

# TOWN OF NORWELL



**ANNUAL TOWN REPORT 2018**

## TOWN DIRECTORY

EMERGENCIES: POLICE, FIRE, AMBULANCE ~ 911 659-7979

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, Secretary</u> .....	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

Paul H. Crowley	January 12, 2018	Norwell Little League Recreation Dept.
Barbara Jean Snow	January 21, 2018	Election Worker Norwell Citizen of the Year
Myles D. Cassidy	March 15, 2018	Development & Industrial Comm.
James E. Sullivan	June 6, 2018	Teacher Head coach of Football, Golf, Wrestling & Softball Teams
Herbert B. Fulton	Sept. 7, 2018	Board of Appeals Special Police Officer Ambulance Comm. PBMC Comm. Study Comm. Call Firefighter Call Fire Captain On Call Deputy Chief Civil Defense Director
Sara E. SaintOurs	Nov. 4, 2018	Water Dept. Treasurers Office
Arthur H. Vinal, Jr.	Dec. 30, 2018	No. River Comm. North & South Rivers Watershed Assoc.

# Town of Norwell

## Plymouth County

### Massachusetts

2018 Population 11,274, 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 4<sup>th</sup> District**  
Christopher A. Iannello, Jr. (D)

**Representative in Congress, 10<sup>th</sup> District**  
William R. Keating (D)

**County Commissioners**  
Sandra M. Wright (R)  
Daniel A. Pallotta (R)  
Gregory M. Hanley (D)

**State Representative, 5<sup>th</sup> Plymouth District**  
David F. DeCoste (R)

**State Senator, Norfolk & Plymouth District**  
Patrick O'Connor (R)

**Sheriff, Plymouth County**  
Joseph D. MacDonald (D)

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Judy Enright

## ELECTED OFFICIALS

### BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Robert	Allen	2021
Susan	Kirby	2020
Joan	Osborne	2019

### BOARD OF HEALTH

Peter M.	Dillon	2021
Natalya	Davis	2020
John O.	Litchfield	2019

### BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Alison	Demong	2021
Joe	Rull	2021
Ellen H.	Allen	2020
Gregg	McBride	2019
Jason	Brown	2019

### BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

Peter	Dillon	2020
Steven P.	Ivas	2020
Frederick H.	St. Ours	2019

### HIGHWAY SURVEYOR

Glen	Ferguson	2019
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### HOUSING AUTHORITY

John F.	Carnes, Jr.	2021
Charles	Markham	2021
Edward F.	Walsh, Jr.	2020
Nancy J.	Dooley	2019
Genevieve	Davis	2019

### MODERATOR

William C.	Coffey	2019
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### PLANNING BOARD

Jamie G	Crystal-Lowry	2021
Patrick	Campbell	2020
Brendan	Sullivan	2020
Don	Mauch	2019
Scott	Fitzgerald	2019

### PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Christine	Smith	2021
Monika F.	Brodsky	2021
Sarah C.	Summers	2020
Jeanne	Hagelstein-Ivas	2020
Victor M.	Posada	2019
Kathleen	Fitzgerald	2019

### SCHOOL COMMITTEE

MaryLou	O'Leary	2021
Kiersten H.	Warendorf	2020
Allison	Link	2020
Christina	Kane	2019
Patrick S.	Reed	2019

### TOWN CLERK

Patricia M.	Anderson	2020
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## TOWN OFFICIALS, BOARDS, DEPARTMENTS AND COMMISSIONS

### ADA COORDINATOR

Thomas	Barry
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mark	Cleveland	2020
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Harry	Solis	2020
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Susan	Powell	2019
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### ADVISORY BOARD

Kate	Steele	2021
Peter W.	Smellie	2021
Brian	Greenberg	2021
Julie	Sim	2021
Karen	Reynolds	2020

Mark C	Maiellano	2019
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Amy	Koch	2019
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Jane A.	Stout	2018
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Jacquelyn	McClellan	2018
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Tim	Greene	2018
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<b>ADVISORY BOARD NOMINATING COMMITTEE</b>		<b>1 YR</b>
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William C.	Coffey	2019
Mark	Maiellano	2019
Jason	Brown	2019

**AMBULANCE ABATEMENT COMMITTEE**

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

**ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER** **1 YR**  
*Brian Willard* 2019

**ASSESSORS OFFICE EMPLOYEES**

Barbara	Gingras	Ass't Assessor
Dawnell	Margro	Ass't to Assistant Assessor
Sharon	Oulette	Field Technician, Adm. Clerk

**ATHLETIC FIELDS COMMITTEE** **3 YR**

John	DiFrisco	2021
Jeannie	Burtch	2020
Kiersten	Warendorf	2020
David C.	Benedict	2019
Mary Beth	Shea	2019
Martin	Adams	2019
Glenn	Ferguson	2019

**BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE** **3 YRS**

Carolyn	Lundgren	2021
Joyanne R.	Bond	2020
Gillian	Parker	2020
Sarah	Baker	2020
Beth	Burke	2020
Ke	Zhao	2020
Suzanne	Jevne	2020
Jill	O'Loughlin	2020
Peg	Norris	2019
Robert H.	Norris	2019
Stephen	Muzrall	2018

**BOARD OF APPEALS** **3 YRS**

Philip Y.	Brown	2021
David L.	Turner	2020
Lois S.	Barbour	2019

**ASSOCIATE MEMBERS**

Thomas P.	Harrison	2021
Roy	Bjorlin	2021
Ralph J.	Rivkind	2020
Stephen	Bright	2020
Matthew	Greene	2019

**40B SPECIAL ASSOCIATE**

Patrick J.	Haraden	Duration
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**BOARD OF REGISTRARS** **3 YRS**

Mary	Cole	2021
James C.	Pinkham	2021
Patricia M.	Anderson	2020
Robert J.	Lannin	2019

**BUILDING OFFICE EMPLOYEES** **3 YRS**

Thomas	Barry	Inspector
Lisa	McDonough	Admin
Nicole	Pelletier	Admin
Tory	Koch	Admin

**BUILDING INSPECTOR ALT.**

John	Undzis	2021
Gerald	O'Neill	2019

**BURIAL AGENT** **3 YRS**

Patricia M.	Anderson	Town Clerk	2020
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**BY-LAW REVIEW COMMITTEE** **Duration**

Jason	Brown
Donald	Mauch
Lois S.	Barbour
John	Litchfield
Sally	Turner
Dave	Osborne

**CARLETON PROPERTY COMMITTEE** **Duration**

Alison	Demong	
Brendan	Sullivan	
Cliff	Prentiss	
Rich	Levitt	
Andy	Reardon	
Roger	Hughes	
John	Selby	
Tim	Timmermann	
Katelyn	White	
Becky	Freed	2018

**CABLE COMMITTEE** **3 YRS**

Stephen	Muzrall	2021
Andy	Reardon	2021
Joseph	Lipowski	2020
Gregg	McBride	2019
Jonathan	Grabowski	2018

**CAPITAL BUDGET COMMITTEE**

Stephen	Bright	2021
Tim	Greene	2021
Peter	Bloomfield	2020
Robert	Monahan	2020
Peter	Bloomfield	2020
Linda	Martin-Dyer	2019
Kimberley	Dall	2019
Brian	Greenberg	2018
Peter W.	Smellie	2018

**CEMETERY COMMITTEE**

Wendy	Bawabe	2020
Brian	Kelley	2020
Chad	Forman	2020
Steve	Maccini	n/a
Denise	Nestor	n/a

**COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES**

Patti M.	Nelson	2021
Janet	Johnson	2021
Laurie	Galvin	2020
Mary	Morin	2020
Jean	Scammel	2020
James	Kelliher	2020
Susan	Curtin	2019

**COMMUNITY HOUSING TRUST**

Patricia G.	Richardson	2020
Andy	Reardon	2020
Gregg	McBride	2020
Rob	Charest	2020
Cara	Hamilton	2020
Peter M.	Shea	2019
Liz	Hibbard	2019
Tricia	Lederer	Alt
Brian	D'Souza	2018
Ellen	McKenna	n/a

**COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE**

Rachel	Wollam	2021
Bob	McMackin	2021
Aleta	Scully	2021
Robert H.	Norris	2021
Julie	Gillis	2021
Rich	Levitt	2021
Patrick	Campbell	2020
Joan	Osborne	2018
Brendan	Recuperio	2018

**3 YRS**

David M.	Osborne	2018
Genevieve	Davis	State Rep. 2019
Ellen	McKenna	n/a

**COMPLETE STREETS COMMITTEE**

Joe	Rull	2021
Ellen	Moshier	2021
Peter	Bloomfield	2020
Chris	Madden	2019
Pat	Campbell	2019
Kevin	Cafferty	2019
Glenn	Ferguson	duration

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Ronald	Mott	2021
Bob	McMackin	2021
Roy	Bjorlin	2021
Justin	Ivas	2020
Robert	Woodill	2020
Marynel	Wahl	2019
Ellen	Markham	2019
Stacy	Minihane	2018
David M.	Osborne	2018

**CONSERVATION EMPLOYEES**

Nancy	Hemingway	duration
Meredith	Schmid	n/a
Nicole	Pelletier	n/a

**CONSTABLES**

Kevin J.	Dalton	2021
Adam	Loomis	2021
Michael C.	Moore	2021
David	Lewis	2020
Thomas C.	Scavitto	2019

**COUNCIL ON AGING**

Beata	Takahashi	2021
Francis	Kneeland	2021
John	Mahoney	2021
Maryellen	Arapoff	2020
Kate	Vaughan	2020
Allison	Hughan	2020
Lynne	Rose	2018
Wesley H.	Osborne, Jr.	2018
Edward	Cox	2018

**COUNCIL ON AGING EMPLOYEES**

Susan	Curtin	Director
Dalphina	Obert	Out Reach Coordinator
Deborah	Blackington	Program Coordinator

Judy	Kelly	Clerk
Linda	Boden	Receptionist
Robert	Mavilia	Van Driver
Betty	McNeil	Van Driver
Don	Tavaras	Van Driver
Stephen	Fitzpatrick	On Call Van Driver
Mark	Aigen	On Call Van Driver
David	Hoitt	On Call Van Driver

T. Andrew Reardon Chief

**FACILITY MANAGER**

Ted	Nichols	Facilities Manager
Steve	Fitzpatrick	Custodian (TH & COA)

**FENCE VIEWER**

Cliff	Prentiss	2019
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**CULTURAL COUNCIL**

**3 YRS**

Constance	Stone	2021
Nathalie	Vining	2021
Christine	Hudanich	2021
Cynthia A.	Wright	2021
Susan	Solis	2021
Ke	Zhao	2019
Susan	Vroman	2019
Lois	Athanasious	2018

**FIRE DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES**

T. Andrew	Reardon	Chief
Linda	Murphy	Executive Assistant

**CAPTAINS:**

Kenneth R.	Benting
David J.	Kean
Shane P.	McMahon
Jeffrey C.	Simpson

**FIRE FIGHTERS:**

Eric	Chiasson
Brian	Cole
John R.	Cushing
George P.	Doucette
JD	Dwyer
Sean	Ford
Jon M.	Healy
Jeffrey	Jacobson
Harry L.	Merritt
William J.	Milne
Jeannie N.	Reid
Michael B.	Ryan
Peter	Senatore
Dave	Smith
Michael	Teague

**CALL FIREFIGHTERS:**

Michael	Bearce
James	Majenski
John	Ward

**CUSHING MEMORIAL DIRECTORS**

**3 YRS**

Donna M.	Cunio	2021
James E.	Fitzgerald	2021
Patrick	Reed	2021
Laurie	Detwiler	2020
Paul S.	Tedeschi	2019

**CUSHING MEMORIAL EMPLOYEES**

MaryLou	O'Leary	Director
Diane	Townsend	Custodian

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

**3 YRS**

Richard A.	Merritt	2021
Rick	Goulding	2021
Joe	Rull	2021
Patrick	Campbell	2020
Stephen	Marsh	2019
Michael J.	Tobin	2019
Jesse	Carbone	2019

**ELECTRONIC VOTING COMMITTEE**

**Duration**

Jason	Brown	
William C.	Coffey	
Mary Beth	Shea	
Chad	Forman	
Gabriel	Ben-Yosef	
Jim	Kneeland	
Brendan	Recupero	
Patricia	Anderson	2020

**FOREST FIRE WARDEN**

T. Andrew Reardon Chief

**GAS & PLUMBING INSPECTOR**

Edward J.	Geswell	2019	
Edward J.	Geswell III	Alternate	2019
Michael	Hoadley	Alternate	2019
Gary A.	Young	Alternate	2018

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

**HARBORMASTER**

Ron	Mott	2018
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**HIGHWAY / TREE EMPLOYEES****3 YRS**

Glen	Ferguson	Director	2019
Joseph	Conlon	Ass't Director	
Mary	Hatcher	Administrator	
Denise	Nestor	Admin. Aide/Cemetery	

**HIGHWAY EMPLOYEES**

Rocco	Canale		
James	Contrino	Recycling,Part-Time	
Chris	Cowden		
Bill	Lavery		
Bonnie	Litchfield		
Steve	MaInnis		
James	Murphy		
Steve	Perona	Recycling,Part-Time	

**TREE EMPLOYEES**

George	Brazil
Shane	Gokey
Steve	Maccini
Phil	Murray
Mark	Smith
Peter	Smith

**HIGHWAY/TREE ENVIRONMENTAL AUDIT**

None

Peter	Morin	Town Administrator
Gregg	McBride	

**HISTORICAL COMMISSION****3 YRS**

David	DeGhetto	2021
Robert H.	Norris	2021
James	Kelliher	2021
Nancy	McBride	2020
Noel	Ripley	2020
Patricia	Shepherd	2019
Janet	Watson	2019

**HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGER**

Barbara	Childs
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**INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS****1 YR**

Brian	Willard	4/30/19
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**INSPECTOR OF WIRES****1 YR**

Charles	Palmeri	2019
John C.	Lunn	2019

**LIBRARY BUILDING COMMITTEE****Duration**

Scott	Brodsky
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Ellen	Allen
Jeanne	Ivas
Judy	McConarty
Laurence	Gogarty

**LIBRARY EMPLOYEES**

Judy	McConarty	Director, Librarian
Rachel	Breen	Assistant Director
Nancy	Perry	Children's Services Librarian
Diane	Rodriguez	Adult Services Librarian
Pam	Achille	Circulation Assistant
Donna	Keene	Circulation Assistant
Kathie	Lawrence	Circulation Assistant
Vicki	Rankin	Circulation Assistant
Aimee	Tyler	Circulation Assistant
Elizabeth	Hannah	Shelver
Tom	Fabrizo	Custodian
Joy	Kowenhoven	Sub - Circulation
Emily	Goodwin	Sub - Circulation
Kristina	Gilberti	Sub - Circulation

**MAPC****Duration**

Jason	Brown
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**MBTA ADVISORY BOARD****Duration**

Ellen	Allen
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**MUNICIPAL HEARING OFFICER**

Peter	Morin	Town Administrator
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**ALL ARE WELCOME COMMITTEE****Duration**

Avanti	Seymour
Beata	Takahashi
Molly	McKitrick
Betsy	Hilsinger
Adam	Kielhorn
Anulika	Nnadi
Jennifer	Greenberg
John	Galvin
Victor	Posada
Alexander	Cataldo

2018

**NORTH RIVER CLEANUP**

John G.	Marshall
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**NORTH RIVER COMMISSION****3 YRS**

Timothy	Simpson	2019
Dennis J.	Mahoney	2018

<b>NORTH RIVER PATROL</b>	<b>1 YR</b>	<i>Bruce</i>	<i>Melanson</i>	<i>Maintenance</i>
Joseph      Strazdes	2019			

<b>OPEN SPACE / RECREATION IMPLEMENTATION</b>	<b>Duration</b>
Marynel      Wahl	
Steve      Ivas	
Ken      Kirkland	
George      Grey	
Shana      Hallman	
Fred      Bousquet	
Nancy      Hemingway	

<b>OVERHEAD WIRE COMMITTEE</b>	<b>Duration</b>
David      DeGhetto	
Arthur      Joseph, Jr.	

<b>PARKING CLERK</b>	<b>Duration</b>
<i>Peter      Morin      Town Administrator</i>	

<b>PATHWAY COMMITTEE (Planning Board app't)</b>	<b>3 YR</b>
Bob      Woodill	2020
Pamela      Brake	2019
Brendan      Sullivan	2019
Kevin      Cafferty	2019
Christopher      Madden	2019
Brendan      Recupero	2018
Jim      Kelliher      at large	
Patrick      Palzkill      at large	

<b>PERMANENT BUILDING &amp; MAINTENANCE</b>	<b>3 YRS</b>
Laurence      Gogarty	2021
Scott      Brodsky	2021
Gary      Osborne	2020
Robert      Molla	2020
David      DeCoste	2019
Jeff      Fabrizio	2019

<b>PERMANENT DRAINAGE COMMITTEE</b>	<b>3 YRS</b>
Glenn      Ferguson	2019

<b>PERSONNEL BOARD</b>	<b>3 YRS</b>
Meghan      Steinberg	2020
Adrienne      Vavpetic	2019
<i>Barbara      Childs</i>	

<b>POLICE DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES</b>
<i>Theodore J.      Ross      Chief</i>
<i>Carol      Brzuszek      Deputy Chief</i>
<i>Marion      Kaskiewicz      Administrative Assistant</i>

**SERGEANT**

<i>Daniel</i>	<i>Dooley</i>	<i>Detective</i>
<i>Jeffrey</i>	<i>Johnson</i>	
<i>John</i>	<i>McDevitt</i>	
<i>William R.</i>	<i>Pasteris</i>	
<i>Bryan</i>	<i>Resnick</i>	
<i>John</i>	<i>Suurhans</i>	

**PERMANENT OFFICERS**

<i>Jacob</i>	<i>Campbell</i>	
<i>Kenneth</i>	<i>Camerota</i>	<i>(Firearms)</i>
<i>John</i>	<i>Carnes III</i>	
<i>William</i>	<i>Crowley</i>	
<i>Joseph</i>	<i>Esposito</i>	
<i>Sarah</i>	<i>Harding</i>	
<i>Kevin</i>	<i>McCurdy</i>	
<i>Shane</i>	<i>McNamara</i>	
<i>Francis N.</i>	<i>Molla, Jr.</i>	
<i>Nathan</i>	<i>Morena</i>	<i>(K-9)</i>
<i>Edward</i>	<i>Phelps</i>	<i>School Resource Officer</i>
<i>Kayla</i>	<i>Puricelli</i>	<i>Detective</i>
<i>Craig</i>	<i>Simpson</i>	
<i>Sean M.</i>	<i>Sutton</i>	

**CROSSING GUARDS**

<i>Autumn</i>	<i>Keene</i>
<i>Mary</i>	<i>Wood</i>

**CLERKS**

<i>Bianca</i>	<i>Clark</i>	
<i>Donna</i>	<i>Galvin</i>	
<i>Thomas</i>	<i>Paola</i>	
<i>Lizabeth</i>	<i>Reif</i>	
<i>Richard</i>	<i>Ronan</i>	
<i>Donna</i>	<i>Wright</i>	
<i>Derek</i>	<i>Campanelli</i>	<i>Sub</i>
<i>Andrew</i>	<i>Mahony</i>	<i>Sub</i>

**SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS**

<i>Derek</i>	<i>Campanelli</i>	2019
<i>Robert</i>	<i>Clark</i>	2019
<i>Matthew R.</i>	<i>Luccarelli</i>	2019
<i>William</i>	<i>Lynch</i>	2019
<i>Todd W.</i>	<i>McNaugh</i>	2019
<i>Robert M.</i>	<i>Meagher</i>	2019
<i>Urpo J. E.</i>	<i>Nurmenniemi</i>	<i>Retired Sergeant 2018</i> 2019
<i>Thomas</i>	<i>Paola</i>	2019
<i>Nicholas</i>	<i>Pike</i>	2019
<i>Justin</i>	<i>Ross</i>	2019
<i>Ryan</i>	<i>Small</i>	2019
<i>Brian</i>	<i>Willard</i>	2019

Neil Merritt, Alt

**FORMER EMPLOYEES worked in 2018**

Ernest	Anastasio	Special Police Officer
Ronald	Fires	Sergeant/Retired
Paige	Lambert	Special Police Officer
Mary	Merritt	Clerk/Retired
Brandon	Sanders	Special Police Officer

**RECREATION COMMISSION 3 YRS**

Matthew	Greene	2021
Aleta	Scully	2021
Shana	Hallman	2020
Christopher	Madden	2019
Gary	Schaffer	2019

**RECREATION EMPLOYEES**

George	Grey	Director
Judy	Volpe	Program Coordinator

**RECYCLING COMMITTEE 3 YR**

Carole P.	McCarthy	2021
Anne	Fridgen-Traft	2020
Vicky E.	Spillane	2018
Marjorie J.	Dorney	2018
Susan	Davis	2018
Holly Mayer	Wenger	2018

**SEALER WEIGHTS & MEASURES 1 YR**

Robert	Egan	2019
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**SENIOR TAX RELIEF COMMITTEE 3 YRS**

Judith	Kelly	2021
Maureen	Melanson	2021
Darleen	Sullivan	2020
Robert	Monahan	2019
Joan	Osborne	2019

**SIGN-ZONING OFFICER**

Tom	Barry	Building Inspector
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**REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DIST. 3 YRS**

Robert L.	Molla, Jr.	2021
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**STATE ETHICS COMMISSION Duration**

Robert W.	Galvin, Esq., Asst
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**STORM WATER PHASE II COMMITTEE Duration**

Glen	Ferguson	2019
Greg	McBride	
Jack R.	McGinnis, Alt.	

**STORM WATER COMMITTEE 3 YRS**

Glen	Ferguson	2019
John R.	McInnis	

**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR EMPLOYEES**

Peter	Morin	Town Administrator
Lynda	Allen	Executive Asst. to Town Admin.
Ellen	McKenna	Admin. Aide

**TOWN ACCOUNTANT EMPLOYEES 3 YRS**

Donna G.	Mangan	Town Accountant	2019
Nancy	Dooley	Assistant Town Accountant	
Ellen	Nurmenniemi	Accounts Payable	

**TOWN CLERK EMPLOYEES 3 YRS**

Patricia M.	Anderson	2020
Laurie A.	Davis	Assistant Town Clerk
Jean	Valicenti	Admin. Assistant

**TOWN COUNSEL**

Robert W.	Galvin, Esq.
Robert E.	Galvin, Esq., Asst

**TOWN TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE 1 YR**

Peter	Morin	duration
Warren	MacCullum	2019
Steven	Peden	2019
Matthew H.	Power	2019
Marynel	Wahl	2019
Mark	Reagan	2019
Gabriel	Ben-Yosef	2019

**TREASURER / COLLECTOR EMPLOYEES**

Darleen	Sullivan	Treasurer	
Mary K.	Merritt	Asst. Treasurer	
Colleen	Sampson	Deputy Collector	
Alice	Bellefontaine	Payroll	
Juli	Bethony	Benefits	2018

**TRAFFIC STUDY COMMITTEE 3 YRS**

T. Andrew	Reardon	
Theodore J.	Ross	
Ellen	Moshier	2020
Gregg	McBride	2019
Glenn	Ferguson	2019

**TRENCH INSPECTOR Duration**

<i>Glenn</i>	<i>Ferguson</i>		2019	<b>WATER DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES</b>		
				<i>John R.</i>	<i>McInnis</i>	<i>Water Superintendent</i>
<b>VETERAN'S AGENT</b>			<b>1 YR</b>	<i>Donna</i>	<i>Snow</i>	<i>Admin Support</i>
<i>David M.</i>	<i>Osborne</i>		2019	<i>Amanda</i>	<i>Kayiales</i>	<i>Meter Reader/Clerk</i>
				<i>Allen</i>	<i>Perlin</i>	<i>Treatment Plant Manager</i>
<b>VETERAN'S GRAVE OFFICER</b>			<b>1 YR</b>	<i>Marc</i>	<i>Spinella</i>	<i>Treatment Plant Operator</i>
<i>David M.</i>	<i>Osborne</i>		2019	<i>Scott</i>	<i>O'Keefe</i>	<i>Distribution System Mechanic</i>
				<i>John</i>	<i>McGloin</i>	<i>Distribution System Mechanic</i>
<b>WATER SUPPLY STUDY COMMITTEE</b>				<i>Steve</i>	<i>Gatanti</i>	<i>Distribution System Foreman</i>
<i>Glen</i>	<i>Ferguson</i>	<i>Highway Dept.</i>	2019	<i>Brian</i>	<i>Wells</i>	<i>Distribution System Mechanic</i>

### REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

In May of 2018, the Board welcomed re-elected Selectman Alison Demong and new Selectman Joseph Rull. Ellen Allen was elected Chair, Gregg McBride Vice Chair and Alison Demong Clerk. One of the principal responsibilities of the Board is to appoint residents to numerous committees and then work with them on strategic priorities. Highlights of these in 2018:

- 1) Carleton Property: The Board negotiated the purchase of the 124 acre Carleton Property, which surrounds the intersection of Main and Lincoln Streets. In May, Town Meeting voted to use Community Preservation Act (CPA) funds for this long-desired acquisition. The Carleton Property Committee was established and commenced developing recommendations for CPA-permitted uses of this beautiful property.
- 2) Buildings: Thanks to the efforts of the Community Housing Trust, construction began on the affordable senior housing project at 40 River St. The Library Building Committee prepared for construction of the new Norwell Public Library, which will break ground in 2019. The Selectmen and School Department started assessing the possibility of combining the Town Hall and Sparrell Building offices.
- 3) Economic Development & Housing: In an effort to develop additional non-residential property taxes, the Board used state grants to commission an economic development study of Accord Park and Queen Anne's Corner by the Metropolitan Area Planning Council. MAPC presented its recommendations in December and further input was provided by Secretary of Housing and Economic Development Jay Ash and South Shore Chamber of Commerce President Peter Forman. All emphasized the importance of incorporating workforce housing to attract new development. The Selectmen will work in 2019 with the Economic Development Committee, Planning Board and Housing Trust to evaluate the specific recommendations of MAPC.
- 4) Traffic: Multiple traffic matters were addressed by the Board together with the Traffic Study Committee. An assessment of traffic speeds and truck volume on major roads commenced. The Board initiated discussions with the Town of Hanover and PREP, the redeveloper of Hanover Mall, primarily to address traffic impacts on South St.
- 5) Pedestrian Enhancement: The Complete Streets Committee obtained a \$200,000 state grant to fund part of the extension of the Main St. sidewalk toward Town Center.

None of these efforts would have been possible without the work of many talented town employees. The Board especially thanks Town Administrator Peter Morin for his skillful management of the town's business and the experience and guidance he provides. In addition, we greatly appreciate the work of Lynda Allen, Executive Assistant to the Town Administrator and Ellen McKenna, Administrative Assistant. They provide essential support for all that the Board does.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ellen H. Allen, Chair of the Board of Selectmen

## **REPORT OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR**

I am pleased to provide this report on 2018, a very active year for the Town of Norwell. Alison Demong was re-elected to the Board of Selectmen and Joe Rull was newly elected. Ellen Allen was elected Chairmen of the Board, while Gregg McBride was elected Vice Chair and Alison Demong was elected Clerk.

The Annual Town Meeting convened on May 7, 2018 to consider nine articles on the Special warrant and 37 on the Annual. The residents completed their review of the warrant in a single session and approved a \$54,076,496 budget. The Town Meeting also approved the use of Community Preservation funds to purchase 124 acres of land off Main Street known as the Carleton Property. The Board of Selectmen appointed a committee to study the appropriate disposition of this land. The Town also approved \$616,000 in capital expenditures, \$200,000 in matching funds for a \$300,000 Complete Streets sidewalk project, \$290,000 in drainage and \$595,000 to improve town roads. Articles were also approved to transfer sums into the OPEB Trust, Special Education Stabilization and Capital Stabilization Funds.

In October 2018, the state Department of Revenue certified free cash at \$2,062,544 about half coming from unanticipated revenue and the remainder from unspent appropriations. Through the efforts of the Director of Finance, the Treasurer Collector and the Advisory Board, the Town remained in compliance with its Reserve, Debt Management and Investment policies. The Town continued to maintain its AAA bond rating and received an award from the Massachusetts Government Finance Officers for excellence in financial reporting.

A \$250,000 state Green Communities grant was used install energy efficient lighting in the schools. This will control energy expenses. The Town completed a transition into the Massachusetts Interlocal Insurance Association. Employees will continue to be provided traditional coverage through Blue Cross Blue Shield, while membership in a larger, more selective joint purchasing group will provide cost stability.

Collective bargaining agreements have been completed with all unions and contracts with all department heads have been completed as well.

The aforementioned achievements were only possible due to the invaluable assistance of Executive Assistant to the Town Administrator Lynda Allen, and Administrative Assistant Ellen McKenna. Their patience and persistence in meeting the myriad of challenges presented to the Town Administrator's Office cannot be understated. They are just two members of an outstanding workforce in Norwell. I am privileged to work in such an outstanding community.

Respectfully submitted,  
Peter J. Morin, Town Administrator

## **REPORT OF TOWN COUNSEL**

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

The office of Town Counsel provides general legal services and representation to the town of Norwell in its corporate capacity, to town officials and department heads, and boards, commissions and committees in their performance of their official duties.

The specific duties of Town Counsel are described in the Norwell Town Charter and Bylaws involve the provision of the following types of legal 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 (e) issuance of advisory opinions and ethical opinions to public officials and employees.

During the past year, the town's significant legal matters have involved attending town meetings, continuing to litigate appeals of an affordable housing project at White Barn Lane, assisting with the veterans' housing project at River Street, advising on land acquisition related matters, supporting the Bylaw Review Committee and its codification of the bylaws, and providing general advice to town officials, boards and commissions.

Each year, I commend the town's elected and appointed officials, boards and commissions who, once again this year, have volunteered their time and effort to make this community a wonderful place to work and live. This year is no difference. This year like last continues to be a period of relative calm with litigation which allows us all to focus on positive productive projects.

During the reporting period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018, there have been a number of cases that have concluded or remain active.

A complete listing of all these cases is available through the Town Administrator or Board of Selectmen.

In addition to litigation, I render legal services in the following manner: (a) provide written and oral opinions, (b) examined titles and/or completed land acquisition or disposition projects, including review of licenses and easements, (c) appeared before state administrative agencies, (d) rendered ethics opinions and advice, (e) prepared and recorded deeds and easements, (f) assisted in the preparation of warrants and attended town meetings.

In conclusion, I wish to express my gratitude in particular to each of the members of the Board of Selectmen for their support and confidence, Town Administrator, Peter Morin, for his dedication and sage guidance to the town, Police Chief, Ted Ross, and Fire Chief, Andy Reardon, Highway Surveyor, Glenn Ferguson, the entire Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Board, Town Planner, Ken Kirkland, the Bylaw Review Committee, Building Inspector, Tom Barry, the Finance Director, Donna Mangan, the Board of Assessors and Assessor, Barbara Gingras, as well as our Moderator, Bill Coffey, and our Town Clerk, Pat Anderson, as well as their staffs for their support.

Respectfully submitted,  
Robert W. Galvin, Town Counsel

### **REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS/ZONING OFFICER**

In 2018, the Building Department experienced another productive year with building permit applications for new homes, alteration to existing homes, also commercial sign permits and commercial alterations within the town, the town's business districts and the two office parks. The Building Department continues to receive permit applications at a steady pace. Some of the town's 40B projects are well into construction, some nearing completion; others are pending. The Building Department has begun a "soft" introduction/implementation of the automated "public view" process, for property owners and the public on-line to enhance customer service,

increase access to our street files, project records and documents more proficiently. We are also grateful and thankful to the seniors that have volunteered their time to assist the department.

New Homes	20	New Buildings	0
Alterations/Renovations/Additions	150	Alterations/Renovations/Additions	30
Roofs/Siding/Windows/Doors/ Garage Doors/Gutters/Trim/Stairs/ Ramps	118	Roofs/Siding/Windows/Doors/ Garage Doors/Gutters/Trim/Stairs/ Ramps	5
Decks/Pool/Pool Houses/Sheds/ Tree Houses	36	Decks/Pool/Pool Houses/Sheds/ Tree Houses	0
Barns/Garages	3	Barns/Garages	0
Energy Upgrades/Weatherization/ Mitigation	72	Energy Upgrades/Weatherization/ Mitigation	1
HVAC/Mechanical	22	HVAC/Mechanical	8
Tents	3	Tents	2
Fireplaces/Stoves	10	Fireplaces/Stoves	0
Chimneys	12	Chimneys	0
Demo	3	Demo	2
Solar	12	Solar	2
Foundations	24	Foundations	0
Fences	1	Fences	1
Docks	0	Docks	0
Signs	1	Signs	18
Cell Tower Repairs	0	Cell Tower Repairs	4
Sprinkler Repairs/Installation	1	Sprinkler Repairs/Installation	4
Elevators	1	Elevators	1

Respectfully submitted,  
 Thomas M. Barry, Inspector of Buildings/Zoning Officer  
 Nicole Pelletier, Administrative Secretary

### **PLUMBING AND GAS DEPARTMENT**

The Division of Inspectional Services has issued 195 plumbing and 252 gas permits during the 2018 calendar year. These permits facilitated a variety of project scopes including, though not limited to: residential renovations, commercial fit-ups, new construction, gas-to-electric conversions, and generator installations.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Thomas M. Barry, Inspector of Buildings/Zoning Officer  
 Michael Hoadley, Alternate Plumbing/Gas Inspector

### **WIRING INSPECTOR**

The Office of the Inspector of Wires processed approximately 585 electrical permits during calendar year 2018. This is slightly higher than the number of permits filed during calendar year 2017. 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, alternative energy installations and standby generators.

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, 8:00AM to 10:00 AM.

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. Any and all changes to the Town's zoning bylaw must go through public hearings held by the Planning Board prior to Town Meeting, be approved by a two-thirds vote of Town Meeting, and pass a subsequent review by the Office of the Attorney General of the Commonwealth.

During calendar year 2018, the Board of Appeals scheduled eighteen (18) regular and special meeting dates to conduct its business and public hearings on a total of twenty-three (23) applications under M.G.L. c. 40A and c. 40B, the Norwell Zoning Bylaw, and its Rules and Regulations. Most residential applications are closed in one evening with public hearings on certain commercial applications continued over one or more meeting nights. The 2018 applications include the following requested zoning relief:

Comprehensive Permit modifications	Approved	3
Sign Variance	Approved	3
Site Plan/ SP: Bus District C	Approved	1
Site Plan mod: Bus District C	Approved	2
Site Plan/ V: Business District C	Approved	1
Site Plan: Business District B	Withdrawn	1
Special Permit: Bus District C	Approved	1
Special Permit/Section 6 Finding: Commercial	Withdrawn	1
Special Permit/Section 6 Finding: Residential	Approved	13
Special Permit: In-Law	Approved	2
Variance: Residential	Withdrawn	1

The Town holds escrow provided by each developer for 40B and Site Plan applications and 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 Comprehensive Permit and Site Plan Review projects on behalf of the Town.

In July 2017, the Board of Appeals approved the Town's most recent Comprehensive Permit for eighteen (18) senior housing rental units at 40 River Street, the site of the former police station. As the proposed



development is for rental apartments, 100% of the units would count toward meeting the Town's 10% affordable housing requirement. As of writing of this report, initial site work has been completed and the retaining wall and building foundation has been poured. Construction is anticipated to be completed for occupancy in late 2019.

Construction is completed at 239 Washington Street on the 40B project originally permitted in October 2003. The Norwell Inspector of Buildings has issued forty (40) Certificates of Occupancy for all permitted units. The Board awaits approval of the Final As-Built plans that is still in process.

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 six (6) units under construction and seven (7) units completed with Certificates of Occupancy issued.

Construction of the Tiffany Hill 40B project on property now known as Hillcrest Circle located off Tiffany Road, commenced in Fall 2014 under a Comprehensive 40B Permit, filed with the Town Clerk on June 21, 2004, with subsequent modifications, allowing a total of twenty-four (24) units of which six (6) are to be affordable. The Norwell Inspector of Buildings has issued building permits for five (5) units under construction and twelve (12) units completed with Certificates of Occupancy issued.

The litigation filed by abutters 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, was resolved on February 20, 2015. Although no final construction plans have been submitted, the Applicant met with the Board of Appeals in early 2018 to request a two-year extension of the Comprehensive Permit that was granted. The Applicant must still obtain a number of permits from other permitting authorities before final construction plans will be submitted for review by the Town's consultant and construction can begin. As the proposed development is for rental apartments, 100% of the units would count toward meeting the Town's 10% affordable housing requirement.

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. Litigation is still pending.

The Board also has outstanding litigation with appeals of its decisions on properties located at Stony Brook Lane and 59 Pond Street.

The Board's application filing fees collected during 2018 totaled \$13,750.00 and were added to the Town's general funds to help offset application review costs. The Board returned unused \$943.65 of its allocated FY 2018 budget of \$1,647.00 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.

In 2018, the Board welcomed three new associate members to the Board of Appeals, Roy W. Bjorlin, Matthew H. Greene, and Stephen T. Bright, who are filling out the number of associates allowed under the Town's General Bylaw. These are the first new associate members appointed since March 2008. The two longest-serving members of the current Board of Appeals were appointed in October 2001.

Our former Zoning Office administrative assistant, Tori Koch, has moved on to another position at Town Hall. We wish to extend our thanks for her assistance and wish her well in her new position.

The Board wishes to extend its thanks and appreciation to Building and Zoning Office administrative assistants Lisa McDonough and Nicole Pelletier, who are new to those positions and have adapted quickly and enthusiastically to their responsibilities. We also wish to thank senior volunteers and Inspector of Buildings, Tom Barry, for continuing support over the past year. The Board also wishes to acknowledge various Town boards, commissions, and departments for technical assistance and recommendations provided on applications throughout the year. Finally, we gratefully acknowledge the support of Town Counsel Robert W. Galvin who continues to provide advice and counsel, as well handling of the Board's litigation matters.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lois S. Barbour, Chair  
Philip Y. Brown, Vice-Chair  
David Lee Turner, Clerk  
Associate members:  
Thomas P. Harrison  
Ralph J. Rivkind, Assistant Clerk  
Roy W. Bjorlin  
Matthew H. Greene  
Stephen T. Bright

### **2018 BIRTHS RECORDED IN NORWELL IN 2018**

Total number of births: 105

Number of boys: 43

Number of girls: 62

### **2018 MARRIAGES RECORDED IN NORWELL IN 2018**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name of Party A</u>	<u>Name of Party B</u>
January		
5	Pavel Vasilyevich Budko of Norwell	Ekaterina Valeryevna Chistyakova of Norwell
19	David Edward Kingsley of Brockton	Krystal Marie Holbrook of Brockton
20	David Kenneth Leitch of Norwell	Rachyl Marie Goodine of Norwell
27	Diego Duarte Magnus of Norwell	Carolina Jasmira Romano of Norwell
February		
14	John Wayne Wood of Norwell	Jennifer Paige Zollin of Norwell
16	Manny Lopes of Brockton	Carmenzinda Andrade Barbosa Vicente of Brockton
April		
27	Justen Michael Brown of Dedham	Isabella Ann Suazo of Upton
May		
27	Brendon James Finn of Norwell	Tara Jordan of Norwell
June		
9	Derik Brandyn Hines of Buzzards Bay	Sydney Erin Rimmer of Buzzards Bay

9	Stephen Phillip Smink of Norwell	Alessandra Cristina Nocera of Norwell
19	Michael Patrick Conlon of Scituate	Wendy Lynne Marshall of Scituate
23	Scott James Howard of Norwell	Letitia Frances Wierzbicki of Norwell
30	Gerald Philip Good III of Norwell	Samantha Marie Aupperlee of Arlington

July

6	Bryan Michael Maskell of Weymouth	Kathryn Jane Farquharson of Weymouth
16	Michael Jian Liu of Norwell	Feifei Ling of Norwell

August

4	Robert Andrew Von Hagen of NY	Katelin Rosemarie Kelly of NY
17	Andrew John Lyons of Norwell	Kirstie Lyn St.Martin of Norwell
18	Nicholas John Thomson of Norwell	Anna Rose Germanotta of Norwell
19	Scott Michael Oberg of Norwell	Tracy Ann Belanger of RI
19	John Albert McGrale of Marshfield	Megan Elizabeth Bagley of Marshfield

September

7	John Alden Burnheimer of Norwell	Amanda Eleanor Miller of Norwell
8	Kevin Joseph McLaughlin of Boston	Danielle Renee D'Andrea of Boston
8	David Jonathan Moyle of NZ	Heidi Lee Gordon of NZ
15	Nathan Howard Fontes of Plymouth	Jaclyn Diane Berg of Norwell
15	James Carlos Bennett III of Norwell	Theresa Marie Ponds of Norwell
15	James Patrick Mellen of Norwell	Kelly Ann Arabia of Norwell
21	Christopher Joseph Mota of Fall River	Victoria Mildred Versiackas of Brighton

October

1	Michael Edward Morse of Norwell	Sheva Mirdamadi-Tehrani of Norwell
6	Brian Christopher Ware of Norwell	Lauren Kara Winn of Norwell
19	Mark Michael Brulport of Norwell	Kelly Anne Rafferty of Norwell
27	Christopher Brian Daugherty of Norwell	Amanda Virginia Hill of Norwell

November

2	Meredith Paige Bowns of Norwell	Sara Beth Fernandes of Norwell
3	Glenn Oliver Amundsen of London, UK	Burcu Bora of London, UK
4	Arthur Heald Vinal Jr. of Norwell	Barbara Loschiavo Van Dingstee of Norwell
10	Shaun Patrick Daly of Norwell	Laura Christine Powers of Norwell
30	Renato Shehu of Norwell	Lya Raquel Lopes Alencar of Melrose

December

31	Nicholas Charles Bryan of Boston	Lindsay Marie Ellis of Boston
31	Robert Christopher Napolitano of Norwell	Jenna Marie Gray of Norwell

**2018 DEATHS RECEIVED IN NORWELL IN 2018**

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Age</u></b>	<b><u>Residence</u></b>
January			
3	Mary E. Parsons	63	Norwell
4	Emidio F. Giancristiano	93	Norwell
8	Mary L. Wilkins	89	Hanover
9	Lillian F. Kilroy	91	Weymouth
9	Robert George Dion	80	Hull
9	Donald Raymond Files	87	Duxbury

11	Louise M. Westfall	72	Norwell
13	Joan D. Garrity	81	Norwell
20	Rosalie T. Spitz-Hovig	92	Scituate
21	Barbara Jean Snow	88	Norwell
22	Judith E. Jacobson	72	Norwell
28	Janet M. Donadio	78	Norwell
February			
4	Virginia M. McParland	84	Rockland
7	Brenda J. Bregoli	66	Norwell
8	Florence Kernen	102	Hanover
8	Andrew James Lawson	27	Norwell
8	Geraldine F. Marino	93	Marshfield
9	Xinmin Wu	60	Norwell
14	Carlo S. Cuccia	93	Norwell
16	Maureen C. Kelly	78	Weymouth
20	Eleanor H. Bertrand	95	Norwell
23	William Valanzola	62	Norwell
24	Minnie C. Argentina	102	Norwell
March			
1	Doris Compton	97	Norwell
2	Richard H. Davis	84	Norwell
5	Christopher Edward Tusi	25	Norwell
12	Gerard F. Thornell Jr.	76	Norwell
17	Barry L. Keenan	66	Norwell
18	Sarah McLeod O'Malley	63	Mashpee
20	Richard Gascoyne Cresswell	93	Norwell
20	Kathryn T. Cooke	89	Whitman
20	John H. Suurhans	75	Norwell
20	Barbara Jean Molinari	87	Norwell
20	Francis G. Tivnan	91	Hull
20	Veronica A. Manzella	90	Rockland
21	Bernice T. Vitello	85	Weymouth
23	Francis E. Mullen	85	Norwell
23	Thomas A. Reilly	82	Marshfield
28	Ernest D. Chambers	75	Norwell
29	Alice B. Collins	97	Norwell
31	Rose M. Stout	49	Norwell
April			
3	Bernard Francis Gregoire	81	Hingham
4	Dorothy Barbara Oliveira	79	Norwell
10	William J. Armstrong	87	Norwell
12	Frederick F. O'Donovan Jr.	51	Norwell
13	Judith A. Parrott	77	Rockland
23	Neil F. McBride	80	Weymouth
29	Janet Marie Conboy	79	Norwell
May			
1	Eleanor Sullivan	97	Norwell
2	Catherine M. Meuse	83	Marshfield
4	Mary Ellen Haskell	81	Braintree
5	Elaine Sylvia Defilippo	80	Rockland
5	Bernadette Whitney	84	Hanover
5	Richard Carton	79	Hanover

8	Laverne French	94	Norwell
9	Delores Woods	83	Hanover
10	Emma Oronte	98	Norwell
10	Mary Elizabeth Eaton	90	Weymouth
10	Hugh W. O'Connor	88	Duxbury
12	Elaine F. Smead	76	Hanson
12	Madelyn L. Madow	75	Norwell
13	Virginia M. Fay	90	Dedham
16	Rose Arlene Johnson	94	Norwell
20	Lawrence D. Gaughan	68	Norwell
24	Howard A. Cole	87	Norwell
June			
1	Samuel C. Bitetti	68	Norwell
6	Charles Larry Anderson	83	Norwell
12	Jeanne E. Calnan	86	Rhode Island
12	Guy P. Deluca	92	Hingham
15	Janet Hickey	69	Norwell
16	Geoffrey A. Bullock	65	Norwell
18	Janet F. Carter	78	Hingham
21	Roland Robert Rodrigues	87	Norwell
22	Jean Ann Curran Traverse	84	Halifax
23	Wilma G. Fleming	100	Weymouth
23	Warren A. Yanarella	87	Norwell
25	Evelyn A. Gilmore	94	Norwell
29	Joan L. O'Neill	65	Norwell
July			
1	Rita T. Boyle	93	Norwell
5	Mary Elizabeth Murphy	85	Norwell
6	Anna C. Marchesiani	90	Norwell
6	Mary E. Dincecco	59	Norwell
7	Anna Cecilia Wallace	90	Duxbury
13	Rosemarie Spano	83	Norwell
20	Ruth Hastings	90	Norwell
21	Lionel Alfred Lumaghini	65	Norwell
22	Thomas F. Allen Jr.	78	Hanover
26	Bruce Fletcher Meacham	70	Norwell
27	Annette M. Everett	78	Norwell
28	Eileen J. Tobin	99	Norwell
30	Bradley C. Dibona	66	Norwell
August			
4	Theresa M. Bartolucci	90	Norwell
4	Karl E. Bilewski	87	Weymouth
5	Joan T. McCormick	88	Hingham
12	Donald O. Devine	83	Plymouth
20	Robert Warren Himberg	91	Norwell
22	William P. Cosgrove	89	Boston
22	Olga Smith	96	Norwell
24	Marilyn Browne	82	Norwell
25	Denise J. Rachel	64	Norwell
29	Antoinette Ethel Stimpson	102	Abington
29	Johannes Harald Falk Songdahl III	22	Norwell

September

3	Maureen A. Morse	77	Norwell
4	Alice Jane Fredo	90	Norwell
7	Susan M. Fitzgerald	52	Hanson
7	Paul R. Sorenson III	69	Norwell
7	Herbert Barrie Fulton	81	Norwell
8	Lotte Trevisani	82	Norwell
17	Marilyn A. Cote	92	Hanover
17	Thomas E. Cone	61	Norwell
21	Frederick Leroy Clark	89	Rockland
21	Ilene Marie Hanlon	73	Norwell
22	Catherine A. Berlo	85	Norwell
27	Margaret Maloney	89	Scituate
30	Emily M. Donlon	84	Hanover

October

5	Maryellen Lambert	72	Norwell
7	Joseph Jencyowski	61	Scituate
16	Hilda Theresa Lynskey	85	Weymouth
16	Edward F. Mosher II	85	Norwell
17	Eleanore L. Gowen	91	Norwell
18	Maureen Wilson	72	Barnstable
21	Mary J. Fortin	89	Pembroke
25	Joseph E. Peck	66	Carver
26	Paul Russell Nelson	71	Norwell
27	Kevin M. Long	37	Norwell
28	Olive Margaret Taylor	92	Norwell

November

1	Mary Ann Jordan	71	Norwell
10	Judith Kelley	77	East Bridgewater
12	Dorothea Klier	86	Marshfield
18	Anna M. Kelley	96	Hull
27	Joan H. Adley	78	Kingston
29	Frances F. Bates	91	Braintree
30	Janice A. Bancroft	77	Hanover

December

2	Stephen Richard Bilbo	86	Scituate
2	Robert D. Fader	81	Duxbury
4	Elizabeth P. Foley	85	Hanson
7	Jeannine D. Armstrong	86	Hingham
8	William Joseph Payton	63	Bridgewater
11	John A. Ritsher	88	Norwell
13	Dixie Chin	74	Norwell
15	Carol Ann Tibaldi	69	Norwell
17	David R. Hulbert	55	Norwell
21	Gabriel R. Maimaron	85	Quincy
21	Sherman M. Smith	81	Norwell
23	Phyllis D. Murray	88	Weymouth
24	Jean Morel	91	Scituate
26	Madelyn J. Ward	99	Norwell
26	Loretta M. Drummy	78	Norwell
30	Arthur H. Vinal Jr.	70	Norwell

### DEATHS BROUGHT INTO TOWN FOR BURIAL IN 2018

<u>Date of Death</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Place of Death</u>	<u>Place of Burial</u>
Nov. 13, 2001	Ernst Meyer		First Parish
April 25, 2014	Earle Llewellyn Nash, Jr.	N. Attleboro	Church Hill
Feb. 12, 2015	Edward Correia	Florida	Church Hill
March 30, 2015	Gary Lawrence Meade	Illinois	Church Hill
August 8, 2016	Margaret L. Morley-Christ	Scituate	Stetson Meadows
Dec. 4, 2017	Joyce M. Paradis	Lexington	First Parish
Dec. 12, 2017	Harriet L. Meyer	Maryland	First Parish
Jan. 9, 2018	Roger A. Graden	Pennsylvania	Washington St.
Jan. 12, 2018	Paul H. Crowley	Pembroke	Washington St.
Jan. 13, 2018	Christopher P. Hindley	Rockland	Washington St.
Feb. 8, 2018	James A. Kean	Weymouth	Stetson Meadows
March 23, 2018	John L. D'Angelo	Boston	Washington St.
April 13, 2018	Audrey Bills	Stoughton	Washington St.
April 25, 2018	Roseanna V. Haugh	Barnstable	Washington St.
May 24, 2018	J. Lewis Quinn	Hudson	Stetson Meadows
June 1, 2018	Dennis Diauto	Boston	Washington St.
June 4, 2018	Keith A. Paulding	Marion	Washington St.
June 14, 2018	Paul R. Betts	Weymouth	Washington St.
July 1, 2018	Donald F. Riel	Florida	Washington St.
July 21, 2018	Catherine C. Craven	Boston	Washington St.
July 22, 2018	Kep Van Nguyen	Milton	Washington St.
July 25, 2018	Speranza J. Denicola	Hingham	Washington St.

July 31, 2018	Howard B. Larsen	Boston	Washington St.
Aug. 10, 2018	Ann E. Kelsey	Hingham	Washington St.
Aug. 31, 2018	Allen W. Merritt Jr.	Wrentham	Washington St.
Sept. 15, 2018	Virginia A. Miller	New Hampshire	Washington St.
Oct. 10, 2018	Thomas D. Cann	Plymouth	Washington St.
Oct. 18, 2018	Michael E. Williams	Boston	Stetson Meadows
Oct. 25, 2018	Charles H. Baldwin Jr.	N. Carolina	Washington St.
Nov. 13, 2018	Regina M. Griffin	Milton	Stetson Meadows
Nov. 27, 2018	Brian W. Clark	California	Stetson Meadows
Dec. 1, 2018	Margaret A. Christie	New Hampshire	Washington St.
Dec. 10, 2018	Joan M. Rice	Wakefield	Washington St.
Dec. 12, 2018	Gloria A. Broderick	Scituate	Washington St.
Dec. 20, 2018	Marie F. Pratt	Scituate	Washington St.

**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 7, 2018  
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 7, 2018  
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 seventh day of May, 2018 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 7, 2018, 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 781-659-8072.

**Town of Norwell  
Report of the Advisory Board  
2018 Special and Annual Town Meeting**

To the Citizens of Norwell:

On Monday May 7, 2018, 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, 2018. During the annual Town Meeting, the citizens of Norwell will vote on a budget for Fiscal Year 2019, as well as many other matters of interest to the Town. These matters include consideration of bylaw changes, proposed capital improvements, \$3.8 million from Community Preservation funds to purchase the 124 acre Carleton Property, and an appropriation to fund both the engineering and design for relocation of the Town's administrative offices to the Sparrell Building and a new combined Highway and Trees and Grounds facility. 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 several months of hearings with town departments and careful consideration of all materials provided.

The proposed FY19 budget is balanced, utilizes reliable revenue estimates and does not rely on any nonrecurring 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 Ellen McKenna for her outstanding support to the Advisory Board.

We look forward to seeing you at Town Meeting on May 7, 2018!

Sincerely,

The Norwell Advisory Board

Tim Greene, Chairman

Mark Maiellano

Mark Cleveland

Susan Powell, Vice Chair

Harry Solis

Jane A. Stout

Karen Reynolds, Clerk

Amy Koch

**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, reserved or used for any of the three purposes and for Recreation and 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 any lawful purpose.

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. The Town has also established Athletic Fields Stabilization, Capital Stabilization and Special Education Stabilization funds.

*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 Meeting and by ballot question.

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 7, 2018  
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 the sum of \$2,151 for the payment of bills incurred from prior years; or take any other action relative thereto.

Requested by the Finance Director

**The Advisory Board voted unanimously to favorably recommend this article.**

**ARTICLE 2:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate excess bond premiums received from the sale of its General Obligation Municipal Purpose Loan of 2018 Bonds pursuant to M.G.L. c.44, s.20; and to determine to which capital projects of the Town such premium will be appropriated; or take any other action relative thereto.

Requested by the Treasurer-Collector

**The Advisory Board voted unanimously to favorably recommend this article. It allows the Town to use the premium realized from the issuance of the \$1.6 million road construction bond to reduce the amount the Town will pay debt service on.**

**ARTICLE 3:** To see if the Town will vote to: (a) authorize the Town, acting by and through its Board of Selectmen and/or Board of Water Commissioners, to acquire by gift, purchase, and/or eminent domain, for water supply protection or exploration purposes, a certain parcel of vacant land being a portion of the property located at 221 Grove Street, Norwell also shown on the Town of Norwell Assessor's Map 6C, Block 14, Lot 13, and containing 4 acres, more or less; (b) transfer from available funds the sum of \$30,000 or any other sum of money for the acquisition of said land and costs related thereto, or take any other action relative thereto.

Requested by the Board of Water Commissioners

**The Advisory Board voted unanimously to favorably recommend this Article. This article uses available funds to purchase land to further protect the Town's water supply.**

**ARTICLE 4:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$9,000 from Account # 01-171-0201-5306 Conservation Commission Professional Services/Grounds Maintenance to Account # 01-171-0101-5120 Conservation Commission Wages Trail Maintenance, or take any other action relative thereto.

Requested by the Conservation Commission and the Finance Director

**The Advisory Board voted unanimously to favorably recommend this Article. This article requires no new appropriation of funds.**

**ARTICLE 5:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to the Norwell Conservation Fund pursuant to Mass. Gen. L. c. 40 §8C for the purpose of administering and enforcing a conservation restriction granted to the Town of Norwell in connection with the Bay Path Lane subdivision, or take any action relative thereto.

Requested by the Conservation Commission

**The Advisory Board voted unanimously to favorably recommend this article. It establishes an account that will hold funds for the administration of a conservation restriction. These funds were provided as a condition of the development of Bay Path Lane. The article requires no new appropriation of funds.**

**ARTICLE 6:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$50,000 from the Special Education Stabilization Fund to the School Department, 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

**The Advisory Board voted unanimously to favorably recommend this Article. This article requires no new appropriation of funds, but does require a two-thirds vote because it involves a transfer from a stabilization fund.**

**ARTICLE 7:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate or transfer from available funds or otherwise provide the sum of \$350,000, or any other sum to be added to line item 1-420-0211-5532, Snow Removal and Sanding or take any other action relative thereto.

Requested by the Highway Surveyor

**The Advisory Board voted unanimously to favorably recommend this article**

**ARTICLE 8:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$200,000 for the purpose of design, permitting and construction of sidewalks and related improvements along a portion of Main Street from South Street to the Middle School, or take any other action relative thereto.

Requested by the Board of Selectmen and the Complete Streets Committee

**The Advisory Board voted unanimously to favorably recommend this article.**

**Favorable action on this article by Town Meeting will result in the Town receiving an additional \$200,000 from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Complete Streets program.**

**ARTICLE 9:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of \$195,000 for the purpose of repaving River Street in compliance with the Street Opening Permit Special Condition dated 7/24/17 Project ID 16-42524, Betterment Phase 1, between the Town of Norwell and Columbia Gas Co. of Massachusetts, or take any other action relative thereto.

Requested by the Highway Surveyor

**The Advisory Board voted unanimously to favorably recommend this article. It allows the establishment of a fund in which money received from the Columbia Gas Company as a condition of their Street Opening Permit may be placed and then used for the repaving of River Street.**

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TOWN OF NORWELL  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Monday, May 7, 2018

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 vote to accept the reports of its Officers, Boards, Departments, Committees and Commissions, as printed in the 2017 Annual Report, or take any other action 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 take any other action relative thereto.

Requested by the Advisory Board

As Town Administrator, I am pleased to present the Fiscal Year 2019 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 and elected officials, especially the School Committee and School Superintendent Matt Keegan for their assistance in developing this budget. I greatly appreciate the generosity of time, talent 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 the "FY2019 department request" may not reflect reclassifications and Personal Services contracts for senior managers included elsewhere in this warrant that were not finalized prior to the submission of department budgets.

**The following are the highlights of the FY19 budget:**

**Total Increase**

The proposed budget calls for an increase of 3.76 percent; in line with the increases of the prior three years.

**General Government**

The administrative, public health and cultural departments of government are generally level funded.

**Public Safety**

Public safety and spending are increased by approximately 5%, mainly due to retroactive contractual obligations being incorporated into the departmental budgets.

**Reserve Fund**

Increased commensurate with overall budget increase pursuant to Board of Selectmen policy.

**Schools**

A 3.49 percent increase as requested by the School Committee

**Highway**

A new Assistant Highway Surveyor position has been created to assist in the planning and supervision of the expanded responsibilities of this department. This will allow more work to be performed in-house and

reduce reliance on outside contractors. The cost of the new position has been partially offset by reductions in spending on contracted services.

**Debt**

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

**Health Insurance**

This budget has increased by 5.22 percent, about half of last year's increase. This is attributable to positive health care utilization trends amongst town employees. In an effort to further stabilize both future costs and plan design, the Board of Selectmen agreed with my recommendation to join the Massachusetts Interlocal Insurance Association joint purchasing group. MIIA is the largest joint purchase collaborative in the Northeast with over 120 cities, towns, school and water districts. They provide coverage to over 70,000 members and have over \$100 million in reserves. It is anticipated that next year's health insurance budget will see an increase similar to or lower than this year's bringing an end to the trend of double-digit increases.

Respectfully submitted,  
Peter J. Morin, Town Administrator

The Advisory Board took reviewed each department over several weeks of public meetings. The Board supports the entire budget as reflected in the FY19 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, borrow, 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 take any other action relative thereto.

<b>2018 Capital Budget Committee</b>			
<b>2019 Requests</b>	<b>Projected Cost</b>	<b>Denied</b>	<b>Approved</b>
<i>*In Capital Plan</i>			
<b>Schools</b>			
Kitchen Equipment (2019)	\$20,000		\$20,000
Handicap Ramp - Sparrell Building* (2019)	\$38,000		\$38,000
Bell & Phones - Norwell High School	\$57,500		\$57,500
<b>Council On Aging</b>			
14 Passenger Van* (2027)	\$88,000		\$80,000 **
SUV/Hybrid Vehicle	\$32,000	\$32,000	
<b>Police</b>			
Dashboard Cameras* (2019)	\$65,000		\$65,000
<b>Fire</b>			
Ballistic Armor	\$25,000		\$25,000
Chief's SUV	\$55,000	\$55,000	
<b>Highway/Trees &amp; Ground</b>			
Pick-up Truck* (2019)	\$50,000	\$50,000	
Extended Cab Pick Up Truck	\$58,000		\$58,000
Mini Excavator* (2020)	\$95,000		\$95,000
Tractor w/Accessories	\$178,000		\$178,000
10 Wheel Dump Truck	\$240,000	\$240,000	
<b>Total Requests</b>	<b>\$1,001,500</b>	<b>\$377,000</b>	<b>\$616,500</b>

\*\*\$80,000 for the Council on Aging is allocated for both the 14 Person Passenger Van and an SUV/Hybrid Vehicle

**Requested by the Capital Budget Committee**

**The Advisory Board recommends this article unanimously.**

**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 take any other action relative thereto.

Requested by the Board of Selectmen

**The Advisory Board unanimously recommends this article.**

**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 take any other action relative thereto.

Requested by the Personnel Board

**The Advisory Board unanimously recommends this article.**

**ARTICLE 6:** To see if the Town will vote to reclassify certain positions contained within the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Town and Local 888 SEIU, or to take any other action relative thereto.

The following positions are proposed to be reclassified:

Position Title	Present Grade	Increase To
Health Administrator, Bd. Of Health	6	7

**The Advisory Board unanimously recommend this article.**

**ARTICLE 7:** To see if the Town will vote to approve updates and modifications recommended by the Personnel Board to the Personnel Bylaws as included in Appendix A to this Warrant, or take any other action relative thereto.

Requested by the Personnel Board

**The Advisory Board recommends this article.**

**ARTICLE 8:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide the sum of \$150,000 for design and engineering services, including septic and parking, for the renovation of the Sparrell Building to accommodate Town Offices and the Highway Department Barn to accommodate the Trees and Grounds equipment and personnel, or take any other action relative thereto.

Requested by the Board of Selectmen and the School Committee

**The Advisory Board recommends this article. The consolidation of Town and School administrative offices into one location, along with the consolidation of Highway and Trees and Grounds into a renovated facility should increase efficiencies and reduce costs.**

**ARTICLE 9:** To see if the Town will vote to: (a) authorize the Board of Selectmen on behalf of the Town to acquire by purchase, gift, eminent domain, or otherwise a certain parcel of land on Main Street and Lincoln Street, Plymouth County, Massachusetts, the property known as the "Carleton Property", described as 10 lots consisting of approximately 124.2 acres, more or less, situated in three contiguous blocks with a deed recorded at the Plymouth County Registry of Deed in Book 10626, Page 164, that said land be conveyed to the Town of Norwell under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44B, as it may hereafter be amended, said land to be under the care, custody, management and control of the Norwell Board of Selectmen and held for one or more of the purposes authorized under the Community Preservation Act; and further that prior to committing any portion of the property to any specific Community Preservation Act purpose, areas of the property designated for specific uses must be clearly identified and approved by subsequent votes of Town Meeting; and further, (b) appropriate and/or transfer from available funds, including from the Community Preservation Fund, the sum of \$3,880,000 or any such other and further amounts to fund said purchase including all costs incidental and related thereto, including for cost for land stewardship and establishment of appropriate land restrictions, (c) authorize the Board of Selectmen to grant a perpetual restriction(s) in said parcels of land meeting the requirements of M.G.L. Chapter 44B, § 12 and M.G.L. Chapter 184, §§ 31-33, as required under Section 12 of the Community Preservation Act; and, (d) authorize the Board of Selectmen to seek, receive and accept grants, donations or reimbursements for this purpose, and/or any others in any way connected with the scope of this Article and to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments as may be necessary on behalf of the Town of Norwell to affect said purchase, or take any other action relative thereto.

Requested by the Community Preservation Committee and the Board of Selectmen

**The Advisory Board unanimously voted to recommend this article. This article allows the use of Community Preservation funds to purchase what many residents consider to be iconic open space on Main Street.**

**ARTICLE 10:** To see if the Town will vote pursuant to M.G.L.Chapter 44B to reserve the sum of \$120,000 from Community Preservation Fund FY2019 revenues for the creation, preservation and support of affordable housing; to reserve the sum of \$120,000 from Community Preservation Fund FY2019 revenues for the acquisition, preservation, rehabilitation and restoration of historic resources; and to reserve the sum of \$120,000 from Community Preservation Fund FY2019 revenues for the acquisition, creation and preservation of open space, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Requested by the Community Preservation Committee.

**The Advisory Board unanimously recommends this Article**

**ARTICLE 11:** Shall the Town of Norwell vote to (1) revoke (effective Fiscal Year 2019) 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 2019) Article 31 of the Norwell Town Meeting held on May 13, 2002 removing the need for the Community Preservation Committee that makes recommendations on the use of the Community Preservation Act funds to Town Meeting, and further to submit for revocation, 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 other action relative thereto.

Requested by Petition

**The Advisory Board received these articles late in their review process and will give their recommendation at Town Meeting.**

**ARTICLE 12:** 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 of State Election, or take any action thereto.

Requested by Petition

**The Advisory Board received this article late in their review process and will give their recommendation at Town Meeting**

**ARTICLE 13:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide the sum of \$400,000, or any other sum, to be spent under the supervision of the Highway Surveyor, for resurfacing and related construction and maintenance of Town ways, or take any other action relative thereto.

Requested by the Highway Surveyor

**The Advisory Board unanimously voted to recommend this article. The funds will allow for repairs to be made to River Street and other roads that suffered damage through construction and the winter storms. This article supplements the road maintenance funds provided through last year's road bond and state Chapter 90 funds and will allow the Highway Surveyor's road maintenance program to continue to progress.**

**ARTICLE 14:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide the sum of \$165,000, or any other sum, to be spent under the supervision of the

Highway Surveyor, to make necessary repair or renovations of the fuel system at the Highway Yard, or take any other action relative thereto.

Requested by the Highway Surveyor

**The Advisory Board unanimously voted to recommend this article. The fueling system at the Highway yard services vehicles from many Town departments. It is outdated and needs repair.**

**ARTICLE 15:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or otherwise provide the sum of \$290,000, or any other sum, to be spent under the direction of the Highway Surveyor for engineering and design, installation, and/or maintenance of drainage in and along town streets and ways, or take any other action relative thereto.

Requested by the Highway Surveyor

**The Advisory Board recommends this article. This article will allow for drainage work to be done in conjunction with the road resurfacing proposed in Article 13, as well as repairing and improving existing drainage systems.**

**ARTICLE 16:** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, the sum of \$20,000, or any other sum, to be expended under the direction of the Highway Surveyor for the purpose of complying with the EPA's 2019 MS4 (Municipal Separate Stormwater Sewer System) Stormwater General Permit, or take any other action relative thereto.

Requested by the Highway Surveyor

**The Advisory Board recommends this article. This article ensures the Town is in compliance with EPA storm-water regulations.**

**ARTICLE 17:** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or otherwise provide \$130,000, or any other sum, to be expended under the direction of the Highway Surveyor for the purpose of debris removal, and Highway Yard facility rehabilitation, or take any other action relative thereto.

Requested by the Highway Surveyor

**The Advisory Board favorably recommends 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 18:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide the sum of \$25,000, or any other sum, to be spent under the supervision of the Highway Surveyor, for the purchase, manufacture and installation of materials to enhance the safety of the Town's public ways, or take any other action relative thereto.

Requested by the Highway Surveyor, Board of Selectmen and Chiefs of Fire and Police

**The Advisory Board recommends this article.**

**ARTICLE 19:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide the sum of \$5,000, or any other sum, to be spent under the supervision of the Highway Surveyor for the establishment of a tree nursery, or take any other action relative thereto.

Requested by the Highway Surveyor

**The Advisory Board recommends this article. It will allow the Highway Surveyor to establish a nursery for trees that have been donated to the Town.**

**ARTICLE 20:** To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$446,730 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 M.G.L. 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 take any other action relative thereto.

Requested by the Highway Surveyor

**The Advisory Board favorably recommends this article**

**ARTICLE 21:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds or otherwise provide the sum of \$50,000 to be added to the Special Education Stabilization Fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

Requested by the School Committee

**The Advisory Board recommends this article. It will restore the amount transferred to the School Department budget under Article 6 of the Special Town Meeting.**

**ARTICLE 22:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide the sum of \$115,000, or any other sum, for the purchase and installation of technology improvements, to be spent under the direction of the School Committee, or take any other action relative thereto.

Requested by the School Committee

**The Advisory Board recommends this Article.**

**ARTICLE 23:** To see if the Town will vote to approve the proposed amendments, on file at the Town Clerk's Office, to the Agreement among the Towns of Abington, Cohasset, Hanover, Hanson, Norwell, Rockland, Scituate and Whitman, Massachusetts, with Respect to the Establishment of a regional Vocational School District, entered into pursuant to Chapter 71 of the Massachusetts General Laws, or take any other action relative thereto.

Requested by the South Shore Vocational School Committee

**The Advisory Board has voted unanimously to recommend this article. The proposed amendments update the Agreement so that it complies with current law. Antiquated provisions that detailed the transitional process when the School was initially established have been removed. New provisions better define the budgetary process and detail the manner in which issued debt will be apportioned amongst member communities. The process by which a community would withdraw from the Vocational School District is also articulated. The entire draft document was not included because it would add twelve pages to the warrant and significantly increase postage and printing costs.**

**ARTICLE 24:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, the sum of \$3,000, or any other sum, for School based Medicaid services, or take any other action relative thereto.

Requested by the Finance Director

**The Advisory Board recommends this article.**

**ARTICLE 25:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the use of electronic voting at the May 2019 Special and Annual Town Meetings, or take any other action relative thereto.

Requested by the Electronic Voting Committee

**The Advisory Board recommends this article. It would allow a trial use of electronic voting at next year's Town Meeting. The trial would result in no additional costs to the Town. It would better inform the decision as to whether or not electronic voting will improve the operation of Town Meeting.**

**ARTICLE 26:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds, the sum of \$50,000, or any other sum, to be expended under the direction of the Board of Water Commissioners for the purpose of conducting hydro-geologic studies, well exploration or any other work the Board deems appropriate, or take any other action relative thereto.

Requested by the Board of Water Commissioner

**The Advisory Board voted unanimously to recommend this article.**

**ARTICLE 27:** To see if the Town will vote to set Fiscal Year 2019 total expenditure limitations for the Revolving Funds authorized under the bylaw created by Article 25 of the 2017 Annual Town Meeting as follows:

Stetson Ford House Revolving Fund	\$21,000
Recycling Revolving Fund	\$50,000
Council on Aging Program Revolving Fund	\$15,00

Or take any other action related thereto.

Requested by the Board of Selectmen

**This is a housekeeping article and with the passage of a bylaw pursuant to the amendments in the Municipal Reform Act at last year's Town Meeting, it was believed that it would no longer be necessary. We received guidance from the Department of Revenue just prior to the article going to print that it was required. The Advisory Board did not have the chance to review this article prior to the warrant going to print and will give its recommendation at Town meeting.**

**ARTICLE 28:** To see if the Town of Norwell will amend its Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, Safety and Order, Article Xa, Private Ways by adding the following new Article Xc, or take any other action relative thereto:

**Article Xc - Snow Removal on Private Ways**

Property owners of record as of the prior December 31, residing on a private way, who have previously formed a Homeowner's Association ("HOA") may petition ("Petition"), the Highway Surveyor ("Highway Surveyor") prior to any December 31, initially and on each subsequent third (3<sup>rd</sup>) anniversary thereafter, ("Renewal Date") for roadway snow removal commencing the following calendar year. Upon receipt of a timely filed Petition, the Highway Surveyor shall provide the HOA no later than the following August 31<sup>st</sup>, the estimated cost, ("Estimate") of such removal for a period of three (3) years, ("Term") on a per removal basis, the actual frequency of which shall be determined solely at the discretion of the Highway Surveyor. The HOA shall no later than the following September 30<sup>th</sup> initially and on each Renewal Date thereafter (re) execute an Agreement for Snow Removal Services and Indemnification ("Agreement"), on a form prescribed by the Highway Surveyor together with remitting a certified check payable to the Town of Norwell equal to 50% of the Estimate, (Deposit"). Said Agreement shall be recorded in the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds.

The Highway Surveyor shall annually before June 30<sup>th</sup> provide the Finance Director with an accounting reconciliation enumerating the number of completed snow removal services provided to the HOA including dates and charges and calculate any credit or balance due the HOA, net of any previously remitted Deposit. Credit balances shall be applied when calculating the HOA's subsequent Estimate and the subsequent Deposit adjusted accordingly. Outstanding balances will be due and payable as of the HOA's Renewal Date. Otherwise, the Agreement shall be considered null and void.

The Town shall not be held liable for any damage caused by such snow removal. Snow removal shall be confined exclusively to the paved roadway regularly used for vehicle travel excluding sidewalks, other private access ways, driveways, etc.

Requested by the Bylaw Review Committee

**The Advisory Board voted unanimously to oppose this article. The Town only plows a few private ways due to special circumstances, such as access to a water tower or a road will shortly be accepted as a town way. The proposed bylaw would create additional reporting and collection responsibilities for the Highway Surveyor and the Treasurer-Collector and require the negotiation and enforcement of contracts between Home Owners Associations and the Town. The benefit provided by these new processes is not commensurate with the amount of effort required.**

**ARTICLE 29:** To see if the Town of Norwell will amend its General Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, Public Property, Article XV, General Regulations by adding the following new section 19, or take any other action relative thereto:

**Section 19 – Prohibition on Freestanding Utility Service Panels** Except as provided for in the State Building or Electrical Codes, the installation and/or erection of freestanding, stand-alone, and/or self-supporting individual utility service panels shall be prohibited and must be affixed to the structure upon which said utility service is being provided.

The Building Inspector/Zoning Officer shall have enforcement authority of this section.

Requested by the Bylaw Review Committee

**The Advisory Board had not taken a position on this article prior to the warrant going to print.**

**ARTICLE 30:** To see if the Town of Norwell will amend its Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, Safety and Order, Article X, Public Ways by adding the following new Article Xa and renumbering the subsequent Article Xa – Private Ways to Article Xb – Private Ways with no content changes, or take any other action relative thereto:

**Article Xa – Street Openings on Public Ways** Any Applicant seeking to open, occupy, use, obstruct, and/or close a portion of a public way within the Town of Norwell shall apply for a Street Opening Permit on a form prescribed by the Town Administrator.

Except in cases of emergencies or special situations, no street opening shall occur on a moratorium road, defined as a road that has been repaved and/or reconstructed within the previous five (5) years. In such emergencies or special situations, a Special Permit issued by the Town Administrator and the Highway Surveyor is required, as well as payment of associated fees as amended from time to time.

Requested by the Bylaw Review Committee

**By a vote of 4-3 the Board voted to favorably recommend this article. It mirrors the current practice and would provide the Highway Surveyor with some leverage in dealing with utilities and contractors who seek to open roads.**

**ARTICLE 31:** To see if the Town will vote to amend Article XV Section 11 of the Town Bylaws by amending subsection (a) by adding the following: “All dogs within the Town of Norwell shall at all times display on a collar or harness the Town/City license tag in which the dog is licensed and a current rabies vaccination tag.” And further amending subsection (k)(1) by inserting after the word “unlicensed” the word “unvaccinated”; and further by deleting subsection (k)(3) and inserting the following new subsection : (k)(3) In addition, any violation shall permit the Animal Control Officer to order the dog/animal restrained and enable the Animal Control Officer to impound the dog/animal. Return to the owner or keeper shall not be made until after the payment of a sum to the Town established by the Board of Selectmen.

Disposition of dogs impounded and unclaimed shall be in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth.” And further by deleting subsection (m) (1) and inserting in place thereof the following: (m)(1) No person shall allow a dog onto any town property posted No Dogs Allowed. Service dogs under close control of their owners wearing a valid dog license and certified as a service dog shall be excluded from this provision. Any person in violation of this section shall be punishable by a fine of not more than fifty (50) dollars for each offense. The Board of Selectmen shall have the authority to dispose of said violations in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws chapter 40 section 21D.

(m)(2) All dogs being walked on the pathways under the jurisdiction of the Town shall be on a leash.

Requested by the Animal Control Officer

**By a vote of 5-3, the Advisory Board favorably recommended this article. The amendments bring the town bylaw on impounding dogs in line with state statute. They also clarify the prohibition of dogs on posted areas of public property, and provide an added measure of control for animals on the pathwalks.**

**ARTICLE 32:** 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 Advisory Board recommended this article.**

**ARTICLE 33:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds or otherwise provide the sum of \$250,000, or any other sum, to be added to the Capital Expenditure Stabilization Fund as established in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 40 section 5B, or take any other action relative thereto.

Requested by the Board of Selectmen

**The Advisory Board recommended this article.**

**ARTICLE 34:** To see if the Town will vote, pursuant M.G.L. c. 39 sec. 10, to accept Henry's Way as a public way, and any appurtenant easements thereto, as laid out by the Board of Selectmen and as shown on a plan or plans, a copy of which is on file in the office of the Town Clerk; to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift, purchase, eminent domain or otherwise, easements in any land necessary for laying out and acceptance of Henry's Way, and any appurtenant drainage, utility or other easements related to said Henry's Way, and/or to accept grants thereof; and, further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen and other applicable Town boards and personnel to take all related actions necessary or appropriate to accomplish the purposes of this article; or take any other action relative thereto.

Requested by the Planning Board and the Board of Selectmen

**The Advisory Board will make their recommendation on this article at Town Meeting. At the time the warrant went to print, the hearing process required for a road to be accepted had not been completed.**

**ARTICLE 35:** 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 M.G.L. Chapter 40 section 5B, or take any other action relative thereto.

Requested by the Board of Selectmen

**The Advisory Board will make their recommendation on this article at Town Meeting.**

**ARTICLE 36:** 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 in the Town's OPEB Trust Fund to offset the cost of retired employee health insurance, or take any other action relative thereto.

Requested by the Board of Selectmen

**The Advisory Board will make their recommendation on this article at Town Meeting.**

**ARTICLE 37:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from available funds and authorize the Assessors to use this sum to decrease the tax rate for FY2019, or take any other action relative thereto.

Requested by the Board of Selectmen

**The Advisory Board will make their recommendation on this article at Town Meeting.**

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 your doings thereon to the Town Clerk of said Town on or before the \_\_\_\_\_ day of April, 2018.

Given under our hands at Norwell this \_\_\_\_\_ day of April in the year of our Lord, 2018.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
Norwell, Massachusetts

\_\_\_\_\_  
Jason Brown, Chairman

\_\_\_\_\_  
Alison Demong Vice-Chairman

\_\_\_\_\_  
Peter Smellie, Clerk

\_\_\_\_\_  
Gregg McBride



Ellen Allen \_\_\_\_\_  
Constable \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**CLASSIFICATION PLAN  
NON-EXEMPT CLASSIFICATIONS (Hourly Pay)**

<b>Grade</b>	<b>Position</b>
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
7	Library Custodian N/A

**EXEMPT CLASSIFICATIONS (Annual Salary)**

<b>Grade</b>	<b>Position</b>
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 Council on Aging Outreach Coordinator <del>Executive Assistant to Town Administrator</del>
12	<b>Executive Assistant to Town Administrator</b> <i>(new grade for existing position eff. 7-1-18)</i>
13	Assistant Town Administrator Water Treatment Facilities Manager
14	N/A
15	<b>Assistant Director, Highway/Trees &amp; Grounds</b> <i>(new position eff. 7-1-18)</i> 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 Leader

Recreation Summer Clinic Supervisor  
~~Recreation Summer Program~~  
~~Recreation Assistant~~  
**Recreation Summer Project Assistant**  
**Recreation Summer Program Specialist**  
Recreation Summer Program Instructor  
Recreation Summer Site Leader (SCENE)  
Recreation Summer Site Supervisor (SCENE)  
**Recreation Summer Van Driver (SCENE)**  
Temporary Highway & Tree Laborer  
Temporary Recycling Laborer  
Temporary Water Laborer  
Temporary Trails Laborer

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**FLAT HOURLY POSITIONS**

~~Interim~~ Call/Alternate Building Inspector  
**Call Local Inspector**  
Call Firefighter, No Certifications  
Call Firefighter, EMT-8 Certified or FF 1/2  
Call Fire Fighter, Certified EMT-B & FF 1/2  
Call Fire Fighter, Certified EMT-P & FF 1/2  
Call Police Clerk  
**Call Special Police Officer**  
Substitute/On Call COA Van Driver  
Constable  
Election Clerk  
Election Teller  
Election Warden  
Police Matron  
Recreation Program Supervisor  
Recreation Program Leader  
School Crossing Guard  
Substitute/On Call Circulation Assistant

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**PAID PER PARTICIPANT OR CLASS**

Recreation Program Instructor

**NOTE: Wage schedules for all Personnel By-Law Classification Plan positions are on file with the Town Clerk and Town Accountant's Office.**

*Office of the Board of Selectmen*

Town of Norwell

Norwell, MA 02061

STANDARD MAIL  
U.S. POSTAGE PAID  
Norwell, MA 02061  
Permit No. 5

POSTAL CUSTOMER  
AND/OR RESIDENT BOX HOLDER  
NORWELL, MA 02061

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL/ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, MONDAY MAY 7, 2018**

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

PRECINCT ONE: Eleanor Bailey  
John F. Carnes, Jr.  
Patricia Rice

PRECINCT TWO: Lynne Rose  
Jean Valicenti  
Pat Cummings

PRECINCT THREE: Brenda Scally  
Sharon Ducey  
Roslyn Wiseman

CONSTABLE: Michael Moore

Attendance: May 7, 2018

Precinct One:	81
Precinct Two:	119
Precinct Three:	<u>135</u>
TOTAL	335

At 7:30 pm on Monday, May 7, 2018 in the Henry E. Goldman Gymnasium of the Norwell Middle School, our Moderator, William Coffey called the Special 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.

Rev. Leanne Walt of the United Church of Christ, led the assembly with the opening prayer.

Norwell's Veteran Agent, David Osborne 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:**

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

**ADVISORY BOARD:**

Timothy Greene, Chair.  
Mark C. Maiellano, Vice-Chair.  
Karen A. Reynolds, Clerk  
Susan E. Powell  
Amy Zintl Koch  
Jane Ann Stout

Mark Cleveland  
Harry Solis

TOWN CLERK:  
Patricia M. Anderson, CMC/CMMC

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. GREEN 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.

There were no borrowing articles for this Town Meeting.

Moderator Coffey asked to please be as brief as possible when speaking.  
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 Patricia M. Anderson, Town Clerk:

MaryBeth Shea	52 Franklin Rd.
Wendy Bawabe	301 Mount Blue St.
Brian Noble	114 Norwell Ave.
Steve Ivas	315 Winter St.
MaryEllen Coffey	53 Till Rock Ln.

### SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

#### ARTICLE NO. 1 MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED

A motion was made by Jason Brown, Selectman; it was seconded and CARRIEDBY A 9/10ths vote that the Town appropriate the sum of \$2,151 to pay the following un-paid bills from prior fiscal years which may be legally unenforceable due to the insufficiency of an appropriation and, to meet said appropriation, transfer the sum of \$2,017 from Free Cash and transfer the sum of \$134 from Water Surplus.

Water Dept.-	Jannell Ford	\$134.00
Planning Dept.-	Chessia Consulting Services	\$780.00

Fire Dept.-	Direct Energy	\$ 12.33
	O'Reilly Auto Parts	\$ 3.69
	O'Reilly Auto Parts	\$ 35.62
	O'Reilly Auto Parts	\$ 32.04
	WB Mason	\$ 55.47
	WB Mason	\$ 57.45
	WB Mason	\$ 48.73
	WB Mason	\$ 44.53
	WB Mason	\$ 31.43
	WB Mason	\$ 28.80
	WB Mason	\$ 45.77
	WB Mason	\$198.00
	Witmer	\$102.80
	Witmer	\$328.80
	Witmer	<u>\$201.00</u>
		\$1,237.00
Total:		\$2,151.00

ARTICLE NO. 2 MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED

A motion was made by Jason Brown, Board of Selectmen Chair., it was seconded and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$160,000 from the excess bond premium paid to the Town upon the sale of the general Obligation Municipal Purpose Loan of 2018 dated March 1, 2018, for the purpose of road repair and resurfacing and repair of the Vinal School parking lot; and to reduce the amount authorized to be borrowed for said project by the amount of \$160,000.

ARTICLE NO. 3 2/3rds VOTE REQUIRED

A motion was made by Steve Ivas, Water Commissioner, it was seconded and CARRIED by a 2/3rds VOTE that the Town vote to (a) authorize the Town, acting by and through its Board of Selectmen and/or Board of Water Commissioners, to acquire by gift, purchase, and/or eminent domain, for water supply protection or exploration purposes, a certain parcel of vacant land being a portion of the property located at 221 Grove Street, Norwell, MA also shown as Parcel A (containing 3.0 acres, more or less) on a plan entitled "Plan of Land, #221 Grove Street, Norwell, MA by Merrill Engineers and Land Surveyors, Inc., dated February 22, 2018 and being a portion of property shown on the Town of Norwell Assessor's Map 6C, Block 14, Lot 13, and containing 3 acres, more or less; (b) transfer the sum of \$30,000.00 for the acquisition of said land and costs related thereto from Water Surplus.

ARTICLE NO. 4 MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED

A motion was made by Gregg McBride, Selectman; it was seconded and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY that the Town vote to approve to transfer the sum of \$9,000 from Account # 01-171-0201-5306 Conservation Commission Professional Services/Grounds Maintenance to Account # 01-171-0101-5120 Conservation Commission Wages Grounds and maintenance.

ARTICLE NO. 5 MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED

A motion was made by Gregg McBride, Selectman, it was seconded and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY that the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$30,000 from the General Fund Revenue to the Norwell Conservation Fund pursuant to Mass. General L. c. 40 sec. 8C for the purpose of administering and enforcing a conservation restriction granted to the Town of Norwell in connection with the Bay Path Lane subdivision.

ARTICLE NO. 6 2/3rds VOTE REQUIRED

A motion was made Mary Lou O’Leary, School Committee member, it was seconded and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to be added to line item #1-301-3115-9400-3694 Tuitions Private Schools for the purpose of paying statutorily mandated out-of-district tuitions for Norwell students, and to meet said appropriations, transfer the sum of \$50,000 from the Special Education Stabilization Fund.

ARTICLE NO. 7 MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED

A motion was made by Glenn Ferguson, Highway Surveyor; it was seconded and the CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$350,000 to be added to line item 1-420-0211-5532, Snow Removal and Sanding, to cover the additional snowplowing and sanding costs incurred by the Town in FY18 and, to meet said appropriation, transfer the sum of \$350,000 from Free Cash.

ARTICLE NO. 8 MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED

A motion was made by Peter Bloomfield, Complete Streets Committee member, it was seconded and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$200,000 for the purpose of design, permitting and construction of sidewalks and related improvements along a portion of Main Street from approximately South Street to the Middle School, and, to meet said appropriation, transfer the sum of \$200,000 from Free Cash.

ARTICLE NO. 9 MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED

A motion was made by Glenn Ferguson, Highway Surveyor; it was seconded and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY that the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$195,000 from the General Fund Revenues for the purpose of repaving River Street in compliance with the Street Opening Permit Special Condition dated 7/24/2017 Project ID 16-42524, Betterment Phase 1, between the Town of Norwell and Columbia Gas Co., of Massachusetts.

*At 8:17 pm, Monday May 7, 2018, 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.*

2018 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.

*The Consent Agenda, MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED*

A motion was made by William Coffey, Moderator it was seconded and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY that the Town *take out of order Articles 1, 16, 19, 20, 24, 27 and 32, and that*

they be “passed by consent” in accordance with the motions shown on the “2018 Norwell Annual Town Meeting Consent Agenda” distributed to Town Meeting attendees this evening.

ARTICLE 1: To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of its Officers, Boards, Departments, Committees and Commissions, as printed in the 2017 Annual Report, or take any other action 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 2017 Annual Town Report.

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, the sum of \$20,000, or any other sum, to be expended under the direction of the Highway Surveyor for the purpose of complying with the EPA’s 2019 MS4 (Municipal Separate Stormwater Sewer System) Stormwater General Permit, or take any other action relative thereto. *(Requested by the Highway Surveyor)*

*MOTION:* I move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$20,000 for the purpose of complying with the EPA’s 2019 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 \$20,000 from Free Cash.

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide the sum of \$5,000, or any other sum, to be spent under the supervision of the Highway Surveyor for the establishment of a tree nursery, or take any other action relative thereto. *(Requested by the Highway Surveyor)*

*MOTION:* I move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$5,000 for the establishment of a tree nursery, to be expended under the direction of the Highway Surveyor, and to meet this appropriation, transfer the sum of \$5,000 from Free Cash.

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$446,730 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 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 take any other action relative thereto. *(Requested by the Highway Surveyor)*

*MOTION:* I move that the Town Vote to appropriate the sum of \$446,730 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 further, that the Treasurer and/or Finance Director, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, temporarily borrow said sum or any

portion thereof, under Gen. L. c. 44 and any other enabling authority.

ARTICLE 24: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, the sum of \$3,000, or any other sum, for School based Medicaid services, or take any other action 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 27: To see if the Town will vote to set Fiscal Year 2019 total expenditure limitations for the Revolving Funds authorized under the bylaw created by Article 25 of the 2017 Annual Town Meeting as follows:

Stetson Ford House Revolving Fund	\$21,000
Recycling Revolving Fund	\$50,000
Council on Aging Program Revolving Fund	\$15,000

Or take any other action related thereto. *(Requested by Board of Selectmen)*

*MOTION:* I move that the Town vote to set Fiscal Year 2019 total expenditure limitations for the Revolving Funds authorized under the by-law created by Article 25 of the 2017 Annual Town Meeting as follows:

<u>Revolving Fund:</u>	<u>Not to Exceed Expenditure Limit:</u>
Stetson Ford House Revolving Fund	\$21,000
Recycling Revolving Fund	\$50,000
Council on Aging Program Revolving Fund	\$15,000

ARTICLE 32: 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 the South Shore Women's Resource Center for Domestic Violence Intervention and Prevention Services for its residents, and to meet said appropriation, raise the sum of \$4,000 from taxation.

*2018 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.*

**MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED**



A MOTION was made by William Coffey, Moderator, it was seconded and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY *that the Town vote to take out of order Articles 11, 12, 28, 29, 34, 35, 36 and 37 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 Tim Greene, Advisory Board member, it was seconded and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$54,076,496 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 column “FY19 Advisory Board Recommends” in the 2018 Annual Town Meeting Warrant for Fiscal Year 2019 (beginning July 1, 2018 and ending on June 30, 2019) and to meet said appropriation, transfer the sum of \$1,895,007 from Water Revenues, transfer the sum of \$60,000 from Community Preservation Fund Revenues, transfer the sum of \$5,000 from the Wetlands Protection Fund, transfer the sum of \$7,500 from the Waterways Fund, transfer the sum of \$104,463 from the Reserve for Excluded Debt, transfer the sum of \$10,000 from the Sale of Lots Fund, and raise the sum of \$51,994,526 from taxation.

ARTICLE NO. 3 MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED

A motion was made by Peter W. Smellie; Capital Budget Committee member; it was seconded and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$616,500 for capital outlay as set forth on the spreadsheet published under Article 3 in the 2018 Annual Town Meeting Warrant “Approved” Column and to meet this appropriation, transfer the sum of \$616,500 from Overlay Surplus.

ARTICLE NO. 4 MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED

A motion was made by Ellen Allen, Selectman; it was seconded and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$55,000 to meet obligations for union and personal contracts, and to meet said appropriation, raise and appropriate the sum of \$55,000 from taxation, said sum to be apportioned by the Finance Director to the applicable line items in Article 2 in the 2018 Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

ARTICLE NO. 5 MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED

A motion was made by Adrienne Vavpetic, Personnel Board member, it was seconded and CARRIED that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$24,000 to meet obligations for the compensation schedule under the Town’s Personnel Plan, and to meet this appropriation, raise the sum of \$20,000 from taxation and transfer the sum of \$4,000 from Water Revenues, said sum to be apportioned by the Finance Director to the applicable line items in Article 2 in the 2018 Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

ARTICLE NO. 6 MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED

A motion was made by Meghan Steinberg, Personnel Board member, it was seconded and CARRIED that the Town approve the reclassification of the following position contained within the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Town and Local 888 SEIU and amending the following position:

<u>Position Title</u>	<u>Present Grade</u>	<u>Increase To</u>
Health Administrator, Board of Health	6	7

ARTICLE NO. 7 MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED

A motion was made by Meghan Steinberg, Personnel Board member, it was seconded and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY that the Town vote to approve updates, changes and amendments to the Compensation Plan, Other Benefits and Classification Plan of the Personnel Bylaw of the Town of Norwell as set forth in Appendix A of the 2018 Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

ARTICLE NO. 8 MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED

A motion was made by Jason Brown, Selectman, it was seconded and CARRIED that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$150,000 for design and engineering services, including septic and parking, for the renovation of the Sparrell Building to accommodate Town Offices and the Highway Department Barn to accommodate the Tree and Grounds equipment and personnel, and to meet this appropriation, transfer the sum of \$150,000 from Free Cash, said sums being expended under the direction of the Town Administrator.

ARTICLE NO. 9 MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED

A motion was made by Brendan C. Recupero, Community Preservation Committee member, it was seconded and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY that the Town vote to (a) authorize the Board of Selectmen on behalf of the Town to acquire by purchase, gift, eminent domain, or otherwise a certain parcel of land on Main Street and Lincoln Street, Plymouth County, Massachusetts, the property known as the “Carleton Property”, described as 10 lots consisting of approximately 124.2 acres, more or less, situated in three contiguous blocks with a deed recorded at the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds in Book 10626, Page 164, that said land be conveyed to the Town of Norwell under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws 44B, as it may hereafter be amended, said land to be under the care, custody, management and control of the Norwell Board of Selectmen and held for one or more of the purposes authorized under the Community Preservation Act; and further that prior to committing any portion of the property to any specific Community Preservation Act purposes, areas of this property designated for specific uses must be clearly identified and approved by subsequent votes of Town meeting; and further, (b) appropriate the sum of \$3,880,000 from the Community Preservation Fund and to meet this appropriation, transfer the sum of \$780,000 from FY19 Community Preservation Fund Revenues and transfer the sum of \$3,100,000 from Community Preservation Fund Balance, to fund said purchase including all costs incidental and related thereto, including for cost for land stewardship and establishment of appropriate land restrictions, (c) authorize the Board of Selectmen to grant a perpetual restriction(s) in said parcels of land meeting the requirements of M.G.L. Chapter 44B, sec 12 and M.G.L. Chapter 184, sec. 31-33, as required under Section 12 of the Community Preservation Act; and (d) authorize the Board of Selectmen to seek, receive and accept grants, donations or reimbursements for this purpose, and/or any others in any way connected with the scope of this Article and to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments as may be necessary on behalf of the Town of Norwell to affect said purchase.

ARTICLE NO. 10 MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED

A motion was by Brendan C. Recupero, Community Preservation Committee member, it was seconded and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY that the Town vote pursuant to Mass. Gen. L. C. 44B to reserve the sum of \$120,000 from Community Preservation Fund FY2019 revenues for the creation, preservation and support of affordable housing; to reserve the sum of \$120,000 from Community Preservation Fund FY2019 revenues for the acquisition, preservation, rehabilitation and restoration of historic resources; and to reserve the sum of \$120,000 from Community Preservation Fund FY2019 revenues for the acquisition, creation and preservation of open space.

ARTICLE NO. 11, 12, 28, 29, 34, 25, 36 and 37 MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED

A motion was made by William Coffey, moderator, it was seconded and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY that the Town take out of order Articles 11, 12, 28, 29, 34, 35, 36 and 37 and that each article be INDEFINITELY POSTPONED *as stated on the Consent Agenda.*

ARTICLE NO. 13 A motion was made by Glenn Ferguson, Highway Surveyor, it was seconded and CARRIED that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$400,000 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 \$400,000 from free Cash.

ARTICLE NO. 14 MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED

A motion was made by Glenn Ferguson, Highway Surveyor, it was seconded and CARRIED that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$165,000 to be spent under the supervision of the Highway Surveyor, to make necessary repairs or renovations of the fuel system at the Highway Yard and, to meet this appropriation, transfer the sum of \$165,000 from Free Cash.

ARTICLE NO. 15 MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED A motion was made by Glenn Ferguson, Highway Surveyor, it was seconded and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$290,000 for engineering and design, installation and/or maintenance of drainage in and along town streets and ways, 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 \$290,000 from Free Cash.

ARTICLE NO. 16 SEE CONSENT AGENDA VOTE

ARTICLE NO. 17 MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED

A motion was made by Glenn Ferguson, Highway Surveyor, it was seconded and CARRIED that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$130,000 for the purpose of debris removal, engineering, storm-water, and Highway Yard facility rehabilitation, to be expended under the direction of the Highway Surveyor, and to meet this appropriation, transfer the sum of \$130,000 from Free Cash.

ARTICLE NO. 18 MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED

A motion was made by Glenn Ferguson, Highway Surveyor, it was seconded and CARRIED that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$25,000 for the purchase, manufacture and installation of materials to enhance the safety of the Town's public ways, to be expended under the direction of the Highway Surveyor, and to meet this appropriation, transfer the sum of \$25,000 from Free Cash.

ARTICLE NO. 19 SEE CONSENT AGENDA

ARTICLE NO. 20 SEE CONSENT AGENDA

ARTICLE 21: MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED

A motion was made by MaryLou O'Leary, School Committee member, it was seconded and CARRIED that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to be added to the Special Education Stabilization Fund, and to meet this appropriation transfer this sum of \$50,000.

ARTICLE NO. 22 MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED

A motion was made by Kiersten Warendorf, School Committee member, it was seconded and CARRIED that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$115,000 for the purpose of the installation of technology improvements, to be spent under the direction of the School Committee, and to meet this appropriation, transfer the sum of \$115,000 from Free Cash.

ARTICLE NO. 23 MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED

A motion was made by Robert Molla, South Shore Vocational School member, it was seconded and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY that the Town vote to approve the amendments to the agreement among Towns of Abington, Cohasset, Hanover, Hanson, Norwell, Rockland, Scituate and Whitman with respect

to the establishment of a Regional School District entered into pursuant to Massachusetts General Law Chapter 71, as printed in the copy on file at the Town Clerk's office.

ARTICLE NO. 24 SEE THE CONSENT AGENDA VOTE

ARTICLE NO. 25 MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED

A motion was made by Marybeth Shea, Chairman of the Electronic Voting Committee, it was seconded and CARRIED that the Town vote to amend Section 5 of Article IV of the General Bylaws to allow the Town Moderator at the May 2019 Annual Town Meeting to use electronic voting devices to tally the votes; and further that this amendment to the General Bylaws expires at the dissolution of the May 2019 Annual Town Meeting.

ARTICLE NO. 26 MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED

A motion was made by Steve Ivas, Water Commissioner, it was seconded and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to be expended under the direction of the Board of Water Commissioners, for the the Board deems appropriate, to meet said appropriation transfer the sum of \$50,000 from Water Surplus.

ARTICLE NO. 27 SEE THE CONSENT AGENDA VOTE

ARTICLE NO. 28 SEE THE CONSENT AGENDA VOTE  
INDEFINITELY POSTPONED

ARTICLE NO. 29 SEE THE CONSENT AGENDA VOTE  
INDEFINITELY POSTPONED

ARTICLE NO. 30 MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Glenn Ferguson, Highway Surveyor, it was seconded and CARRIED that the Town vote to amend Article X of the general Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, Safety and Order Article X Public Ways, by adding a new Article Xa as printed in the 2018 Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

ARTICLE NO. 31 MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Peter Morin, Town Administrator, it was seconded and CARRIED that the Town vote to amend Article XV section 11 of the General Bylaws as printed in the 2018 Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

ARTICLE NO. 32 SEE THE CONSENT AGENDA

ARTICLE NO. 33 MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED

A motion was made by Ellen Allen, Selectman; it was seconded and carried unanimously THAT THE Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$250,000 to be added to the Capital Expenditure Stabilization Fund, as established in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 40 section 5B, and to meet said appropriation, transfer the sum of \$250,000 from Free Cash.

ARTICLE NO. 34 SEE THE CONSENT AGENDA  
INDEFINITELY POSTPONED

ARTICLE NO. 35 SEE THE CONSENT AGENDA

INDEFINITELY POSTPONED

ARTICLE NO. 36 SEE THE CONSENT AGENDA  
INDEFINITELY POSTPONED

ARTICLE NO. 37 SEE THE CONSENT AGENDA  
INDEFINITELY POSTPONED

INSRUCIONS TO THE ELECTED OFFICIALS

Robert J. Pashkowsky, 246 Mount Blue Street

A MAJORITY VOTED that the Town instruct the Highway Department (with possible coordination with the Police Department) to re-evaluate the design for the intersection of Grove Street and Prospect Street, specifically focused on the two lanes coming each way on Prospect Street.

SALE OF FISH RIGHTS

First Fish Right sold to Adrienne G. Vapetic, 63 Masthead Drive, \$200.00

Second Fish Right sold to Marybeth Shea, 52 Franklin Road, \$125.00

There being no further business to transact, a motion was made and seconded and it was UNANIMOULSY VOTED TO DISSOLVE the Annual Town Meeting at 10.35 PM.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,  
Patricia M. Anderson, CMC/CMMC  
Norwell Town Clerk

**RECORD OF THE ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION**  
**Saturday, May 19, 2018**

At 6:30 am Patricia M. Anderson, Town Clerk, met Michael Moore, Constable, at the Norwell Town Hall, 345 Main Street. Supplies and sealed Election ballots were transported to the Norwell Middle School, 328 Main Street.

The following election workers were present:

In Precinct I, Joyanne Bond, WARDEN, Sharon Quellet, CLERK, Ellen Torrey, Anna Mae Viens, Rose Mesheau, Janet Donovan, Donna Snow and Ke Zhao, Tellers.

In Precinct II, Lynne Rose, WARDEN, Jean Valicenti, CLERK, Brenda Scally, Nancy Joseph, Paula McMahon, Ann McLeod, Anne Bussiere, Avis Pinkos, Margaret Dixon and Fran Kneeland, TELLERS.

In Precinct III, Sharon Ducey, WARDEN, Deb Bailey, CLERK, Roslyn Wisman, Paula Young, Peter Kates, Jeanette Simmons, David Deghetto, Judy Pietroski, Pat Rice and Jim Kneeland, TELLERS.

Tellers can sign up to work the entire day or a shift.

CONSTABLE ON SITE: Michael C. Moore  
Town Clerk, Patricia M. Anderson was Chief Warden and Election Administrator.

Polls opened for all precincts promptly at 8:00 am and closed at 6:00 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.

Total votes cast in Precinct I were 399; in Precinct II, 615; in Precinct III 528. Total votes cast in all Precincts was 1542. The total number of registered voters in Norwell eligible for this election numbered 7588 which means that 20% of the registered voters participated.

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

	<b>PREC.I</b>	<b>PREC.II</b>	<b>PREC.III</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>BOARD OF ASSESSORS-Three Years-Vote for One</b>				
<b>Robert S. Allen</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>276</b>	<b>664</b>
<b>Mark Joseph Reagan</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>627</b>
<b>Write-ins</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Blanks</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>245</b>

<b>BOARD OF HEALTH-Three Years-Vote for One</b>				
<b>Peter M. Dillon</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>460</b>	<b>436</b>	<b>1213</b>
<b>Write-ins</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Blanks</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>324</b>

<b>BOARD OF SELECTMEN-Three Years-Vote for One</b>				
<b>Alison M. Demong</b>	<b>282</b>	<b>466</b>	<b>445</b>	<b>1193</b>
<b>Peter D. Smellie</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>640</b>
<b>Joseph M. Rull</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>363</b>	<b>268</b>	<b>870</b>
<b>Write-ins</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Blanks</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>369</b>

<b>BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS-Three Year term-Vote for One</b>				
<b>Peter M. Dillon</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>446</b>	<b>429</b>	<b>1190</b>
<b>Write-ins</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Blanks</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>344</b>

<b>MODERATOR-One Year-Vote for One</b>				
<b>William C. Coffey</b>	<b>321</b>	<b>494</b>	<b>443</b>	<b>1258</b>
<b>Write-ins</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Blanks</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>277</b>

**NORWELL PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUSTEES-Three Years-Vote for Two**

<b>Monika F. Brodsky</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>427</b>	<b>413</b>	<b>1130</b>
<b>Christine E. Smith</b>	<b>307</b>	<b>440</b>	<b>417</b>	<b>1164</b>
<b>Write-ins</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Blanks</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>362</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>787</b>

**NORWELL HOUSING AUTHORITY-Three Years-Vote for Two**

<b>John F. Carnes, Jr.</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>309</b>	<b>304</b>	<b>873</b>
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**(Norwell Housing Authority Continued)**

<b>Fred N. Levin</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>259</b>	<b>728</b>
<b>Charles R. Markham</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>298</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>733</b>
<b>Write-ins</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Blanks</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>339</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>747</b>

**PLANNING BOARD-Three Year Term-Vote for One**

<b>Jamie G. Crystal-Lowry</b>	<b>291</b>	<b>427</b>	<b>399</b>	<b>1117</b>
<b>Write-ins</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Blanks</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>420</b>

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE-Three Year term-Vote for One**

<b>Mary Lou OLeary</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>318</b>	<b>873</b>
<b>Sejal Chokshi Kelly</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>259</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>617</b>
<b>Write-ins</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Blanks</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>49</b>

ATTEST;  
Patricia M. Anderson CMC/CMMC  
Election Administrator/Norwell Town Clerk

**RECORD OF STATE PRIMARY**

**SEPTEMBER 4, 2018**

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; Jeanne Haglestein-Ivas, CLERK; Anna Mae Viens, John F. Carnes, Jr., Ellen Torrey, Rosemarie Mesheau, Sharon Ouellet and Judith Enright, TELLERS.

In Precinct II, Lynne Rose, WARDEN; Jean Valicenti, CLERK; Janet Donovan, Eleanor Larson, Brenda Scally, Nancy Joseph, David Deghetto and Donna Gilmour, TELLERS.

In Precinct III, Sharon Ducy, WARDEN; Eleanor Bailey, CLERK; Virginia Puliafico Roslyn Wiseman, Amy Hudspeth Cabell, Gabriel Ben-Yosef, Avis Pinkos, Payla Young and Maria Kelley, TELLERS.

CONSTABLES on duty: Michael Moore

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

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. The voting machine tape results were posted at the Middle School for the public. Breakdown of the number of votes cast in each precinct is as follows:

In Precinct I, there were 268 Democratic votes cast; 169 Republican votes cast, 1 Libertarian votes was cast.

In Precinct II, there were 319 Democratic votes cast; 230 Republican votes cast and 1 Libertarian party votes were cast.

In Precinct III, there were 362 Democratic votes cast; 210 Republican and 1 Libertarian vote was cast.

Total number of votes cast in all precincts was 2160.

As of September 4, 2018 there were a total of 7926 registered voter in Norwell. Those participating in the Primary represented 27% of the electorate.

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

### REPUBLICAN PARTY

SENATOR IN CONGRESS	PREC. I	PREC. II	PREC. III
Geoff Diel	169	230	210
John Kingston	48	62	62
Beth Joyce Lindstrom	31	45	35
Write-ins	1	1	1
Blanks	18	18	14
GOVERNOR			
Charles D. Baker	174	243	235
Scott D. Lively	87	110	86
Write-ins	0	0	0
Blanks	6	3	1
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR			
Karen E. Polito	201	260	249
Write-ins	0	6	1
Blanks	63	90	72
ATTORNEY GENERAL			
James R. McMahon, III	78	82	78
Daniel L. Shores	147	210	188
Write-ins	0	0	0
Blanks	42	64	56
TREASURER			
Keiko M. Orrall	179	234	215
Write-ins	0	1	2
Blanks	88	118	105
AUDITOR			
Helen Brady	179	238	214
Write-ins	0	0	3
Blanks	88	118	105
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS			
Peter D. Tedeschi	222	294	262
Write-ins	2	4	3
Blanks	43	57	57



COUNCILOR-Fourth District			
Write-ins	19	39	21
Blanks	248	314	301
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT-Plymouth & Norfolk District			
Patrick M. O'Connor	213	279	257
Write-ins	0	1	1
Blanks	54	76	64
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT-Fifth Plymouth District			
David F. DeCoste	237	286	263
Write-ins	4	10	8
DISTRICT ATTORNEY-Plymouth District			
Timothy J. Cruz	212	276	247
Write-ins	0	2	3
Blanks	55	77	72
CLERK OF COURTS-Plymouth County			
Write-ins	17	32	27
Blanks	250	321	295
REGISTRY OF DEEDS-Plymouth District			
Write-ins	13	26	19
Blanks	254	327	303
COUNTY COMMISSIONER-Plymouth County			
Sandra M. Wright	183	243	221
Write-ins	0	0	2
Blanks	84	112	99
<b>DEMOCRATIC PARTY</b>			
SENATOR IN CONGRESS			
Elizabeth A. Warren	268	319	363
Write-ins	9	7	9
Blanks	83	73	83
GOVERNOR			
Jay M. Gonzalez	165	184	220
Bob Massie	93	94	110
Write-ins	5	7	5
Blanks	97	114	119
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR			
Quenton Palfrey	146	184	157
Jimmy Tingle	114	93	138
Write-ins	3	0	3
Blanks	97	122	156
ATTORNEY GENERAL			
Maura Healy	294	349	374
Write-ins	2	2	0
Blanks	17	17	15

<b>SECRETARY OF STATE</b>			
William Francis Galvin	247	279	312
Josh Zakim	83	85	95
Write-ins	0	0	0
Blanks	30	35	47
<b>TREASURER</b>			
Deborah B. Goldberg	259	293	311
Write-ins	1	2	0
Blanks	100	104	143
<b>AUDITOR</b>			
Suzanne M. Bump	254	302	313
Write-ins	0	0	0
Blanks	106	97	141
<b>REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS</b>			
Bill Keating	268	311	332
Bill Cimbrello	45	28	43
Write-ins	3	9	16
Blanks	44	51	61
<b>COUNCILOR</b>			
Christopher A. Iannello, Jr.	202	200	225
Mark F. Rooney	69	101	98
Write-ins	1	0	0
Blanks	88	98	131
<b>SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT</b>			
Katie L. McBride	274	305	347
Write-ins	2	0	2
Blanks	84	94	105
<b>REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT</b>			
Alison Demong (Write-In Campaign)	115	164	272
Blanks	216	235	184
<b>DISTRICT ATTORNEY</b>			
John Bradley (Write-In Campaign)	50	47	116
Blanks	285	335	321
<b>CLERK OF COURTS</b>			
Robert S. Creedon, Jr.	234	262	276
Write-ins	1	1	0
Blanks	105	118	162
<b>COUNTY COMMISSIONERS</b>			
Write-ins	26	22	20
Blanks	334	377	432
<b>LIBERTARIAN PARTY</b>			
Senator in Congress			
Write-Ins	0	0	0
Blanks	1	0	1

GOVERNOR			
Write-ins	0	0	0
Blanks	1	0	1
LIETENANT GOVERNOR			
Write-Ins	0	0	0
Blanks	1	0	1
ATTORNEY GENERAL			
Write-Ins	0	0	0
Blanks	1	0	1
SECRETARY OF STATE			
Write-Ins	0	0	0
Blanks	1	0	1
TREASURER			
Write-Ins	0	0	0
Blanks	1	0	1
AUDITOR			
Daniel Fishman	1	0	1
Write-ins	0	0	0
Blanks	0	0	0
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS			
Write-Ins	0	0	0
Blanks	1	0	1
COUNCILLOR			
Write-Ins	0	0	0
Blanks	1	0	1
SENATOR IN CONGRESS			
Write-Ins	0	0	0
Blanks	1	0	1
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT			
Write-Ins	0	0	0
Blanks	1	0	1
A TRUE COPY ATTEST			
Patricia M. Anderson, CMC/CMMC			
Town Clerk			
Election Administrator			

**RECORD OF STATE ELECTION**  
**Tuesday, November 6, 2018**

At 7:00 am on Tuesday, November 6, 2018, 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 (14) offices and (3) questions listed on the ballot.

Early Voting was held in the Osborn Room during Town Hall's normal business hours from October 22, 2018 until November 2, 2018 additional hours were held on Saturday, Oct. 27, 2018.

1670 voters used this opportunity to vote early for this election totally a 21% turnout for *early voting*.

Pursuant to the Warrant, eligible voters met at their established precincts to cast their votes for the listed offices and questions on November 6, 2018.

The following election workers were present some working the entire day some working in shifts.

In Precinct I, Joyanne Bond, WARDEN; Jeanne Hagelstein-Ivas, CLERK; Eleanor Larson, Ellen Torrey, John F. Carnes, Jr., John Carnes, Rose Mesheau, and Anna Mae Viens, TELLERS.

In Precinct II, Lynne Rose, WARDEN; Jean Valicenti, CLERK; Brenda Scally, Jeanette Simmons, Anne Bussiere, Sharon Ouelett, Margaret Lynch, Sue Jevene, David Deghetto and Francis Kneeland, TELLERS.

In Precinct III, Sharon Ducey, WARDEN; Eleanor Bailey, CLERK; Avis B. Pinkos, Roslyn Wiseman, Peter Kates, Virginia Puliafico, Margaret Lynch, Judy Pietroski. Gabriel Ben-Yosed and Amy Hudspeth, TELLERS.

Nikhil Kumar, a student from Norwell High, volunteered to assist voters to their proper precinct.

CONSTABLES Michael Moore was present for all three precincts.

Police Detail Officers present were, Nicholas Pike, Thomas Paola and Justin Ross.

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

Polls opened in all precincts promptly at 7:00 am and closed at 8:00 pm. Tallies compiled in each of the three precincts were announced by the Town Clerk at the polling place.

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

Precinct I, 1905 votes cast  
Precinct II, 2055 votes cast  
Precinct III 1983 votes cast

Total votes cast in all precincts was 5943. Out of 8016 registered voters, 74% participated in this election.

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

**SENATOR IN CONGRESS-Vote for One**

	<b><u>Prec. I</u></b>	<b><u>Prec. II</u></b>	<b><u>Prec. III</u></b>	<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>
<b>Elizabeth A. Warren (D)</b>	<b>837</b>	<b>891</b>	<b>905</b>	<b>2633</b>
<b>Geoff Diehl (R)</b>	<b>976</b>	<b>1054</b>	<b>1001</b>	<b>3031</b>
<b>Shiva Ayyadurai (I)</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>168</b>
<b>Write Ins</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Blanks</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>102</b>

**GOVERNOR and LT. GOVERNOR-Vote for One**

<b>Baker and Polito (R)</b>	<b>1452</b>	<b>1578</b>	<b>1504</b>	<b>4534</b>
<b>Gonzalez and Palfrey (D)</b>	<b>368</b>	<b>378</b>	<b>408</b>	<b>1154 Write</b>
<b>Ins</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>Blanks</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>231</b>

**ATTORNEY GENERAL-Vote for One**

<b>Maura Healey (D)</b>	<b>1125</b>	<b>1174</b>	<b>1172</b>	<b>3471</b>
<b>James R. McMahon, III (R)</b>	<b>733</b>	<b>832</b>	<b>770</b>	<b>2335</b>
<b>Write Ins</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Blanks</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>136</b>

**SECRETARY OF STATE-Vote for One**

<b>William Francis Galvin (D)</b>	<b>1207</b>	<b>1251</b>	<b>1266</b>	<b>3724</b>
<b>Anthony M. Amore (R)</b>	<b>610</b>	<b>691</b>	<b>623</b>	<b>1924</b>
<b>Juan G. Sanchez, Jr. (J)</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>110</b>
<b>Write Ins</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Blanks</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>183</b>

**TREASURER-Vote for One**

<b>Deborah B. Goldberg (D)</b>	<b>1062</b>	<b>1078</b>	<b>1086</b>	<b>3226</b>
<b>Keiko M. Orrall (R)</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>818</b>	<b>771</b>	<b>2289</b>
<b>Jamie M. Guerin (J)</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>112</b>
<b>Write Ins</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Blanks</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>311</b>

**AUDITOR – Vote for One**

<b>Suzanne M. Bump (D)</b>	<b>947</b>	<b>954</b>	<b>988</b>	<b>2889</b>
<b>Helen Brady (R)</b>	<b>741</b>	<b>879</b>	<b>803</b>	<b>2423</b>
<b>Daniel Fishman (L)</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>197</b>
<b>Edward J. Stamas (J)</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>76</b>
<b>Write Ins</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Blanks</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>352</b>

**REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS-Vote for One****9th Plymouth District**

<b>Bill Keating (D)</b>	<b>923</b>	<b>937</b>	<b>955</b>	<b>2815</b>
<b>Peter D. Tedeschi (R)</b>	<b>935</b>	<b>1070</b>	<b>994</b>	<b>2999</b>
<b>Write Ins</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Blanks</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>125</b>

**COUNCILLOR-Vote for One****Fourth District**

<b>Christopher A. Iannella, Jr. (D)</b>	<b>1294</b>	<b>1347</b>	<b>1365</b>	<b>4006</b>
<b>Write Ins</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>80</b>
<b>Blanks</b>	<b>589</b>	<b>672</b>	<b>596</b>	<b>1857</b>

**SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT-Vote for One**

**Plymouth & Norfolk District**

<b>Patrick M. O'Connor (R)</b>	<b>975</b>	<b>1089</b>	<b>978</b>	<b>3042</b>
<b>Katie L. McBrine (D)</b>	<b>767</b>	<b>797</b>	<b>841</b>	<b>2404</b>
<b>Stephen D. Gill (I)</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>217</b>
<b>Write Ins</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Blanks</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>217</b>

**REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT-Vote for One**

**Fifth Plymouth District**

<b>David F. DeCoste (R)</b>	<b>944</b>	<b>962</b>	<b>845</b>	<b>2751</b>
<b>Alison M. Demong (D)</b>	<b>909</b>	<b>1037</b>	<b>1097</b>	<b>3043</b>
<b>Write Ins</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Blanks</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>145</b>

**DISTRICT ATTORNEY-Vote for One**

**Plymouth District**

<b>Timothy J. Cruz (R)</b>	<b>1109</b>	<b>1173</b>	<b>1095</b>	<b>3377</b>
<b>John E. Bradley, Jr. (D)</b>	<b>717</b>	<b>786</b>	<b>817</b>	<b>2320</b>
<b>Write Ins</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Blanks</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>244</b>

**CLERK OF COURTS-Vote for One**

**Plymouth County**

<b>ROBERT S. CREEDON, JR. (D)</b>	<b>1295</b>	<b>1353</b>	<b>1374</b>	<b>4022</b>
<b>Write Ins</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>78</b>
<b>Blanks</b>	<b>588</b>	<b>668</b>	<b>792</b>	<b>586</b>

**REGISTER OF DEEDS-Vote for One**

**Plymouth District**

<b>John R. Buckley, Jr. (D)</b>	<b>1312</b>	<b>1377</b>	<b>1381</b>	<b>4070</b>
<b>Write Ins</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>72</b>
<b>Blanks</b>	<b>574</b>	<b>646</b>	<b>581</b>	<b>1801</b>

**COUNTY COMMISSIONER-Vote for One**

**Plymouth County**

<b>Sandra M. Wright (R)</b>	<b>1300</b>	<b>1432</b>	<b>1333</b>	<b>4065</b>
<b>Write Ins</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>92</b>
<b>Blanks</b>	<b>584</b>	<b>592</b>	<b>610</b>	<b>1786</b>

**QUESTION 1 – proposed law would limit how many patients could be assigned to each registered nurse.**

<b>YES</b>	<b>504</b>	<b>461</b>	<b>501</b>	<b>1466</b>
<b>NO</b>	<b>1358</b>	<b>1562</b>	<b>1445</b>	<b>4365</b>

<b>BLANKS</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>112</b>
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**QUESTION 2 – proposed law would create a citizens commission to consider and recommend potential amendments to the US Constitution to establish that corporations do not have the same Constitutional rights as a human being and the campaign contributions and expenditures may be regulated.**

<b>YES</b>	<b>1197</b>	<b>1282</b>	<b>1284</b>	<b>3763</b>
<b>NO</b>	<b>609</b>	<b>698</b>	<b>615</b>	<b>1922</b>
<b>BLANKS</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>258</b>

**QUESTION 3 – proposed law would add gender identity to the list of prohibited grounds for discrimination in places of public accommodation, resort or amusement, including race, color, religious creed, national origin, sex, disability and ancestry.**

<b>YES</b>	<b>1124</b>	<b>1273</b>	<b>1254</b>	<b>3651</b>
<b>NO</b>	<b>718</b>	<b>741</b>	<b>673</b>	<b>2130</b>
<b>BLANKS</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>162</b>

A TRUE RECORD ATTEST,  
 Patricia M. Anderson, CMC/CMMC  
 Norwell Town Clerk  
 Election Administrator

**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF REGISTRARS**

As of December 31, 2018, the population of Norwell was 11,274  
 As of December 31, 2018 a breakdown of voters was as follows:

<b>*Democrat</b>	<b>1656</b>
<b>*Republican</b>	<b>1458</b>
<b>*Unenrolled</b>	<b>4755</b>
<b>*Libertarian</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>**American Independent (Q)</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>**Conservative (A)</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>**Constitution Party (K)</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>** Green Party USA</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>**Green-Rainbow (J)</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>**Pizza Party (AA)</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>**Inter 3<sup>rd</sup> Party (T)</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>**MA Independent Party (O)</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>**United Independent Party (CC)</b>	<b>49</b>
<b>**Veteran Party America (W)</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7961</b>

**\* Political Party**  
**\*\* Political Designation**

As of 12/31/2018 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.

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 L. Cole  
Robert J. 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 109 burial permits in 2018.



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](http://www.massjury.com/juror).

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

### **REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT**

Calendar year 2018 was very productive for Norwell Public Schools. The first year of the **NORWELL 2025 Strategic Plan** was implemented. A model for district-wide curriculum coherence has been established in line with the Strategic Plan. Additionally, our tiered system of supports providing students with academic and social-emotional interventions has been enhanced with the addition of building-based school psychologists. Facilities continue to be a priority and resources are constantly reassessed to provide an appropriate environment for student learning. Finally, the High School earned a position on the 8th Annual AP District Honor Roll for the second year in a row.

**NORWELL 2025 Strategic Plan:** During the 2018 school year, faculty, staff, and administrators engaged in the pursuit of approved Action Plans. The *NORWELL 2025 Strategic Plan* was approved by the School Committee in June of 2017. An overview of the Strategic Plan is available on the Norwell Public Schools website. The overview provides timelines, assignments for leadership, and a status report for each active Action Plan. There are also links to documents demonstrating the approval or implementation of Action Plans that have been completed. In the Highlights from 2018 listed below, highlights linked to Action Plans are labeled with (SP).

**Office of Instruction and Student Services:** A district-wide focus on curriculum coherence has been implemented to support high quality, accessible instruction for all students. Curriculum coherence focuses on student growth, a tiered system of supports, digital literacy and media integration, curriculum development, and district common assessments. This has been designed to strengthen the quality and

breadth of the instructional programs our students experience. Building-based school psychologists have been instrumental in aligning and integrating the academic and social-emotional learning frameworks improving access for all.

**Office of Finance, Operation & Technology:** Student learning has been addressed through our strategic technology and operation cycles. In order to support a strong digital platform, our technology infrastructure is being updated through a three-year cycle involving federal reimbursement programs or 'E-Rate.' Student iPads, presentation media, and computer labs are updated through consistent technology cycles. New phone and bell systems have been installed in all school buildings. These new systems support communication with both parents and classrooms. Food Services continues to provide healthy options for students including whole grain and locally sourced fruits and vegetables, as well as healthy breakfast options. Custodians and facility maintenance staff continue to be a point of pride in keeping the buildings clean and operating at peak efficiencies.

### **Highlights from 2018:**

#### Office of Instruction and Student Services

- Provided professional development:
  - for all staff in new MA Digital Literacy and Computer Science curriculum framework (SP)
  - for all elementary staff in Writers' Workshop teaching model;
- Revised K-12 curriculum alignment; updated Norwell Public Schools website with overview documents in all disciplines (SP):
  - K-5 Year at a Glance documents (SP)
  - 6-12 Curriculum Overview documents (SP);
- Implemented enhanced student assessment tools in K-8 (SP);
- Established School Calendar revisions:
  - elementary trimesters (SP)
  - elementary half day professional days (SP);
- Approved full day (fee-based) and half day kindergarten based upon parent choice (SP);
- Expanded building-based tiered supports with increased support from school psychologists;
- Expanded special education language-based learning opportunities;
- Identified Executive Functioning curriculum to be implemented in all Middle School special education classes; and
- Implemented Calm Classroom, a school-wide mindfulness-based social-emotional learning program, in all schools (SP).

#### Operations, Finance & Technology

- Updated High School switch and wifi infrastructure in collaboration with E-Rate funding (SP);
- Prepared for Middle School switch and wifi infrastructure upgrading through a town article and E-Rate funding (SP);
- Replaced bell and phone systems at both elementary schools and Middle School (SP);
- Prepared for High School phone and bell systems upgrading via a town article (SP);
- Constructed new office space in Middle School guidance area;
- Added new water fill stations to all schools;
- Replaced water mixing valves in all school buildings;

- Continued to update kitchen equipment through multiple years of Town Capital Plan; and
- Replaced Middle School nurse and guidance area HVAC.

Ongoing Partnerships

- School Resource Officer with the Norwell Police Department;
- Shared solar credits with Town Departments;
- Technology service collaboration with Town Departments; and
- The District and the Norwell Police Department collaborate on School Safety, and provide training to all staff on emergency crisis planning.

Recognitions

**8<sup>th</sup> Annual AP District Honor Roll:** The College Board awarded Norwell High School a position on the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual AP District Honor Roll. This is the second year in a row the High School has earned this distinction.

Sincerely,  
Matthew A. Keegan, Superintendent of Schools

**SOUTH SHORE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

***School Committee***

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

*Thomas Petruzzelli – Abington*

*George Cooney – Cohasset*

*Robert Heywood, Vice Chairman – Hanover*

*Christopher Amico, Chairman – Hanson*

*Robert Molla – Norwell*

*Robert Mahoney – Rockland*

*John Manning – Scituate*

*Daniel Salvucci – Whitman*

***Vocational Technical Programs***

South Shore Vocational Technical High School continues to serve its 645 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 13 vocational technical majors, including:

*Allied Health, Automotive Technology, Automotive Collision Technology, Carpentry, Computer Information Technology, Cosmetology, Culinary, Electrical, Design & Visual Communications/ Graphic Communications, Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning & Refrigeration, Horticulture & Landscape Construction, Manufacturing Engineering Technologies, and Welding & Metal Fabrication.*

***Norwell Graduates***

There were 18 students from Norwell who attended SSVT during the 2017-18 school year. On June 8, 2018, the following five graduates from Norwell received diplomas and vocational certificates at the graduation ceremony held at the South Shore Music Circus:

*Thomas Czarowicz, Ashley Dinsmore, Alex McKenna, Cole Ryan, Eric Schnabel*

***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 Safety 10-Hour Card (all programs), ASE Certification (Automotive and Collision Repair), Power Actuated Tools (Carpentry), MTA/MCP/Networking & Windows OS, IC3 (Computer Info Tech), Cosmetology State Board

Licensure, ServSafe Sanitation & Allergen Awareness (Culinary), Certified Nursing Assistant, CPR, First Aid, Home Health Aide, Feeding Assistant (Allied Health), Adobe Certified Associate for Print & Design Media (Graphics/Design & Visual Communications), EPA Universal and R410a Safety (environmental certificate) (HVAC), MACWIC Level 1 & 2 (Manufacturing Engineering Technologies), AWS D1.1 All Position & NFPA Hot Work Safety (Metal Fab Welding).

### ***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 five-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 fourth application to the MSBA's CORE program. We need to modernize our 1962 building and evaluate ways to expand. We strive to serve our students with 21st century technology and modern instructional space within the confines of a well maintained, mid-20th century building. We are currently building a greenhouse and converting a barn into lockers rooms and space for our Horticulture program. 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, Jr.

Town Representative, South Shore Regional School District Committee

## **NORWELL HIGH SCHOOL**

### **Class of 2018**

Salem Dodge Adda-Berkane	*Bryn Margaret Fallon	Maxwell Webster MacAvoy	Ethan Michael Robbins
William Peter Alban	Anna Grace Ferguson	Alexis Ford MacDonald	Michael Daniel Tage Roberts
Kendall Hannah Anthony	Daniel Paul Fisher	*Katherine Isabel Maescher	Christiano Anthony Rodrigues
Michael Nathaniel Asnes	Neil Lawrence Fisher	Jessica Kathryn Mahoney	Sarah Collins Roman
Michael William Ayles	Jake William Flaherty	Owen Christopher Mahoney	Greta Ludlow Salvador
Conrad James Bailey III	*Courtney Gah-Ning Flynn	Thomas Prescott Mahoney	Edward Frank Schultze
Domenic Ramo Barbati	Michael Dwyer Fontecchio	*Joseph Paul Masterson	Robert Paul Schultze
Denis Michael Barnum	*Olivia Marie Fortin	*Laura Miriam Masucci	*Robert William Scott

Alison Davis Barrett	Dylan Jeffrey Gallagher	Julia Elizabeth McClafferty	Luke William Seguin
*Rebecca Elizabeth Barry	*Shannon Ryan Gallagher	James Patrick McCluskey	*Emme Elizabeth Shaw
Thierry Lillian Beal	Catherine Jane Gibbons	Murphy Lynn McDonough	*Elizabeth Grace Sheedy
*Sophia Elena Bellofatto	Quinn Leppert Gilmore	Ross Francis McDowell	Samuel Ott Sheer
*Keely Kathryn Benoit	Lillian Davie Giovannucci	Conor James McKay	Jillian Rose Sheppard
*Annie Caroline Bergholtz	*Chloe Ann Glennon	Emily Marie McKenna	Caitlin Murphy Shields
*Jacob David Berowitz	*Annie Rose Good	Liam Jakob McMullen	Kelly Fallon Shields
Caroline Isabella Bisio	Bryce Owen Mauricio Griffin	Jack Thomas Michalkiewicz	David Anthony Smith Jr.
Amaya Cyan Blige	*John Joseph Hanna	Halley Madison Monahan	*Isabella Angeline Smith
Rosemary Amelia Brewer	John Stephen Harper	*Jessica Nicole Montoya	Alicia Marie Spataro
John Patrick Buckley	*Everett James Hayes	Olivia Maria Moura	Ian Michael Stanton
Christopher John Burke	Michaela Ryann Healy	Kyle Brian Murphy	*Callahan James Stoddard
Elise Diane Burke	*Allison Paige Hershoff	*William Patrick Murphy	*Owen Matthew Straley
Nolan Donovan Byrnes	*Rosemary Patricia Hoitt	Anna Haley Norton	Troy Allen Studley
Kaitlyn Marie Cafferty	*Sydney Emma Horlbeck	Leanne Rose Nosiglia	Tyler Joseph Studley
Alexander Ryan Calatayud	Andrew Kenneth Hurley	*Rose Elizabeth Noterman	Kyle Robert Stull
*Olivia Frances Cammarata	Baker James Hurley	*Steven Gerard O'Driscoll	Ani Jean Talanian
Sophia Gwyneth Cannata	Hannah Paige Hutchins	*Charles Edward O'Neil IV	Allen Jasper Paul Thompson
Rebecca Anne Carrillo	*Isabelle Rose Kelley	Colin Robert Orleman	Erin Nicole Thompson
Mathew David Cawthorne	Patrick Morris Kelly	*Hiba Yasmin Osmani	Benjamin Michael Tobin
*Jillian Elise Collins	*Madison Diane Kendall	*Lauren Elizabeth Palmariello	Joshua Paul Toomey
*Andrew Christopher Corbett	*Kate Elizabeth Kiernan	Peter Joseph Papadakis	*Caroline Hibbard Twombly
Joseph Anthony Costa	Benjamin John Kirby	Kelly Alyssandra Patch	Elizabeth Mary Vasquez
*Meaghan Joan Coughlin	*Matthew Joseph Kirslis	*Niti Hitesh Patel	*John Frederick Vaughan
Tyler John Curtin	Grayson Lorenzo Kivel	Lucas Gerard Pecora	Hayes Daniel Vavpetic
*Alexandra Rose Daddio	Samantha Rose Kourafas	Jazper Nicholas Petrelluzzi	*Lucas Anthony Webber
Jaelyn Shaughnessy Daley	*Molly Margaret Kramer	Robert Nicholas Petrucelli	*Grace Anne Wenger
*Erica Nicole Daniels	Vincent Gene Lacorazza	Christopher Francis Poirier	Anna Spellman Williams
Ella Marie Decker	James Vincent Lamparelli	Stephanie Grace Prescott	Anna Katherine Wilson
Stephen Elliott DeNeill	Nicole Alexandria Lasky	Caitlin Ann Quill	Quentin Anthony Woolf
*Emma Kate Devaney	Kyle Anthony Layden	Christian Edward Raeside	*Robert Nils Yampanis
Ariel Francesca Diaz	Kotaro Chase Leonard	Brendan Michael Rheault	*Emile Eyad Zahr
Olivia Nicole Dickhaut	Rachael Ann Lindblom	Christian James Richardson	
Christopher Joseph Dwan	*Timothy Robert Lynch	Isak Justin Ring	<b>* National Honor Society</b>

## NORWELL PUBLIC LIBRARY

It has been a busy and productive year for the Norwell Public Library. After Norwell residents voted overwhelmingly to support the library building project in December of 2017, the Library Building Committee went to work on the next phases of the project. Pomroy Associates was hired as the owner's project manager and Oudens Ello Architecture was hired to provide architectural design services. During 2018, the building committee worked with them to complete design development and prepare construction documents for bidding. I am grateful to fellow building committee members Scott Brodsky, Laurence Gogarty, Ellen Allen, and Jeanne Hagelstein-Ivas, as well as facilities manager Ted Nichols, for their willingness to attend many lengthy meetings and all the work they did over the year to help move this project forward. Looking ahead, a general contractor is expected to be on board by late April, 2019, and construction is expected to begin in late May. The new library is scheduled to be completed by late August of 2020.

In April, 2019, the library will move to temporary space at 1207 Washington Street in Hanover for the duration of construction. It is just over a mile from the current library with easy access and plenty of parking. It will be adequate to house NPL's collection and will offer study space, public computers, and seating for library visitors.

There will be no meeting room but we hope to offer story times, book discussions and other programs for small groups.

Aside from the building project, it has been another busy year providing library service to the community. Library cardholders checked out over 120,000 items, from print books to streaming media and Wi-Fi hotspots. Staff answered over 7,000 reference questions. Over 600 museum passes were checked out, each pass providing reduced admission for a group to the Museum of Fine Arts, Museum of Science, New England Aquarium, Plymouth Plantation and other museums. We are grateful to the Friends of NPL for funding many of our passes and library programs. Roughly 6,000 attendees of all ages enjoyed a variety of programs, including STEM workshops, story times, animal programs, author talks, book discussions, jazz concerts, foreign films, and more. Statistics aside, a patron recently commented: "Every time I come to a movie event or read a new book with the library, I find myself watching or reading something that I never would have picked out myself. And I end up learning all sorts of new things." To librarians, that is a good measure of success.

NPL is able to maintain a high level of service thanks to our outstanding staff: Assistant Director Rachel Breen, Children's Librarian Nancy Perry, Adult Services Librarian Diane Rodriguez, Technical Services Librarian Pam Achille, Circulation Assistants Vicki Rankin, Kathie Lawrence, Donna Keene, Aimee Tyler, and Custodian Tom Fazio. Shelves Isabella Smith and Kendall Anthony headed off to college in the fall and we welcomed two more Norwell High School students, Elizabeth Hanna and Kristin Murphy, to those positions.

I am thankful to the Norwell Public Library Board of Trustees for their continued dedication and support. They are: Christine Smith (Chair), Monika Brodsky (Vice-Chair), Jeanne Hagelstein-Ivas, Kathleen Fitzgerald, Victor Posada, and Sarah Summers.

Last but not least, I am thankful to our many volunteers for all they do to support the library. Together, we look forward to continued success and service to the community in the upcoming year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Judy McConarty, Director

### **NORWELL POLICE DEPARTMENT**

I hereby submit my thirteenth 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 professionalism. The entire department, both sworn and civilian staff, is comprised of dedicated professionals that are committed to providing the highest level of services to all those that live and work in town.

Sergeant Urpo Nurmenniemi retired after over 30 years of dedicated service. Thank you Sergeant and we wish you well in your future endeavors. We added Officer Sarah Harding, who previously worked for Provincetown Police and Officer Jacob Campbell to our full-time staff at Norwell Police.

We held our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual 5K in October. Through the generous support of our sponsors, volunteers and participants we were able to raise over \$5, 000. These funds were split and donated to ALS ONE and Friendship Home!!

As part of our core philosophy of community outreach officers patrolled areas seasonally on Mountain Bikes. We continued with "High Five Fridays" at the Middle and Elementary schools. The goal is to continue to foster positive interactions with students and staff.

Officers attended various training during the year. Topics include: CPR/First Aid, motor vehicle and criminal law legal update, domestic violence training, use of force, defensive tactics, Police Interactions with persons with Mental Illness, Multi Agency Response to Active Shooter and three days of firearms training. Officers also received recertification training for their Taser.

We partnered with South Shore Medical Center and participated in National Drug take back day where the public was encouraged to turn in any unwanted or unused prescription medication to the MedReturn unit in our lobby. The annual event was a big success!

We took the International Chiefs of Police pledge for the One Mind Campaign. The goal is to ensure successful interactions between police and those affected by mental illness. Departments across the country who made the pledge complete the following within 12-36 months: Establish a partnership with a Mental Health organization; establish a model policy for police when interacting with a person with a mental illness, train 100% of the department in Mental Health First Aid and training 20% of the department in Crisis Intervention Training.

We are partners in Project Outreach which is a collaboration of Public Safety Agencies and Healthcare Providers created to respond to the ever-growing number of opiate overdoses by conducting follow-up visits within 12-24 hours after an overdose. The program is not limited to those addicted to opiates; it is for everyone impacted by addiction. The two main aspects of the program are; overdose follow-up and community outreach.

We were successful in securing various grants for drunken driving patrols, aggressive driving, texting while driving and safety equipment for the patrol staff. We also received a grant for additional legal update training for officers.

Our website [www.norwellpolice.com](http://www.norwellpolice.com) is a great resource for information and to understand what programs and services we offer:

RAD program for woman	RAD kids	Lojack Safety Net program	Pink Patch Project
Crime Prevention	Internships	Child Seat Technicians	Operation ID
Firearms licensing	Vacation checks	Designated Drive program	

I would encourage those that are on social media to follow us on Twitter (@norwellpd) and Facebook (Norwell Police Department.)

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**

This is the annual report the Norwell Fire Department for the year 2018. I want to thank our Public Safety Partners, the Norwell Police department, and the South Shore Emergency Communication Center for their assistance throughout the year. I want to recognize the hard work and dedication of our firefighting personnel, who not only serve as firefighters but also as Emergency Medical Technicians.

In 2018 the Norwell Fire department responded to 2433 incidents. This is up slightly from 2017 which indicates a steady growth of requests for service. Our request for Mutual Aid increased throughout the year. We now depend upon Mutual Aid almost 12% of the time, an increase of 3% over last year.

With incidents increasing, inspectional services increasing, and other parts of the fire service demanding greater attention, I have requested at this year's upcoming town meeting that we add the position of Deputy Chief.

Norwell Fire Department attempts to operate with a five-person shift 24 hours a day. For a number of reasons we are seeing more concurrent calls occurring within the town. This creates the challenge of making sure we have adequate staffing to respond to all calls. We at one point had a very robust call back system, where off-duty members would be requested to return to duty however, as the housing situation here in town has grown more desperate our employees find it more difficult to secure housing within our community as well as those communities adjacent to us.

This past year we lost an old friend and committed Town volunteer Herb Fulton. Herb had served Norwell in many capacities but most importantly as a Call Firefighter, an Officer of the Call Fire Department, established Emergency Management, and later becoming Call Deputy Chief. Herb was instrumental in bringing the high quality Emergency Medical Service that we have today to Norwell.

In the future I shall be asking to expand the departments 20 full-time uniformed personnel to 24 full-time uniformed personnel Norwell still utilizes on-call firefighters however, recruitment is a challenge.

This year we saw the CERT Team expand membership and take on additional responsibilities with our warming center.

I also would be remiss not to thank Linda Murphy, our administrative assistant for her amazing work throughout the year.

Fires	53
Overpressure	2
Medical Calls	1215
Hazardous Conditions	271
Service Calls	280
Good Intent Calls	133
False Calls	289
Severe Weather	64
Special Type / Complaint	2
Uncategorized	124

Respectfully submitted;  
 T. Andrew Reardon, Fire Chief  
 Emergency Management Director

**HARBORMASTER**

This report is based on the calendar year. I reported last year that there were approximately 18 automobiles located at the Bridge Street Landing. To date only one of these autos have been removed which was a hazard to navigation and to the people jumping from the bridge. The town now has to determine whether to salvage the remainder or leave them in place. I would caution everyone not to jump from the bridge, these autos can move or new ones could show up.

The mooring season is February 15<sup>th</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>; renewal applications are mailed on March 1 and are due back by May 15<sup>th</sup>. A late fee of \$75.00 will be assessed after May 15<sup>th</sup>. The Mooring Regulations were amended this year and a copy was sent to all permit holders, these regulations could be viewed on the Town of Norwell Website under the Harbormaster link.

There were 146 Permits issued, at present there are 12 persons on the waiting list. All moorings are issued from the waiting list, if you have any intention of obtaining a mooring location you must file an application with the Harbormaster.



I encourage all boaters to obtain a safe boating certificate; classes are available through your local Harbormasters and the Environmental Police. At present here are four certified mooring service providers available in Norwell.

Fees collected for applications	\$2,522.00.
Mooring Permits Fees	\$9,522.29,
Total	\$11,932.29
Harbormaster Wages	\$5,548.00
Expenses	\$1500.00

Respectively submitted,  
Ronald P. Mott, Norwell Harbormaster

### **HIGHWAY/TREE & GROUNDS DEPARTMENT**

I begin by thanking Denise Nestor for her hard work and dedication to the Departments and welcoming Mary Hatcher and Assistant Director Joe Conlon to our team. Their daily assistance is invaluable to running the Highway, Tree & Grounds, Engineering and Cemetery Divisions. I must also thank the many other Department Heads, Boards, Commission and Committee members for their assistance in making this year's achievements possible.

Repavement programs included River Street, Norwell Homes neighborhood, and Common Avenue. All in all, we improved over 5 miles of roads including signage, intersections and guardrail systems. Other programs included major drainage improvements to River Street and completion of a sidewalk from South Street to Town Hall.

March 2018 included two epic Nor'easters, challenging the Departments to clear over 200 fallen trees within the Town's right of way. Throughout the winter and spring months the Departments worked in various capacities plowing, de-icing, street sweeping and cleanup of 80 miles of public ways, sidewalks, parking lots and cleaning of over 1,500 catch basins. During the summer months, the Departments spent time focusing on citizen's concerns, 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. We completed pathways to softball fields 3 and 4 at the High School. We initiated the GIS mapping of Norwell's subsurface system and stream crossing culverts.

The Highway Department continued improvements to the Recycling Center by extending the highway yard and completed the rehabilitation of the old salt shed. We are currently in the planning stages of merging the three departments into a new facility at the highway yard.

The Tree and Grounds Department began the spring cleanup of 85 acres of playing fields, open space, pathways, trailways and public commons and the management of 2 cemeteries. Time was split between indoor maintenance of equipment, re-building benches and outdoor field maintenance to the High School fields. Spring cleanup included picking up wood debris and sod damage along with painting and prepping athletic fields for games. Fields were treated for tick control, 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. We initiated a tree planting program throughout the Town and continued Cemetery improvements as well as in cooperation with the Conservation Commission initiated pathway trail maintenance and the Donovan Parking Lot connector path.

In other capacities, with the addition of the new aerial boom bucket truck, the Tree and Grounds Department continued an aggressive program of trimming and removal of dozens of priority hazardous trees.

In closing, I would like to congratulate Bill Lavery on his retirement and thank him for his many years of dedicated service. 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, George Brazil, Phil Murray,

Rocco Canale, Peter Smith, Shane Gokey and the myriad of seasonal high school interns and college help. I would also like to thank the Town's Recycle Center employees Harold Tuttle and Steve Perona. Our collective hearts are heavy with sympathy for the loss of Jim Contrino. I appreciate all of your efforts in making the Town of Norwell what it is today.

Our goal is to make our various departments and divisions transparent to the public. Please visit the Highway Tree and Grounds and Cemetery website.

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

### **NORWELL CEMETERY COMMITTEE**

The Norwell Cemetery Committee mission is as follows:

*The Town of Norwell Cemetery Committee is committed to providing a serene, attractive, and contemplative setting for the families of the deceased at all Norwell cemeteries. We are dedicated to overseeing the process of compassionate, timely, and high-quality burial arrangements that respect the wishes and beliefs of the deceased and their families.*

After many months of revisions, the Committee voted on new, updated Rules & Regulations at our March 28<sup>th</sup> meeting. Following that meeting, the Board of Selectmen officially voted to approve those Rules & Regulations, which are concise and reflect the beliefs expressed in our Mission Statement.

In February 2018, the Cemetery Committee created a new on-line Cemetery Permit which is available on the Town of Norwell website.

The Cemetery Committee worked with Eagle Scout candidate Daniel Sheehan to install a removable flag pole in the Washington Street Cemetery to be used by Scouts for their flag retirement ceremony.

Throughout 2018, Cemetery Liaison Denise Nestor oversaw the daily operations of the Norwell cemeteries. Denise is available for funerals, site visits, and at Town Hall for plot inquiries and sales. The Cemetery Committee thanks Denise for her fastidious oversight.

In 2018, the Cemetery Committee and the Liaison supervised 37 burials:

- Washington Street Cemetery: 21 burials and 5 cremation burials.
- Stetson Meadows Cemetery: 8 burials and 3 cremation burials.
- 47 lots were sold at the Stetson Meadows Cemetery.

The Cemetery Committee is looking for additional members to achieve a full, five-member committee. Any residents who might be interested, please contact the Board of Selectmen's Office.

Respectfully submitted,  
Wendy Bawabe, Chad Forman, Brian Kelley  
Norwell Cemetery Committee

### **WATER COMMISSIONERS**

This was the first full year using a new tier-based water restriction program. We are happy to report a good level of compliance resulting in more manageable pumping demand, especially during the extreme warm and dry summer periods. Thank you to the many Norwell citizens who keep conservation in mind in their daily use of our water.

During calendar year 2018, the Norwell Water Department had the pleasure of serving 3733 residential, commercial, municipal and industrial accounts. The total volume pumped from our ten groundwater wells was 355 million gallons, about the same as 2017, for an average daily demand of just under 1 million gallons. Maximum usage was recorded on July 4<sup>th</sup> with 1.74 million gallons of water pumped. We conducted over 700 service calls - to install or replace metering equipment and service valves, to mark underground utilities, and to respond to inquiries regarding water quality or pressure concerns. There were 41 water system related road excavations consisting of: 11 repaired water service leaks, 24 new water services installed, 3 fire hydrants renewed or replaced, and 3 water main breaks.

The Department rehabilitated the nearly sixty-year-old Well #2 in the Grove Street Well Field over the course of Spring and Summer 2018. We have a new well with submersible pump and motor, and a new structure to house the sensors, controls and instrumentation. The well has been restored to the original design capacity of 300 gallons per minute and produces the highest quality water in the well field.

We made significant improvements to the Department's Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) software and equipment, designed to help with the stability and security of the platform. These improvements provide better recordkeeping tools to allow us to more carefully analyze trends and usage statistics, and enable better preparation for periods of high demand or issues that may arise within the system.

In the Fall of 2018, we flushed water mains throughout the Northeast portion of Norwell - Summer Street, Cross Street, Central Street, Winter Street, Bridge Street, Old Oaken Bucket Road and a section of Main Street, including side roads and cul-de-sacs that connect to these. Flushing the water mains helps to remove sediment- chiefly caused by iron and manganese- that occurs naturally in groundwater in our region. We will do more in the Spring and Fall of 2019.

We completed the installation of 8-inch water main to the residential area of King's Landing. Access to town water is now available to all residents there. The installation provided an immediate benefit when a late season fire threatened Bulman Marine. The Norwell Fire Department was able to utilize a hydrant on the newly installed water main to put out the fire swiftly with minimal damage occurring to the boats or the marina.

Water rates charged to residents and businesses have been stable for several years and we expect no increase in 2019. Complete financial figures for our operations can be found under the reports of the Town Treasurer and Town Accountant.

We wish to thank Water Superintendent John McInnis, Treatment Facilities Manager Allen Perlin, 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 for their high level of dedication and ability to communicate and address water issues with residents, contractors, consultants, and Town officials.

We also wish to acknowledge the assistance of other Town Boards, Commissions, Committees and employees who are always ready with their cooperation, guidance and support.

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

## **BOARD OF HEALTH**

The BOH is pleased to report the rate of recycling at a steady 38% with the average trash per household maintaining 1403.5 lbs. for 2018. Curbside recycling enforcement and audits funded by a Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection grant reduced recycling contamination to under 5% on the selected routes. Norwell has not received any fines for contamination since the implementation of Pay As You Throw.

The Norwell Recycle Center has seen major improvements in 2018 with the reconfiguration of our yard with the help of Highway Surveyor Glenn Ferguson and his staff. In July, the Recycle Center added car and truck tires for drop-off to residents at no cost. The Board wishes to extend great appreciation to Steve Perona and Jimmy Contrino for their dedication and efficiency in running the Center. Thanks also go out to the Recycling Committee members led by Chairperson Vicky Spillane.

In October, 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 300 doses of the vaccine and the BOH would like to thank them for providing excellent Public Health Nursing for the town.

The Board welcomes Peter Dillon back to the board and thanks departing longtime board member Meg Doherty for all the effort and expertise she has provided over the years. The Board wishes Health Agent Brian Flynn a wonderful retirement and thanks you for your 24 years of service and expertise to the Town of Norwell and its residents. The Board welcomes Public Health Administrator Tori Koch and would like to thank Health Agent Ben Margro, Food Inspector Bob Griffin, and Ralph Cole who helps witness percolation tests for the board.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
John Litchfield, Chair  
Natalya Davis, Vice Chair  
Peter Dillon, Clerk

## **COUNCIL ON AGING**

The Norwell Council on Aging is a municipal department operating at the 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 2,512 individuals age 60 and older. While there is a wide variety of social and recreational programming offered at the senior center, a significant focus for our staff continues to be 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 2018:

- Served 564 older residents ages 60 and older
- Provided 3,600 rides consistent with prior year
- Offered 2,471 programs including of which 185 were health & wellness classes and screenings
- Individuals signed into programs 6,400 times
- 59 volunteers provided 2,523.5 hours of service valued at \$60,123

- 8,592 HDM delivered by 22 volunteers. 14% increase from FY 17. Our youngest is 3 months old!

One of our primary services is outreach support. This comes in many forms from SHINE counseling to fuels assistance; housing and contractor referrals and much more. We experienced some significant increases in our outreach efforts during the past year. Here is a snapshot:

- 43% increase in people served, 68% increase in outreach appt.
- 73 residents received SHINE counseling which is a 41% increase from FY17.
- 43 individuals participated in the Senior Tax Work-off Program
- 88 individuals under the age of 60 with a disability, received outreach, program and transportation services.

There were some major changes on the Council on Aging Board this past year. Wesley Osborne Jr., stepped down at the end of his term in June 2018. Wes served the community as both a Town Employee and a valuable volunteer for 69 year, 10 of which were on the Council on Aging Board. We also lost Ed Cox and Lynne Rose, two of our new Board members, after their relocation to other communities. We are grateful to them for their countless volunteer hours, dedication and concern for Norwell's older residents. These vacancies opened opportunities to new individuals including John Mahoney, Beata Takahasi, Frances Kneeland and Allison Hughan. Each brings a diverse professional background that lend nicely to the mission of the Board and Council on Aging. We welcome them and look forward to working with them.

In March 2018, we began a "100 Cups of Coffee" initiative for the purpose of educating community about the Council on Aging, to learn more about the needs of the individuals and families we support, to collaborate with local businesses and organizations to help support our efforts in the community. Networking is one of the keys to success in any community. It helps us identify needs, develop relationships, gain new perspectives and discover opportunities for synergy and collaboration. This initiative has been a very successful in helping us to network and create community partnerships, as we continue to work towards the goal of 100 people. Some of the outcomes from our initial 52 meetings include:

- Recruited three new COA board members and one board liaison to South Shore Elder Services.
- Recruited four CERT (Citizen Emergency Response Team) members
- Recruited four new volunteers to assist with Meals on Wheels, congregate meals and other support services at the center.
- Added two new evening programs and a special Weekend housing program
- Developed new program partnerships with Norwell Farms and YMCA Laura Center

Two articles were approved for the Council on Aging during 2018, including \$8,000 appropriated for a generator. The generator reclaimed from the former Police Station at 40 River St. has been installed. The approximate cost of \$12,900 was paid through a State grant through Sen. O'Connor's Office. The funds appropriated at TM meeting have been turned back to the general fund.

A second appropriation of \$80,000 was approved for the purchase of a new 14-passenger vehicle, with the option to use remaining funds for the purchase of a smaller SUV style vehicle with the remaining balance. We were notified in October 2018 that we were award a Community Transit Grant for a replacement vehicle valued at a base cost of \$54,240, with a local funds match of \$13,560. The Town is responsible for 100% of any customized upgrade costs. The DoT will notify us sometime in January 2019 with information about next steps for procurement. Procurement of a second vehicle will begin once the final cost is determined for the replacement vehicle.

This year, we partnered with Norwell High School for the first Senior-2-Senior event as part of the Norwell Cares day. More than 60 older adults participated in a field-day like environment with events like drumming, Pickleball, corn hole, chair volleyball, historical discussion and sharing life experiences. We are excited that this will not only become an annual event but has also prompted new partnerships like an intergenerational book discussion.

We thank the many volunteers who dedicate thousands of hours of services to Norwell's older residents, as well as the Town Departments, businesses, organizations and residents who help us to meet our goals each year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Curtin, Director  
Board Members; John Mahoney, Chair, Kate Vaughan, Vice Chair  
Maryellen Arapoff, Allison Hughan, Frances Kneeland, Beata Takahashi

### **CUSHING CENTER**

This year, the Cushing Center has been actively involved in many town community events. Some of these are as follows:

Norwell Fire Department – Monthly training and exam meetings  
Norwell Recreation Department – Yoga classes  
Norwell School Department – Celebration of Success Conference  
UCC Norwell – Lecture event/Human trafficking  
South Shore Dancers – Monthly Dance Program  
Norwell Youth Football – Events Programs  
Norwell Garden Club – Events Programs  
Norwell Woman's Club – Events Programs  
Holiday on the Common  
Norwell Veterans Day Program  
Norwell High School – Quiz night  
Norwell Schools – New Teacher orientation  
Light House Church – Events Program  
Norwell Town Planner – Lecture Program  
Norwell Conservation Commission – Presentation Event  
Cole and Vinal Schools – Third Grade Field Trip  
Norwell Wildcat Association – Event  
Norwell Middle School – Either Grade Formal Dance  
New Hope Chapel – Live Nativity on the Common  
And finally, many private weddings, family and business events.

All available office space remains fully leased out.

Revenues from Hall and Office rentals are \$56,030.00

Payroll and operating expenses are \$ 58,137.00

Cushing Memorial Hall is available to rent for events. Norwell residents are afforded a discounted rate. Please call Mary Lou O'Leary at 781-659-2674 for details.

We are thankful to the North River Garden Club for their lovely gardening on our grounds.

Respectfully submitted,  
The Cushing Center Board of Directors  
JEF Fitzgerald, Donna Cunio, Paul Tedeschi, Patrick Reed, Laurie Detwiler

### **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 2018.

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. 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 2018 efforts were directed at larval mosquitoes starting with the spring brood. The Project ground and aerial larvicided 15,600 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 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018 and ended on September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018. The Project responded to 16,758 requests for spraying and larval checks from residents covering all of the towns within the district.

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 2018 there were no human, or horse EEE cases in the district. There was one detection of EEEV in the mosquito population.

West Nile Virus activity was widespread throughout the state and the district. In 2018, Massachusetts saw record number human cases for the disease. Statewide there were 44 human cases, and 2 cases were in the district. Virus was found in mosquitoes 33 times in the district from the following towns: Abington, Bridgewater, Brockton, Carver, Cohasset, Halifax, Kingston, Lakeville, Middleborough, Rockland, West Bridgewater, and Whitman. On August 21<sup>st</sup> 2018, Massachusetts DPH took the unusual step of raising the risk level for the whole state to moderate risk. The Project responded to the increased risk by conducting additional adulticiding in areas we identified as being at higher risk for human infections. As part of our West Nile Virus control strategy a total of 51,959 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 have been monitoring *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. We expanded our surveillance for *Ae. albopictus* to 13 sites. This year we did not detect the mosquito. The Project began a tire recycling program in October 2017. During the 2018 season we recycled 3,320 tires bringing us to a total of 6,690 tires for the 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 85 larval sites were checked.

During the summer 1388 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 293 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 2018 crews removed blockages, brush and other obstructions from 205 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 peturbans* and *Oc. canadensis*. In the Town of Norwell the three most common mosquitoes were *An. quadrimaculatus*, *Cq. peturbans* and *Cx. species*.

Education and Outreach: We continue to reach out to residents in a variety of ways. This year we updated our web site. The website includes web pages for meetings and the annual budget. It also includes educational handouts to provide more information and better describe all the Project’s services.

We encourage citizens or municipal officials to visit our website at [www.plymouthmosquito.org](http://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 thru programming. Program information is disseminated through seasonal program guides that are sent to each Norwell household quarterly. Printable Program Guides are also available online and printed versions are available at multiple town locations including the Council on Aging, Norwell Public Library, Norwell Public Schools, New Nursery Preschool, First Parish Preschool, Learning Ladder Preschool, South Shore Charter Public School and other well frequented Norwell businesses. In addition, Norwell Recreation has a social media presence on Facebook and Instagram and is excited to continue to broaden our message through cooperation with Norwell Spotlight TV. Program information is also available on the Recreation Department page of <https://www.townofnorwell.net/recreation-department>. Program information and registration is driven through the ACTIVE net online registration system. Online registration constitutes more than 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. All program and departmental related expenses is derived from user fees.

2018 Statistics

- Over 300 programs offered in 2018.
- 5,008 registered participants in 2018. (456 participant decrease from 2017)
- Town Budget FY17: \$74,235
- Town Budget FY18: \$93,752

Participant Registration	WINTER	SPRING	SUMMER	FALL	TOTAL
2015	952	649	2,021	966	4588
2016	993	803	2,248	1,094	5138
2017	1133	871	2342	1118	5464
2018	1266	666	2074	1002	5008
2019	1099				

Norwell Recreation offered many new programs in 2018 including: Drum, Sing & Move, After School UK Multi Sports, Yin Yang Yoga, After School Wicked Science, Adult Outdoor Pickleball, Summer Girls Softball Clinic, Stand Up Paddle boarding, Knucklebones Mini Sports, After School Painting, Saturday Youth Field Hockey and Baking Workshops. Norwell Recreation continued to see growth in Norwell Rec Hoops, Blue Hills Instructional Ski/Snowboarding and NFL Flag Summer Flag Football program. Youth sports were not the only focus of



Norwell Recreation this past year. An average of 149 participants per week from Pre-K thru 8<sup>th</sup> Grade registered for our traditional Summer Rec “SCENE” program in Summer 2018. (Slight increase from 2017). After School recreation and enrichment programming continue to be popular with a variety of sports, STEM, Chess, Cooking, Lego, and Art programs offered. Outdoor Pickleball was successful with adults in 2018 at the newly-lined OUTDOOR courts at Centennial Park (Pine St.). Adults also participated in fitness, basketball, soccer, volleyball, painting, boating, trail walks, and day trips.

Norwell Recreation Department continues to provide summer recreation at no charge to participants in transitional housing. Six participants enjoyed a fun summer of recreational programming including snacks and transportation in Summer 2018. Norwell Recreation received over \$1,900 in donations for Summer 2017 for this program but was short approximately \$2,000 to cover all program expenses for this past year. The remainder came out of the reserves of the Recreation Department Revolving Fund.

Thank you to the Recreation Commission volunteer members: Matthew Greene, 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm. The Recreation Commission’s signature Special Family Event, The Fishing Derby was well attended in 2017 and over \$1,000 in sponsorships helped defray the costs of hosting the event. The Recreation Department sponsored the annual Fishing Derby in May 2018 and held its first Community Movie Night in September 2019 with over 100 attendees. It was a successful event that will be expanded to three events in 2019. The Recreation Commission plans to implement a new Recreation Management Software system for online registration in 2019. They are currently evaluating different vendors with the hope to go live in 2019. A new vendor would save Norwell Recreation participants up to \$20,000 annually in convenience and transaction fees.

The Norwell Recreation Department has been successful in being awarded Community Preservation Funds. The Recreation Department was awarded \$180,000 at Town Meeting 2017 in funds to complete accessibility and safety upgrades to Gaffield Park in FY18. The project was held up in Conservation over Summer 2018 and is now in the design stage for a Spring/Summer 2019 completion date. The Recreation Department is currently seeking CPA funds to repurpose the Osborne Ballfield into a dedicated Little League playing field for play in May 2020. The Norwell Recreation Department will continue to advocate for the best parks and recreation services and facilities for the residents of Norwell. The Norwell Recreation Department completed improvements to Reynolds Playground and the Pine Street Court by replacing all 6 basketball courts in 2018. The Recreation Department has stepped up in the past two years to lead improvements to existing recreation facilities in town.

Norwell Recreation employs over 100 individuals annually 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 Department information to the public.

The Recreation Department is responsible for being the central contact for Norwell’s youth sports organizations and outside groups for booking all field and gym requests including the Clipper Community Complex. In 2018, Norwell Schools implemented a new facility booking software system. The Recreation Department continues 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.

Norwell Recreation falls short in programming by not having its own facility. The Norwell Recreation Department programs function primarily in the schools and Town Hall. The Department is constrained by competing user groups, Town Hall and School time schedules, and space that is unsuitable for most recreation programming. As the Town discusses the future of Town Hall, it is imperative that a permanent home for the Recreation Department is also considered so we can continue to provide exceptional service and programming and grow so we can and improve the quality of life for residents of all ages. Norwell Recreation continues to

work cooperatively with multiple Town departments and organizations including Norwell Schools, Conservation Departments, Tree & Grounds/Highway, Norwell Library, Norwell Food Pantry and youth sports organizations. We all work together in unique ways to support our combined efforts to maintain a high quality of life for the residents of Norwell.

George Gray, Recreation Director

### RECYCLING COMMITTEE

The Recycling Committee reports to the Board of Health, and works as a resource for the town Recycling Center, as well as to promote and educate residents about recycling.

In 2018 Norwell residents used the Recycling Center to properly dispose of yard waste as well as many recyclable materials, including 530.62 tons of scrap metal/large appliances, 47.3 tons of E-waste, and empty propane tanks. Waste Management containers collected approximately 200 tons of cardboard and single stream recyclables. From April through November residents recycled about 2000 gallons of oil, stains and oil based paints, as well as recycling vegetable oil through Amenico, which converts it into non-toxic biofuel. Mercury products (light bulbs, thermometers, etc.) and rechargeable batteries are also collected. Tires were added to the list of items this year, and 178 tires were recycled. Brush can be dropped off, and grass and other yard waste collected are converted into compost for residents to use. 9.04 tons of textiles were collected through 3 bins provided by Bay State Textiles, which generate funds for Friends of Norwell Recycling to use towards projects and High School scholarships.

The Recycling Center is manned by two employees, Steve Perona and Jimmy Contrino, who do an incredible job keeping things running smoothly and assisting residents!

The committee is active in the South Shore Recycling Cooperative, and uses the Friends of Norwell Recycling Facebook page to educate and update residents on recycling.

We are always open to anyone who would like to join the committee, and welcome any ideas on how to increase recycling in the town.

Submitted by the Recycling Committee – Vicky Spillane, Chair,  
Carole McCarthy, Holly Wenger, Marge Dorney, Anne Fridgen-Traft

### SOUTH SHORE RECYCLING COOPERATIVE

The South Shore Recycling Cooperative (SSRC) is a voluntary association of fifteen South Shore towns. It was established by Intermunicipal Agreement and Special Legislation in 1998 to help member towns improve their recycling programs, and reduce the amount, toxicity and cost of disposal.

Members of the SSRC are: **Abington, Cohasset, Duxbury, Hanover, Hanson, Hingham, Hull, Kingston, Middleborough, Norwell, Plymouth, Rockland, Scituate, Weymouth, and Whitman.** Representatives from each member town are appointed by Chief Elected Official(s) (*list attached*).

2018 was a historically challenging year for our recycling programs. Markets for mixed paper, mixed plastics and glass suffered severe contractions due to China's embargo and the closure of our local glass plant. Metal and cardboard values were impacted. Costs for electronics and hazardous waste increased. Many of our recycling outlets either closed, or raised pricing and quality requirements in response.

The SSRC continues to help its Member Towns navigate this new normal by monitoring and reporting the changes locally and globally, seeking out the most advantageous vendor options and pricing, and aggressively helping with resident education to improve material quality.

All fifteen Members signed new five year Intermunicipal Agreements last spring, a testament to the value their membership in the SSRC provides.

In FY2018, the SSRC raised **\$104,506.74**: \$72,400 from municipal member dues, \$1,250 in sponsorships, \$28,240.35 in grant funding, \$2,511.17 in donations, and \$105.22 in interest. Those funds pay for the services of the Executive Director, the Recycling Education and Compliance Officer, and for waste reduction and recycling activities that benefit our member towns. In addition to technical assistance, these activities **saved /earned Member Towns \$207,483** in 2018.

## **MATERIALS MANAGEMENT**

**Household Hazardous Waste Collections** - The SSRC bids and administers a contract on behalf of its Member Towns for Household Hazardous Waste Collections. Member Towns also saved staff time to bid, schedule and publicize collections. The Executive Director assisted at all twelve events, and administers the billing.

The contract provided much lower costs than the State Contract through June, so low that the service provider barely broke even. With fewer vendors and more demand, our new contract provides an additional volume discount that is not in the State Contract, but all other terms are the same.

**1,800 residents** attended our **twelve collections** in 2018. The **reciprocity policy** also enabled a record **319 residents** attend other Member Towns' collections. This arrangement qualifies member towns for additional **Recycling Dividend Program** points, and earned them an extra **\$22,500** in grant money through that program. The total cost savings and benefits of the HHW program in 2018 is estimated at **\$50,013**.

**General Recyclables** – Major disruption in recyclables markets continued through the year. The SSRC is helping our Towns' programs and residents adapt to more stringent quality standards through the services of our grant-funded Recycling Education and Compliance Officer, and guidance by the Executive Director. (see introduction for more)

**Other Materials** – The SSRC has enabled its Members to save money, find better service and/or earn rebates for:

- Electronic waste
- Smoke detectors
- Textiles
- Brush and compost management.
- Propane tanks
- Mercury bearing waste

## **PUBLIC OUTREACH:**

**Recycling Education and Compliance Officer (RECO)** – The SSRC hire a dedicated field staffer with a 2-year, \$82,000 grant from MassDEP. She works directly with residents to improve recycling quality and quantity. This reduced staff time, and/or disposal and processing costs for the towns that enlist her services, and provided outreach materials and signage.

In 2018, she worked in thirteen of our Member towns. The project will be completed in mid-2019.

**Radio PSAs** – With funding from MassDEP and Covanta SEMASS, the SSRC recorded and aired 6 PSAs for 10 weeks on WATD FM. They covered plastic bags and food in recycling, textiles and composting, and proper disposal of mercury containing products. This helped our towns to qualify for MassDEP incentive grant funding.

**“Refrigerator door prizes”** - The SSRC distributed thousands of 5”x8” handouts, purchased with grants. The graphics clarify what is and is not recyclable, and direct the reader to the SSRC website.

**Signage** – All our Member towns have received “Do not bag recyclables” signs for transfer stations and other public display, through a MassDEP grant. Display of these signs helps our towns earn incentive grant money. See graphics at end of report.

**Website** - [ssrcoop.info](http://ssrcoop.info) provides both general and town-specific recycling and household hazardous waste collection information, meeting minutes and annual reports, a monthly newsletter, and links to other sites. It logged 52,177 page views in 2018, 21% more than in 2017. 75% of visitors were new.

**Facebook:** The SSRC posts waste reduction and recycling tips regularly on its new Facebook page, which has 255 followers.

**Press Contacts** - The SSRC is a resource to and a presence in print, web and cable media. It was featured in or consulted for several print articles, radio broadcasts and online media, including WGBH. They can be found in the News and media section of the website.

**Resident Contacts** – The Director fielded over 118 calls and emails from residents and businesses in 2018. She advised how to properly dispose of everything from wooden pallets to a broken Ski Doo.

### **ADVICE, ASSISTANCE AND NETWORKING**

The Executive Director’s help is frequently sought by the solid waste managers. She stays current on local and national solid waste issues, attending conferences, meetings and webinars, visiting local disposal and recycling facilities, and reading professional publications. She attended Selectmen, Board of Health and DPW meetings, and provided advice and help on a **wide range of issues** including: Recycling, disposal and collection contracts, regulatory language, recyclable billing and rebates.

**Regional meeting:** The Director organized a “summit” meeting with MassDEP and several towns with a common service provider that was challenging their existing contracts.

**Glass alternative outlets:** When the glass recycler upon which the entire state depended closed, the Director aggressively sought out and identified several alternative outlets and options.

**Grant assistance** - The SSRC helped **the majority of Member Towns** submit their DEP Data Surveys and/or DEP Grant applications. Maximizing grant funds is a frequent topic at our Board meetings as well.

Membership in SSRC qualified our Member Town’s for an additional **\$36,400** Recycling Dividend Program funds, which provided a total of **\$151,700** in grants to fourteen of our Towns.

**Newsletter** - The SSRC publishes monthly [Updates](#), which are emailed to 525 subscribers.

### **ADVOCACY**

The Executive Director worked actively with the Mass. Product Stewardship Council and our Beacon Hill delegation to promote legislation the Board deems beneficial to its solid waste programs. 2018’s focus legislation concerned packaging, mattress and paint producer responsibility, and electronics right to repair.

The Director represents the Board on the MassDEP Solid Waste Advisory Committee.

The SSRC exists to assist its member towns in improving their solid waste disposal and recycling functions. It always welcomes suggestions on how it can better serve its Members.

Respectfully submitted,

Claire L. Galkowski, Executive Director

### **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 August of 2018, a Fourth Annual “Oldest Veteran’s Lunch” was held in Norwell with over 200 Veterans and their spouses in attendance, which included three of Norwell’s oldest veterans. The event was a great success and many cards and calls were received by the Veteran’s Office in appreciation of the event. This very large and elegant luncheon would not have been possible without the generous contributions of Mr & Mrs. Marc Dirico, their family and friends. The attendees, as well as the Veteran’s Agent, cannot thank them enough for their support.

A Norwell Veterans Gift Fund was recently established for the more serious uses and is growing steadily. In addition, a Free Digital Phone Program is available for Norwell Veterans with hearing problems who may not qualify for Veteran’s Administration help.

The American Legion Post 192 has organized Veteran’s Day and Memorial Day ceremonies for decades in Norwell, but has now decided not to continue in 2018, so temporally the Veteran’s Office oversaw Veterans Day and plan Memorial Day.

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 30th consecutive annual Norwell Beautification Award Program, held at a regular meeting of the Norwell Selectmen, the 2018 Beautification Awards were presented to David DeGhetto (home garden award), South Shore Natural Science Center (Myrtle McKay award), Norwell Package and General Store (Business award), and Laurie Detwiler (Roadside Garden award). The award ceremony also included the presentation of congratulatory Massachusetts proclamations by State Senator Patrick O’Connor and Representative David DeCoste. A well-received reception following the ceremony.

The eighth TRASH BASH, a town-wide roadside cleanup that is held in celebration of Earth Day, occurred on May 5th. Registration for the event was held at the town hall. This year we were delighted by the participation of the Norwell schools, particularly the high school athletic teams. Because of changes in town management of trash to a pay-as-you-throw system, the committee issued special yellow trash bags to participants so the roadside trash would be picked up at no cost to residents if the trash exceeded the size of their bins.

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. To enhance the Town Center, we continue to provide and take care of four large planters with flowers. The Triangle and Adopt-a Street Programs also continue, although more volunteers are needed for both these programs

A new project of the committee was participation in the School Volunteer Day. Committee members supervised NHS sophomores at the Norwell Public Library, the James Library, and other sites around town in addition to purchasing 900 of the 1200 daffodil bulbs that the students planted in various town locations, This NHS effort is already in the planning stages for the fall of 2019.

The committee continues to support the Roadside Gardeners who care for town gardens every year. This year we created a garden at the corner of Lincoln and Main and made funds available to enhance several other town gardens. Our plan for the future is to refresh several gardens around town that have seen storm or road repair damage and other forms of neglect.

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. However, we still need more volunteers to maintain gardens 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  
 Beth Burke, Secretary  
 Bob Norris, Treasurer  
 Carolyn Lundgren, Gillian Parker, Sue Jevne, Sarah Baker, Ke Zhao

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**The Conservation Commission is responsible for the protection and management of Norwell’s conservation land and the regulatory administration of the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and the Norwell Wetland Bylaw.**

**The primary purposes of the Conservation Commission are to:**

- Plan for Natural Resource Protection
- Acquire important land and water areas
- Manage these areas for conservation and passive public recreation
- Administer and enforce the Massachusetts Wetland Protection Act, the Norwell Wetland Bylaw, and any associated regulations
- Conduct outreach and education relative to Norwell’s natural resources and environmental issues

**The Conservation Commission protects and manages:**

2000+ 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 Assinippi parcels 1999/2001
22+ Miles Public Trails	Hatch Wood Lots - 1977	Cuffee Lane - 2012
10 Fields Active Farming	Cuffee Hill - 1982	Simon Hill - 2013
12 Conservation Restrictions Monitored	Miller Woods - 1983	Masthead - 2013
9831 Feet Scenic Stone Walls	Jacobs Farm - 1989	Bennett 2015

**Accomplishments, Projects and Goals**

**1. Increase awareness and 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 on behalf of the voters also comes with a responsibility to protect essential ecological communities while also allowing recreational access to the land that taxpayers have purchased. The Commission, along with its staff and volunteers, work cooperatively with all town departments to provide safe community access to green space.

Clean air, water, and a healthy environment are the key values we are all charged with in protecting and preserving Norwell’s landscape. Residents are provided the opportunity to hike, bike, camp, fish as well as enjoy the protected natural areas all just minutes from home. Preserving open space also protects watersheds, improves air and the water quality of rivers, lakes, streams, and drinking water. Local flooding issues can be better managed while not encouraging the disturbance of local wildlife habitats.

**2. Open space and recreation plan.**

The Open Space and Recreation Committee, a sub-committee of the Conservation Commission, is in the process of updating the Open Space and Recreation Plan, to be completed by mid-July 2019. If you are interested in participating, please contact the Conservation Office.

**3. Open space land improvements and promoting multi-purpose use.**

The Commission continues to work with DCR and the Norwell Pathways Committee to create parking and trailhead access to the 500 acres of Wompatuck State Park trails in Norwell via the newly acquired Bennett land parcel on Grove Street. The design phase is near completion; the construction phase will be presented at the Norwell Town Meeting in May 2019 for voting to request funding for the project. We encourage support of this initiative that will allow access to the extensive Wompatuck trail system.

The Commission respects and encourages the interest of residents to access Norwell's public land for recreation and enjoyment. It strives to preserve the rights of individuals, families (and their dogs) to do so safely. This also includes the hunters who enjoy the preserved areas in Norwell - however, away from the trails in respect to the safety of the trail users. The Commission manages over 1200 acres of land that is available to hunters during Massachusetts-specific mandated hunting seasons. We do not require any permits or impose regulations beyond those of the state. A map is available in the Conservation and Town Clerk offices, specifically indicating where hunting is allowed. These maps also include the trail system for those looking for areas for people and dogs to walk.

**4. Streamline trail maintenance and connectivity to improve access to conserved land.**

The Commission continues to maintain and manage many miles of trails within Norwell. The severe winter storms of March 2018 resulted in significant tree damage. As a result, cleanup of damaged trees and debris on trails will continue into 2019. The Commission gratefully acknowledges the Senior Trail Crew – Al Svelnis, Dave Hill, Edward Cox, Paul Legere, Mark Aigan, Steve McViney, along with assistance from the Tree and Grounds staff. Their dedication to the conservation lands and trails in Norwell is much appreciated!

The Commission worked with the Norwell High School during Norwell Cares Day to construct a combination woodland foot trail with movable boardwalk sections to link the two trail spurs in Miller Forest.

Proper maintenance and repairs to Norwell's trails results in greater and improved access to the many conservation-managed lands in town. As long as trails are properly cared for, they will continue to provide families, walkers, bikers, and skiers, the capability to enjoy and explore the endless beauty of Norwell. New trail information kiosks have been printed and installed in parking areas, with mid-trail signs to guide walkers planned for 2019. The Commission will work with the Pathway Committee during 2019 to look at all neighborhoods within each open space trail system in order to prioritize future connectivity projects.

**5. Continue coordination with Norwell Highway and Tree/Grounds Department.**

The Commission appreciates the time and effort that this department's crew has made to improve accessibility to the many conservation areas throughout Norwell. The Donovan Field parking area, (accessing the Circuit Street pathway entrance) for example, is currently underway and scheduled to be completed in 2019.

**6. Explore new grant funding opportunities.**

There are significant quantities of grant money available to communities. The Commission and Conservation Department staff work to maximize efficiency and achievements by continuing to seek

creative project funding and support services through multiple sources. This important and beneficial process has been difficult to maintain however, as priority must be given to regulatory and active land management. The Commission would welcome a team of volunteer residents to help identify, draft, and monitor grant applications.

**7. Promote Adopt-A-Trail Program.**

Please help us keep the trails maintained and accessible for all Norwell residents to enjoy by volunteering to help monitor and report on trail conditions. You may already be walking the trails and can participate simply by downloading the link and form. Your feedback is essential in assisting our amazing trail team to target problems and issues as quickly as possible. If you are interested, please contact the Commission office today!

**8. Improve the permitting process with other departments.**

Interdepartmental communication and collaboration have seen significant improvement in terms of effectiveness and efficiency. The focus on coordinating reviews that reduce the burden on the applicant and keep the final phases of all projects consistent among all departments has taken significant steps forward, while also ensuring that the processes of the individual Boards' and Commissions' stay in tact.

**9. Implement community outreach and education programs.**

In 2019, we plan to collaborate with regional non-profit educators such as the North South Rivers Watersheds, the South Shore Natural Science Center, the Norwell Public Library, and others to create new outreach and educational programs. They will include additional outdoor seasonal, family-oriented nature programs. A primary goal is to facilitate family-friendly outings to the many Conservation Commission-managed passive recreational areas in Norwell.

**10. Participate in The Second Climate Change Symposium.**

The Symposium with regional partners is planned for May 2019. Coastal Zone Management is the lead on this project. The effects of climate change are widespread and will continue to influence rainfall levels, storm water impact, and wetland resources. The Norwell Conservation Commission looks forward to continuing as a sponsoring member.

**11. Support school-based environmental education programs.**

We promote conservation-related programs at all Norwell schools and look forward to the 2019 Norwell High School Cares program.

**12. Farming.**

The Commission continues to manage and sponsor active farming on the six Jacobs Farm Fields, two Donovan Farm Fields, Barstow Field, and the Main Street Field. We gratefully acknowledge the dedication of the farmers in helping preserve this cultural heritage. Hornstra Dairy Farm and Norwell Farms Community have been with us for many years as well as Beekeeper Luke Lambert. We welcome the additional support from farmer Jon Haskins.

**For Regulatory matters, the Commission utilizes the following permit system.**

- 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 **thirty** new applications and issued **twenty eight** Orders of Conditions for these projects.
- Resource Delineation reviews are conducted either under the Notice of Intent process or with an Application for Resource Area Delineation. These are reviewed in terms of location and type of resource only, with no specific project attached. The benefit of this process is that the natural resource areas can



be identified and defined before significant monies are spent on design and engineering. The Commission reviewed and issued **two** Resource Delineation applications in 2018.

- The Commission monitors and works to ensure site stormwater and soils are controlled on all projects, with subdivisions and commercial development being more closely monitored. **Four** major projects were reviewed or monitored for stormwater control in 2018.
- 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 the filing of a Notice of Intent if the project is more involved (ex: simple septic repair). The Commission reviewed and issued **twelve** Determinations of Applicability in 2018.
- An Administrative Letter Permit is used for projects within the outer reaches of the buffer zone, 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 are required for this permit level (ex: projects with all construction activities 100 feet or more from the closest resource). The Conservation office issued **eleven** letter permits.
- Inter-departmental 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 100 feet from the wetland, or hazardous tree removal in buffer areas). The Commission office issued **thirty six** sign-offs.
- Certificates of Compliance are issued when a project is shown to be completed in a manner that protects nearby resource areas and is consistent with the permit issued. The Conservation office issued **fourteen** Certificates of Compliance for completion of projects in 2018.

**Regulatory Projects** – The Commission is re-prioritizing an update of the Towns Wetland Bylaw Regulations with the intent of clarifying resource areas, performance standards and the public understanding of the regulations and how they affect properties near and in wetlands.

### **Check before you work– Be Conservation Safe!**

To better understand the resources on or near your property, please feel free to contact the Conservation Department. Norwell offers assistance with permitting issues, environmental concerns, or just creating a unique GIS map for your property. Assistance is also available regarding information on public lands or trails. Please be safe and ask the Conservation Office if you have any questions or just want information regarding your property, nearby resources or Conservation Lands - We are happy to help!. ([nhemingway@townofnorwell.net](mailto:nhemingway@townofnorwell.net) or [mschmid@townofnorwell.net](mailto:mschmid@townofnorwell.net)). A reminder that we are always looking for volunteers. Please stop by the Conservation Office or call (781-659-8022) if you would like to help.

### **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. Members Stacy Minihane and David Osborne, both resigned in 2018. Stacy provided wetland science expertise and her many contributions will be missed. David served on the Commission since 2006 and contributed a life-long love of the woods and Norwell. The Commissioners will miss his many trail projects and contributions.

The Commission very much appreciates the dedication of Administrative Assistants Meredith Schmid and Nicole Pelletier who make certain that both the Conservation and Planning Offices run smoothly and efficiently. Nicole moved from Planning to Building at the end of 2018 and will be missed. Thank you to recording clerk Chris Sullivan for his continued support.

The Commissioners spend significant amounts of volunteer time to ensure that the natural resources and Conservation areas in Norwell are protected and cared for. Marynel Wahl continues as the Commission's Chairperson and Bob Woodill as the Vice-Chairperson.

### **2018 Conservation Commission Members - Appointed by the Board of Selectmen**

Marynel Wahl – Chair, 2011  
Bob McMackin, 2016  
Ellen Markham, 2018  
Ron Mott, 2013  
David Osborne, 2006 – resigned

Robert Woodill – Vice Chair, 2011  
Justin Ivas, 2016  
Roy Bjorlin, 2018  
Stacy Minihane, 2016 –resigned

Respectfully submitted by Nancy Hemingway, Conservation Agent, Meredith Schmid, Administrative Assistant, and Marynel Wahl, Commission Chair.

### **NORWELL HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

The purpose of the Norwell Historical Commission, in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 8d and the Norwell bylaws, is to preserve and protect historic antiquities and archaeological resources throughout Norwell.

**Members and Officers:** Noel Ripley served as Chairman, Patricia Shepherd served as Treasurer and Janet Watson served as Secretary of the Commission in 2018. Other members were David DeGhetto, James Kelliher, Nancy McBride and Robert Norris.

**Jacobs Farm:** The Commission is responsible for the maintenance of the Jacobs farmhouse and outbuildings under the overall management of the Board of Selectman and the stewardship of Historic New England. The Commission's goal is to preserve the farmhouse and outbuildings which constitute an iconic presence on Main St. and make them accessible to town residents.

The Commission is currently overseeing four major construction projects at the Jacobs Farm property. These are a new roof for the farmhouse, repair of the carriage barn complex on the West side of Jacobs Lane, deleading the apartment in the Farmhouse which generates income for overall maintenance of the Farmhouse complex and making the Farmhouse museum (managed by the Historical Society) accessible for people with disabilities. CPC funds have been allocated for these projects and the plan for making the farmhouse accessible was approved by the Architectural Access Board in 2017.

The completion of these projects has been delayed by the complexities of the RFP process. In early 2018 the Town entered into a contract with TBA Architects, Inc. to oversee the projects. TBA completed a hazardous materials assessments and project evaluations in 2018 but has not yet initiated the bidding and contract process. The Commission will continue to monitor and provide oversight in an attempt to ensure that the projects move forward in 2019.

The application to place the Jacobs Farm on the Register of Historic Places was completed by Wendy Bawabe, President of the Norwell Historical Society, and is awaiting approval by the Massachusetts Historical Commission.

**Sergeant Samuel Stetson House:** One of the three oldest houses in Norwell (formerly located at 85 Stetson Shrine Lane and probably dating from the early 18<sup>th</sup> century based on a dendrochronology analysis) was slated for demolition in September 2011. Since 2012 the house has been at a temporary site awaiting permanent placement at Stetson Meadows Cemetery. In 2017 the sill work was completed and the house is now ready to be moved. The site plans have been finalized and the Commission is working with Norwell Facilities Manager Ted Nichols to hire contractors to build the foundation, move the house and repair the roof and siding. It is anticipated this work will finally be completed in 2019. The Commission is also working with Michael Burrey and North Bennet St. School to do historical renovation of the windows, interior and chimney once the house is on its foundation.

**Stetson-Ford House:** The house is currently rented with income of \$1750 a month and is self-sustaining. Repairs to the foundation were completed in 2018.

**Simon Hill - Bordewieck Acreage:** The Commission considers the Simon Hill – Bordewieck Acreage to be an archeological resource due to the evidence of Native Americans from precolonial times to the 19<sup>th</sup> century. The Commission continues to advocate that the Town comply with the deed and the Article passed at the time of the purchase in 2013 which require a preservation restriction and a formal division of responsibility for the area between the Conservation Commission and the Water Department approved at a Town Meeting.

**Preservation Agreements:**

The Commission did not finalize a Preservation Restriction Agreement for **166 Norwell Ave**, the Henry Norwell House, as anticipated due to the inability to negotiate an agreement acceptable to both the Town and the home owners.

The Commission is involved in the efforts to preserve and restore the **Norwell Grange**. The Grange is an impressive Italianate style building with historic significance. The Board of Selectmen approved a plan to transfer the Town’s purchase option to a current tenant who agreed to a preservation restriction. A preservation agreement was written in 2018 and is awaiting approval of the Massachusetts Historical Commission. Once this is finalized, and the building is transferred to its new owners, restoration and repairs can begin.

The Commission also provides oversight of the **James Library** related to the preservation agreement finalized in 2017. The ramp and elevator were completed this year beautifully complementing the style of the building and the Library is now accessible.

**Demolition Delay By-Law:**

In April 2017, a demolition application was submitted for the barn at **238 River St**. The barn was determined to be historically significant and after a public hearing in June 2017, a one year demolition delay was imposed. The Commission worked with the homeowner who is now maintaining the historic barn as part of an addition to the home.

In December 2018 a demolition application was submitted for the house at **206 Summer St**. The developer of Cowings Cove wanted to demolish the building in order to build another home in the Cowings Cove development. The Commission determined the house to be historically significant and after a public hearing, a demolition delay was imposed. The developer has not made any plan or material effort to preserve the house and the delay will expire in May 2019.

The Commission thanks the various town committees, boards and departments as well as the Norwell Historical Society and the citizens of the town who support its efforts to preserve Norwell’s history. The Commission wishes to especially express its appreciation to Wendy Bawabe, President of the Norwell Historical Society, and Ted Nichols, Norwell Facilities Manager, who are always available to help with any work required to preserve Norwell’s historic assets.

**Respectfully submitted,**

Noel Ripley, Chair

Janet Watson, Secretary

Patricia Shepherd, Treasurer

David DeGhetto, James Kelliher, Nancy McBride, Robert Norris

**COMMUNITY HOUSING TRUST**

The Community Housing Trust’s Affordable Housing development for seniors and veterans at 40 River Street has been the main focus of the Trust for 2018. The development was given a new name and is now called Herring Brook Hill. Metro West Collaborative Development, Inc. hired Curtis Construction as the general contractor. The old police station was demolished and construction began in late 2018. There is already a sizeable waiting list for the 18 rental units, which are at various levels of Affordability. A lottery will be held for the units later in 2019 as the development nears completion.

Both CPA and CHT funding helped to underwrite Herring Brook Hill, which was also awarded funding by The Department of Housing and Community Development and Mass Housing - a significant milestone for the Town. 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 if no qualified buyers can be found who meet the deed restriction criteria on the property.

**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**

Peter Shea, Chair

Elizabeth Hibbard, Vice Chair

Patricia Richardson, Clerk

Cara Hamilton, Rob Charest, Gregg McBride, T. Andrew Reardon, 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 FY2018, the Town collected \$1,014,905.62 in net CPA surcharges (after abatements and exemptions). The matching funds from the state were \$213,820.00. With miscellaneous revenue and interest earned, the total 2018 revenue to the Town was \$1,295,562.06.

The annual CPC public hearing was held on December 13<sup>th</sup>. Interested residents are invited to attend the hearing for updates, ask questions and make comments or suggestions to the board for the upcoming year. Chair Bob Norris summarized the board's ongoing projects and activities. Selectman Alison Demong and the Carleton Property Committee gave a presentation about the CPA funded purchase of 124 acres from the Dolan family. This acreage includes the iconic Whiting Fields that are the defining landmark on Main Street. This land purchase topped the project wish list when the Town adopted the CPA in 2002. With the CPC's careful stewardship of CPA funds and the invaluable assistance of Selectmen Alison Demong and Gregg McBride, the Town was able to pay for this purchase entirely from the CPA fund balance. The Selectmen formed the Carleton Property Committee to consider allowable CPA project ideas for this land with the exception of the 9+ acres of the Whiting Fields, which were put under a conservation restriction in perpetuity. All future options to be considered will be voted at Town Meetings.

**Community Preservation Act Funds Revenue 6/30/18**

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Surcharge Collections (net of refunds)</b>	<b>Miscellaneous Revenue</b>	<b>Investment Income</b>	<b>State Match</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>FY 2003</b>	491,540.28	719.20	2,103.20	0.00	494,362.68
<b>FY 2004</b>	531,332.47	856.78	9,235.99	504,055.00	1,045,480.24
<b>FY 2005</b>	562,030.24	.00	24,047.18	534,732.00	1,120,809.42

<b>FY 2006</b>	630,920.92	4,331.55	40,877.65	559,835.00	1,235,965.12
<b>FY 2007</b>	663,246.13	1,646.00	52,080.06	634,135.00	1,351,107.19
<b>FY 2008</b>	699,561.80	2,734.71	112,674.91	674,734.00	1,489,705.42
<b>FY 2009</b>	728,864.55	4,612.37	75,571.56	541,215.00	1,350,263.48
<b>FY 2010</b>	754,196.49	2,779.76	45,147.01	311,164.00	1,113,287.26
<b>FY 2011</b>	755,674.97	1,926.36	64,645.27	247,788.00	1,070,034.60
<b>FY 2012</b>	781,347.78	1,989.41	49,368.30	246,566.00	1,079,271.49
<b>FY 2013</b>	870,536.17	1,863.56	43,356.73	255,995.00	1,171,751.46
<b>FY 2014</b>	894,294.89	1,506.12	53,430.50	549,153.00	1,498,384.51
<b>FY 2015</b>	953,466.00	2,508.01	34,706.46	341,831.00	1,332,511.47
<b>FY 2016</b>	993,082.91	37,368.63	30,878.85	338,909.00	1,400,239.39
<b>FY 2017</b>	1,026,355.02	5,133.55	37,474.49	245,758.00	1,314,721.06
<b>FY 2018</b>	1,014,905.62	3007.94	63,828.50	213,820.00	1,295,562.06
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>12,351,346.24</b>	<b>72,983.95</b>	<b>739,426.66</b>	<b>6,199,690.00</b>	<b>19,363,456.85</b>

#### % of Total

<b>Revenues</b>	<b>63.8%</b>	<b>.04%</b>	<b>3.7%</b>	<b>32.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
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#### ONGOING 2018 PROJECTS:

- **Pathways** – the next phase of the Donovan fields access path is almost complete to connect the parking area to the pathway across Circuit Street. The study to access Wompatuck State Park has led to next steps to apply to the CPC for funding to build an access road and parking lot off Grove Street. The DCR has expressed interest in working with the Town on this project, as there is currently no entrance to the park in Norwell.
- **Jacobs Farmhouse Restoration Projects** – the Historical Commission, working with the BOS, has hired a project coordinator and the architect firm of TBA for design services to construct a plan to get this property's many projects underway. They range from interior and exterior rehab work to ADA access to the museum.
- **Sgt. Samuel Stetson House Rehab and Relocation** – the restoration of this antique house was completed by the North Bennett Street School. Options for the future location of the house continue to be under discussion.
- **27 Assinippi Ave.** – the Norwell Housing Authority is completing the restoration of this group home to accommodate tenants who are part of the state's DMH program.

#### COMPLETED PROJECTS:

- The purchase of the Carleton Property (see full report above) was the only application for this year's round of CPC funding.

#### 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,

Brendan Recupero (Chair) - At Large (1/18-9/18)

Robert Norris (Interim Chair) – Historical Commission (9/18-12/18)

Dave Osborne (Vice Chair) - Conservation Commission (1/18-8/18)

Robert McMackin – Conservation Commission (8/18 to 12/18)

Patrick Campbell - Planning Board

Julie Gillis - At Large

Fred Levin – Housing Authority (1/18-5/18)

Genevieve Davis - Housing Authority (5/18-12/18)

Rich Levitt - At Large

Aleta Scully - Recreation Commission

Rachel Wollam – At Large  
Ellen McKenna, Administrator

## **PLANNING BOARD**

The Planning Board is active in many aspects of community land-use. As steward of the Town's Master Plan, the Board coordinates and advances efforts to improve the overall quality of life for Norwell residents. It conducts public hearings and makes determinations on proposed subdivisions, acts upon Approval Not Required (ANR) plans, provides technical review to the Board of Appeals on site plans, decides on alterations to designated scenic roads, and makes recommendations on Street Acceptance Petitions, and proposed amendments to the Zoning Bylaw.

### **Continued Progress**

In 2018, the Town Planner and the Planning Secretary diligently organized project files and accounting documents in an effort to reduce paper waste, and improve Departmental efficiency. This effort pays off during informational inquiries from the public, who are impressed with Staff's ability to locate documentation to address a situation, alleviate a problem, or simply answer a question.

### *Personnel Opportunities*

In 2018, the Town Planner split the part-time Planning Secretary position, as it was funded by both Planning and Conservation. This enabled the Town Planner to adjust the Planning Secretary hours to the needs of the Department. In this time, the Planning Secretary developed a procedural manual documenting daily administrative tasks for future reference. Upon the Planning Secretary's move to another Department, the Town Planner recognized an opportunity and sought to increase the position's hours. This will provide greater administrative availability to perform administrative tasks, as well to allow the Town Planner to focus on long-range planning initiatives such as the Comprehensive Plan.

### **Comprehensive Plan**

In addition to overseeing the Department's daily operations, the Town Planner continues to outline the process of revising the Master Plan to meet the changing needs of residents, and reflect the Town's overall vision for the future. The Town Planner will spearhead the revision process, and indicates that the revised Plan's comprehensive reach will require coordination with residents and multiple Boards, Committees, and Commissions to draft a unified policy document that will be the Town's "roadmap" for the future.

### *Economic Development*

According to data gathered for 2018, the Building Department issued 274 building permits, valuing nearly \$20 million. Only 5% of these permits were for commercial projects, indicating an overreliance on residential tax revenue. This illustrates the need to diversify and maximize non-residential revenue, a primary objective outlined in the Economic Development Element of the 2005 Master Plan.

### **Pathway Committee**

The Pathway Committee, which is a subcommittee of the Planning Board, is overseeing the design of an access lot off Grove Street to the Wompatuck State Park. In conjunction with an engineering consultant, neighbors, and the Friends of Wompatuck, this lot would provide Town residents a local connection to the vast recreational trails and opportunities the Park has to offer. The Committee has held two charrettes to gather design input from the neighbors, and upon presenting updated Plans, the Committee received unanimous support from the Community Preservation Committee. Construction is anticipated to begin in the summer of 2019.

The Committee will also oversee the construction of the third phase of the Town Pathway continuing from Gaffield Park at the intersection of Forest and River Streets to the Norris Reservation Area and Town Center. The two-part pathway will travel up River Street, connect with the proposed Herring Brook

Hill Senior Housing at the former Police Station, end at the First Parrish Church, and designed to connect into potential revitalization efforts for Town Center. The second part will cross River Street up to Dover Street and end at the Norris Reservation.

In addition to regular Planning Board activities, members of the Board serve as liaisons on various other Town committees that require the participation of a Planning Board member by constitution. These committees include Bylaw Review, Capital Budget, Community Preservation, Complete Streets, Economic Development, Open Space, and Pathway. These Committees meet throughout the year and require a substantial time commitment from both Board members and Staff.

**I. Approval Not Required (Form A) Plans**

In 2018, the Planning Board endorsed six (6) Approval Not Required (ANR) Plan applications. An ANR Plan is a proposal to create a lot or parcel that does not require review under the Subdivision Control Law.

**II. Preliminary (Form B) Plans**

In 2018, the Planning Board did not receive any Preliminary Plans. Preliminary Plans are non-binding and offer an Applicant, Staff, and the Board to offer commentary on development proposals prior to major investments by the Applicant.

**III. ZBA Site Plan Approval (Form H) - Technical Review**

The Planning Board provides technical review assistance to the Board of Appeals for Site Plan applications under Zoning Bylaw §1530, and does not collect any application fees for this activity. The Planning Board provided commentary for a proposed retail store at 111-119 Washington Street, a glass entranceway vestibule at 600 Longwater Drive, and self-contained hydroponic growth containers at Queen Anne's Plaza.

**IV. Open Space Residential Design (Form O) Special Permits**

In 2018, the Planning Board heard one (1) OSRD Pre-Application Conference and is currently reviewing the subsequent OSRD Special Permit. An OSRD is a cluster subdivision that offers greater flexibility in design, layout, and construction that incentivizes developers to create smaller lots, shorter roads, and preserve a greater amount of usable Open Space for the Town that would otherwise not be preserved.

**V. Scenic Road Hearing (Form S) Projects**

In 2018, the Planning Board approved one (1) Scenic Road alteration application and investigated and resolved several potential violations. The Scenic Road Bylaw provides the Board the opportunity to review proposed alterations to stonewalls and trees within the Town right-of-way on designated scenic roads.

**VI. Subdivision Surety & Construction Oversight**

In 2018, the Planning Board provided surety and construction oversight for numerous subdivision projects. Under the Subdivision Control Law, the Planning Board is required to impose surety (performance guarantee) to help ensure completion of the construction of a subdivision project. As construction continues, the Board has the authority to reduce the amount of surety held if it is determined that the developer has successfully completed certain improvements within the project. As of December 31, 2018, the Town is holding over \$334,000.00 in cash surety, as well as a number of bank bonds on uncompleted projects.

**VII. Subdivision Completions**

Although no developments were completed in 2018, with Staff assistance, the Planning Board returned \$19,975.74 in Engineering Review escrow to various developers from past projects.

Forest Ridge off Summer Street and Wildcat Hills OSRD off Wildcat Lane were substantially completed in 2017, and the Board released \$56,818.57 in total for these projects, determining that the projects were

compliant with the Subdivision and Land Development Rules & Regulations. This is a commendable accomplishment of Staff, as it helps the Town Treasurer-Collector and Town Accountant with financial reporting.

**VIII. Street Acceptance Petitions**

There were no Street Acceptance Petitions at the 2018 Town Meeting.

**IX. Zoning Bylaw Amendments**

Although the Planning Board made no recommendations on revisions to the Zoning Bylaw in 2018, Staff predicts the Board will be giving a number of recommendations in 2019.

**X. General Town Government Assistance**

In addition to the primary role of Staff to the Planning Board, the Town Planner supports various Boards, Committees, and Commissions that assist the Planning Board with improving the life for residents. Such assistance included:

- Drafting or reviewing bid documents, writing grant applications, and maintaining financial spreadsheets for the Pathway Committee
- Proofreading and general input with the Bylaw Review Committee
- Grant writing and technical assistance with the Complete Streets Committee

The Board would like to thank Planning Administrative Secretary Nicole Pelletier, who recently transferred to a full-time position in the Building Department, for her excellent assistance to the Town Planner and the Board.

Additionally, the Board wishes to thank Town Administrator Morin, Conservation Secretary Meredith Schmid, and many other interdepartmental Town personnel who provide valuable assistance to the Board and Town Planner on a daily basis.

The Planning Board is grateful for the knowledge, energy, and commitment to public service that Town Planner Ken Kirkland brings, and appreciates the productive and collaborative relationships he creates between the Board, Department, and the Town in general.

Respectfully submitted,  
Brendan P. Sullivan, Chair  
Jamie G. Crystal-Lowry, Vice-Chair  
Scott J. Fitzgerald, Clerk  
Donald A. Mauch, Member, Patrick Campbell, Member

**BOARD OF ASSESSORS**

The 2019 fiscal tax rate is \$16.40 per thousand.

Fiscal Year 2018 Valuations – Town of Norwell

Class	Full Fair Cash Value Assessments	Percentage Full Value of Tax Levy
Residential	2,319,231,484.00	85.4347%
Open Space	0.0000	0.0000%
Commercial	315,280,789.00	11.6141%
Industrial	30,177,300.00	1.1117%
Personal Property	49,936,200.00	1.8395%
TOTALS	2,714,625,773.00	100.0000%



The Norwell Assessors' Office provides vital financial services and information that enables our town officials and departments to prepare accurate and reliable spending plans. The Staff completes building permit and occupancy inspection. Cyclical and data quality inspections are conducted in compliance with the Massachusetts General Laws and the Massachusetts Department of Revenue. Questions and requests from the general public, other municipal departments, residents and professionals are researched. Abutter's lists are certified. All of this information and deeds received from the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds are verified and entered into the assessors' database.

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 then approve or deny each case.

The total number of Motor Vehicle Excise Bills for 2018 was 12,985. This generated a total of Two Million Five Hundred Three Thousand Three Hundred Seventy Seven dollars and Thirty Nine cents (\$2,503,377.39) which was committed to the Treasurer/Collector's Office.

The exemptions available for qualifying residents are: **disabled veterans, blind, seniors** with age, income and asset requirements, a **minor with a deceased parent, surviving spouse, tax deferral, hardship** and **Community Preservation**. The Board of Assessors and the Staff urge potentially qualifying residents to contact the Assessors' Office at 781-659-8014 for specific requirements and any questions about these exemptions.

The current Assessors' Board and Staff would like to thank former Board member, William Houser for his time, enthusiasm and decisions during his time on the Board.

Respectfully submitted  
Board of Assessors