

April 25, 201

Present was Robert J. Garrity, James M. Tomaszewski, James C. Lehan, Jack Hathaway, Town Administrator and Marian Harrington, Executive Assistant.

The meeting was held in Room 124 of Town Hall.

Rob Garrity opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. He announced that the meeting was video and audio taped. Jack Hathaway read the agenda contents.

PEG DRISKO-JOHNSON, HOUSING AUTHORITY

Present was Peg Drisko-Johnson, member of Norfolk Housing Authority.

Rob disclosed that his mother-in-law is the Executive Director of the Housing Authority and she is appointed by the State and her agency is not a public agency of Norfolk. He has no financial interest in any activities of the Housing Authority, and doesn't feel it is a conflict of interest. Jim Lehan disclosed that his wife is a member of the Housing Authority, and he does not have a financial gain as well.

Peg came to the Board to discuss the water bill for Hillcrest Village and Pine Knoll. She feels they are not being charged correctly and would like the Board to look at it.

Jack handed out a summary of six month bills ending recently. The detail below shows what it would look like if we did what they are requesting. It would save them \$700. On the other complex, it would be about a \$345 difference. It would be about \$1000, or \$2,000 a year.

Peg said the \$2000 would go a long way to help with things that aren't funded, or can help with the budget.

Jim L. said that if we do this, we won't be replacing any lines, meters, etc. Jack said no. If they divide it by 8, that can make it work. Rob asked about the water personnel – Bob and Al. Jack said he spoke with them and they are okay with it.

Jim Tomaszewski moved to create a Memorandum of Understanding with the Housing Authority to change how we bill for the tier system for these units. Jim Lehan seconded, and it was **so voted**.

REVIEW OF WARRANT

Jack handed out a draft town meeting warrant. There may be an additional last minute three articles to be included.

Jack discussed the Solar overlay zone. Tom DiPlacido from the Village at Rivers Edge has asked if we could create a solar overlay zone. It has to be done now because of funding. Sources are very time sensitive. His proposal is to put solar on land adjacent to the Village at Rivers Edge. He has been approached by several solar firms who have asked about town land and adding solar panels there as well. It would be a separate project for us. We would be in a land lease situation. Our only involvement would be a leasing arrangement. He can't move forward unless we do this.

Jim L. said that he is concerned about us moving too fast. Jim T. said that we have no risk. Rob said that we can take the Gold St. well off. He had come to Jack before and Jack said it would be an

article for the fall. However, we have to be concerned about the timing and he needs to do it now.

Rob said the Zoning Bylaw Study Committee chair was concerned about the people at the Village at Rivers Edge not being informed, and having a hearing since it's short notice. The Planning Board is required to have a hearing.

Rob Garrity moved to reopen the warrant for the purposes of three additional articles. Jim Lehan seconded, and it was **so voted**.

Jack said he had a conversation with Harvey Boulay, and the Library will now be doing Passports. The State has ruled that Town Clerks cannot be a passport agent if they do vital records. The Library will need a Revolving Fund for \$5,000. The Board is supportive.

Rob Garrity moved to add this article for a revolving fund for the Library. Jim Tomaszewski seconded, and it was **so voted**.

The Board numbered the warrant. Jim Lehan moved to remove the Assessors article to fund the Data Collector as it is in the budget. Jim Tomaszewski seconded, and it was **so voted**.

Rob Garrity moved to remove the vehicle stabilization article. Jim Lehan seconded, and it was **so voted**.

Jack mentioned the letter the Town Meeting Technology Committee wanted sent to departments. Jack will forward to all the boards. The Board questioned the open meeting law and deliberation by board members on this site. The Board is concerned about what could be perceived as a debate.

Action Items

Jim Tomaszewski moved to approve the Easter sunrise service at the Norfolk Cemetery on Sunday, April 24th from 6-7 a.m. for the Federated Church. Rob Garrity seconded. Jim Lehan recused himself. It was **so voted**.

Jim Lehan moved to approve the NCL's Nearly New Sale to be held at the DPW on Saturday, May 21st at 8 a.m. Jim Tomaszewski seconded, and it was **so voted**.

Jim Lehan moved to grant permission to the Norfolk Garden Club to use the Town Hill and Bandstand for its annual perennial plant sale for Saturday, May 21st from 9 a.m. to noon. Jim Tomaszewski seconded, and it was **so voted**.

Jim Lehan moved to approve the annual Connor's Fun Run for Sunday, May 15th beginning at the H. O. Day School at 10 a.m. Jim Tomaszewski seconded, and it was **so voted**.

New Business

Jack discussed Paddocks and Corrals; conveyance of the deeds. Conservation Commission has signed off. This is Lot 71 where the house is going, not trails. The Selectmen executed the deed.

Dan Winslow will be having a forum on April 13th on the possibility of a federal prison to get residents input.

Jack reviewed the dog restraint order with the Board.

Jack discussed the insurance claim for a jacket torn at the Transfer Station.

Norfolk County Agricultural High School is charging \$2000 per student. They can charge back excess expenses to the towns. We got a bill in February that was \$14,000. No warning; just sent mid-year. At least we know they are charging \$2000 for next year. We only have 6 or 7 persons.

Bob McGhee is contacting Walpole as another inter-connection water source so we don't have to rely on Franklin.

Jim L. said he went to the CPC meeting. He updated them on what the Municipal Affordable Housing Trust is doing. They have 82 Main St., purchased property on Mirror Lake, and a tear down that they will be rebuilding. It won't be Habitat. Gumps Farm home will be renovated. Two parcels of land that they are working with the Planning Board on. Jim explained the uses for Gumps. It will not be a dirt bike trail as rumor has it.

At 9:13 p.m., Rob Garrity moved to go into Executive Session to consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property. Jim Tomaszewski seconded, and it was a roll call vote: Jim Tomaszewski, **aye**; Rob Garrity, **aye**; and Jim Lehan, **aye**. The Board will not return to open session except to adjourn the meeting.

At 9:19 p.m., Jim Tomaszewski moved to adjourn the meeting. Rob Garrity seconded, and it was **so voted**.

This is a true and accurate report of the Selectmen's Meeting of April 4, 2011.

James C. Lehan, Clerk