an elected official engage in such conduct in the Town, he or she would likely succumb to community pressure and resign on their own.

ARTICLE 48: Shall the Town of Norwell vote to amend certain provisions of the Acceptance by the Town of the Community Preservation Act, known as Chapter 44B of the Massachusetts General Laws, by reducing the surcharge from three percent (3%) to one percent (1%) and further to submit such reduction of the surcharge, if approved by the Town Meeting, for acceptance by the voters of the Town of Norwell at the next qualifying Town or State Election, or take any action thereto.

Requested by Petition

The Advisory board voted 1-6 against favorably recommending this article. The article has been previously considered and rejected at prior Town Meetings.

ARTICLE 49: Shall the Town of Norwell vote to (1) revoke (effective Fiscal Year 2017) Article 28 of the Norwell Annual Town Meeting held on May 15, 2001 and reject sections 3 to 7, inclusive, of Chapter 44B of the General Laws of Massachusetts, also known as the Community Preservation Act, that established a dedicated funding source to acquire, create and preserve open space, historic resources, land for recreational use and community housing; thereby removing the surcharge of 3 percent (3%) on the annual real estate tax levy on real property which has been utilized in Norwell, together with matching funds from the Massachusetts Community Preservation Trust Fund, to fund the Community Preservation Act projects – which surcharge excluded (a) the first \$100,000 of value on each taxable parcel of residential real property and (b) property owned and occupied by any person who qualifies for low income housing or low or moderate income senior housing – and (2) revoke (effective Fiscal Year 2017) Article 31 of the Norwell Town Meeting held on May 13, 2002 removing the need for the Community Preservation Committee that makes recommendation on the use of the Community Preservation Act funds to Town meeting, and further to submit such revocations, if approved by Town

Meeting, for acceptance by the voters of the Town of Norwell at the next qualifying Town or State election or take any other action relative thereto?

Requested by Petition

The Advisory board voted 1-6 against favorably recommending this article. The article has been previously considered and rejected at prior Town Meetings.

ARTICLE 50: To see if the Town will amend its bylaws by adding the following new section:

V-a Residency Elected Town Officers

Section 1. No person shall be eligible for an elected town office who is not at the time of such election a bona fide resident or inhabitant of the Town of Norwell, ("town") and any person ceasing to be a bona fide resident or inhabitant of said town shall thereupon cease to hold such appointment in the town.

Section 2. A bona fide "resident" or "inhabitant", shall pursuant to M.G. L. C 62 s. 1 (f) mean (1) any natural person domiciled in the town, or (2) any natural person who is not domiciled in the town but maintains a permanent place of abode in the town and spends an aggregate of more than one hundred eighty-three (183) days of the town's taxable year, including days spent partially in and partially out of the town. Where the term "commonwealth" is used in M.G.L. C. 62 s. 1(f), for the purpose of this sub-section 2, the term "town" shall be substituted therein.

Requested by Petition

The Advisory Board had taken no vote on this article prior to the deadline for the warrant to go to print. The Petitioner had requested a review by Town Counsel and it had not been completed prior to the warrant going to print. The Board's recommendation will be provided at Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 51: To see if the Town will amend its bylaws by adding the following new section:

VI-a Residency Appointed Town Officers

Section 1. No person shall be appointed to a Town Board, committee, or commission in the town who is not at the time of such appointment a bona fide resident or inhabitant of the Town of Norwell, ("town") and any person ceasing to be a bona fide resident or inhabitant of said town shall thereupon cease to hold such appointment in the town.

Section 2. A bona fide "resident" or "inhabitant" shall, pursuant to M.G. L. C 62, s. 1 (f), mean (1) any natural person domiciled in the town, or (2) any natural person who is not domiciled in the town but maintains a permanent place of abode in the town and spends an aggregate of more than one hundred eighty-three (183) days of the town's taxable year, including days spent partially in and partially out of the town. Where the term "commonwealth" is used in M.G.L. C. 62, s. 1(f), for the purpose of this sub-section 2, the term "town" shall be substituted therein.

Requested by Petition

The Advisory Board had taken no vote on this article prior to the deadline for the warrant to go to print. The Petitioner had requested a review by Town Counsel and it had not been completed prior to the warrant going to print. The Board's recommendation will be provided at Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 52: To see if the Town will amend its General Bylaws by adding the following new section:

ARTICLE VI-b Eligibility

A. Eligibility

1. No person may be appointed to a town board, committee, or commission in the town of Norwell (town), who at the time that he/she makes himself/herself available for appointment, shall be ninety (90) days or more delinquent or in breach of any payment arrangements through no fault of their own in any tax, fee, fine, penalty, charge or any other financial obligation or liability of any kind or nature, excluding parking and traffic fines to the town.
2. No person appointed to a town board, committee or commission in the town shall be administered the oath of office nor be allowed to serve as a member of a board, committee or commission, who on the day of

appointment shall be ninety (90) days or more delinquent in any tax, fee, fine, penalty, charge or any other financial obligation or liability of any kind or nature, excluding parking and traffic fines to the town.

B. Forfeiture

SECTION 1 An appointed member of a board, committee, or commission shall, during his/her term, pay, when due, all taxes, fees, fines, penalties, charges or other financial obligations or liabilities of any kind or nature due to the town.

SECTION 2 If an appointed member of a board, committee, or commission shall fail to pay, when due, any tax, fee, fine, penalty, charge or other financial obligation or liability of any kind or nature due to the town, the Town Treasurer/Collector shall immediately notify the Board of Selectmen (Board), and the Board or the Town Administrator, or their designee, shall demand, in writing, that he/she a) pay same or b) establish a payment plan through the Town Treasurer/Collector that would bring same current within one hundred twenty (120) days, by not later than fourteen (14) days from date of demand.

SECTION 3 Except for good cause shown, if said appointed member of a board, committee, or commission shall fail to pay said delinquent tax, fee, fine, penalty, charge or other financial obligation or liability of any kind or nature not later than fourteen (14) days from the date of demand, or become delinquent in any previously established payment plan, he/she shall forthwith forfeit his/her appointment.

SECTION 4 If the last date for doing an act provided for herein falls on a Saturday, Sunday or holiday, or a day on which the offices of the town are closed for business, then said act may be performed on the next succeeding regular business day on which the town offices are open for business following the date on which said act was due to be performed.

SECTION 5 Whether such violation has occurred shall be determined solely by the members of the Board and their decision shall be final.

C. Procedure

SECTION 1 If any appointed member of a board, committee, or commission shall knowingly and intentionally violate any section of this Article VI-b, any member of the Board, or the Town Administrator, upon information and belief, may file a petition in the nature of quo warrant with the Board, which shall put the question, as to whether or not said appointed member of a board, committee, or commission shall be cited to show cause why he/she shall not be held to have forfeited his/her office, before the Board in regular or special session.

SECTION 2 The presiding chair of the Board, upon a majority vote of the members of the Board present at the session of the Board, shall issue an order to show cause signed by the Board's presiding chair to the appointed member of a board, committee, or commission, summoning such person alleged to be guilty of violation under any section of this Article XXI, to appear before the Board at a date and time set by the Board thereafter to answer the charge.

SECTION 3 Such appointed member of a board, committee, or commission shall appear in person at the time and date set by the Board to answer the charge.

SECTION 4 The Board shall serve the order to show cause, along with any bill of particulars or accompanying papers in support of said charge, presented to the elected town officer or appointed member of a board, committee, or commission by the charging party, not less than ten (10) days prior to the date set for hearing on the charge.

SECTION 5 The order to show cause shall be served upon the appointed member of a board, committee, or commission:

- a.) Personally, or
- b.) By leaving same with a resident of the accused's home over the age of fourteen (14), or
- c.) By posting same on the door of the accused's last known address and by first class certified mail, or
- d.) By including notice thereof in the agenda of any regular Board meeting and posting thereof on the wall at the Town Offices in the usual course of business.

SECTION 6 If the appointed member of a board, committee, or commission is present in the meeting at which the charge is presented or at which the order to show cause shall be issued, then the elected town officer or appointed member of a board, committee, or commission shall be served such order to show cause at the time said order to show cause is issued. However, if the appointed member of a board, committee, or commission refuses to accept service of process at said meeting, it shall be noted in the minutes and the elected town officer or appointed member of a board, committee, or commission shall be

deemed to have been constructively served and notified of the charge; and the order to show cause and accompanying papers shall be left in his/her mail box in the Board's offices or the office of the Town Clerk.

SECTION 7 The debtor shall have the right to counsel.

SECTION 8 On hearing of the matter, the Board, if it shall adjudge, by a majority vote of the entire Board, the appointed member of a board, committee, or commission to be guilty of violation of any section of this Article shall punish him/her by declaration of forfeiture and ouster from office or appointment.

SECTION 9 Payment of the tax, fee, fine, penalty, charge or other financial obligation or liability of any kind or nature later than a) fourteen (14) days from date of demand or b) later than the due date of any payment under any previously established payment plan, shall not mitigate, release nor set aside the forfeiture of office.

SECTION 10 The decision of the Board shall be final.

Requested by Petition

The Advisory Board had taken no vote on this article prior to the deadline for the warrant to go to print. The Petitioner had requested a review by Town Counsel and it had not been completed prior to the warrant going to print. The Board's recommendation will be provided at Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 53: To see if the Town will vote to amend its General By-Laws by adding at the end thereof the following new section:

Right to Farm By-Law

Section 1: Purpose and Intent

- (a) The purpose and intent of this By-Law is to state with emphasis the Right to Farm accorded to all citizens of the Commonwealth under Article 97 of the Constitution, and all statutes and regulations thereunder, including but not limited to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40A, Section 3 Paragraph 1; Chapter 90, Section 9, Chapter III, Section 125A and Chapter 128, Section 1A. We the citizens of Norwell restate and republish these rights pursuant to the Town's authority conferred by Article 89 of the articles of Amendment of the Massachusetts Constitution ("Home Rule Amendment").
- (b) This General By-law encourages the pursuit of agriculture, promotes agriculture-based economic opportunities and protects farmlands and forests within the Town of Norwell by allowing agricultural uses and related activities to function with minimal conflict with abutters and Town agencies. This by-law shall apply to all jurisdictional areas within the

Section 2: Definition

- (a) The word "farm" shall include any parcel or contiguous parcels of land, or water bodies used for the primary purpose of commercial agriculture, or accessory thereto.
- (b) The words "farming" or "agriculture" or their derivatives shall include, but not be limited to, the following:
 - 1. farming in all its branches and the cultivation and tillage of the soil;
 - 2. dairying;
 - 3. production, cultivation, growing and harvesting of any agricultural, aqua cultural, floricultural, viticulture or horticultural commodities including orchards;
 - 4. growing and harvesting of forest products upon forest land, and any other forestry or lumbering operations;
 - 5. raising and/or boarding of livestock including horses;
 - 6. keeping and/or training of horses as a commercial enterprise; and keeping and raising of poultry, swine, cattle, ratites (such as emus, ostriches and rheas) and camelids (such as llamas and alpacas) and other domesticated animals for food and other agricultural purposes, including bees and fur-bearing animals.
- (c) "Farming" shall encompass activities including, but not limited to, the following:
 - 1. operation and transportation of slow-moving farm equipment over roads within the town;
 - 2. control of pests, including, but not limited to, insects, weeds, predators and disease organism of plants and animals;
 - 3. application and storage of manure, fertilizers and pesticides under generally accepted management practices;
 - 4. conducting agriculture-related educational and farm-based recreational activities, including "agritourism", provided that the activities are related to marketing the agricultural output or services of the farm;
 - 5. processing and packaging of the agricultural output of the farm and the operation of a farmer's market or farm stand including signage thereto;

6. maintenance, repair or storage of seasonal equipment, or apparatus owned or leased by the farm owner or manager used expressly for the purpose of propagation, processing, management or sale of the agricultural products;
7. on farm relocation of earth and the clearing of ground for farming operations; and
8. maintaining drainage or irrigation ditches; picking stone; constructing, repairing or maintaining fences; and clearing, renovating and maintaining pastures including using the practice of prescription burning.

Section 3: Right to Farm Declaration

- (a) The Right to Farm is hereby recognized to exist within the Town of Norwell. The above-described agricultural activities may occur on holidays, weekdays and weekends by night or day and shall include the attendant incidental noise, odors, dust and fumes associated with normally accepted agricultural practices. It is hereby determined that whatever impact may be caused to others through the normal practice of agriculture is more than offset by the benefits of farming to the neighborhood, community and society in general. The benefits and protections of this By-Law are intended to apply exclusively to those commercial agricultural and farming operations and activities conducted in accordance with generally accepted agricultural practices. Moreover, nothing in this Right to Farm By-law shall be deemed as acquiring any interest in land, or as imposing any land use regulation, which is properly the subject of state statute, regulation or local zoning law.

Section 4: Disclosure Notification

- (a) In order to ensure that prospective owners and tenants are aware of the policy of the Town of Norwell expressed in this by-law regarding agricultural uses, the following notification shall be prominently posted in the Norwell Town Hall, the Norwell Library and on the Town of Norwell website within 30 days of this by-law becoming effective. In addition, the notification language required by this section shall appear each year in the Town's Annual Report.
- (b) It is the policy of this community to conserve, protect and encourage the maintenance and improvement of forest and agricultural lands for the production of food, and other agricultural products, and also for its natural and ecological value. This disclosure notification is to inform buyers or occupants that the property they are about to acquire or occupy lies within a town where farming activities occur. Such farming activities may include, but are not limited to, activities that cause noise, dust and odors. Buyers and occupants are also informed that the location of property within the Town may be impacted by commercial agricultural and farming activities.
- (c) Property owners should make efforts to inform prospective tenants or buyers that Norwell is a "Right to Farm" community.

Requested by Petition

The Board voted 5-1 to favorably recommend this article.to print.

**INSTRUCTIONS TO ELECTED OFFICIALS
SALE OF THE FISH RIGHTS**

You are directed to serve this Warrant by posting a copy thereof attested to by you in writing in each of five public places in the Town at least fourteen days before the time for holding and meeting called for in the Warrant. Herefore, fail not and make due return of the Warrant you're your doings thereon to the Town Clerk of said Town on or before the ____ day of April, 2016.

Given under our hands at Norwell this ____ day of April in the year of our Lord, 2016.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Norwell, Massachusetts

Gregg McBride, Chairman

Ellen Allen Vice-Chairman

Peter Smellie, Clerk

Jason Brown

Alison Demong

Constable _____ Date _____

CLASSIFICATION PLAN
NON-EXEMPT CLASSIFICATIONS (Hourly Pay)

Grade	Position
1	Shelver
2	N/A
3	N/A
4	Clerk Typist
5	Council on Aging Clerk
	Library Circulation Assistant
6	Administrative Assistant
	Animal Control Officer
	Council on Aging Van Operator
	Library Custodian
7	N/A

EXEMPT CLASSIFICATIONS (Annual Salary)

Grade	Position
8	N/A
9	Assistant to Town Administrator
	Council on Aging Program Coordinator
10	Adult Services Librarian
	Children's Services Librarian
	Technical Services Librarian
11	Assistant Library Director (subject to Town vote)
	Council on Aging Outreach Coordinator
	Executive Assistant to Town Administrator
12	N/A
13	Assistant Town Administrator
	Water Treatment Facilities Manager
14	N/A
15	Council on Aging Director
	Library Director
16	N/A
17	Water Superintendent

CLASSIFICATION PLAN

STIPEND POSITIONS

Cemetery Clerk
Harbormaster
Sealer of Weights and Measures
Veteran's Service Officer

SEASONAL POSITIONS

Recreation Summer Clinic Supervisor
Recreation Summer Program
Recreation Summer Program Instructor
Recreation Summer Site Leader (SCENE)
Recreation Summer Site Supervisor (SCENE)
Temporary Library Circulation Assistant
Temporary Highway & Tree Laborer
Temporary Recycling Laborer
Temporary Water Laborer
Temporary Trails Laborer

FLAT HOURLY POSITIONS

Alternate Building Inspector
Call Firefighter
Call Firefighter EMT-8 Certified
Constable
Election Clerk
Election Teller
Election Warden
Police Matron
Recreation Program Supervisor
Recreation Program Leader
School Crossing Guard

PAID PER PARTICIPANT OR CLASS

Recreation Program Supervisor

Recreation Program Leader

**OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF
SELECTMEN
TOWN OF NORWELL
Norwell, Massachusetts 02061**

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NORWELL, MA 02061**

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL/ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, MONDAY, MAY 2, 2016

The following Town Meeting tellers checked in voters at their respective Precinct:

PRECINCT ONE: Patricia Rice
John F. Carnes, Jr.
Patricia Cummings

PRECINCT TWO: Lynne Rose
Jean Valicenti
Helene Quinn

PRECINCT THREE: Sharon Ouellet
Mildred Donahue
Roslyn Wiseman

CONSTABLE: Michael Moore

Attendance: May 2, 2016

Precinct One: 159

Precinct Two: 196

Precinct Three: 190

TOTAL 545

At 7:30 pm on Monday, May 2, 2016 in the Henry E. Goldman Gymnasium of the Norwell Middle School, our Moderator, William Coffey called the Special/Annual Town Meeting to order.

A motion was made then seconded and unanimously voted to dispense with the reading of the call of Meeting and Return of Service having been examined by the Moderator and found to be in order.

Pastor, Jennifer Lynne Styers of the Methodist Church, led the assembly with the opening prayer. State Representative, David DeCoste, led the assembly in the "Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag". Moderator Coffey made the following introductions:

Town Counsel: Robert E. Galvin

Town Administrator: Peter Morin

BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

Greg McBride, Chair.
Ellen Allen, V-Chair.
Jason Brown, Clerk
Alison Demong
Peter Smellie

ADVISORY BOARD:

Roger Hughes, Chair
Mark Maiellano, Vice-Chair.
Karen Reynolds, Clerk
Jacquelyn McClean
Ralph Gordon
Susan Powell
Timothy Greene
Jane Stout

TOWN CLERK:

Patricia M. Anderson

ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK:

Laurie A. Davis

TOWN ACCOUNTANT:

Donna G. Mangan

ASSISTANT TOWN ACCOUNTANT:

Nancy Dooley

Moderator Coffey reviewed the rules of the meeting:

The Moderator directed attendees to the pamphlet entitled "A Brief Guide to Norwell Town Meeting" for an outline on the rules that govern Town Meeting. BLUE Authority cards for this SPECIAL TOWN MEETING were handed out when voters checked in. These cards are used if the Moderator calls a hand count.

PINK Authority cards for this ANNUAL TOWN MEETING were handed out when voters checked in. These cards are used if the Moderator calls a hand count for the Annual Town Meeting.

Because there is a borrowing article over \$200,000.00, it will be necessary to vote by a 2/3rd Secret Ballot on Article 10 of the Annual Town Meeting. In order to accomplish this, each voter was given the following:

A YELLOW "YES/NO slip for borrowing. The moderator will instruct the voters in more detail when this Article comes up.

(tear the slip and deposit your vote in one of the 2 ballot boxes in front of the stage or the 2 set up in the isles. Discard the unwanted slip in the box marked "Trash")

Please be as brief as possible.

No personal attacks and address the issues not the individuals.

Moderator Coffey choose (6) SIX voters to be called on if any votes needed a hand count. The following were sworn in by the Town Clerk:

Stephen Regan	3 Ridge Hill Rd
Peter Shea	52 Franklin Rd
MaryBeth Shea	52 Franklin Rd
Wenday Bawabe	301 Mount Blue St
Blaz Vavpetic	63 Masthead Dr
Steve Ivas	315 Winter St

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING convened at 7:31 pm

ARTICLE NO. 1 Majority Vote Required

A motion was made by Gregg McBride, Selectman; it was seconded and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED that the Town appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to pay salaries for Norwell School employees to provide informational technology services to Norwell Town Hall, said money to be expended under the direction of the Town Administrator, and to meet this appropriation, transfer the sum of \$25,000 from information technology professional services account #1-55-0101-5110.

ARTICLE NO. 2 Majority Vote Required

A motion was made by Gregg McBride, Selectman; it was seconded and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED that the Town appropriate the sum of \$218,000 to be added to line item 1-420-0211-5532, Snow Removal and Sanding and to meet said appropriation, transfer the sum of \$218,000 from Free Cash.

ARTICLE NO. 3 Majority Vote Required

A motion was made by Peter Dillon, Board of Health member; it was seconded and CARRIED that the Town appropriate the sum of \$8,000.00 to fund the cost of the Town's participation in a pilot program in partnership with the University of Rhode Island's Tick Smart Towns America Program to promote tick awareness, education and outreach in an effort to reduce the tick-borne illness, said money to be spent under the direction of the Board of Health, and to meet this appropriation transfer the sum of \$8,000.00 from Free Cash.

ARTICLE NO. 4 9/10ths Vote Required

A motion was made by Gregg McBride, selectmen; it was seconded and the Moderator called a 9/10ths vote that the Town appropriate the sum of \$1,193.00 to pay the following unpaid bills of previous Fiscal Years which may be legally unenforceable due to the insufficiency of an appropriation and, to meet this appropriation, transfer the sum of \$1,193.00 from Free Cash.

ARTICLE NO. 5 Majority Vote Required

A motion was made by Gregg McBride, Selectman; and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED that the Town appropriate the sum of \$15,000.00 to be added to the Building Department inspector fees account #1-241-0101 and to meet such appropriation, transfer the sum of \$15,000.00 from Free Cash.

ARTICLE NO. 6 MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED

A motion was made by Scott Brodsky, Library Project Committee member; and CARRIED that the Town appropriate the sum of \$23,422 for the purpose of planning and designing a new Town Library or to plan and design renovations and/or an addition to the existing Town Library, said funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen and to meet this appropriation, transfer said sum from unused funds in Article 11 of the Annual Town meeting of May 5, 2014, Library/Town Hall Study account #1-122-1102-6049.

ARTICLE NO. 7 MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED

A motion was made by Peter Dillon, Board of Health member; and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED to INDEFINITELY POSTPONE Article 7. *(to purchase trash and recycling carts)*

ARTICLE NO. 8 MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED

A motion was made by Steven Ivas, Water Commissioner, it was seconded and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED that the town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen on behalf of the Board of Water Commissioners to acquire by gift, deed or otherwise, the real property known as the "Spence Property" as specifically described in a written Purchase and Sale" agreement dated March 2016 by and between the Town of Norwell and Susan Pence Trust, and containing 68.86 acres, more or less, also shown on Norwell Assessors' Map (Block-Lot) 14-14, 14-7, 14-18, 14-3 and a portion of 1-2, all for the purpose of improving the drinking water supply, and further, to appropriate the sum of \$400,000.00 to acquire said property, said money to be spent under the direction of the Water Commissioners and under the condition that no more that \$50,000.00 of the aforementioned sum be spent on appraisal, legal fees and other unanticipated expenses and the remainder be spent for land acquisition, and to meet this appropriation, transfer the sum of \$400,000.00 from Water Surplus.

ARTICLE NO. 9 Majority Vote Required

A motion was made by John Mariano, Community Preservation Committee member; it was seconded and UNANAMOUSLY CARRIED that the Town, upon the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee, to appropriate the sum of \$210,000.00, pursuant to Mass Gen. L. c 44B for recreational purposes, said funds to be expended by the Athletic Fields Committee to restore and/or rehabilitate the fields known as Woodworth 3 and the Girls Junior Varsity Softball Field also known as Woodworth 4, and, to meet this appropriation, transfer the sum of \$210,000.00 from the Fund Balance Reserved for Community Preservation Act.

At 8:35 pm, Monday May 2, 2015, a motion was made by the moderator and it was seconded and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED to close the Special Town meeting and open the annual Town meeting.

2016 Norwell Annual Town Meeting Consent Agenda

A consent agenda's purpose is to act expeditiously upon certain articles that historically have generated no controversy and can reasonably be voted upon without debate. With a consent agenda, a number of articles can be addressed with a single vote, thereby ensuring that a greater proportion of Town Meeting's time is dedicated to articles that are the subject of genuine debate.

When the Consent Agenda is called, the Moderator will read out the number of each article, one by one. If a voter has a question or concern about a particular article's inclusion on the Consent Agenda, s/he should say "hold" when the article's number is called. If the purpose of the "hold" is only to ask a simple question, the Moderator will attempt to get the question answered quickly with the goal of leaving the article on the Consent Agenda. Failing that, or if the article is held for debate, the article will be removed from the Consent Agenda. After each article has been called, the Moderator will ask Town Meeting to pass in a single majority vote all articles on the Consent Agenda that have not been otherwise removed. It is hoped that voters will remove articles from the Consent Agenda only in cases where genuine concern exists.

MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED

A motion was made by William, Coffey, Moderator, it was seconded and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED that the Town vote to take out of order Articles 1, 7, 9, 10, 12, 13, 22, 24, 26, 38 and 39 and that they be "passed by

consent” in accordance with the motions shown on the “2016 Norwell Annual Town meeting Consent Agenda” distributed to Town Meeting attendees this evening.

ARTICLE 1: To see if the Town will accept the reports of its Officers, Boards, Departments, Committees and Commissions, as printed in the 2015 Annual Report, or act on anything relative thereto.

(Requested by the Board of Selectmen)

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to receive the reports of its Town Officers, Boards, Departments, Committees and Commissions as printed in the 2015 Annual Report.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote pursuant to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 39 section 10 to accept Fieldstone Way as a public way, or take any other action related thereto. *(Requested by the Planning Board and the Board of Selectmen)*

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to accept Fieldstone Way as described on a plan entitled “ As-Built Plans of Birchwood Farms” prepared by Vautrinot Surveying Inc., scale 1” =40’, dated July 14, 2013 together with a deed of conveyance of such street/way all as shown on the Plan.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or otherwise provide the sum of \$5000 for the care and maintenance of the Town’s pathways to be spent under the direction of the Pathways Committee or to take any other action relative thereto.

(Requested by the Planning Board and the Pathways Committee)

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$5,000 for the care and maintenance of the Town’s pathways, said sum to be expended under the direction of the Pathways Committee, and, to meet this appropriation, transfer the sum of \$5,000 from Free Cash.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, or appropriate from available funds, the sum of \$30,000 to be expended under the direction of the Permanent Drainage Study Committee and the Highway Surveyor for engineering, installation and or maintenance of Town drainage.

(Requested by the Highway Surveyor)

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$30,000 for the engineering, installation and or maintenance of Town drainage, said sum to be expended under the direction of the Permanent Drainage Study Committee and the Highway Surveyor and, to meet this appropriation, transfer the sum of \$30,000 from Free Cash.

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money in anticipation of full (100%) reimbursement by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts of Chapter 90, Acts of 2008, one apportionment, for State and Highway purposes under the provisions of General Laws Chapter 90, Section 34, Clause 2(A), work on highways, to be expended under the direction of the Highway Surveyor, or meet the appropriation by taxation, by transfer or by borrowing, or any combination of the foregoing, or act on anything relative thereto. *(Requested by the Highway Surveyor)*

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$450,008 in anticipation of full (100%) reimbursement by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts of Chapter 90, Acts of 2008, one apportionment, for State and Highway purposes under the provisions of General Laws Chapter 90, Section 34, Clause 2(A), work on highways, to be expended under the direction of the Highway Surveyor, and to meet this appropriation, authorize the Treasurer/Collector, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, borrow the sum of \$450,008, under Gen. L. c. 44 and any enabling authority.

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, or appropriate from available funds, \$30,000 to be expended under the direction of the Highway Surveyor for the purpose of complying with the EPA’s 2017 MS4 (Municipal Separate Stormwater Sewer System) Stormwater General Permit or act on anything relative thereto. *(Requested by the Highway Surveyor)*

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$30,000 for the purpose of complying with the EPA’s 2017 MS4 (Municipal Separate Stormwater Sewer System) Stormwater General Permit, said sum to be expended under the direction of the Highway Surveyor, and to meet this appropriation, transfer the sum of \$30,000 from Free Cash.

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or otherwise provide the sum of \$17,000 to be expended under the direction of the Board of

Health for the care and maintenance of the brush pile at the Recycling Center, or act on anything relative thereto. *(Requested by the Board of Health)*

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$17,000 for the care and maintenance of the brush pile at the Recycling Center, said sum to be expended under the direction of the Board of Health, and to meet this appropriation, transfer the sum of \$17,000 from Free Cash.

ARTICLE 24: To see if the Town will vote to reauthorize the Stetson Ford House Revolving Fund, Student Parking Fees Revolving Fund and Recycling Revolving Fund, pursuant to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, §53E 1/2, for the 2017 fiscal year, or act on anything relative thereto. *(Requested by the Finance Director)*

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to authorize or reauthorize the following revolving funds, pursuant to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53 E 1/2, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016 (see Exhibit 1 for revolving funds).

ARTICLE 26: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, the sum of \$3,000 for School based Medicaid services, or act on anything relative thereto. *(Requested by the Finance Director)*

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$3,000 for school-based Medicaid services, and, to meet this appropriation, raise the sum of \$3,000 from taxation.

ARTICLE 38: *To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$100,000 to be expended under the Board of Assessors for professional and contracted services in order to perform an interim and triennial revaluation of the real and personal property in the Town as of January 1, 2016, including any defense of said values and the updating and inclusion of new construction so as to ensure it is included in the Town's next new growth calculation, or take any other action relative thereto. (Requested by the Board of Assessors)*

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$100,000 for professional and contracted services in order to perform an interim and triennial revaluation of the real and personal property in the Town of Norwell as of January 1, 2016, including any defense of said values and the updating and inclusion of new construction so as to ensure it is included in the Town's next new growth calculation, and to meet said appropriation, transfer the sum of \$100,000 from overlay surplus.

ARTICLE 39: To see if the Town of Norwell will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, the sum of \$4,000 to contract with South Shore Women's Resource Center for Domestic violence intervention and prevention services for its residents, or act on anything relative thereto. *(Requested by Petition)*

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$4,000 to contract with South Shore Women's Resource Center for Domestic violence intervention and prevention services for Norwell residents, and to meet this appropriation, raise the sum of \$4,000 from taxation.

EXHIBIT 1

ARTICLE 24:

I move that the Town vote to authorize or reauthorize the following revolving funds, pursuant to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53 E 1/2, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016:

Revolving Fund	Authorized To Spend	Revenue Source	Use of Fund	FY17 Spending Limit	Disposition of FY17 Fund Balance	Spending Restrictions
Stetson Ford House	Historical Commission	Rental charged for property use	Property maintenance	\$21,000	Balance available for expenditure	Fund may not be spent for salaries
Student Parking Fees	School Department	Fees charged for student parking	Maintenance and Security of the Student Parking Lot	\$14,000	Balance available for expenditure	Fund may not be spent for salaries
Recycling	Board of Health	Bag fees	Maintenance and Improvements Recycling Center	\$50,000	\$50,000 of balance available for expenditure, remainder to revert to General Fund	Fund may not be spent for salaries

2016 Annual Town Meeting Indefinite Postponements

At last week's Moderator's Meeting the Moderator was informed that proponents of certain articles intended to move their articles for indefinite postponement. As a result, following action on the above Consent Agenda, the Moderator will entertain a motion to, with a single majority vote (i) take these articles out of order and (ii) indefinitely postpone action on each of them.

A MOTION was made by William Coffey, Moderator; it was seconded and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED that the Town take out of order Articles 8, 40, 41, 42, 44, 45 and 46 and that each such article be INDEFINITELY POSTPONED.

ARTICLE NO. 1 SEE CONSENT AGENDA VOTE

ARTICLE NO. 2 MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Roger Hughes, Advisory Board member; it was seconded and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED THAT THE Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,425,304 to defray the charges, expenses and salary obligations of the Town, including debt and interest, and out of state travel for the ensuing year, to provide for a Reserve Fund and to fix salaries and compensation for all Elected Officers of the Town as set forth in Article 2 beginning on page 14 under the column "Advisory Board recommends" in the 2016 Annual Town Meeting Warrant for Fiscal Year 2017 (beginning July 1, 2016 and ending on June 30, 2017) and to meet said appropriation, transfer the sum of \$1,892,240.00 from Water Revenues, transfer the sum of \$55,000.00 from Community Preservation Fund revenues, transfer the sum of \$9,000.00 from Wetlands Protection Fund, transfer the sum of \$7,048.00 from the Waterways Fund, transfer the sum of \$113,830.00 from the Reserve for Excluded Debt, and the sum of \$49,418,186.00 to be raised from taxation.

ARTICLE NO. 3 MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Timothy Greene, Capital Budget member, it was seconded and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY that the Town approve Capital Budget Outlay and appropriate the sum of \$848,800.00 as set forth on the spreadsheet published under Article 3 in the 2016 Annual Town Meeting Warrant "Voted Amount" and to meet this appropriation,

THE FOLLOWING ACTION WAS TAKEN:

- A) The purchase of the ambulance be a funded transfer of the sum of \$250,000.00 from the Capital Expenditure Stabilization Fund.
- B) The additional recommended Capital Expenditures in Article 3 be funded through the sum of \$45,300 from Water Surplus and the remaining sum of \$553,500.00 from Free Cash. (as written in the Warrant)

ARTICLE NO. 4 MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Peter Smellie, Selectman, it was seconded and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED THAT THE Town appropriate the sum of \$117,000.00 to meet obligations for union and personal contracts, and to meet said appropriation appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 from Water Revenues and the sum of \$112,000.00 to be raised from taxation, said sum to be apportioned by the Finance Director to the applicable line items in Article 2 in the 2016 Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

ARTICLE NO. 5 MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Adrienne Vavpetic, Personnel Board member; it was seconded and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED that the Town appropriate the sum of \$19,000.00 to meet obligations for the compensation schedule under the Town's Personnel Plan, and to meet said appropriation, appropriate the sum of \$4,000.00 from Water Revenues and the sum of \$15,00.00 to be raised from taxation, said sum to be apportioned by the Finance Director to the applicable line items in Article 2 in the 2016 Annual Town Meeting warrant and to further amend the Town's Personnel Plan by adding the following sentence:

"Employees who are required to use their own vehicle for Town business shall be reimbursed for each mile traveled, subject to written approval by the Department Head or Board Chairperson, at the rate set by the Internal Revenue Service."

ARTICLE NO. 6 MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Adrienne Vavpetic, Personnel Board member, it was seconded and AMENDED by peter Morin, Town Administrator. A MAJORITY VOTED that the Town amend the personnel Classification Plan as proposed by the Personnel Board and as set forth in the Schedule listed under Article 6 on the 2016 Annual Town Meeting Warrant for the *Assistant Library Director position only. (as amended)*

ARTICLE NO. 7 SEE CONSENT AGENDA VOTE

ARTICLE NO. 8 MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED

A MOTION WAS MADE BY William Coffey, Moderator, it was seconded and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TAKE Article 8 out of order and that the Article be INDEFINITELY POSTPONED.

ARTICLE NO. 9 Majority Vote Required

A motion was made by William Coffey, Moderator; it was seconded and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED that the Town take out of order Articles 9, 48, 50 and 51 and that each article be INDEFINITELY POSTPONED.

ARTICLE NO. 10 SEE CONSENT AGENDA VOTE

ARTICLE NO. 11 MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Jason Brown, Selectman, it was seconded and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$300,000.00 for resurfacing and related construction/maintenance of Town

Ways, said sum to be expended under the direction of the Highway Surveyor and, to meet this appropriation, transfer the sum of \$300,000.00 from Free Cash.

ARTICLE NO. 12 SEE CONSENT AGENDA VOTE

ARTICLE NO. 13 SEE CONSENT AGENDA VOTE

ARTICLE NO. 14 MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Jason Brown, Selectman, it was seconded and a MAJORITY VOTED that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$225,000.00 for the purpose of debris removal, engineering, storm-water and Highway Yard facility rehabilitation, said sum to be expended under the direction of the Highway Surveyor, and to meet this appropriation, transfer the sum of \$225,000.00 from Free Cash.

ARTICLE NO. 15 MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Jason Brown, Selectman, it was seconded and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED that the Town appropriate the sum of \$50,000.00 to conduct a survey of the condition of public roads under the jurisdiction of the Town of Norwell, said sum to be expended under the direction of the Highway Surveyor, and to meet this appropriation, transfer the sum of \$50,000.00 from Free Cash.

ARTICLE NO. 16 MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Alison DeMong, Selectman, it was seconded and Article 16 FAILED TO CARRY.
(to change the position of highway/Surveyor from Elected to Appointed)

ARTICLE NO. 17 MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Gregg McBride, Selectman, it was seconded and Article 17 FAILED TO CARRY THE REQUIRED 2/3RDS SECRET BALLOT VOTE;

NO VOTES 271

YES VOTES 244

(343 yes votes needed to carry this article to construct sidewalks)

ARTICLE NO. 18 MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Ellen Allen, Selectman, it was seconded and Article 18 FAILED TO CARRY THE REQUIRED 2/3RDS VOTE.
(to establish a billboard overlay district)

ARTICLE NO. 19 2/3rds VOTE REQUIRED

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Ellen Allen, Selectman, it was seconded and it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED to INDEFINITELY POSTPONE Article 19.

ARTICLE NO. 20 MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Ellen Allen, Selectman, it was seconded and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED that the Town adopt the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 64G, Section 3A and impose a local excise tax of six (6%) per cent of the total amount of rent for occupancy of any room or rooms in a bend and breakfast establishment, hotel, lodging house or motel located within the Town of Norwell, and further, that said local excise tax shall take effect on the first day of the calendar quarter following thirty (30) days after such acceptance,

ARTICLE NO. 21 MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Peter Smellie, Selectman, it was seconded and a MAJORITY VOTED that the Town adopt the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 200A, Section 9A, as amended by Section 65 of Chapter 188 of the Acts of 2010, allowing for an alternate and simplified procedure for disposing of abandoned funds (often referred to as "unclaimed checks" or Tailings") held by the Town.

ARTICLE NO. 22 SEE THE CONSENT AGENDA VOTE

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Fred St. Ours, Water Commissioner, it was seconded and a MAJORITY VOTED that the Town appropriate the sum of \$350,000.00 for the purpose of conducting water system facilities maintenance and upgrades, said sum to be expended under the direction of the Board of Water Commissioners, and to meet said appropriation, transfer the sum of \$350,000.00 from Water Surplus.

ARTICLE NO. 24 SEE CONSENT AGENDA VOTE

ARTICLE NO. 25 MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Jason Brown, Selectman, it was seconded and it CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY that the Town accept General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53F3/4 which establishes a special revenue fund known as the PEG Access and Cable Related Fund, to reserve cable franchise fees and other cable-related revenues for appropriation to support PEG access services and oversight and renewal of the cable franchise agreement, the fund to begin operation for the fiscal year 2017, which begins July 1, 2016, and to further, to authorize the Finance Director to transfer any balance remaining in the current Cable Funds to the accepted fund.

ARTICLE NO. 26 SEE CONSENT AGENDA VOTE

ARTICLE NO. 27 MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Robert Woodill, Conservation Commission member, it was seconded and it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED that the Town vote to amend the provisions of General Bylaw Articled XVI a-Wetlands Protection-Section 4 by adding Section 140", *(with the addition that Cornell Rainfall Data must be utilized to design and evaluate any and all stormwater systems or components)*

ARTICLE NO. 28 MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Aleta Scully, Recreation Commission member, it was seconded and it CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY that the Town appropriate the sum of \$211,722.00 upon the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee, for recreation purposes, pursuant to MGL Chapter 44B, to upgrade accessibility to all Norwell Public School playgrounds, and to meet this appropriation, transfer the sum of \$211,722.00 from Community Preservation Fund revenues. Expenditures under this article shall be under the direction of the Superintendent of Schools and the Recreation Commission.

ARTICLE NO. 29 MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Aleta Scully, Recreation Commission member, it was seconded and it CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY that the Town appropriate the sum of \$92,600.00, upon the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee, for recreational purposes, pursuant to MGL Chapter 44B, to upgrade the Reynolds Playground, and to meet this appropriation, transfer the sum of \$92,600.00 from Community Preservation Fund Revenues. Expenditures under this article shall be under the direction of the Recreation Commission.

ARTICLE NO. 30 MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Jamie-Crystal-Lowry, Planning Board member, it was seconded and a MAJORITY VOTED that the Town appropriate the sum of \$16,230.00 upon the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee, for open space and recreational purpose, pursuant to MGL Chapter 44B, to design, construct and make fully accessible a parking area to service the Forest Street Pathway and the Donovan and Wildcat Trail System, and to meet this appropriation, transfer the sum of \$16,230.00 from Community Preservation Fund Revenues. Expenditures under this article shall be under the direction of the Conservation Commission.

ARTICLE NO. 31 MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Robert Norris, Historical Commission member, it was seconded and it was CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY that the Town appropriate the sum of \$2,426.00 upon the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee, for historical restoration and/or preservation purposes, pursuant to MGL Chapter 44B, for the repair and preservation of the George and Nancy Cushing portraits, and to meet this appropriation, transfer the

sum of \$2,426.00 from Community Preservation Fund revenues. Expenditures under this article shall be under the direction of the Cushing Memorial Board of Directors.

ARTICLE NO. 32 MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED

A MOTION WAS MADE BY John Mariano, Community Preservation member, it was seconded and it CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY that the Town appropriate the sum of \$110,000.00, upon the recommendation of recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee, to be transferred to the Norwell Community Housing Trust, pursuant to MGL Chapter 44B, for affordable housing purposes, and to meet this appropriation, transfer the sum of \$110,000.00 from Community Preservation Revenues. Expenditures under this article shall be under the direction of the Norwell Community Housing Trust.

ARTICLE NO. 33 MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED

A MOTION WAS MADE BY John Mariano, Community Preservation member, it was seconded and it CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY that the Town appropriate the sum of \$107,574.00 from Community Preservation Fund Fiscal Year 2017 revenues for the acquisition, preservation, rehabilitation and restoration of historic resources, and, to reserve the sum of \$110,000.00 from Community Preservation Fund Fiscal Year 2017 revenues for the acquisition, creation and preservation of open space.

ARTICLE NO. 34 MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Amy Koch, School Committee member, it was seconded and it was CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY to INDEFINITELY POSTPONE Article 34.

ARTICLE NO. 35 MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Gregg McBride, Selectman, it was seconded and the Article FAILED TO CARRY.
(to change from a Harbormaster to Mooring Administrator)

ARTICLE NO. 36 2/3rds VOTE REQUIRED

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Ellen Allen, Selectman, it was seconded and it was VOTED BY A 2/3rds VOTE that the Town establish a stabilization fund pursuant to General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 5B to be known as the "Special Education Stabilization Fund" for the Purpose of funding extraordinary statutorily mandated special education out of district costs said stabilization fund to be invested by the Treasurer/Collector and/or Finance Director and to retain its own interest earnings as provided by law.

ARTICLE NO. 37 2/3rds VOTE REQUIRED

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Ellen Allen Selectman, it was seconded and it was VOTED BY A 2/3rds VOTE that the Town transfer the sum of \$100,000.00 from Free Cash to be added to the Special Education Stabilization Fund for the purpose of funding extraordinary statutorily mandated special education out of district costs.

ARTICLE NO. 38 SEE CONSENT AGENDA VOTE

ARTICLE NO. 39 SEE CONSENT AGENDA VOTE

ARTICLE NO. 40 MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED

A MOTION WAS MADE BY William Coffey, Moderator, it was seconded and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED that the Town INDEFINITELY POSTPONE ARTICLE 40.

ARTICLE NO. 41 MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED

A MOTION WAS MADE BY William Coffey, Moderator, it was seconded and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED that the Town INDEFINITELY POSTPONE ARTICLE 41.

ARTICLE NO. 42 MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED

A MOTION WAS MADE BY William Coffey, Moderator, it was seconded and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED that the Town INDEFINITELY POSTPONE ARTICLE 42.

ARTICLE NO. 43 2/3rds VOTE REQUIRED

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Ellen Allen, it was seconded and PASSED BY A 2/3rds VOTE that the Town transfer the sum of \$100,000.00 from Free Cash to be added to the Capital Expenditure Stabilization Fund in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 40, Section 5B.

ARTICLE NO. 44 MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED

A MOTION WAS MADE BY William Coffey, Moderator, it was seconded and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED that the Town INDEFINITELY POSTPONED ARTICLE 44.

ARTICLE NO. 45 MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED

A MOTION WAS MADE BY William Coffey, Moderator, it was seconded and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED that the Town INDEFINITELY POSTPONE ARTICLE 45.

ARTICLE NO. 46 MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED

A MOTION WAS MADE BY William Coffey, Moderator, it was seconded and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED that the Town INDEFINITELY POSTPONE ARTICLE 46.

ARTICLE NO. 47 MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED

A motion was made by Donald Mauch, 296 Main St., it was seconded and Article 47 CARRIED WITH A MAJORITY VOTE as written in the warrant:

ARTICLE 47: To see if the Town will amend its bylaws by adding a new section ARTICLE XX.I Recall of Elected Officials as follows:

REASON & PURPOSE

To provide Norwell voters with the ability to recall elected officers who in their belief have failed to perform their duties in accordance with their oath of office.

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, on its behalf, to petition the General Court for passage of a special law substantially as provided below. The Legislature may make clerical or editorial changes in form only to the bill, unless the Board of Selectmen approves amendments to the bill before enactment by the Legislature. The Board of Selectmen is hereby authorized to approve amendments that shall be within the scope of the general public objectives of this petition.

An Act Providing for the Recall of Elected Officials in the Town of Norwell.

SECTION 1. The Charter of the Town of Norwell, on file in the office of the archivist of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, as provided in Section 12 of Chapter 438 of the General Laws, is hereby amended by inserting a new section 3-13 to the existing article 3:

3-13. Recall of Elected Officials

- (a) Any holder of an elected office in the Town of Norwell who has held an elected town wide office, and whose term of office extends beyond the next annual town election, may be recalled therefrom by the registered voters of the Town, as herein provided, for reasons of: (1) conviction of a felony or conviction of the following misdemeanors as defined by Massachusetts General Laws: domestic violence, driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs, the illegal manufacture, distribution or dispensing of controlled substances, assault or criminal harassment, while presently in office; or (2) admission to facts, while presently in office, sufficient to be convicted of a felony or sufficient to be convicted of the following misdemeanors as defined in Massachusetts General Laws: domestic violence, driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs, the illegal manufacture, distribution or dispensing of controlled substances, assault or criminal harassment; or (3) was found in violation

of the conflict of interest law (M.G.L. c 268A), while presently in office, as determined by the State Ethics Commission or the Attorney General; or (4) attended less than fifty (50%) percent of the posted public meetings of the board or office of which the official was an elected member or to which he/she has been elected or appointed as part of his/her elected position during the previous twelve (12) months. The elected official's vote on a matter (other than in connection with a conflict of interest violation referenced above) shall not be grounds for a recall petition.

- (b) Ten (10) or more registered voters of the Town of Norwell may make and file a Notice of Intent with the Town Clerk bearing the name of the elected official sought to be recalled, and a statement of the specific grounds for the recall as established by Section (a) above, with information sufficient to support the specific grounds for recall, at least one hundred seventy (170) days before the next annual town election. Upon certification of the required signatures by the Registrar of Voters and a determination that the Notice of Intent contains information sufficient to support the specific reason(s) and events for the recall as confirmed by Town Counsel, within five (5) business days, the Clerk shall forthwith deliver to the first named voter on the Notice of Intent, the petition forms, addressed to the Board of Selectman, requesting a recall. The petition forms shall be issued under the signature and official seal of the Town Clerk. They shall be dated and shall contain the names of the first ten (10) registered voters whose names appear on the grounds for the recall as stated in the Notice of Intent to recall. In addition, the petition shall request the election of a successor to the office. A copy of the petition form shall be entered in a record book to be kept in the office of the Town Clerk. The recall petition forms shall be returned and filed with the Town Clerk within sixty (60) days after the receipt of the signed petition forms or the next business day after the 60th day if said day falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, with signatures, names and street precincts. The Town Clerk shall, within three (3) business days following the day of the filing with the office of the Town Clerk, submit the recall petition forms to the Registrar of Voters. The Registrars shall, within fifteen (15) business days after the date of receipt, certify in writing to the Town Clerk thereon, the number of signatures which are names of registered voters in Norwell.
- (c) If the recall forms to be certified by the Registrar of Voters shall be found sufficient by containing at least ten per cent (10%) of Norwell's registered voters including at least 100 registered voters from each of Norwell's three (3) Precincts as of the date of the most recent Town election, the petition shall be filed by the Town Clerk with the Board of Selectmen within two (2) business days. The selectmen shall give notice following their next scheduled meeting, in writing, to the elected official whose recall is sought by sending that elected official a copy of the certified recall petition.

If the elected official to whom the recall is directed by the Board of Selectmen does not resign the office within five (5) business days from the date of notice, the Board of Selectmen shall forthwith order an election to be held on the date of the next town election. If a vacancy occurs in the office after a recall election has been ordered the election shall nevertheless proceed as provided in this Act, but only ballots for the new candidates shall be counted.

- (d) An elected official whose recall is sought may not be a candidate to succeed him or herself in the recall election. The nomination of candidates, the publication of the warrant for the recall election and the conduct of the election shall be in accordance with the state and local laws relative to elections, unless otherwise provided in this Act.
- (e) The incumbent shall continue to perform the duties of his/her office until the recall election, unless the elected official resigns his/her position. If the incumbent is not recalled, he/she shall remain in office for the remainder of his/her unexpired term, subject to recall as before, except as provided by this Act. If recalled in the recall election, he/she shall be considered removed upon the qualification of the successor, who shall hold office during the unexpired term.
- (f) Ballots used in a recall petition shall contain the following propositions in the order indicated:

"For the recall of (name of elected official) who holds the position of (elected office)"

"Against the recall of (name of official) who holds the position of (elected office)"

Immediately at the right of each proposition there shall be a designated space for voters to vote for either of the propositions. Under the propositions shall appear the word "Candidates and directions to voters required by Section 42 of Chapter 54 of the General Laws, and beneath this, the names of the candidates nominated, listed alphabetically, as herein provided. If a majority of the votes cast upon the question of the recall are in favor of the recall, the elected official shall be recalled and the ballots for candidates shall be counted. The candidate receiving the highest number

of votes shall be declared elected. If the majority of the votes cast are in the negative, the ballots for candidates need not be counted unless the incumbent official has resigned previously or a vacancy occurs in the office after a recall election has been ordered pursuant to Section (c) above.

- (g) A recall petition shall not be filed against an elected official within six (6) months after she/he has taken office, unless the elected official has been re elected to another consecutive term in office, then a recall petition may be filed within three (3) months after taking office on the re-election vote; nor, in the case of an elected official subjected to a recall election and not recalled thereby until at least six (6) months have elapsed after the election at which the recall was submitted to the voters of the Town and further provided that an elected official cannot be subject to a subsequent recall petition for the same specific reason(s) and events that were the basis of any prior recall petition.
- (h) A person who has been recalled from office, or who has resigned from office after the recall petition has been certified by the Registrar of Voters, shall not be appointed to any town office, board or committee within two (2) years after the recall or resignation.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage. Requested by Petition

ARTICLE NO. 48 MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Donald Mauch, 296 Main St., it was seconded and ARTICLE 48 FAILED TO CARRY. *(to reduce the CPC surcharge)*

ARTICLE NO. 49 MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Donald Mauch, 296 Main St., it was seconded and Article 49 FAILED TO CARRY. *(to revoke the CPC surcharge)*

ARTICLE NO. 50 MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Marie Molla, 88 Prospect St., it was seconded and Article 50 FAILED TO CARRY by a hand count of:

YES 53, NO 75

ARTICLE NO. 51 MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Marie Molla, 88 Prospect St., it was seconded and Article 51 FAILED TO CARRY. *(residency requirement)*

ARTICLE NO. 52 MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Marie Molla, 88 Prospect St., it was seconded and Article 52 FAILED TO CARRY. *(eligibility for board/committee appointment)*

ARTICLE 53: MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Peter Smellie, Selectman, it was seconded and Peter Smellie AMENDED ARTICLE 53 to include sections 5 and 6 that were originally in the Citizens petition but omitted in error from the published warrant and CARRIED BY A MAJORITY VOTE.

Upon return to the main motion ARTICLE 53 CARRIED BY A MAJORITY VOTE:

Section 1: Purpose and Intent

Right to Farm By-Law

- (a) The purpose and intent of this By-Law is to state with emphasis the Right to Farm accorded to all citizens of the Commonwealth under Article 97 of the Constitution, and all statutes and regulations there under, including but not limited to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40A, Section 3 Paragraph 1; Chapter 90, Section 9, Chapter III, Section 125A and Chapter 128, Section 1A. We the citizens of Norwell restate and republish these rights pursuant to the Town's authority conferred by Article 89 of the articles of Amendment of the Massachusetts Constitution ("Home Rule Amendment")

- (b) This General By-law encourages the pursuit of agriculture, promotes agriculture-based economic opportunities and protects farmlands and forests within the Town of Norwell by allowing agricultural uses and related activities to function with minimal conflict with abutters and Town agencies. This by law shall apply to all jurisdictional areas within the Town

Section 2: Definition

- (a) The word "farm" shall include any parcel or contiguous parcels of land, or water bodies used for the primary purpose of commercial agriculture, or accessory thereto.
- (b) The words "farming" or "agriculture" or their derivatives shall include, but not be limited to, the following:
1. farming in all its branches and the cultivation and tillage of the soil;
 2. dairying;
 3. production, cultivation, growing and harvesting of any agricultural, aqua cultural, floricultural, viticulture or horticultural commodities including orchards;
 4. growing and harvesting of forest products upon forest land, and any other forestry or lumbering operations;
 5. raising and/or boarding of livestock including horses;
 6. keeping and/or training of horses as a commercial enterprise; and keeping and raising of poultry, swine, cattle, ratites (such as emus, ostriches and rheas) and camelids (such as llamas and alpacas) and other domesticated animals for food and other agricultural purposes, including bees and fur-bearing animals.
- (c) "Farming" shall encompass activities including, but not limited to, the following:
1. operation and transportation of slow-moving farm equipment over roads within the town;
 2. control of pests, including, but not limited to, insects, weeds, predators and disease organism of plants and animals;
 3. application and storage of manure, fertilizers and pesticides under generally accepted management practices;
 4. conducting agriculture-related educational and farm-based recreational activities, including "agritourism", provided that the activities are related to marketing the agricultural output or services of the farm;
 5. processing and packaging of the agricultural output of the farm and the operation of a farmer's market or farm stand including signage thereto;
 6. maintenance, repair or storage of seasonal equipment, or apparatus owned or leased by the farm owner or manager used expressly for the purpose of propagation, processing, management or sale of the agricultural products;
 7. on farm relocation of earth and the clearing of ground for farming operations; and
 8. maintaining drainage or irrigation ditches; picking stone; constructing, repairing or maintaining fences; and clearing, renovating and maintaining pastures including using the practice of prescription burning.

Section 3: Right to Farm Declaration

- (a) The Right to Farm is hereby recognized to exist within the Town of Norwell. The above described agricultural activities may occur on holidays, weekdays and weekends by night or day and shall include the attendant incidental noise, odors, dust and fumes associated with normally accepted agricultural practices. It is hereby determined that whatever impact may be caused to others through the normal practice of agriculture is more than offset by the benefit of farming to the neighborhood, community and society in general. The benefits and protections of this By-Law are intended to apply exclusively to those commercial agricultural and farming operations and activities conducted in accordance with generally accepted agricultural practices. Moreover, nothing in this Right to Farm By-law shall be deemed as acquiring any interest in land, or as imposing any land use regulation, which is properly the subject of state statute, regulation or local zoning law.

Section 4: Disclosure Notification

- (a) In order to ensure that prospective owners and tenants are aware of the policy of the Town of Norwell expressed in this by-law regarding agricultural uses, the following notification shall be prominently posted in the Norwell Town Hall, the Norwell Library and on the Town of Norwell website within 30 days of this by-law becoming effective. In addition, the notification language required by this section shall appear each year in the Town's Annual Report.

(b)It is the policy of this community to conserve, protect and encourage the maintenance and improvement of forest and agricultural lands for the production of food, and other agricultural products, and also for its natural and ecological value. This disclosure notification is to inform buyers or occupants that the property they are about to acquire or occupy lies within a town where farming activities occur. Such farming activities may include, but are not limited to, activities that cause noise, dust and odors. Buyers and occupants are also informed that the location of property within the Town may be impacted by commercial agricultural and farming activities.

(c)Property owners should make efforts to inform prospective tenants or buyers that Norwell is a "Right to Farm" community.

Requested by Petition

**Mr. Smellie moves that Article 53 be amended to include the following sections 5 and 6 that were originally in the Citizen's Petition but omitted in error from the published warrant:
AMENDMENT UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

Section 5: Resolution of Disputes

(a) Any person having a complaint about a farm activity or practice is encouraged to seek an amicable resolution to the complaint, including talking directly with the involved farmer.

(b) Any person who seeks to complain about the operation of a farm may, Selectmen, the Zoning Enforcement Officer, or the Board of Health, depending upon the nature of the grievance. The filing of the grievance does not suspend the time within which to pursue any other available remedies that the aggrieved may have.

(c) The Board of health, except in cases of imminent danger or public health risk, may forward a copy of the grievance to the Board of Selectmen, which shall review and facilitate the resolution of the grievance, and report its recommendations to the Board of Health within an agreed upon time frame.

Section 6: Severability Clause

If any part of this by-Law is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the remainder of this By-Law. The Town of Norwell hereby declares the provisions of this By-Law to be severable.

INSTRUCTIONS TO ELECTED OFFICIALS

1. David DeGhetto, 303 River Street

MAJORITY VOTED that the Town instruct the Board of Selectmen along with the Community Housing Trust and others, as needed, meet with property owner(s) and negotiate an arrangement, or possible purchase, which will allow this 40 B development to move forward. (15 & 19 High St.)

2. Steve Ivas, 315 Winter Street

MAJORITY VOTED that the Town instruct the Selectmen convene a committee on Long-term Sustainable Growth in Norwell. Such Committee to report out findings and recommendations at least every year with the Norwell Town Report.

3. Arthur Garceau, 17 Wanton Shipyard

MAJORITY VOTED that the Town instruct the Board of Selectmen to clear the roadsides of the obstructing rocks placed very close to the paved surface, this to apply to the major arterial roads

SALE OF FISH RIGHTS

First Right sold to Alison DeMong, 18 Powder House Ln \$100.00

Second Right sold to Fred St. Ours, 315 River St. \$75.00

There being no further business to transact, a motion was made, seconded and it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO DISSOLVE the Annual Town Meeting at 10:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Anderson, CMC, CMMC

Norwell Town Clerk

RECORD OF ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
May 10, 2016

At 7:00 am on Tuesday, May 10, 2016 the polls opened at the Norwell Middle School, Henry E. Goldman Gymnasium, 328 Main Street, for all eligible voters to cast their votes for their candidates.

This Election was the Town's first *dual* Election. Due to time constraints the Board of Selectmen voted to also hold the Special State Election on this day as well.

Each Precinct had separate Tellers checking in voters for the Annual Town Election Ballot and checking in for the Special State Election ballot.

The dual check-in went extremely well and no problems occurred during the day.

Pursuant to the Warrant, eligible voters from Precinct's One, Two and Three met at the Norwell Middle School to cast their votes.

The following election workers were present:

In Precinct I, Joyanne Bond, WARDEN, Helene Quinn, CLERK, Priscilla Burgess, Jack Carnes, Ellen Torrey, Barbara Vitale, Rosemarie Mesheau and Eleanor Larson, TELLERS.

In Precinct II, Lynne Rose, WARDEN, Jean Valicenti, CLERK, Jeanne Haglestein-Ivas, Nancy Joseph, Vera Korsyh-Hough, Ann McLeod, Marilyn Knowles, Margaret Dixon, Wilma Goodhue, Donna Gilmour, Jeanette Simmons and Roslyn Wiseman TELLERS.

In Precinct III, Sharon Ducey, WARDEN, Deb Bailey, CLERK, Anne Carol Murphy, Mildred Donahue, Sharon Ouellet, Virginia Puliafico, Suzanne Jevne, Janet Donovan, Brenda Scally, Eleanor McCann, Paula McMahon, Peter Kates and Paula Young, TELLERS.

Constable Michael C. Moore was present for all three precincts.
Town Clerk, Patricia M. Anderson was Chief Warden and Election Administrator.

Polls opened for all precincts promptly at 7:00 AM and closed at 8:00 PM. Tallies compiled in each of the three precincts were brought to the office of the Town Clerk. Copies of the Election results were posted on the Town website and on the Official Bulletin Board at Town Hall.

Tallying during open meeting at the Town Clerk's office resulted in the following count:

	PREC. I	PREC. II	PREC. III	TOTAL
BOARD OF ASSESSORS-Three Years-Vote for One				
Joan Osborne	374	433	455	1262
Write-ins	3	2	0	5
Blanks	151	169	173	493
BOARD OF HEALTH-Three Years-Vote for One				
John O. Litchfield	380	432	473	1290
Write-ins	0	1	1	2
Blanks	148	171	149	468

BOARD OF SELECTMEN-Three Years-Vote for Two

Gregg McBride	331	378	425	1134
Jason Brown	380	417	427	1224
Write-ins	0	1	1	2
Blanks	148	171	149	468

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS-Three Years-Vote for One

Frederick H. St. Ours	389	464	398	1139
Write-ins	0	2	1	3
Blanks	139	138	153	430

HIGHWAY SURVEYOR/DIRECTOR-Three Years-Vote for One

Glenn C. Ferguson	183	276	288	747
Gary H. Osborne	99	172	136	407
Mark E. Smith	211	104	145	460
Write-ins	0	0	0	0
Blanks	18	29	45	92

MODERATOR-One Year Term-Vote for One

William C. Coffey	378	443	456	1279
Write-ins	1	4	1	6
Blanks	149	157	171	477

NORWELL HOUSING AUTHORITY-Three Year Term-Vote for One

Nancy J. Dooley	382	433	458	1273
Write-ins	0	1	1	2
Blanks	146	170	169	485

NORWELL PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUSTEES-Three Year Term-Vote for Two

Victor M. Posada	333	392	418	1143
Kathleen D. Fitzgerald	336	420	430	1186
Write-ins	2	2	0	4
Blanks	385	394	408	1187

PLANNING BOARD- Three Year Term-Vote for Two

Scott J. Fitzgerald	354	400	435	1189
Write-ins	48	58	35	141
Blanks	654	750	786	2190
Donald Mauch – Write-Ins	19	33	16	68
Elizabeth Feeherry –Write Ins	10	10	5	25

Donald Mauch received a total of 68 Write-in Votes and was Elected to the Planning Board.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE-Three Year Term-Vote for Two

Christina Kane	334	398	408	1140
Patrick S. Reed	340	384	422	1146
Write-ins	2	5	3	10

QUESTION 1-Elected to Appointed Highway Surveyor/Director

YES	169	232	255	656
NO	268	273	277	818

ATTEST,
Patricia M. Anderson
Norwell Town Clerk
Election Administrator

RECORD OF THE SPECIAL STATE ELECTION
Tuesday, May 10, 2016

At 7:00 am on Tuesday, May 10, 2016, the polls opened at the Norwell Middle School, Henry E. Goldman Gymnasium, 328 Main Street, for all eligible voters to cast their votes for their candidates.

This Election was the Town's first dual Election. Due to time constraints the Board of Selectmen voted to also hold the Annual Town Election of this day as well.

Each Precinct had separate Tellers checking in voters for the Annual Town Election ballot and checking in for the Special State Election ballot.

The dual check-in went extremely well and no problems occurred during the day.

Pursuant to the Warrant, eligible voters from Precinct's One, Two and Three met at the Norwell Middle School to cast their votes.

This Special State Election was held for the vacated seat of Senator Robert Hedlund.

The following election workers were present:

In Precinct I, Joyanne Bond, WARDEN, Helene Quinn, CLERK, Priscilla Burgess, Jack Carnes, Ellen Torrey, Barbara Vitale, Rosemarie Mesheau and Eleanor Larson, TELLERS.

In Precinct II, Lynne Rose, WARDEN, Jean Valicenti, CLERK, Jeanne Hagelstein-Ivas, Nancy Joseph, Vera Korsyh-Hough, Ann McLeod, Marilyn Knowles, Margaret Dixon, Wilma Goodhue, Donna Gilmour, Jeanette Simmons and Roslyn Wiseman, TELLERS.

In Precinct III, Sharon Ducey, WARDEN, Deb Bailey, CLERK, Anne Carol Murphy, Mildred Donahue, Sharon Ouellet, Virginia Puliafico, Suzanne Jevne, Janet Donovan, Brenda Scally, Eleanor McCann, Paula McMahon, Peter Kates and Paula Young, TELLERS.

Constable Michael C. Moore was present for all three precincts.

Town Clerk, Patricia M. Anderson was Chief Warden and Election Administrator.

Polls opened for all precincts promptly at 7:00 am and closed at 8:00 pm. Tallies compiled in each of the three precincts were brought to the office of the Town Clerk. Copies of the Election results were posted on the Town website and on the official Bulletin Board at Town Hall.

Tallying during open meeting at the Town Clerk's office resulted in the following count:

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT-Vote for One

In Precinct I: 515 Votes Cast

Democrat:	Joan Meschino	208
Republican:	Patrick O'Connor	307

Write-ins	3
Blanks	0

In Precinct II: 592 Votes Cast

Democrat:	Joan Meschino	240
Republican:	Patrick O'Connor	351
Write-ins		1
Blanks		0

In Precinct III: 612 Votes Cast

Democrat:	Joan Meschino	259
Republican:	Patrick O'Connor	353
Write-ins		0
Blanks		0

Total votes cast in all precincts were 1719 of the 7592 registered voters eligible to vote at this Election
23% cast their vote.

Attest,
Patricia M. Anderson
Town Clerk, Election Administrator

RECORD OF STATE PRIMARY

SEPTEMBER 8, 2016

Pursuant to the Warrant, all eligible voters from Precinct One, Two and Three met at one centralized polling place, the Norwell Middle School, located at 328 Main Street to cast their votes for candidates for the listed offices.

The following election workers were present: Shifts were all day, 6AM-2PM and 2PM – Closing.

In Precinct I, Joyanne Bond, WARDEN; Helene Quinn, CLERK; John F. Carnes, Jr, Ellen Torrey, Barbara Vitale, Rosemarie Mesheau and Pat Dolan as TELLERS.

In Precinct II, Lynne Rose, WARDEN; Jean Valicenti, CLERK; Margaret Lynch, Judy Enright, Eleanor Larson, Janet Donovan, Brenda Scally, Ann McLeod, Wilma Goodhue and Nancy Joseph TELLERS.

In Precinct III, Sharon Ducey, WARDEN, Eleanor “Deb” Bailey, Clerk, Roselyn Wiseman, Amy Huspeth Cabell, Virginia Puliafico, and Pat Rice as TELLERS.

CONSTABLES on duty: Michael C. Moore

CHIEF WARDEN over all was Town Clerk, Patricia M. Anderson.

Polls opened for all precincts at 7:00 A.M. After 8:00 P.M. closing, tallies compiled in each of the three precincts were brought to the Town Clerk where the final tally of all precincts was made and publicly announced. Breakdown of the number of votes cast in each precinct is as follows:

In Precinct I, there were 188 Democratic votes cast, 88 Republican votes cast; 0 Green-Rainbow votes cast; and 1 United Independent Party votes cast.

In Precinct II, there were 150 Democratic votes cast; 102 Republican votes cast; 0 Green-Rainbow votes cast; and 0 United Independent Party votes cast.

In Precinct III, there were 166 Democratic votes cast; 74 Republican votes cast absentee; 0 Green-Rainbow votes cast and 1 United Independent Party votes cast.

Total number of votes cast in all precincts was 770. As of the last day to register to participate in this Election, August 19, 2016, there were a total of 7719 registered voters in Norwell. Those participating in the Primary represented 10% of the electorate.

Tallying in open meeting at Town Clerk’s office resulted in the following count of votes cast:

REPUBLICAN PARTY	PREC. I	PREC. II	PREC. III
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REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS

Ninth District

Vote for One

Mark C. Alliegro	21	47	23
Thomas Joseph O'Malley, Jr.	60	47	42
Write-ins	0	0	0
Blanks	7	8	9

COUNCILLOR-Vote for One

Fourth District

Write-ins	7	17	13
Blanks	81	85	61

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT-Vote for One

Plymouth & Norfolk District

Patrick M. O'Connor	62	76	55
Stephen Gill	22	23	13
Write-ins	0	0	0
Blanks	4	3	6

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

Fifth Plymouth District-Vote for One

David F. DeCoste	83	96	68
Write-ins	1	0	0
Blanks	4	6	6

SHERIFF -Vote for One

Joseph D. McDonald, Jr.	70	80	58
Write-ins	0	0	0
Blanks	18	22	16

COUNTY COMMISSIONER-Vote for Two

Daniel A. Pallotta	47	58	50
Anthony T. O'Brien, Jr.	57	63	38
Write-ins	0	0	0
Blanks	72	83	60

DEMOCRATIC PARTY

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS

Vote for One-Ninth District

William Richard Keating	140	131	141
Write-ins	2	2	1
Blanks	46	17	24

COUNCILLOR-Vote for One

Christopher A. Iannella, Jr.	86	72	87
Stephen F. Flynn	72	54	51
Write-ins	0	1	0
Blanks	30	23	28

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT

Vote for One-Plymouth Norfolk District

Brian Richard Cook	63	47	50
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Write-ins	2	1	3
Blanks	26	15	12

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

Vote for One-Fifth Plymouth District

Paul G. Moody, Jr.	93	84	72
Kara L. Nyman	88	62	93
Write-ins	0	0	0
Blanks	7	4	1

SHERIFF-Vote for One

Plymouth County

Scott M. Vecchi	123	96	124
Write-ins	0	1	1
Blanks	65	53	41

COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Plymouth County-Vote for Two

Greg Hanley	107	86	98
Lincoln D. Heineman	78	71	101

GREEN-RAINBOW

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS

Vote for One-Ninth District

Write-ins	0	0	0
Blanks	0	0	0

COUNCILLOR-Vote for One

Fourth District

Write-ins	0	0	0
Blanks	0	0	0

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT

Plymouth & Norfolk District

Vote for One

Write-ins	0	0	0
Blanks	0	0	0

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

Fifth Plymouth District-Vote for One

Write-ins	0	0	0
Blanks	0	0	0

SHERIFF-Vote for One

Plymouth County

Write-ins	0	0	0
Blanks	0	0	0

COUNTY COMMISSIONER-Vote for Two

Plymouth County

Write-ins	0	0	0
Blanks	0	0	0

UNITED INDEPENDENT PARTY

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS

Vote for One-Ninth District

Write-ins	1	0	1
Blanks	0	0	1

**COUNCILLOR-Vote for One
Fourth District**

Write-ins	0	0	0
Blanks	1	0	1

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT

Vote for One-Plymouth Norfolk District

Write-ins	0	0	1
Blanks	1	0	0

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

Vote for One-Fifth Plymouth District

Write-ins	0	0	0
Blanks	1	0	1

**SHERIFF-Vote for One
Plymouth County**

Write-ins	0	0	0
Blanks	1	0	1

COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Vote for Two-Plymouth County

Write-ins	0	0	0
Blanks	2	0	2

A TRUE COPY ATTEST,
Patricia M. Anderson, CMC, CMMC
Town Clerk
Election Administrator

**RECORD OF STATE ELECTION
Tuesday, November 8, 2016**

The Early Voting Law began in Massachusetts with this State Election. Voters were able to cast their ballots up to eleven (11) days before the election, starting on October 24, 2016. Cities and towns across the state were required to have at least one voting site open during normal business hours during the early voting period. Norwell extended its hours beyond to 5:00 pm on Mon., Tues., Thurs., and Fri., Wed. Till 7:30pm and opened Sat. from 8:00am until 2:00pm. Early voting was held at Norwell Town Hall from Oct. 24, 2016 until Nov. 4, 2016. Since Norwell extended early voting hours beyond normal business hours, Norwell was presented the Silver Medal Award by the Massachusetts Election Modernization Coalition for providing substantial Early Voting opportunities to its citizens. 34% of Norwell's registered voters voted early.

At 7:00 am on Tuesday, November 8, 2016, the polls opened at the Norwell Middle School, Henry E. Goldman Gymnasium, 328 Main Street, for all eligible voters to cast their votes for their candidates from nine offices and four questions listed on the ballot.

Norwell Schools were closed for Election Day.

The following election workers were present:

In PRECINCT I, Joyanne Bond, WARDEN; Helene Quinn, CLERK; Eleanor Larson, Virginia Puliafico, Ellen Torrey, John F. Carnes, Jr., Rose Measheu, Lise Adams Sherry and Anna Mae Viens, TELLERS.

In PRECINCT II, Lynne Rose, WARDEN, Jean Valicenti, CLERK, Brenda Scally, Jeanne Hagelstein-Ivas, Janet Donovan, Anne Bussiere, Ann MCleod, Wilma Goodhue, Nancy Schultz, Paula Young and Nancy Joseph, TELLERS.

In PRECINCT III, Sharon Ducey, WARDEN, Eleanor Bailey, CLERK, Amy Hudsbeth Cabell, Roselyn Wiseman, Peter Kates, Kathy Belyea, Margaret Lynch, Judy Enright, Kay Gordon, Mildred Donahue and Margaret Dixon, TELLERS.

Michael Moore served as CONSTABLES. Anthony Viol, Sean Doherty, Ernest Anastsio and Sergio Jameson served as Special Police officers for inside the polls and directing parking lot and street traffic.

Town Clerk, Patricia M. Anderson, CMC/CMMC was Chief Warden and Election Administrator.

Polls opened for all Precincts at 7:00 am and closed at 8:00 pm. Tallies compiled in each of the three Precincts were brought to the office of the Town Clerk where the unofficial tally was made and publicly announced.

On November 11, 2016 at 5:00pm the Board of Registrars met in order to count any mailed Federal Write-In Absentee Ballots to be added to the tally. Norwell received one (1).

The number of votes cast in each precinct was as follows:

Precinct I	2140	votes cast
Precinct II	2325	votes cast
Precinct III	2301	votes cast

Total Votes cast in all precincts was 6766.

Out of 7983 Registered Voters, 85% participated in this Election.

Tallying resulted in the following count:

ELECTORS OF PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

	<u>Prec. I</u>	<u>Prec. II</u>	<u>Prec. III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Clinton and Kaine (D)	1003	1130	1144	3277
Johnson and Weld (L)	95	104	123	322
Stein and Baraka (J)	18	16	22	56
Trump and Pence (R)	926	991	920	2837
Write-ins	50	56	64	170
Blanks	48	28	28	104

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS

NINTH DISTRICT

William Richard Keating (D)	863	942	990	2795
Mark C. Alliegro (R)	631	834	718	2183
Christopher D. Cataldo (Unenrolled)	407	368	385	1160
Paul J. Harrington (Independent)	113	64	96	273
Anna Grace Raduc (Unenrolled)	10	13	8	31
Write-ins	2	1	1	4

Blanks	114	103	103	320
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COUNCILLOR

FOURTH DISTRICT

Christopher A. Iannella, Jr. (D)	1454	1458	1541	4453
Write-ins	22	26	22	70
Blanks	664	841	738	2243

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT

PLYMOUTH & NORFOLK DISTRICT

Patrick M. O'Connor (R)	1100	1301	1234	3635
Paul J. Gannon (D)	876	864	907	2647
Write-ins	5	3	1	9
Blanks	159	157	159	475

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

FIFTH PLYMOUTH DISTRICT

David F. DeCoste (R)	1251	1421	1336	4008
Kara L. Nyman (D)	778	803	849	2430
Write-ins	0	1	1	2
Blanks	111	100	115	326

SHERIFF

PLYMOUTH COUNTY

Joseph D. McDonald, Jr. (R)	1249	1419	1373	4041
Scott M. Vecchi (D)	703	735	742	2180
Write-ins	1	3	5	9
Blanks	187	168	181	536

COUNTY COMMISSIONER

PLYMOUTH COUNTY-Vote for not more the TWO

Greg Hanley (D)	944	952	966	2862
Daniel A. Pallotta (R)	1139	1312	1222	3673
Lincoln D. Heineman (D)	490	536	645	1671
Write-ins	7	7	4	18
Blanks	1700	1843	1765	5308

QUESTION ONE

Gaming Commission

YES	766	754	726	2246
NO	1289	1465	1501	4255
Blanks	85	106	74	265

QUESTION TWO

Charter School Expansion

YES	777	1045	973	2795
NO	1333	1249	1306	3888
Blanks	30	31	22	83

QUESTION THREE

Farm Animal Protection

YES	1671	1796	1797	5264
NO	433	490	471	1394
Blanks	36	39	33	108

QUESTION FOUR

Recreational Marijuana

YES	976	1030	1039	3045
NO	1135	1278	1246	3659
Blanks	29	17	16	62

ATTEST:

Patricia M. Anderson, CMC/CMMC

Norwell Town Clerk/Election Administrator

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF REGISTRARS

As of December 31, 2016, the population of Norwell was 11,200

As of December 31, 2016 a breakdown of voters was as follows:

*Democrat	1681
*Republican	1524
*Unenrolled	4711
*Green-Rainbow	4
*United Independent Party	59
**American Independent (Q)	1
**Libertarian (L)	13
**Pizza Party (AA)	1
**Inter 3 rd Party (T)	1
**MA Independent Party (O)	2
**Veteran Party America (W)	1
TOTAL	7998

* Political Party

** Political Designation

As of 12/31/2016 there are 25 Political Designations in Massachusetts. The Election Laws changed in 2016 so now anyone registered in a Political Designation can now vote in Primaries and choose their ballot.

Voters who are “Unenrolled” may also choose whichever party they would like and remain “Unenrolled”.

Extended Voter Registration hours were held twenty (20) days before State Elections, the Annual Town Election and the Annual Town Meeting. Extended Voter Registration hours were also held for the Special Town Meeting ten (10) days before the meeting. On those particular dates the Town Clerk’s office was open from 8 am until 8 pm.

2016 was an exceptional Election year. The following Elections were held at the Norwell Middle School, 328 Main St.:

March 1, 2016 – Presidential Primary
April 12, 2016 – Special Senate Primary (to fill R. Hedlund’s vacancy)
May 10, 2016 - (2) Elections held on the same day
Special Senate Election
May 10, 2016 Annual Town Election
Sept. 8, 2016 - State Primary
November 8, 2016 – Presidential Election

For the first time in Massachusetts Early Voting was held for (11) eleven days.

Starting October 24, 2016 until November 4, 2016 Early Voting was held at the Norwell Town Hall, 345 Main St.

Many Petitions and Nomination Papers were received for certification by the Board of Registrars for Elections and Town Meeting.

The requirement for registering to vote in Norwell, Massachusetts are: One must be a citizen of the United States, a resident of the Town, and at least eighteen (18) years of age on or before the next election.

Residents *cannot* register to vote on their Annual Town Census or change their Political affiliation.

One may register to vote or change their party affiliation at the Registry of Motor Vehicles or any other State Agency. Citizens can also register on-line at Mass.Gov. Mail-in registration forms can also be obtained at the Norwell Post office, the Norwell Public Library and the Town Clerk’s office.

If one moves from one address in town to another they must re-register to vote stating the new address.

The Board of Registrars and the Town Clerk are always looking for people to work at the polls, especially those residents registered in one of the Political Parties. If you are interested, kindly call the Town Clerk’s office at 781-659-8072.

Respectfully submitted,
BOARD OF REGISTRARS
James C. Pinkham, Chair.
Mary Cole
Robert Lannin
Patricia M. Anderson, Clerk

REPORT OF THE BURIAL AGENT

The issuing of Burial Permits is one of the duties of the Town Clerk, who is appointed Burial Agent by the Board of Selectmen annually.

A Funeral Director may not bury or make any other disposition of a decedent without a Burial Permit. The State of Massachusetts implemented the new EDRS, Electronic Death Registration System in 2014. As the Burial Agent I no longer issue paper burial permits.

Much of the information that used to be typed or hand written on the paper death certificates are now electronically populated based on selections made on a drop down list from the new program. The goal

for EDRS is to increase efficiency between funeral homes, hospitals, nursing homes, physicians, medical examiners and local and state registrars.

Now that this new system is implemented, authorized Funeral Directors can obtain burial permits on line 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

The Town issued 159 burial permits in 2016.

The cost of a burial permit is \$10.00 and a certified copy of a Death Certificate is \$10.00.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia M. Anderson, CMC, CMMC
BURIAL AGENT

JURY LIST INFORMATION

Since 1986, Plymouth County towns have been included in the “ONEDAY/ONE TRIAL” jury system.

The names and address of ALL residents seventeen years of age and older are provided to the Jury Commissioner through the office of the Secretary of State, with prior permission of the Town Clerk, before June of each year (Chapter 234A, MGL.)

From this Prospective Juror list, which includes dates of births and occupations of all the names included, the Jury Commissioner prepares a randomly selected list by computer of names available for summoning for juror service to a jury-using court in your judicial district. The presence of one’s name on the Prospective Juror List does not necessarily mean that person will be issued a juror summons. However, a person cannot be summonsed as a juror if his or her name does not appear on the Prospective Juror List.

Massachusetts’s residents can now use a Web site to respond to jury summons. Prospective jurors can confirm their jury service, seek a disqualification or postponement, and even complete a confidential juror questionnaire online: www.massjury.com/juror.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia M. Anderson, CMC, CMMC
TOWN CLERK

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Calendar year 2016 was very productive for Norwell Public Schools. The High School received its 10-year accreditation award from NEASC. In terms of curriculum, planning, and assessment, we have focused on adjustment to practice where teachers and administrators consistently reflect and refine their practices to enhance student learning. We completed the planning stages of the *NORWELL 2025* Strategic Plan, will complete the action plans during the 2016-2017 school year, and share the Strategic Plan in the fall of 2017. Finally, a new system for academic and social/emotional tiered systems of support has been implemented.

NEASC Accreditation: The New England Association of Schools and Colleges visited Norwell High School in the fall to complete its 10-year review for accreditation. In April, the Committee on Public Secondary Schools reviewed the Visiting Committee’s report and voted to award Norwell High School continued accreditation by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. The High

School received numerous commendations in the Standard areas of Curriculum, Instruction, School Leadership and Culture, School Resources for Learning, and Community Resources for Learning. The full report of the Visiting Committee is available in the Main Office at the High School.

Adjustment to Practice: A framework on Adjustment to Practice was designed for the district as an overarching focus. The faculty participated in professional development within the Supervision and Evaluation Standard - Curriculum, Planning, and Assessment. Adjustment to Practice asks teachers to consistently reflect and refine their teaching practices based upon a variety of assessments to enhance student learning. Administrators supported all teachers in making adjustments to their practice throughout the year.

NORWELL 2025 Strategic Plan Development: Internal focus groups were conducted in 2015. This year we reviewed *21 Trends for the 21st Century*, by Gary Marx, to examine general future trends and their potential impact on education; surveys were conducted on our Core Values and Beliefs; external focus groups were held to receive feedback from parents and the community; and the Strategic Planning Team was formed and had two meetings to complete the planning stages of the *NORWELL 2025 Strategic Plan*.

Norwell Tiered System of Support: Academic tiered systems of support were established in the elementary schools with the incorporation of a Reading, Literacy, and Math Specialist Coordinator in each building. The Coordinators replaced the Response to Intervention tutoring model. The Coordinators are able to support students and teachers through the modeling of curriculum and instruction and work with smaller groups of students in need of reinforcement. At the Middle School a Literacy Specialist was integrated to support teachers and students. Social/emotional tiered systems of support established screenings for all students as well as intervention groups at all levels.

Highlights from 2016:

Office of Instruction and Special Education

- Targeted professional development offered to all staff to develop teachers skills around social-emotional learning such as Mental Health First Aid and Collaborative Problem Solving;
- Continued establishing co-teaching classrooms at every school throughout the district;
- Expanded continuum of service delivery to increase opportunities for our students; and
- 25 teachers participated in teacher leadership training.

Operations, Finance & Technology

- Added iPad carts to grades 4 and 5;
- Piloted a breakfast program through Food Services;
- Replaced three HVAC rooftop units at the Middle School; and
- Completed work at the Vinal School grades 1-5 main playground.

On-going Partnerships

- Town Facilities Manager and Human Resource Manager;
- Shared solar credits with Town Departments;
- Technology service collaboration with the Town Offices; and
- The district and the Norwell Police Department collaborated on School Safety; and provided training on emergency crisis planning.

Sincerely,
Matthew A. Keegan, Superintendent

SOUTH SHORE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

School Committee

The South Shore Regional School District is represented by eight appointed School Committee members from each town.

Thomas Petruzzelli – Abington

Kenneth Thayer, Vice Chairman – Cohasset

Robert Heywood – Hanover

Christopher Amico – Hanson

Robert Molla, Chairman – Norwell

Robert Mahoney – Rockland

John Manning – Scituate

Daniel Salvucci – Whitman

Vocational Technical Programs

South Shore Vocational Technical High School continues to serve its students and their families by providing a high quality vocational technical education, preparing its students for life's many options after high school, including direct workforce employment, college success, and a combination of the two.

The school offers 14 vocational technical majors, including: *Allied Health, Automotive Technology, Automotive Collision Technology, Carpentry, Computer Information Technology, Cosmetology, Culinary, Drafting, Electrical, Electronics, Graphic Communications, Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning & Refrigeration, Precision Machine Technology, Welding & Metal Fabrication.*

Norwell Graduates

There were 15 students from Norwell who attended SSVT during the 2015-16 school year. On June 10, 2016, the following graduate from Norwell received his diploma and vocational certificate at the graduation ceremony held at the South Shore Music Circus:

William Hedstrom

Third-Party Credentials

Students at SSVT have opportunities to earn industry recognized credentials that give them a competitive advantage as they head into the workforce. Such credentials include OSHA 10-Hour General and Construction Certification, ServSafe Sanitation, Certified Nursing Assistant, CPR, First Aid, Home Health Aide, Feeding Assistant, Microsoft Professional Tech Associate, Cosmetology State Board Licensure, PIC Soldering Certification, Print Ed, EPA401 Certification (HVAC), American Welding Society Certification, and MACWIC (Machine).

Community Projects

South Shore Vocational Technical High School supplies services to our communities and their residents at a discounted rate. We have completed a number of projects for individual residences in Norwell during the past calendar year. The school supplies services in carpentry, metal fabrication, automotive and collision repair technology, heating and air conditioning as well as your graphic printing needs. We also run a full service beauty salon and restaurant which are open to the public Tuesday thru Friday each week when school is in session. We look forward to continuing to provide services for the Town of Norwell and its residents for years to come. Please utilize the school's website, www.ssvotech.org, to request work or stop by the salon or restaurant at your convenience.

Cooperative Education

The Cooperative Education program, designed for vocational technical students, provides an opportunity for students who, through a cooperative arrangement between the school and employers, receive instruction, including required academic courses and related vocational instruction, with a job in his or her specific occupational field. This instruction is planned and supervised by the school and the employer so that each contributes to the student's education and employability. For students at South Shore Vocational Technical High School, work periods and school attendance are on

alternating 5 day cycles. All senior students in good standing are eligible to participate in the Cooperative Education program at South Shore.

Student Organizations

The Student Council at South Shore promotes communication between the school administration and the student body. Leading by example, the members of the student council promote student leadership, democratic decision making, and student body engagement. In addition to student led activities and volunteer work, student council officers also represent the student body on the School Council and at School Committee meetings.

South Shore students also participate in national co-curricular student organizations. SkillsUSA and Business Professionals of America provide educational and leadership activities for students which are designed to build leadership, teamwork, citizenship, and character development. Through a carefully designed curriculum and opportunities for competition at the district, state, and national level, students build and reinforce self-confidence, work attitudes, and communication skills. Co-curricular organizations emphasize total quality of work, high ethical standards, superior work skills, life-long education and pride in the dignity of work.

Planning for the Future

In an effort to stay on top of facilities needs, we have submitted a second application to the MSBA's CORE program. We believe that SSVT needs more space! In the meantime, we will continue to serve our students with 21st century technology within the confines of a well maintained, mid-20th century building. We are very proud of our students and staff and continue to appreciate the support of Norwell's residents and area employers.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert L. Molla, Chairman
Town Representative
South Shore Regional School District Committee

NORWELL HIGH SCHOOL

Class of 2016

Maxwell Paul Abbate	John Joseph Doherty III	Annalise Marie Lacorazza	*Alessandro Joseph Rastelli
*Malika Adda-Berkane	Jack Joseph Dole	Gregory Breen Lawrence	Sydnee Rose Reardon
Christopher Russell Anderson	Jack Alexander Dwyer	Kojiro Alexander Leonard	Nathan Christopher Richardson
*Courtney Michelle Arnold	Christopher Kohr Fairfield	Nathan Jefferson Lewis	Cameron Joseph Roach
Lucas Edward Arons	Laura Carolyn Farrow	Megan Ann Livingston	Olivia Grace Rober
*Sahana Bail	Alex Tate Ferguson	Nicole Carole MacDonald	John Cavanaugh Roberts
Devon Rose Bailey	Christopher James Ferraro	Matthew John Maguire	*Elizabeth Carol Scott
Kayla Marie Bailey	Nicholas Ralph Fisher III	John Francis Maher	Paul Michael Seguin
*Meaghan Amanda Barros	Brooke Rose Fitzgerald	*Allison Nicole Mahoney	Jaclyn Carol Sewell
*Rachel Maria Bates	*Carolyn Ann Flaherty	Brian Douglas Mahoney	*Alexei Jennifer-Dotlen Sherman
Hannah Beatrix Baum	Liezel Katrina Flesner	Matthew John Maloney	*Kerri Ann Shields
Hayley Elizabeth Beal	Emma Rose Flynn	*Ellen Virginia Marchetti	*Mark Thomas Sigwart Jr.
Colleen Elizabeth Benedict	Brodie Michael Fuller	Jack Dean Marisco	Gabriel Alexander Soto
Riley Ann Bergholtz	Angelique Marie Gabriel	*Elizabeth Nicole Masucci	*Molly Kate Steenbruggen
Christopher Joseph Bickford	*Morgen Doyle Gallagher	Danielle Alexis Mayers	Hailey Shea Studley
*Kayla Elise Billard	Justin Luke Gaudreau	*Lauren Margaret Mazzulli	Gunnar Joseph Swanson
*Sarah Sheila Black	Caleb Adam Getto	*Jarrod Harmon McCarthy	Kerry Christine Sweeney
*Juliet Christina Brown	Benjamin Theodore Giftakis	Sarah Margaret McGowan	Jamie Nicole Tasiopoulos
*Brittney Marie Calatayud	*Victoria Elise Gilroy	*Maeve Jane McGreenery	*Julia Michele Tasiopoulos
*Olivia Katherine Calder	Jake Michael Glennon	Alison Dolores McInnis	*Neve Delaney Thompson
Colleen J. Callahan	Shane Patrick Grant	Cyrus Julian Mehr	Olivia Kathleen Thornton

Samuel Douglas Capodanno	Eliza Maria Gratta	*Charles Sanford Metzger	Luke Anthony Tobin
Olivia Catherine Ciampa	Douglas Phelps Greene	Sarah Christine Murphy	*Alyssa Marli Trebino
Brynn Monge Clory	Jacqueline Louise Greene	Trevor Paul Nadeau	*Evan Blaz Vavpetic
Matthew Edmund Cochrane	Emily Rose Hanna	*Caroline Ella Nichols	Anthony Burnett Vivona
Liam Thomas Coffey	*Katherine Marie Hartford	Ethan Michael Niyangoda	Brittany Marie Voner
Christian Leigh Colantoni	Margaret Jean Hennessey	Lauren Elizabeth Noterman	Max Jin Soo Walls
*Victoria Leigh Collins	Sean Michael Hickey	Matthew Robert Nutt	Jack Wiklund Ward
Bridget Heelan Conley	Matthew Alan Hilsinger	*Jane Dorothy O'Connell	*John Charles Warendorf
*Michaela Jo Connors	Christopher Thomas Holland	*Kevin James O'Driscoll	Cassandra Lee Waters
Stephanie Rose Croke	Patrick Michael Hurley	Shannon Lee O'Neil	*Amanda Muriel Weydt
Maria Abigail Curtis	Brigid Mary Hynes	Matthew James Oberg	*Rebecca Rita Weydt
Ciara Morgan Dalco	*Marissa Jenna Johnson	Jack Kenneth Ochs	William Daley Whelton
*Madison Rose Daly	Mary Teresa Johnston	Lauren Anne Orleman	Emma Kate Wilkinson
Harrison James Davis	Amy Elizabeth Joseph	Danial S. Osmani	Victor J Wong
John Shea Day	Nicole Grace Kearney	Cameron William Ostrom	Justin Paul Woolf
Rory Collins Day	Sydney Rose Keefe	Nigel Thomas Otis	Keven Terence Young
*Kiley Ann Decker	Sean Joseph Kelly	Alexander Spiros Papadakis	
*Elissa Cain Degnan	Daniel Joseph Kotlinski	Charles Nicholas Perfetuo	
James Malcolm DeNeill III	*William Thomas Kotlinski	*Johnathan Andrew Petit	
Carina Carmela DiBella	John Lawrence Kuhn	Francine Olivia Poirier	
Lauren Janice Dinger	Cameron Joseph Labadie	Matthew James Punzak	* National Honor Society

NORWELL PUBLIC LIBRARY

It has been another busy and productive year at the Norwell Public Library. In February, director Rebecca Freer retired, which led to a series of personnel changes. I was promoted to director, Emily Goodwin was promoted to assistant director, and Pam Achille was promoted to technical services librarian. We also welcomed a new circulation assistant, Kristina Gilberti. The entire library staff, which also includes children's librarian Nancy Perry, adult services librarian Diane Rodriguez, circulation assistants Vicki Rankin, Mary Kustka, Kathie Lawrence, and Donna Keene, shelver Ellen Markham, and custodian Tom Fazio, has done a phenomenal job serving the Norwell community during this period of transition and throughout the year.

In FY2016, the library circulated over 120,000 items, including books, movies, music, magazines, and other resources. Borrowers were able to choose between various formats, from traditional print to streaming digital content. There were nearly 70,000 in-person visits to the library and over 28,000 unique visitors to the library's website. The library held over 300 programs, and welcomed over 5,000 attendees. Sunday hours, added in FY16, have been very popular. Many people have enjoyed gathering at the library to attend a variety of Sunday afternoon programs.

Adult programs included book discussions, author talks, music concerts, Tai Chi classes, "Dinner & a Movie" programs, Scrabble, paint nights, and more. The Norwell Reads 2016 selection was *The Martian* by Andy Weir. Events included a live Skype interview with astronaut Sunita Williams, book discussions, a spectacular family show by Mad Science of Greater Boston, and other space-themed programs. Thanks to the Norwell Reads Committee for the considerable time, talent, and energy spent in making this a success. NPL's Teen Advisory Group helped to plan teen movie, cooking, painting, and other programs. Teens also enjoyed several "Crafternoons" using supplies from the library's new Makerspace cart.

The Children's Department held a well-attended parent-teacher talk presented by *iRules* author Janell Burley Hofmann. Then it was off and running with the month-long series of "Norwell Reads" activities. Spring found the continuation of such library favorites as Story Time, Books & Bubbles, MamaSteph, Little Bee Yoga, LEGO Free Play, and much more. With the arrival of predictable sunshine in May, the weekly Story Time traveled to Gaffield Park where families enjoyed stories read

by NPL's children's librarian. Our Summer Reading Program was as popular as ever; the theme, "On Your Mark, Get Set, READ!" inspired dozens of fitness, nutrition, and sports-oriented activities for children and families as well as a friendly collaboration with the Norwell Recreation Department. Children enjoyed monthly opportunities to practice their skills by reading to our visiting therapy dog from Dog B.O.N.E.S.

In October, the library submitted a Letter of Intent to apply for a construction grant through the Massachusetts Public Library Construction Program to build a new library. The Library Project Committee worked with Pomroy Associates and architect Stephen Hale throughout the year to complete a feasibility study and prepare to apply for the grant. A preliminary schematic design was completed in December, to be submitted along with the grant application and other required submittals in January, 2017. Grant awards will be announced in July, 2017.

Thanks to the Norwell Public Library Board of Trustees for their continued dedication and support. Board members include: Christine Smith (chair), Jeanne Hagelstein-Ivas (vice-chair), Sarah Summers, Victor Posada, Monika Brodsky, and Kathleen Fitzgerald. Thanks to the Friends of the Norwell Public Library for all they do to support the library, especially for funding so many museum passes and library programs that are enjoyed by all. Thanks to all library volunteers for helping to make NPL such a great library!

Respectfully submitted,
Judy McConarty, Director

NORWELL POLICE DEPARTMENT

I hereby submit my eleventh annual report to the Town as Chief of Police. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all the members of the Police Department for their continued support and efforts. The entire Department is comprised of dedicated professionals that are committed to providing the highest level of services to everyone who lives and works in town.

The Department saw the retirements of Officer Robert Meagher and Sergeant Timothy O' Brien after many years of dedicated service. We wish them well in their future endeavors.

As a result of the retirements, we hired Shane McNamara, Nicole Flaherty and Kevin McCurdy who are scheduled to graduate in March 2017 from the six month MBTA Police Academy.

The Opioid epidemic is being addressed on both a National and State level and also within the Town of Norwell. In an effort to do our part, every Officer is trained and carries Narcan, which can reverse the effects of an overdose. We have participated in educational forums on the topic and have promoted our MedReturn unit in our lobby, which is used to collect unused and unwanted prescription medication. This concept is invaluable as it keeps prescription drugs out of the hands of those who were not prescribed the medicine. We were pleased to partner with Federal Officials to promote National Drug Take Back Day. We also partnered with the South Shore Medical Center to hold a second Drug Take Back Day. Both events were successful.

The Department created a designated "Safe Zone" out in front of the Public Safety Building. Those conducting online transactions now have a well lit, safe area where they can meet. Although the area is not monitored, it is under video surveillance 24 hours a day, seven days per week.

We increased our staffing levels and hired an additional Police Officer so we could assign Officer Rick Phelps as our first full time School Resource Officer.

We partnered with Shields General Store and Hornstra Farms and initiated the Safety Citation Program during the summer. Officers on patrol would issue “citations” for a free ice-cream to those children who were “caught in the act” of wearing helmets while riding a bicycle or scooter.

Officers attended various training sessions during the year. The topics included: CPR/First Aid, Motor Vehicle and Criminal Law legal update, Domestic Violence training, Use of Force, Dynamics of Addiction, Police interaction with youths, and three days of Firearms training. Officers also received recertification training for their Taser.

We were successful in securing various grants, which enabled the Department to participate in mobilizations targeting specific unsafe habits, such as drunken driving, aggressive driving, and texting while driving. We were also able to secure grant money for safety equipment for the patrol staff.

Our website www.norwellpolice.com is a great resource for information and to understand what programs and services we offer:

-RAD program for women	-RAD kids	-Lojack Safety Net program
-Crime Prevention	-Operation Identification	-Child Seat Technicians
-Firearms Licensing	-Vacation Checks	-Designated Driver Program

We continue to be ready to meet all the challenges that face law enforcement in this ever changing world. I would also like to specifically recognize and thank Town Administrator Peter Morin, Chief T. Andrew Reardon, Deputy Chief Carol Brzuszek and my Administrative Assistant, Marion Kaskiewicz, for their outstanding effort and support in my role as Police Chief.

Respectfully submitted,
Theodore J. Ross, Police Chief

FIRE RESCUE & EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT

2016 was an interesting year for the Norwell Fire Department.

In addition to the normal challenges faced by every public safety agency, we found ourselves challenged by a 25% reduction in force caused by injury and military leave. Injury leave is nothing new but when it takes several members out at once it becomes a real challenge. I am pleased to report that personnel have recovered and returned to work. FF/Paramedic Brian Cole is currently with the Army Reserve overseas, we ask that you keep him and his family in your prayers.

We were very fortunate to participate in a regional grant that allowed us to replace our self-contained breathing apparatus at a fraction of the actual costs. Once again reinforcing the value of regional cooperation.

In an attempt to identify budget challenges we initiated the use of a cloud based personnel system. We are pleased with the results and the level of detail we now have available.

Our personnel continue to participate in training at all levels, this past year we hosted a few courses, one was the All-Hazards Incident Management program, a modified program on response to violent acts and two programs on Firefighter Safety and health.

Inspections and code enforcement continue to challenge us, without a person dedicated to this function we are often delayed for appointments, there is the risk of multiple interpretation of the code and the potential of a lack of consistency.

Captain Simpson conducted the first CERT training for Norwell, in cooperation with Hingham. We see this program being extremely advantageous to our emergency management program needs.

I want to thank our Firefighters, they answer every call and give it their best each and every time. The personnel at the SSRECC who answer the calls from the public and remain our life-line while the incidents are active. Thank you Norwell Police our partners in public safety. A special thank you to Theresa Graham our Administrative Assistant who has an amazing work ethic. These people are the ones we count on during the year when crisis occur.

Emergency Response		Inspectional Services	
Fire Incidents	62	Sale & Transfer Inspections	260
Emergency Medical Incidents	1232	Annual Business Inspections	26
Service Calls	250	Fire Drills	19
Hazardous Condition Incidents	334	Consultations	20
Total Incidents	2385	Total Inspections	456

Respectfully submitted,
T Andrew Reardon, Fire Chief

HARBORMASTER

My main objective has always been focused on boating safety and education.
I recommend that everyone take a boating safety course if they operate any type of vessel.

2016 was a great boating season, the lack of rain and the hot summer weather has increased boating especially kayaking in the upper river area beyond Bridge Street.
The Chittenden Landing Dock has been completed and is well used.

This year I have issued 140 permits.
46 Private moorings
30 Commercial Moorings
27 Commercial slips
2 Public landings
2 10A Special float permits

There were no reported accidents.

We have three Mooring Service Providers. Harbor Mooring, Humarock Mooring and Offshore Marine.

The 2016 mooring inspections have been completed including Bulman Marine.

I have assisted one boater that ran out of gas. Searched for several youths that went tubing and were reported overdue by their parents. Check on two boats that were reported taking on water. Disposed one old float that washed up in the Bridge Street Landing. Issued four verbal warnings for boats speeding up river west of Bridge Street.

New regulations from the Coast Guard have determined that paddleboards are considered a vessel and if operated outside of a designated swimming area the operator must have a life jacket with them at all times. I stopped three boarders this year and had to bring them back to their cars for their life jackets.

There are no designated swimming areas in the North River therefore the law applies to the entire length of river in Norwell.

Training: Under state law I am required to do at least 24 hours of training each year and keep current with First Aid and CPR-AED certification. On May 9, 2016 I attended a 5-hour class at the Coast Guard Sector Boston on Best Practice Procedures on [SAR]. Search and Rescue. On June 22 and 23 I attended a 16 hour Harbormaster Seminar at the Yarmouth Police Station on Harbormasters Law and Procedures in Massachusetts given by Commonwealth Police Services. On September 13 and 14 the Massachusetts Harbormasters Association and the Friends of Hingham Harbor received a grant for 12 hours of training on Small Boat and Marina Fires given by The Marine Firefighting Institute of New York. There were extra seats available and we included two members of the Norwell Fire Department and two from Hingham Fire Department to attend this training.

I have worked 437 hours, driven 555 miles and have 22.5 boat hours accumulated this year.

I met with the Treasurer Collector and the Assessors Office on two separate occasions to reconcile all the outstanding boat excise taxes owed to the Town of Norwell.

I collected; \$2115.00 in fees

\$8720.14 in permits for a total of \$10,835.86 for the year

My budget was \$7,848.00 this generated \$2,987.86 in revenue into the general fund.

The 2017 season renewals will be distributed in early February.

Respectfully submitted;

Ronald P. Mott, Harbormaster

HIGHWAY/TREE & GROUNDS DEPARTMENT

I would feel remiss if my opening statements didn't begin with a thank you to my predecessor, Paul Foulsham, for his decades of dedication and service to the Highway/Tree and Grounds Department and for making Norwell a better place to live. I must also thank Linda Murphy for not only staying with the new administration, but for her patience and guidance in helping me to learn the various intricacies of the Department. Lastly, I thank the many Department Heads, Boards, Commission and Committee members for their assistance in making this year's achievements possible.

Re-pavement programs included upper Main Street to the Norwell/Hanover Town Line, Grove Street, School Street, Norwell Avenue, Forest Street, Pleasant Street and major portions of Prospect Street and Old Oaken Bucket Road and Paradise Lane and added 10,000 feet of new pathway sidewalk on Main and Forest Streets. All in all, we improved 11 miles of new roads including upgrading drainage, intersections and guardrail systems.

In the Spring, the Highway Tree and Grounds Department conducted various programs including street sweeping and cleanup of 80 miles of public roads, sidewalks, and parking lots. Areas were swept free of sand and debris and areas damaged by winter snowplowing were loamed and seeded if necessary and any broken asphalt was picked up. During the summer months, the Departments spent time focusing on citizen's concerns, drainage issues, roadside mowing, street sign repair and/or replacement, repairing road defects with hot mix asphalt for pot holes, seal coating cracks, berm installation to control storm water run-off, catch basin and manhole repair/rebuild. Other programs included creating and improving Donovan Farm, Grove Street and Jacob's Pond parking lots, implementation of various street intersection islands and cleaning of 1,500 catch basins. Lastly, major improvements were made to softball fields 3 and 4 at the High School.

In other capacities, the Highway Department rehabilitated the entire Highway Yard. Large stockpiles of unusable materials were removed and a system of pre-cast bins was created to assist in the future sorting of incoming material. The Highway Department installed a 6,000 square foot salt shed to replace the existing one.

The Tree and Grounds Department began the spring cleanup of 85 acres of fields and public grounds and the management of 2 cemeteries. Time was split between indoor maintenance of equipment, re-building benches, painting barrels, and outdoor field maintenance to the High School fields. Spring cleanup included picking up branches and sod damage along with painting and prepping athletic fields for games. Fields were treated for broad leaf weed and clover, aerated and over-seeded. Practice fields were laid out and marked in preparation for sporting activities. Throughout the summer, the mowers were out continually.

In other capacities, the Tree and Grounds Department took down numerous trees around Town. The tree stumps were ground, the debris removed and holes filled with loam then seeded.

In closing, I would like to thank my department heads Chris Cowden (Highway) and Mark Smith (Tree and Grounds), Steve MacInnis, James Murphy, Steve Maccini, Bonnie Litchfield, William Lavery, Drew Himberg, George Brazil, Phil Murray, newcomers Rocco Canale and Peter Smith and the myriad of seasonal high school and college help. I would also like to thank the Town's Recycle Center employees Harold Tuttle, Steve Perona and Jim Catrino. I appreciate all of your efforts in making the Town of Norwell what it is today.

Respectfully submitted,
Glenn C. Ferguson, Director of Highway Tree and Grounds Department

NORWELL CEMETERY COMMITTEE

The Stetson Meadows Cemetery was opened November 28, 2016. The delay was due to vandalism to the property in the form of two signs being destroyed, painting on the roadway, destruction of new plantings and destroying a water spigot. Due to this vandalism, we had to look into and take very unusual steps to safeguard the property. We installed a gate, which now has to be opened by someone in the morning and closed at night, cameras on the grounds and lighting.

Stetson Meadows Cemetery has the potential to be one of the loveliest on the South Shore and has the capacity to serve the town for the next 100 years.

Washington Street Cemetery has reached capacity. Future plans will be to build a columbarium with cremation niches, as this is fast becoming the preferred way of burial. We had 29 full burials and 11 cremation burials in 2016.

We ask that if you own a lot at Washington Street and have either moved or the original family owner has passed, that you please advise the Cemetery Committee of these changes. Please send all changes to us at P.O. Box 295, Norwell 02061. New prices for cemetery lots were approved and copies can be obtained in the Town Clerk's office.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynne B. Rose, Chairman; Rebecca Allen, Secretary, Frank Nagle, J. Richard Hartigan and William F. Malloy, Jr.

WATER COMMISSIONERS

The Norwell Water Department served 3,670 residential, commercial, municipal and industrial accounts in 2016. The total volume pumped from our ten groundwater wells was 378 million gallons, 5% more than the previous year. The average daily demand for the year was 1.03 million gallons.

Maximum daily usage occurred on June 17, with 1.99 million gallons of water pumped. There were 46 water system related road excavations, 19 for leaking water services, 14 new services installed, 9 fire hydrants replaced, and 4 water main breaks. We made over 800 service calls - to install or replace metering equipment, service valves, mark underground utilities, respond to customer inquiries regarding pressure, quality and various other concerns. We bought 60 acres of back land between Grove and Prospect St., significantly increasing our wellfield in this area.

During 2016 Massachusetts and much of New England dealt with a serious drought. Water restrictions were implemented June 6. Although most residents complied, there many that did not, either because they hadn't seen our publicity and signs, or were ignoring them. A total outdoor watering ban was put in place in July. Water use was alarming and not subsiding. We policed neighborhoods for violators, lawn watering is the culprit, some fines were necessary for the first time in Norwell. With much effort and with finally everyone's cooperation, demand was reduced to manageable levels by early August.

The Department continued its work in modeling the South Street aquifer. With the benefit of a second Department of Environmental Protection grant, in partnership with the North and South River Watershed Association, and the Town of Hanover, we are working to determine the area of contribution to our South Street Wells, identify potential threats to water quality, and any impact of the wells on Third Herring Brook. Our two wells at South St. were cleaned and redeveloped. A wells' production diminishes over time and this procedure, needed every few years, significantly increases pumping capacity.

Our new SCADA (Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition) equipment and software installed in 2015 has proven valuable to reliably and efficiently control, alarm, and record the information from all facilities within the Department.

Complete financial figures for our operations can be found under the reports for the Town Treasurer and Town Accountant. We expect no increase in rates for calendar year 2017.

We wish to recognize and thank our staff - Water Superintendent John McInnis, Treatment Facilities Manager Eric LaFramboise, Distribution Foreman Steven Gatanti, Treatment Plant Operator Marc Spinella, Water System Mechanics Scott O'Keefe and John McGloin, Administrative Secretary Donna Snow, and Meter Reader/Clerk Amanda Kayiales. We have an excellent group and this was a difficult year. We also wish to acknowledge the assistance of all other Town Boards, Commissions, and Committees who have offered their cooperation, guidance and support during the past year.

Respectfully Submitted,
Board of Water Commissioners;
Fred St. Ours, Chairman
Steve Ivas, Vice Chairman
Peter Dillon, Clerk

BOARD OF HEALTH

Much of the first half of 2016 was focused on the implementation of the Pay As You Throw curbside trash and recycling program that was approved at the 2015 Town Meeting. A series of meetings and public forums took place, carts were delivered, and the new program began on August 1st. The uncertainty of many residents resulting from the transition subsided for the most part within several weeks and many unforeseen issues with the program were modified to streamline services for residents and collection. The program has increased the Town's overall recycling rate from 24% to 37% through years end. The usage of the Norwell Recycling Center's services has doubled since the implementation of the program. We thank residents for their patience and understanding during these major changes to these services.

In October the Board passed a Health Regulation pertaining to the Floodplain District. The annual flu clinics took place at the Council On Aging, Norwell Gardens, Town Hall, and the School Dept. The Norwell VNA and Hospice administered the vaccine as usual.

The Board would like to especially thank Selectperson Alison Demong for spearheading a Tick & Lyme Disease educational program in conjunction with the University of Rhode Island. An abundance of educational material has been distributed and several public events have taken place.

The Board would like to thank Public Health Administrator Ben Margro and Health Agent Brian Flynn along with the Norwell VNA and Hospice, Food Inspector Bob Griffin, Ralph Cole who helps witness percolation tests, and Vicky Spillane, Chair of the Recycling Committee and its members. A special thanks also goes out to Steve Perona and Jimmy Contrino who do outstanding work at the Recycling Center.

Appreciation goes out to all Boards, Committees, Town Employees, and the citizens of Norwell.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter M. Dillon, Chairman
John Litchfield, Vice Chairman
Meg Doherty, Clerk

COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES

The Norwell Commission on Disabilities (CoD) was established at Town Meeting on April 27, 1987, under M.G.L. Chapter 40, Section 8J. In accordance with M.G.L., the Commission's responsibilities include the following;

- Research local problems of people with disabilities.
- Advise and assist municipal officials and employees in ensuring compliance with state and federal laws and regulations that affect people with disabilities.
- Coordinate or carry out programs designed to meet the needs of people with disabilities in coordinating with programs of the MA Office on Disability.
- Review and make recommendations about policies, procedures, services, activities and facilities of departments, boards, and agencies of the Town of Norwell as they affect people with disabilities.
- Provide information, referrals, guidance and technical assistance to individuals, public agencies, business, and organizations in all matters pertaining to disabilities.
- * Coordinate activities of other local groups organized for similar purpose.

During Fiscal Year 2016, the Town of Norwell received several notices from the Massachusetts Architectural Access Board regarding accessibility issues related to Gaffield Park, Osborne Fields and the Jacobs Farmhouse. The Commission worked closely with Town officials, the Historical Commission, Recreation Department, Community Preservation Committee, as well other State and Federal agencies to ensure that responsible solutions were developed to address accessibility issues in a timely and appropriate manner. At this time, some projects are still in the planning phase while others are actively underway. We are pleased to report that accessibility concerns at the Cole Elementary School playground were successfully resolved by the School Department.

The CoD members also continued to consult with the Norwell Historical Commission and James Library & Center for the Arts as they began working on renovation projects. As with this project, our hope is that by participating in early design discussions on any future Town related projects, not only will this ensure equal access for individuals of all ages and abilities, but will allow organizations to proactively plan and potentially realize cost savings.

The CoD distributed a voluntary survey, to all households in Norwell. The purpose was to identify opportunities for community education, advocacy and support for individuals with impairments. Approximately 8 percent of the surveys were returned. While the CoD hoped for a greater return, more than 50% of the responses indicated households with individuals with one or more disabilities across all age groups. The most significant feedback was the lack of transportation available for those needing assistance with access to workplace, medical and social events. This information will be very helpful in determining the areas that need to be addressed in our community.

Long-time member Michele O'Hara resigned from the CoD to allow more time for her to pursue her doctoral studies. We thank Michele for her many years of service to the Town and dedication to serving individuals with disabilities. We also wish her luck in her studies. We encourage residents who are concerned or wish to support individuals with disabilities to reach out the Commission, attend a meeting or consider joining the Commission.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Curtin, Chair
Patti Nelson, Secretary
Kevin Cohane
Laurie Galvin
Jim Kelliher
Debbie Paine

COUNCIL ON AGING

The Norwell Council on Aging is a municipal department operating at senior center located at 293 Pine Street. We are mandated by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to provide information, referrals and services appropriate to Norwell residents aged 60 and older and their families.

Our Mission Statement is to serve as a resource supporting the unique needs of Norwell's older adults and their families. Our goal is to develop and provide programs and services promoting an independent, healthy and active lifestyle. We strive to ensure that Norwell seniors have the opportunity to participate in a safe and open environment that fosters learning, social interaction, volunteerism and to enhance dignity and a connection to the community.

Today in Norwell, there are approximately 2,450 individuals age 60 and older living in over 1,600 households. While there is a wide variety of social and recreational programming offered at the senior center, a significant focus for our staff is in the areas of transportation, advocacy, providing information and referrals and outreach activities for older adults and their families: Here are some statistics regarding our programs and services for Fiscal Year 2016:

- 6,300 instances of phone calls, daily visitors and meetings with staff for general information
- 120 individuals received case management services. This is 184% increase from the prior year and does not include SHINE or fuel assistance both of which experienced increases.
- 29% increase in SHINE appointments from the prior year. We expect this trend to continue based on our population demographics and as more individuals recognize that we are available to assist with retirement planning.
- 2,700 rides were provided, 1,100 of which were for medical appointments. It is important to note that transportation services are only available Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. These numbers do not reflect the interest or demand for transportation outside of our operating hours.
- 6,100 meals on wheels were delivered by 18 dedicated volunteers.
- 2,100 meals were served at the senior center by 14 dedicated volunteers.
- 281 individuals participated in social and recreational programming. The average age of participants in social and recreational programming is 74.

- 122 individuals participated in day trips.
- 63 individuals participated in health and wellness related programming.
- 55 individuals participated in technology training as we continued our partnerships with students from both the Norwell Middle and High Schools.
- 62 volunteers provided more than 3,000 hours of services for an equivalent of approximately \$34,500. Volunteers provide critical services such as serving meals at the center, home delivered meals, handyman services, transportation, program coordination and more.
- 36 individuals participated in the Senior Tax Work-off Program
- 20 individuals under the age of 60 with a disability, received outreach, program and transportation services.

During the past fiscal year, we continued our partnerships with the Norwell Fire, Norwell Police, Treasurer's office and Norwell Housing Authority to address concerns with elders in the community. Each of these Town departments works closely with the COA Outreach Coordinator to identify at risk issues and cases of abuse. This past year, we've seen an increase in elder abuse cases, specifically financial abuse. In addition, we've worked with first responders to address concerns about orphaned elder experiencing memory related issues. Orphaned elders are those individuals without the support of family or other individuals.

Some of the other Outreach related trends we've seen include individuals struggling with cost of living, specifically increased real estate taxes and medical costs. Many of these individuals do not qualify for low income benefits, however are barely outside of the income requirements. We work with many of these individuals to identify the best financial options available. Senior isolation is another area of concern. This is most often related to the lack of transportation services in Norwell, beyond that provided by the Council on Aging.

This year we continued to expand our technology training initiatives to include support for the School IT department and high school students. Our "Get a New App-titude" technology program was a tremendous success and was used as a model program by Program Coordinator, Susan Curtin for her MCOA Program Manager Certification.

This year we expanded our intergenerational initiatives and developed a Nature Explorers program with the Pre School at South Shore Natural Science Center. This initiative allowed older adults and children to learn and explore nature together.

This past year, Edward Cox and Lynne Rose were appointed as new members to the Council on Aging Advisory Board for a period of 3 years. We'd also like to recognize Director, Rosemary O'Connor who retired effective September 1, 2017 after 25 years of dedicated service. Rosemary was a strong advocate for Norwell's older residents and we are grateful for her many years of service. We wish her well in her retirement.

The Norwell Council on Aging also wishes to thank the many individuals, businesses, organizations and agencies who have provided resources and opportunities for older adults in our community.

Respectfully submitted,
 Susan Curtin, Director
 Bonnie Campbell Dunn, Chair
 Maryellen Arapoff
 Edward Cox
 Maureen Murphy
 Wesley Osborne, Jr.
 Lynne Rose
 Kate Vaughan

CUSHING CENTER

The Parking Lot is done! Certainly the most exciting news from the Cushing Center this year is the completion of the repairs and enhancements to the parking lot. It is really a tremendous improvement, not only for the Cushing Center but for access to Fire Station Number One. The redesigned area now provides for a much safer access for visitors to Fire Department as well as a beautiful entry to the Cushing Center.

There are so many people to thank for their help in completing this project. First, Chris DiIorio, Norwell's Town Planner offered an incredible amount of his time and guidance to me, working with the Engineers, Contractors and Town Officials. Mary Lou O'Leary, our Executive Director was tasked with co-coordinating the disruption that this project caused to our neighbors, tenants and all those folks that wanted to rent the hall during construction. A special thanks goes to Chief Reardon from the Fire Department. When the project bids came in, they were higher than we had budgeted for. We decided that we should eliminate at least temporarily the four lights that we had planned throughout the parking lot for a savings of \$40,000.00. When Chief Reardon heard about this, he immediately offered four old light posts that were removed when the Police Station was added to Fire Headquarters. We were able to restore the lights completely and install them for about \$3,500.00. We were able to complete the project, and save Norwell \$36,500 in the process!

Another project undertaken this year by the Cushing Center was the restoration of two antique portraits of George and Nancy Cushing, relatives of the Cushing family who's gift to the Town established today's Cushing Memorial Hall. The paintings had been on display for years at the James Library and it was determined that they would be better suited with us at the Cushing Hall. With the support of Community Preservation funding we were able to restore the frames and portraits, and now display them proudly in our lobby.

Our first floor office area is fully utilized, and private function rentals are very strong. We have defiantly seen an uptick in bookings for weddings since the parking lot work has been completed. We also continue to encourage Norwell groups to utilize the Hall. A partial listing already includes Norwell Recreation, the School Department, Historical Commission, High School PTO, Norwell VNA, Norwell Garden Club, Norwell Woman's Club, the Food Pantry, the South Shore Dancers and South Shore Charter School. The Cushing Center is a very busy place!

A recap of our revenues and expenses is as follows:

REVENUES:	Office and Hall Rentals	\$ 47,777.00
EXPENCES:	Payroll and Operating costs	\$ 51,540.00
PROFIT RETURNED TO GENERAL FUND		\$ 3,763.00

Respectfully submitted for the Board of Directors
JEF Fitzgerald

PLYMOUTH COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT

The Commissioners of the Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project are pleased to submit the following report of our activities during 2016.

The Project is a special district created by the State Legislature in 1957, and is now composed of all Plymouth County towns, the City of Brockton, and the town of Cohasset in Norfolk County. The Project is a regional response to a regional problem, and provides a way of organizing specialized equipment, specially trained employees, and mosquito control professionals into a single agency with a broad geographical area of responsibility.

The 2016 season began dry with a low water table, dry conditions increased into the summer season. Efforts were directed at larval mosquitoes starting with the spring brood. We ground larvicided 4,600 acres and aerial larvicided 15,432 acres and this was accomplished using B.t.i., an environmentally selective bacterial agent. Upon emergence of the spring brood of mosquitoes, ultra-low volume adulticiding began on June 1, 2016 and ended on September 9, 2016. The Project responded to 13,775 requests for spraying and larval checks from residents covering all of the towns within the district.

In response to the continued threat of mosquito borne diseases in the district, we increased our surveillance trapping, aerial and ground larviciding, and adult spray in areas of concern to protect public health.

Massachusetts Department of Public Health has developed an “Arbovirus Surveillance and Response Plan” for the state. The Plan creates a system which estimates the human risk for contracting Eastern Equine Encephalitis and West Nile using several factors including the number of infected mosquitoes. Based on guidelines defined by the Plan, all towns in Plymouth County Mosquito Project were at the “Low Level Risk” for Eastern Equine Encephalitis. We are pleased to report that in 2016 there were no human, or horse EEE cases in the district. There were 3 pools of mosquitoes found to be infected with EEEV. They were in the following towns: Kingston, Middleboro, and West Bridgewater.

West Nile Virus was not found within the district. All towns within the district remained at the “Low Level Risk” category for West Nile Virus. We are also pleased to report that in 2016 that there were no human or horse West Nile Virus cases in Plymouth County Mosquito Control district. As part of our West Nile Virus control strategy a total of 47,391 catch basins were treated with larvicide in all of our towns to prevent WNV.

The Health threat of EEE and WNV continues to ensure cooperation between the Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project, local Boards of Health and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. In an effort to keep the public informed, EEE and WNV activity updates are regularly posted on Massachusetts Department of Public Health website.

In conjunction with the MDPH we began a trapping program to monitor *Aedes albopictus* expansion in the state. *Ae. albopictus* is an introduced mosquito that has the potential to become a serious pest and a vector of disease. The mosquito has been present in the Massachusetts since 2009. The larvae live in containers and are closely linked with human activity. They are especially associated with used tires. In mid-summer the mosquito was detected in the District for the first time. We think the population is small, but expect the mosquito to spread. As a result, we plan to expand our *Ae. albopictus* surveillance program.

The figures specific to the town of Norwell are given below. While mosquitoes do not respect town lines the information given below does provide a tally of the activities which have had the greatest impact on the health and comfort of Norwell residents.

Insecticide Applications: Our greatest effort has been targeted at mosquitoes in the larval stage, which can be found in woodland pools, swamps, marshes and other standing water areas. Inspectors continually gather data on these sites and treat with highly specific larvicides when immature mosquitoes are present. In Norwell 149 larval sites were checked.

During the summer 925 catch basins were treated in Norwell to prevent the emergence of *Culex pipiens*, a known mosquito vector in West Nile Virus transmission.

Our staff treated 1383 acres using truck mounted sprayers for control of adult mosquitoes. More than one application was made to the same site if mosquitoes reinvaded the area. The first treatments were made in June and the last in September.

Water Management: During 2016 crews removed blockages, brush and other obstructions from 1050 linear feet of ditches and streams to prevent overflows or stagnation that can result in mosquito production. This work, together with machine reclamation, is most often carried out in the fall and winter.

Mosquito Survey: Our surveillance showed that the dominant mosquitoes throughout the district were generally *Coquillettidia perturbans* and *Culex pipiens/restuans*. In the Town of Norwell the three most common mosquitoes were *Cq. perturbans*, *Ur. sapphirina* and *Culex pipiens/restuans*.

We encourage citizens or municipal officials to visit our website at www.plymouthmosquito.org or call our office for information about mosquitoes, mosquito-borne diseases, control practices, or any other matters of concern.

Stephen Gillett, Superintendent
Commissioners:
John Kenney, Chairman
Michael F. Valenti, Vice-Chairman
Cathleen Drinan
John Sharland-Secretary

NORWELL RECREATION COMMISSION

The Norwell Recreation Department's mission statement is: **To provide leisure opportunities to citizens of Norwell for enrichment of mind, body, and quality of life.** As a department we strive to find new and innovative recreation programming opportunities while maximizing resources each season to meet the needs and provide great value to our residents and customers. In addition, The Norwell Recreation Department is committed to improving Norwell's existing recreation facilities and leading the way to identify and meet future recreation needs of all Norwell Residents. Program information is disseminated through seasonal program guides that are sent to each Norwell household quarterly. Brochures on line at www.norwellrecreation.com are also available online and printed versions are available at multiple town locations including the Council on Aging, Norwell Public Library, all schools, New Nursery Preschool, First Parish Preschool, Learning Ladder Preschool, South Shore Charter Public School and Gunther Tooties. In addition, Norwell Recreation joined the social uses a Facebook page available at www.facebook.com/norwellrecreation. Program information is also available on the Recreation Department page of www.townofnorwell.net along with a user friendly online registration system. Online registration constitutes approximately 85% of registrations processed. Online registration provides 24/7 account access to users for registration, calendars, and payment. The Recreation Department continues as a self-supported department as it has since FY 2010 for all program and departmental related expenses. The salary of the Recreation Superintendent is the only tax supported expense.

Statistics (Spring 2016, Summer 2016, Fall 2016, Winter 2017)

- 307 total programs offered (20 New and/or expanded programs in 2016-17)
- 5,308 registered participants (656 participant increase from 2015-16)
 - Please review below table to see participant increases in Norwell Recreation programming
- Town Budget FY16: \$65,519 (Funds Recreation Superintendent position)
Town Budget FY17: \$68,505

Participant Registration	SPRING	SUMMER	FALL	WINTER
2015	649	2021	966	952
2016	803	2248	1,094	993
2017				1156

Norwell Recreation offered many new programs in 2016-17 including: Youth Chess, Home Alone/Babysitter Training, Zumba, Women's Soccer, Summer Band Clinic, and Cooking with Chef Abby, Lego Robotics, HS Summer Volleyball, and Yoga Sculpt. Highlights for 2016-17 were the introduction of Summer NFL Flag Football with over 100 participants and the expansion of the "Norwell Rec Hoops" program to include 1st-4th Graders. Norwell Rec Hoops exploded from 40 participants last year to 160 participants this year and is overseen by staff and parent volunteers.

Youth sports were not the only focus of Norwell Recreation this past year. An average of 147 participants per week from Pre-K thru 8th Grade registered for our traditional Summer Rec “SCENE” program in Summer 2017. After School programming at Cole, Vinal, and Town Hall continues to be popular with Lego Robotics, Chess and Incrediflix (which gives participants introduction and skills in broadcasting, film production and movie making). Indoor Pickleball was introduced to adults this Winter and we look forward to continuing to grow the sport in Norwell by working with the Council on Aging. We are also concentrating our efforts at more evening programs to attract working adults. One of the signature programs of the Norwell Recreation also worked diligently with Norwell Schools to offer summer recreation at no charge to participants in transitional housing. Five participants enjoyed a fun summer of recreational programming including snacks and transportation and over \$2,000 were raised in 24 hours by a concerned parent that helped fund the scholarships.

Thank you to the Recreation Commission volunteer members: Andi Warren, Aleta Scully, Gary Schaffer, Christopher Madden and Shana Hallman. These individuals help plan our direction, set goals, plan and run special events and serve on the following town committees as the recreation commission’s representatives: Community Preservation, Pathways, Open Space & Recreation Implementation and Complete Streets. Recreation Commission meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm. The Norwell Recreation Department successfully was awarded \$92,600 in CPC funds to complete renovations on Reynolds Playground in 2017. In addition, the Norwell Recreation Department was instrumental in helping secure over \$200,000 in CPC funds for ballfield improvements to Woodworth Field #3 and the JV Softball Field. In addition, Norwell Recreation was approved for \$180,000 in CPC funds to improve safety and accessibility concerns at Gaffield Park. The final vote on the Gaffield Park project will occur at the 2017 Town Meeting. The Norwell Recreation Department will continue to advocate for the best recreation facilities for the residents of Norwell.

Norwell Recreation employed over 100 individuals in 2016 working as program instructors and recreation leaders. In addition, Judy Volpe, Program Coordinator is instrumental in planning programs, leading trips and events, and communicating Recreation news to the public.

The Recreation Department is responsible for being the central Town contact for Youth Sports Organizations and for booking their town and school field and gym requests. The Recreation Department continued to seek solutions to both quality and quantity related field usage issues. Results included increased usage by Norwell Little League at Vinal School and the Woodworth Ballfield Improvement Project. The Recreation Department will continue to work cooperatively with Norwell Schools, Norwell Youth Sports Organizations and other organizations to insure safe and equitable usage of fields and gyms.

Special appreciation is extended on behalf of the Recreation Commission to:

- The School Department for continuing the access of their facilities to recreation department programs and community wide access to school facilities.
- The Tree and Grounds Department for their town field maintenance.
- Norwell Youth Sports organizations and their parent-lead volunteers who advocate for the best for their children.

Sincerely,
George Grey, Recreation Superintendent

RECYCLING COMMITTEE

In 2016, Norwell residents used the Recycling Center to properly dispose of yard waste as well as recyclable materials. It collected 149.04 tons of scrap metal, 62.4 tons of E-waste/white goods (refrigerators, televisions, monitors, etc.) and 527 empty propane tanks. Leaves and yard waste were

disposed of allowing for compost this spring for our residents. (2) 1000 gallon containers of oil based paint, stain and motor oil were collected the first Saturday of the month from April through November. Amenico, which recycles used vegetable oil and turns it into a carbon neutral, biodegradable, non-toxic biofuel, maintains a collection barrel located just inside the Center. Mercury and battery products are also collected. In the second half of 2016 the Center added Waste Management dumpsters to allow residents to bring any overflow single stream (SS) recycling after the rollout of Pay As You Throw. They are consistently filled each day the Center is open, adding to the 1305.23 tons of SS Recycling for the town. The committee also assisted with the town barrel collection in October that brought in 4 tons of barrels to be recycled. The committee thanks Steve Perona and Jimmy Contrino, they have done an incredible job running the Center with the increase of traffic and products being brought in!

In addition to the Recycling Center the committee maintains can/bottle bins at all school and town sports fields. We also manage (2) Bay State Textiles bins which this year collected 12495 pounds of textile products which will be reused or recycled. This generated \$624.75 for the Friends of Norwell Recycling, to be used for projects and High School scholarships.

This year we presented to the Environmental Club at the High School and are working with them on classroom and lunch recycling. We are looking to help the Middle and Elementary schools as well.

The committee continues to be active in the South Shore Recycling Cooperative, and uses the Friends of Norwell Recycling Facebook page to update and educate residents on the importance of recycling. We are always open to new ideas to increase recycling. Any resident who would like to join the committee, or who has any ideas regarding recycling, please don't hesitate to contact us!

Submitted by the Recycling Committee – Vicky Spillane, Chair
Anne Fridgen-Traft, Carole McCarthy, Holly Wenger, Marge Dorney, Susan Davis

OFFICE OF VETERAN SERVICES

The Norwell office of Veterans' Services serves Veterans, Spouse's and Dependents by assisting in the procurement of Federal and State benefits and entitlements for which they may be eligible. On the State and Local levels the programs are reimbursable to Norwell at 75%.

This department also provides assistance in obtaining Federal benefits including disabilities, pensions, and enrollment in the VA healthcare system and Educational benefits. We provide Veterans and Dependents assistance in obtaining Military records, Medal replacement and Grave markers.

In addition to the above, a second annual lunch was held for the oldest Norwell Veterans. About thirty people attended, my thanks to the Norwell Council on Aging, Norwell Boy Scout Troop # 192, Hornstra Farm, and private donations, which totally fund this event.

Also, a Norwell Veterans Gift Fund was recently established for the more serious uses and is growing steadily. And a Free Digital Phone Program is available for Norwell Veterans with hearing problems who may not qualify for Veterans Administration help.

We also support Memorial Day and Veterans Day activities.

Respectfully Submitted,
David M. Osborne, Norwell Veterans' Service Officer

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

The Norwell Beautification Committee continues to generate, sponsor, and support various programs and projects designed to further the beauty and the quality of life of our town.

At the 27th consecutive annual Norwell Beautification Award Program, held at a regular meeting of the Norwell Selectmen, the 2016 Beautification Awards were presented to Cliff and Judy Prentiss and to Glenn Ferguson of the Highway and Tree Department. The award to Judy and Cliff celebrated their beautiful property and Cliff's donation of professional landscaping design services to the Road to Responsibility home on Main Street. Glenn's department has made a great effort to improve and preserve the triangles, trail parking lots, and roadsides this past summer and fall. The award ceremony also included the presentation of congratulatory Massachusetts Senate Proclamations by State Senator Patrick O'Connor and a well-received reception following the ceremony.

The sixth annual TRASH BASH, a town-wide roadside cleanup which is held in conjunction with Earth Day, occurred on April 25th. Registration for the event was held at the town hall. Susan Solis of Vantage Point Realty Advisors donated the coffee, donuts, and other supplies. TRASH BASH was a great success!

The stone walls bordering the Whiting fields on Main and Lincoln Streets were cleaned of vines and debris. To assist this ongoing process, Mr. Beau Dyer was contracted last summer to remove particularly stubborn growth along the walls, to good effect.

The Civil War and World War 1 Monuments at the Veterans Memorial Common were planted for Memorial Day with over 200 red bronze leaved begonias providing vibrant color to Norwell Center from May through October. The committee was particularly appreciative for the work done by several Norwell citizens in planting the monument this year. The committee regrets that the recently planted Rose of Sharon trees in the tree nursery have been removed without our knowledge and approval. To enhance the Town Center, we continue to provide and take care of five large planters with flowers, adding evergreens for the holidays. The Triangle and Adopt-a Street Programs also continue, although more volunteers are needed for both these programs.

With the encouragement of the Board of Selectmen, the committee began the process of improving the landscape at the Road to Responsibility property on Main St. To comply with the regulation that our resources be spent only on town property, we separated these efforts from the official work of our committee, but several members remain committed as private citizens to continue to support the project.

The dedication and hard work of the hundreds of beautification volunteers is recognized and valued as is the continuing help and support of the Norwell Town Departments and Offices, particularly the Highway and Tree Department. In response to a letter sent to all previous and current beautification volunteers in town, we are happy to report that our committee has a renewed vibrancy and a full roster of members. However, we still need more volunteers to maintain triangles around town and to join the Adopt-a-Street Program. Anyone interested should call 781-659-7279 or contact any committee member for further information!

Respectfully submitted,

Peg Norris, Chair

Joyanne Bond, Vice-chair

Robert H. Norris, Secretary/treasurer

Steve Muzrall, Gillian Parker, Jill O'Laughlin, Sarah Baker, Beth Burke

(One more member is pending Selectmen approval)

CONSERVATION COMMISSION



Our 2016 report is dedicated to the memory of Mark Mederos, who passed away in November. He gave boundless energy and enthusiasm to promoting Conservation lands and trails. His vision was to restore and maintain the woodland trails so they would be welcoming, user friendly and accessible for families, pairs of walkers, strollers, dog walkers and allow all visitors to enjoy the woods and scenic waterways safely and comfortably. His love of the outdoors and membership and leadership of the trail program from 2012-2016 can be seen simply by walking any of the many trails on Norwell Conservation Lands. In addition to trail management Mark also led the spring and fall trail walks from their start in

2012 through 2016. His love of Norwell's history, especially that involving the North River and ship building, was shared and appreciated by the many residents and guests who have joined us over the years. The Commission will miss his contributions, presence and energy greatly. His family plans to dedicate benches along some of Marks favorite Conservation trails as a memorial and testament to his many contributions. We look forward to supporting and facilitating that effort and to knowing the residents will enjoy the views and trails that Mark loved so much.



The Conservation Commission is responsible for the protection and management of Norwell's Conservation land and for the regulatory administration of the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and Norwell Wetland Bylaw.

The Conservation Commission serves these primary purposes:

1. To administer and enforce the state Wetland Protection Act and the Norwell Wetland Bylaw.
Protect the water you drink, and the natural resources around you!
2. To manage:

1969	Acres	Total Land Under Conservation Care		Jacobs Woods-1950 Stetson Meadows - 1971	Donovan Farm / Wildcat - 1997 -
15		Boardwalks, Bridges, Docks and View Decks		Fogg Forest – 1972 Valley Swamp – 1973	Betzold and Asinippi parcels - 1999/2001
21+	Miles	Public Trails		Hatch Wood Lots – 1977	Cuffee Lane - 2012
10	Fields	Active Farming		Cuffee Hill - 1982	Simon Hill- 2013
11	Conservation Restrictions	Monitored		Miller Woods - 1983	Masthead – 2013 AND OTHERS!
9831	Feet	Scenic Stone Walls		Jacobs Farm - 1989	FUTURE - TBD – BY YOU!

3. To conduct outreach and education regarding the town's natural resources and environmental issues.

2017 Goals and Challenges -

1. *Increase utilization of Norwell's Town properties for its residents.*

The residents of Norwell have continued to invest in open space in order to preserve the beauty and environmental quality of the town. This dedication by the voters comes with a responsibility to protect essential environmental communities while also allowing responsible recreational access to these lands by the taxpayers who have purchased them. The Commission along with volunteers, staff, and the Open Space Implementation Committee, pledges to work cooperatively with all Town departments in order to provide safe community access to green space. This will be in balance with protection of the environment as identified in Goal 1 of the Norwell Open Space Plan #'s 2, 10, 13 and 14. To view the 2012-2019 Norwell Open Space Plan, please see the attached link.

<http://www.townofnorwell.net/sites/norwellma/files/uploads/norwellopen spacerecreationplan2012-2019.pdf>

Clean water, clean air and a healthy environment are values we are all charged with protecting and preserving. Residents are provided the opportunity to hike, bike, camp, fish, and enjoy the natural areas they have protected, all minutes from home. Preserving open space also protects watersheds, improves the water quality of rivers, lakes and streams, protects drinking water and air quality, helps control flooding and preserves critical wildlife habitat.

"Communities that conserve land make an investment in future economic development. Companies frequently relocate where their top talent wants to live, and that is most often in places of natural beauty. Frederick Law Olmsted first demonstrated this principle in the late 1800's when he documented that Central Park caused \$5.4 million in additional annual tax revenues, quickly repaying the \$14 million cost of the park.

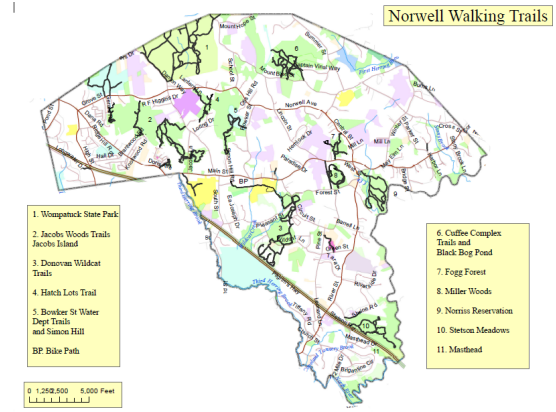
(Excerpt from Rand Wentworth, President, Land Trust Alliance, Spring, 2003)

2. *Streamline trail maintenance and improve access to our conserved lands.* Maintenance and repairs on the Town's many miles of conservation trails continue to be managed through the use of the recently purchased utility access vehicle. We will work to involve all neighborhoods within each open space trail system. Over the past three years, the Commission, staff and volunteers have worked diligently to improve trail conditions so that families, walkers, bikers, and skiers can have access to the many Conservation-managed lands in town. We plan to continue enhancing and maintaining the parking areas, trail width, boardwalks and bridges within each park, while still maintaining the small path charm of the overall trail systems. OS&R Plan, Goal 1, #'s 17, 19-22, Goal 3 #53, 54.
3. *Continue coordination with Norwell Highway and Tree and Grounds.* The Commission appreciates the time and effort that the Norwell Highway and Tree and Grounds crews have made to Jacobs Dam, Jacobs Parking Area, Donovan Parking Area and to many other scenic conservation areas throughout town. The parking areas are designed to be picnic destinations as well as access to the many trail networks. We look forward to continuing this effort.
4. *Apply for more grants. (save the town money by utilizing other fundraising avenues)*
There are significant quantities of grant money available to communities. The Commission Chair and staff will work to maximize efficiency and achievements by initiating a program to find creative project funding and support services through multiple sources. One goal is to

create a grant writing committee utilizing the knowledge, resources and skills of staff and volunteers.

The Commission is actively involved in land acquisition with regional partners and is applying for grants to continue to create conservation areas that provide access and use for all abilities. Additionally, grant funding is being sought to create a parking and trail head access to the 500 acres of Wompatuck trails in Norwell via the newly acquired Bennett parcel on Grove Street. Goal 3 #43-45 and 4 #76.

5. *Continue the Adopt-A-Trail Program.* Please help us keep the trails maintained and open for all residents to enjoy by volunteering to help monitor and report on trail conditions. You may already be walking trails weekly and can participate simply by downloading the link and form. Your feedback is essential to allowing our amazing trail team to streamline the program, making sure we target problems and issues as quickly as possible. We will be hosting an Open House and 2017 Volunteer Monitor Kick-Off in May to continue this volunteer program. You can also come into the Commission office and sign-up today! Contact us for more information.



6. *Improve the permitting process by improving communications and collaboration with other departments.* The Commission staff has increased coordination with other regulatory departments and is in the process of developing housekeeping articles to create consistent regulatory requirements with other Town Boards and Committees
7. *Improve clarity of regulations and documents in an easier to understand format for residents.* The Commission initiated a review of the regulatory process and regulations and will continue that effort to develop concise guidance as to the necessary level of permitting required and proper way to attain such permits. The Norwell Wetland Bylaw regulations are in process of being reviewed for clarity and effectiveness and will be amended as needed to better protect both the environment and the needs of the residents.
8. *Implement community outreach and education programs.* The Commission will continue to develop the education and outreach goals identified in the Norwell Open Space Plan (community and recreation needs sections). We have had great success in prior years with the trail-walking program, which will continue (on Thursdays, during spring and fall) in coordination with the Recreation Department. We will work to expand our outreach and education programs to include seasonal, outdoor, family- oriented nature programs (at Jacobs, Fogg and Stetson trail areas). Our goal is to facilitate family-friendly outings to the many Conservation-managed, passive recreational areas in Norwell. OSR Goal 3#42.
9. *The Commission continues to support the environmental education programs* at all the Norwell Schools. We look forward to continuing to help and promote conservation related School programs.
10. *Continue hunting and promoting year round multi-purpose use of Norwell's Open Spaces.* The Commission manages over 1200 acres of land available to hunters during State authorized seasons. The Commission does not require any permits or impose regulations beyond State Hunting requirements. A map is available in the Conservation and Town Clerk Offices showing where these areas are. The Commission appreciates the willingness of the majority of hunters to help preserve the rights of families with children and dogs to feel safe while

enjoying the active conservation trails during hunting season by taking advantage of the significant acreage dedicated to hunters, away from the trails. The Commission is committed to preserving and encouraging year-round outdoor recreation for all residents in a safe and mutually respectful manner.

Regulatory Responsibilities

The major task of the Commission is to regulate conditions for any work falling within rivers, streams, wetlands, or buffers to these areas. Anyone seeking to work within 100 feet of a wetland, vernal pool or pond (the buffer zone), within 200 feet of a river or stream (the Riverfront Resource Area), or in any area that may cause additional runoff into a wetland, river, or stream must obtain prior approval of the Commission. The Commission has varying levels of permitting to accomplish this.

- The Notice of Intent is for larger projects that occur close to or near wetland resources or have a high probability of having a direct or long term impact on those resources. – Orders of Conditions are issued that either permit with conditions, or deny the project. (ex: dam removal, new home construction, subdivisions, work within the highly sensitive 50-foot buffer). *The Commission reviewed 23 projects in 2016 and issued 18 new Orders of Conditions for Notices of Intent and Resource Delineations.* The other 5 were for major modifications to previously permitted projects.
- The Commission monitors and works to ensure site stormwater and soils are controlled on 5 major subdivision projects. In 2016 we completed 2 delineations and started reviewing 3 new resource area delineations. We anticipate 5 new subdivision filings within the next year or two.
- A Request for Determination is used for smaller projects, projects in the outer buffer zone, or projects with minimal likelihood of adversely impacting wetland resource areas. A Determination of Applicability is issued either allowing the project or requiring a filing of a Notice of Intent if the project is more involved. (ex: Simple septic repair or pool installation within a yard, and outside the 50-foot buffer). *The Commission reviewed and issued 37 Determinations in 2016.*
- An Administrative Letter Permit is used for projects within the buffer, which are either so minor that there is no chance of adverse impact or for which the physical layout of the project makes it nearly impossible to have an adverse impact on resources. No public hearing or filing fee is required for this permit level (ex: Projects with all construction activities 90 feet or more from the closest resource, minor deck repairs or replacement without a foundation, conversion of deck to enclosed area without foundation, work physically separated from the resource by a berm, or other existing feature, or hazardous tree removal near wetlands). *The Commission office issued 17 letter permits in 2016.*
- Interdepartmental Sign-offs for projects close to or just touching the buffer zone or for which there is no chance of adverse impact to wetland resources (ex: decks on the opposite side of the home from wetlands and more than 90 feet from the wetland, or hazardous tree removal in buffer areas). *The Commission office issued 147 sign offs in 2016.*
- Certificates of Compliance are issued when a project is shown to have been completed in a manner that protects nearby resource areas and is consistent with the permit issued. *The Commission office issued xx Certificates of Compliance for completion of projects.*

Please be safe and ask Conservation Staff if you have any questions or just want information regarding your property and nearby resources or Conservation Lands. We are here to answer any questions.

Conservation Commission Members and Staff

The Conservation Commission is comprised of seven residents who serve three-year terms and are appointed by the Board of Selectmen. Bob McMackin and Justin Ivas joined the Commission in 2016. Bob brings project management, grant writing and Justin brings wetland science and GIS experience to the Commission. We are grateful to have them join us. Lori Hillstrand resigned in 2016, she had facilitated and acted as the liaison for the farming programs and vernal pool program and will be

greatly missed. Marynel Wahl continues as the Commission's Chairperson and Bob Woodill as the Vice-Chairperson.

The Commission appreciates the dedication of Administrative Assistant Meredith Schmid who makes certain that both Conservation and Planning run smoothly and effectively. In spite of short staffing the last quarter of 2016 and steep workloads she is always there to greet and assist residents, contractors and call-ins and make sure they find the information they are looking for. This continual effort and commitment gives our program a successful foundation. We also thank CoA volunteer Margaret Dixon and AmeriCorps Volunteer Anthony Serra for coordinating the 2016 Conservation Day program. Thank you to recording clerks Ellen McKenna and Chris Sullivan and Jeanne Cianciola, part-time clerk who resigned in 2016.

2017 Accomplishments and Projects

Major projects with conservation oversight completed in 2016 include:

Farming - The Commission continues to manage and sponsor active farming on the six Jacobs Farm Fields, the 2 Donovan Farm Fields, Barstow Field and the Main Street Field. We gratefully acknowledge the dedication of the farmers in helping preserve this cultural heritage, Whitaker Horse Farm, Hornstra Dairy Farm, and Norwell Farms Community Sponsored Agriculture Farm as well as Beekeeper Luke Lambert.

Regulatory Projects included - Forest Street Pathway extension was completed and the River St. Pathway Phase III permitting is underway. Norwell added three new certified Vernal Pools through the permitting process to the protection list. Thanks to environmentally proactive landowners and Notre Dame Academy Science Students for making this successful.

Open Space and Recreation Plan Implementation continues to seek volunteers to support Town Wide Open Space goals. Please stop into the office or call if you have time to help.

Trail Management - The Commission continues to maintain and manage many miles of trails within Norwell. The Commission has a highly efficient cost effective trail maintenance program thanks to our Senior Trail Crew and Volunteer Programs.

Organized Trail Walks are sponsored jointly with the Recreation Department each spring and fall and have been a successful way of introducing residents and guests to the many miles of conservation trails available in Norwell.

Installation of Bridges, Boardwalks, and Benches and Parking Improvements - The Commission started a program to replace and repair many boardwalks throughout the town trail system. The Commission focused on Parking Lot improvements and access in 2016. We will work to continue repairing and replacing parking areas, boardwalks and bridges throughout 2017.

Trail Information Kiosks - Trail maps and information signage are being finalized and installed in the kiosks and trail boards.

Education and Outreach - An educational program continues on the 4th Thursday of each month (spring and fall) focused on environmental educational topics. We will continue this project through 2017 and encourage public participation.

Jacobs Pond Family Conservation Day was held in June for the first time. Many activities including free kayak trips through Jacobs Pond, trail walks, hands on pond ecology, painting by the pond, geocaching and others were enjoyed by our visitors. We look forward to hosting this program again in 2017.

The first Annual Climate Change Symposium was held in Norwell in early December. The effects and impacts of climate change are widespread and will continue influence rainfall levels, stormwater impacts, and wetland resources. This program is expected to continue and Norwell Conservation looks forward to continuing as a sponsoring member.

Chittenden Landing - The Chittenden Landing deck was completed and is used extensively. Please stop by and take a look, sit down and enjoy the expansive beautiful view of the river. OSR Plan Goal#26.

The Senior Trails Crew worked throughout the year clearing debris from and widening trails, developing dock plans, investigating and implementing stream crossing plans, repairing boardwalks, removing down trees, maintaining parking areas, helping lead trail walks, and welcoming visitors to the town trails. All of these important tasks are instrumental in keeping the town's open space lands accessible and open to the public. The Conservation Commission gratefully acknowledges the work of our Senior Trail Crew – Al Svelnis, Dave Hill, Dave Merrifield, Edward Cox, John Suurhans, Mark Mederos, Ralph Knowles and Steve Young. Their dedication to the Conservation Lands and Trails in Norwell is much appreciated.

Adopt-A-Trail Volunteers are new in 2016. We appreciate the many trail monitoring trips and reports they have contributed which allow our Trail Crew to more effectively resolve problems and manage the extensive trail system. Thank you to – Jill O’Laughlin, Keren and Bob Fortier, Tom Graefe, George Atkinson, Stephen Peden, Connie Stone, the Church Hillers, Terry Haskins, Brendan Sullivan, Jeff Volpe, Todd MacNeil, Monica Slaak, Stephen Fitzpatrick, Ray and Dianne Crook, Shana Hallman and family, Michael Hines, Laura and Jim Campbell, Dan McBride, Sue and Andy Jonasson, and Marynel, Madison, Miranda, and Missy Halatsis.

The Commission thanks George Grey, Judy Volpe and the Norwell Trail Walkers Club for their dedication to promoting active enjoyment of the Town's trail system and open spaces.

To better understand the resources on or near your property, please feel free to contact the Conservation Agent, Nancy Hemingway. She offers personalized assistance with permitting issues, environmental concerns, or simply creating a unique GIS map for your property. Assistance is also available regarding information on public lands or trails. Anyone contemplating work in or within 100 feet of a wetland, or within 200 feet of a stream, which flows continuously throughout the year, is encouraged to contact the agent for information about the Wetlands Protection Act and local wetland bylaw at the Commission's office in the Town Hall during normal business hours.

A reminder that we are always looking for volunteers. Please stop by the Conservation Office or call (781-659-8022) if you are able to help.

2016 Conservation Commission Members - Appointed by the Board of Selectmen

Marynel Wahl – Chair

Robert Woodill – Vice Chair

Bob McMackin

David Osborne

Justin Ivas

Ron Mott

Stacy Minihane

Respectfully submitted by Nancy Hemingway – Conservation Agent

NORWELL HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The purpose of the Norwell Historical Commission, in accordance with Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 40, Section 8d and the Norwell bylaws, is to preserve and protect historic antiquities and archaeological resources throughout Norwell.

According to the bylaws of the Norwell Historical Commission, its responsibilities include the following:

- conducting research on places of historical, archeological and architectural value in the town;
- cooperating with the State Archaeologist in conducting surveys and reporting on sites in the town;
- coordinating activities with other preservation organizations in the town;
- keeping accurate records of its actions, and filing an annual report; and maintaining a membership of not less than three nor more than seven members, duly appointed by the Board of Selectmen.

Members and Officers: Noel Ripley served as Chairman and Trish Shepherd served as Treasurer of the Commission in 2016. Other veteran members were David DeGhetto, Bob Norris, Nancy McBride, and Jim Kelliher. Katherine Campbell resigned her seat and Janet Watson was appointed to the Commission in October and assumed the position of Secretary.

Projects

Jacobs Farmhouse consumed a lot of the Commission's attention in 2016. The Commission is responsible for the maintenance of the Farmhouse under the overall management of the Board of Selectman, but Historic New England has authority over the preservation of the property and the Conservation Commission is responsible for the grounds as well as management of the Norwell Farms Community Farm activities. The Norwell Historical Society maintains a museum on one side of the Farmhouse while the other side is an apartment generating rental income that has been used for maintenance of the Farmhouse.

Overall the Commission's goal is to preserve the Farmhouse which is an iconic presence on Main St. and make it more accessible to town residents so they can participate in and appreciate its place in Norwell's history.

In 2016, repairs were completed for the East Barn. Major repairs that still need to be completed are a new roof for the Farmhouse and repair of the Carriage house. CPC funds have been allocated for these projects and the process of getting proposals and finalizing them is ongoing.

In 2016 two situations arose that presented a challenge for the ongoing maintenance and use of the Farmhouse. The first was the loss of \$1800 monthly rental income from the apartment. This resulted after an evaluation by Vertex Companies Inc. requested by the Board of Selectmen confirmed that the apartment had lead paint related issues. The apartment cannot be rented until those issues are taken care of. The Commission is in the process of getting estimates for lead removal. Because there has been no rental income since April 2016, the Commission has had to draw down accumulated rental income in the JFH Rental Income Account to pay for maintenance of the Farmhouse.

The second situation was an official complaint received from the Architectural Access Board in August 2016 that the museum, which is open to the public, was not handicapped accessible. The Commission responded by hiring a consulting company which specializes in accessibility plans for historic properties to develop the most cost effective plan to make the museum accessible while preserving its historic architectural features. In December the Selectmen voted to close the Farmhouse to the public until it is compliant with accessibility requirements.

The Commission submitted applications to the CPC for funds for deleading and accessibility and will make contributions from the JFH Rental Income Account, JFH Endowment Interest Account and CPC Article 39 funds, which will however, further deplete the JFH Rental Income Account and therefore, the money available for maintenance of the Farmhouse.

The Commission with the support of Selectwoman Alison Demong have been attempting to clarify the roles of the different entities and users of the property. Efforts are also aimed at increasing the revenues from the use of the property to support maintenance. Plans include developing a more structured application process and rental fees for the West Barn and a new licensing agreement with Norwell Farms that would include rental fees for use of the barns.

Sergeant Samuel Stetson House: One of the three oldest houses in Norwell (formerly located at 85 Stetson Shrine Lane and dating from the 1670's) was slated for demolition in September, 2011. Special Town Meeting in November, 2011 voted to spend CPC funds to move the house temporarily to the cul-de-sac at the end of Stetson Shrine Lane. In 2013, the Selectmen and the Commission determined that the Stetson Meadows Cemetery site was the most appropriate and cost-efficient location for the building. Funds have been allocated to move the house, but the move has been delayed. The Commission is waiting for responses to Requests for Proposals to stabilize the framework prior to the move.

Stetson-Ford House: The house is currently leased on a month-to-month basis. The Stetson-Ford House was set up as a revolving fund. The house is rented for \$1750 a month and is self-sustaining.

166 Norwell Ave: The Commission continues to work on a Preservation Restriction Agreement to preserve 166 Norwell Ave., the Henry Norwell House, for posterity. A Preservation Restriction Agreement was negotiated with the previous owners and approved by the State Historic Commission but was never finalized because the previous owners sold the house in June 2016. The present owners are interested in pursuing the preservation agreement but wish to make some changes to the agreement. Due to the complexity of the approval process, the new agreement was not been finalized for submission to the State Historic Commission in 2016 but the Commission continues to work with the current owners to ensure the preservation of this landmark.

Simon Hill Area: Several years ago the town purchased the Bordewieck property on Simon Hill. The NHC is keenly interested in the archeological value of the site. In 2016 Native American tribal representatives of the Tribal Historic Preservation Office walked over the area under the jurisdiction of the Water Department to make certain that none of the selected well sites affects sacred areas. The Water Department agreed to relocate well sites in the event of sacred area determinations. According to Tribal Historic Preservation Office, this property contains "unmistaken evidences of native American presence going back to pre-Colonial times.....in the form of mounds, walls and natural and celestial alignments." The Commission continues to advocate for a conservation restriction on the Bordewieck property on Simon Hill.

Town Meetings: The Annual Town Meeting on May 6, 2016, where the Historical Commission supported the following articles:

Article 24: To see if the Town will vote to reauthorize the Stetson Ford House Revolving Fund pursuant to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, §53E 1/2, for the 2017 fiscal year. Approved.

Demolition Delay By-Law:

The Historical Commission was involved in making determinations related to the Demolition Delay By-law for the following six properties:

A demolition application was submitted for **60 Pine Street** a one and a half story wood frame house circa 1780, modified to include a shed roof addition and porch. The owners and their broker approached the Commission to discuss options because of challenges to the site and condition. The Commission determined that the house was historically significant. A public meeting was held and a year delay was implemented in June 2016. The Commission assisted the homeowners with an evaluation to assess the structural problems. The house, which sold in late 2016, has been saved from demolition and is currently in the process of being renovated.

A demolition application was submitted for **27 High Street** a one story wood-frame Colonial Revival circa 1951. The Commission determined that the house was not historically significant.

A demolition application was submitted for the barn at **127 Stetson Road**. The barn was determined to be historically significant. The owner agreed to save the barn.

The remodeling of **51 Lincoln Street** exposed problems with the application and permitting process that were subsequently addressed by the Commission. Because the owner did not plan to demolish the house entirely, a demolition application was not submitted, but the application for the building permit involved a partial demolition that should have been reported to the Commission. Unfortunately the Commission learned about the work too late to stop what was essentially a partial demolition and complete remodeling of the house. The Commission and the Building Department have developed new procedures so that the Commission will be informed of applications for any building permits for historic houses.

A demolition application was submitted for **767 Grove Street**, the historic Bryant house built in the 18th century. The owner wanted to expand the square footage but found that he could not add an addition behind the house due to its proximity to wetlands and also reported serious structural problems with the second floor. The Commission agreed to allow the owner to demolish the second floor to make the home a straight front colonial keeping internal historical features.

A demolition application was submitted for the addition to the 1798 John Ewell house at **31 Central Street**. The Commission determined that while the house was historically significant, the addition was not since it was constructed sometime in the 20th century. The current owner, developer John McKay, purchased the house when he found out a potential buyer wanted to demolish it. The John Ewell house has been saved from demolition and is being restored.

The Commission thanks the various town committees, boards and departments as well as the citizens of the town who support the efforts to preserve Norwell's history.

Respectfully submitted,
Noel Ripley, Chair
Trish Shepherd, Treasurer
Janet Watson, Secretary
David DeGhetto
Jim Kelliher
Nancy McBride
Robert Norris

COMMUNITY HOUSING TRUST

2016 was an active year for the Community Housing Trust. Metro West Collaborative Development, Inc. was chosen to begin the development process to construct senior rental housing at 40 River Street, the site of the old police station. CPA funding will help underwrite this project, as voted at the prior

year's Town Meeting. The property's central location will allow easy access to Norwell Center and other locations in the Town.

The Trust continues to act as the Town's Affordable Housing monitoring agent, handling inquiries about available affordable properties as well as monitoring sales of existing affordable units. The Trust also purchases Affordable Housing units for resale to qualified buyers who meet the deed restrictions on the property.

The Senior Grant program provides underwriting for smaller home projects that improve the health and safety of senior homeowners in Norwell.

COMPLETED 2016 PROJECTS:

- *Selection of Metro West as the developer for the future Affordable Housing Development for seniors at 40 River Street

- * Purchase and resale of Affordable unit at Jacobs Pond Estates in order to assure compliance with the AH deed rider

- * Hired an Affordable Housing Coordinator (consultant) for the Trust, expanding their involvement in Affordable Housing oversight in the Town.

Schedule

The Community Housing Trust meets on the first and third Thursdays of every month. Meetings are open to the public. Please check the Town website for specific meeting dates and times.

Respectfully submitted,

Community Housing Trust

Members

Peter Shea, Chair

Bruce Burgess

Brian D'Souza

Elizabeth Hibbard, Vice Chair

Tricia Lederer

Gregg McBride

T. Andrew Reardon

Patricia Richardson

Ellen McKenna, Administrator

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

The Town of Norwell adopted the Community Preservation Act (MGL Chapter 44B) in May of 2002. The Town's Community Preservation Committee (CPC) is charged by the Town with the implementation of the Act in Norwell. The Act's stated purposes are to preserve open space and historic sites, create Affordable Housing and recreational facilities. At least 10% of the annual CPA surtax revenue must be allocated to each of the **first three categories**.

During FY2016, the Town collected \$993,083 in net CPA surcharges (after abatements and exemptions). The matching funds from the state were \$338,909. With miscellaneous revenue and interest earned, the total 2016 revenue to the Town was \$1,400,239.

The annual CPC public hearing was held on December 1st, to update the Town and invite interested resident to ask questions and make comments or suggestions to the board for the upcoming year. Members of the Pathways Committee, Athletic Fields Committee, Recreation Department and Commission, and the Community Housing Trust gave updates on their CPA funded projects.

Community Preservation Act Funds Revenue 6/30/16

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Surcharge Collections (net of refunds)</u>	<u>Miscellaneous Revenue</u>	<u>Investment Income</u>	<u>State Match</u>	<u>Total</u>
FY 2003	491,540.28	719.20	2,103.20	0.00	494,362.69
FY 2004	531,332.47	856.78	9,235.99	504,055.00	1,045,480.24
FY 2005	562,030.24	.00	24,047.18	534,732.00	1,120,809.42
FY 2006	630,920.92	4,331.55	40,877.65	559,835.00	1,235,965.12
FY 2007	663,246.13	1,646.00	52,080.06	634,135.00	1,351,107.19
FY 2008	699,561.80	2,734.71	112,674.91	674,734.00	1,489,705.42
FY 2009	728,864.55	4,612.37	75,571.56	541,215.00	1,350,263.48
FY 2010	754,196.49	2,779.76	45,147.01	311,164.00	1,113,287.26
FY 2011	755,674.97	1,926.36	64,645.27	247,788.00	1,070,034.60
FY 2012	781,347.78	1,989.41	49,368.30	246,566.00	1,079,271.49
FY 2013	870,536.17	1,863.56	43,356.73	255,995.00	1,171,751.46
FY 2014	894,294.89	1,506.12	53,430.50	549,153.00	1,498,384.51
FY 2015	953,466.00	2,508.01	34,706.46	341,831.00	1,332,511.47
FY 2016	993,082.91	37,368.63	30,878.85	338,909.00	1,400,239.39
TOTALS	10,310,095.60	64,842.46	638,123.68	5,740,112.00	16,753,173.74
% of Total Revenues	61.5%	.04%	3.8%	34.3%	100.0%

ONGOING 2016 PROJECTS:

- **Pathways** – the next phase of the Donovan fields access path is under construction to connect the parking area to the path across Circuit Street. The connector pathway from Gaffield Park to Town Center is in the planning stages.
- **Jacobs Farmhouse Restoration Projects** – the Historical Commission continues to oversee improvements to the farmhouse and surrounding outbuildings on the property. The Cider Room project is under construction.
- **Cushing Center Parking lot** – this project is almost complete. The parking lot has been resurfaced and final improvements such as lighting and benches are scheduled for completion.
- **Woodworth Fields 3 & 4/Softball fields rehab project** – this project will provide additional designated field space for the Town's softball leagues to practice and play.
- **Transfer of CPA funds for 40 River Street AH project.** – this ongoing project is in the development phase. For further details, see the Community Housing Trust Town report.

COMPLETED PROJECTS:

- **Chittenden Landing Dock** – this dock on the North River was rebuilt with weather and water resistant materials. This project provides access to the river for fishing, canoeing and kayaking.
- **Norwell House Preservation Restriction** – this landmark house in the Town was recently sold. In order to insure that its unique character and construction remain intact, CPA funding was used to underwrite a preservation restriction which will protect this house in perpetuity.
- **Vinal School Playground** – the rehab of this school playground provided ADA compliant equipment and surfaces. The schools and the CPC jointly funded this work. As agreed upon, the schools were able to return a portion of the voted CPA funds as the project was completed under budget.

Schedule

The Community Preservation Committee meets on the second and fourth Thursdays of every month, but please check the Town's website for specific meeting dates and time. Meetings are open to the

public. Information on how to apply for CPA funding can be found on the CPC page of the Town website.

Respectfully submitted,
Dave Osborne, Chair (Conservation Commission)
Jamie Crystal-Lowry (Planning Board)
Julie Gillis (At Large)
Fred Levin (Housing Authority)
John Mariano (At Large)
Robert Norris (Historical Commission)
Joan Osborne (At Large)
Brendan Recupero (At Large, Pathways)
Aleta Scully (Recreation Commission)
Ellen McKenna, Administrator

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The Fiscal Year 2017 Tax Rate is \$ 16.45 per thousand.
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Class	Certified Full and Fair Cash Value Assessments	Percentage Full Value Shares of Total Tax Levy	New Percentage Shares of Total Tax Levy
<u>Residential</u>	<u>2,149,241,671.00</u>	<u>85.0412%</u>	<u>85.0412%</u>
<u>Open Space</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0000%</u>	<u>0.0000%</u>
<u>Commercial</u>	<u>300,707,832.00</u>	<u>11.8984%</u>	<u>11.8984%</u>
<u>Industrial</u>	<u>29,870,800.00</u>	<u>1.1819%</u>	<u>1.1819%</u>
<u>Personal Property</u>	<u>47,474,220.00</u>	<u>1.8785%</u>	<u>1.8785%</u>
TOTAL	2,527,294,523.00	100.0000%	100.0000%

The Norwell Assessors' Office continues the ongoing process of keeping property values updated. The Staff of two handle inspections of Building permits, Cyclical and data quality. A full Revaluation is completed every three years, Interim valuations are done every year, in compliance with Massachusetts General Laws and the Department of Revenue. Questions and requests from the general public, other municipal departments, residents and professionals are also researched. Abutter's lists are certified; inspections are completed for occupancy sign-off and entry into the assessors' database. The Office handles Motor Vehicle Excise, Boat Excise, Real Estate and Personal Property commitments. Abatements and Exemptions are prepared by the Staff for the three Board of Assessors members to deliberate and approve or deny each case.

The total number of Motor Vehicle Excise Bills for 2016 was 12,406. This generated a total of Two Million One Hundred Eighty Eight Thousand Five Hundred Eight dollars and Forty Five cents (\$2,288,508.45) which was committed to the Treasurer/Collectors Office.

Exemptions available for qualifying residents are: **Disabled veterans, Blind, Seniors** with income & assets requirements, and, **Surviving spouse, Tax deferral, and Community Preservation**. The Board of Assessors and Staff urge potentially qualifying residents to

contact the Assessors' Office at 781-659-8014 for specific requirements and any questions about these exemptions.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan Osborne, Chair
Sue Kirby, Vice-Chair
Bill Houser, Clerk