

**Tribute to Normand DeWolfe  
1951 - 2016**

**13 August 2016**

**Today the town grieves with Kathleen. We have lost a great leader and a good friend. But we also must celebrate all he has given to the town. He was chair of the Select Board, and never missed a meeting. He worked tirelessly to ensure that our meetings addressed the many issues and concerns of the town. He carefully tracked our budget. He looked for new and creative ways to do business or explore ways to improve our economic outlook. He addressed citizen concerns with a listening ear and an open mind. He was always firm and fair. As I now prepare for our meetings, the first thing I ask myself is, "what would Norm do?" I considered him my mentor and I know I can speak for the Board in saying he was admired and respected by all of us.**

**I used to ask myself, why does he give so much time and energy. He could have spent more time on his boat casting a line. . . . more time on his snowmobile blazing trails. . . . more time relaxing and enjoying life. He did those things to be sure, but it didn't prevent him from going to every committee or commission meeting, sometimes two in a day and sometimes dragging Kathleen with him. He attended most of the town functions. He was always a part of the 4th of July celebration and the cleanup the day after the fireworks . . . . honoring citizens with the Boston Cane and the Community Garden ribbon cutting . . . . hours at the polls on election days. But watching him, I knew why. Norm demonstrated his love and passion for this town on a daily basis. We will miss him.**

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