

Regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen convened at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, January 31, 2017 in Room 34, the Harry B. Butters Chambers, Norwood Memorial Municipal Building, with the Pledge of Allegiance, and a silent moment of prayer and reflection. Meeting is Recorded.

Present: Chairman Allan D. Howard, William J. Plasko, Helen Abdallah Donohue, Paul A. Bishop and Thomas F. Maloney. Also present General Manager John J. Carroll, Clerk Frances L. Jessoe and Assistant Christina Mulvehill

Appointments

7:00 P.M. – Supt. Mark Ryan, DPW/Town Engineer:

Mr. Ryan spoke briefly about the weather forecast. He then spoke about projects and Balch and Coakley Schools. During this mild winter, crews have been doing many projects including clearing woods along utility easements, areas adjacent to parks, etc. The Cemetery Department has been staining benches and painting the garages. Selectman Donohue inquired about the water meter replacement and Mr. Ryan explained the process. Selectman Donohue wanted residents to know they were not overcharged. Chairman Howard inquired about funding for the project. Mr. Ryan said there is an amount in the budget every year. Selectman Bishop asked about snow plow route maps. Mr. Ryan explained there are thirty routes for street plowing and seven routes for sidewalk plowing.

7:15 P.M. – Supt. James Collins, Norwood Light Department:

Mr. Collins gave an update of his department's monthly activity. The 115kv transmission project is electrically complete but awaiting environmental sign offs and they may need to keep precautions in place until 2018. In addition they are in the budget process and he will come back with recommendation for next year rates. Assistant Superintendent Daniel Morrissey listed several ongoing projects. They are working on preliminaries with Moderna, Endicott Woods has 14 buildings going in, Rolland is currently being renovated, FM Global is nearing completion, Metropolitan Cabinet is renovating and expanding, 60 Lenox Street is moving along, 83 Morse Street is being cleaned up, Flight Level is adding a new hangar, AMR is moving very fast. In other areas, the LED streetlight project has a grant in place to pay for fifty percent of the materials and Light Department line crews will do the installation. There will be inspection of all the poles with lights on them and all but the decorative lights will be replaced.

Darryl Hansen of Broadband spoke about video system upgrade. They have made some improvements to the older parts of the system. The NPATV upgrade caused some problems during conversion to high definition but they have gotten some new equipment since that time. In sales, the customer count increased by 200, but video customers have fallen off as the oldest set top boxes had problems on the picture. They got some new equipment since then as people are watching more on the internet. Mr. Hansen spoke about the loyalty program coming in the near future to thank the loyal customers.

Selectman Bishop asked about the LED project. Mr. Morrissey said the final project will look like Upland Road. The light will go from yellow to a more clear and will cover the sidewalks and roadways and not as much on the yards. Selectman Donohue asked if cable will be moving to Access Road, but Mr. Hansen said the plan is to keep the head end facility here and the offices and storage at Access Road.

7:30 P.M. – EXECUTIVE SESSION-ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS:

Re: 40B Forbes Hill & Avalon Bay

New Business

Paul Halkiotis, Director of Community Planning & Economic Development:

- a. On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to have Mr. Halkiotis in to speak about draft Community Preservation Act (CPA) Bylaw and requesting that this be included on the warrant for the Spring Special Town Meeting.

Paul Halkiotis, Director of Community Planning & Economic Development-(cont'd):

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to file Community Preservation Coalition News Letter and copy of letter from William O'Donnell, Norfolk County Register of Deeds regarding funds generated by CPA in Norwood.

Murphy, Hesse, Toomey & Lehane, LLP:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to file notice of major changes to public records law and information re Municipal Modernization Act.

ABCC:

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted 4-0 to file advisory regarding recorking of wine. Selectman Donohue abstained.

ATCC, 500 W. Cummings Park, Woburn:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to file notification of Phase I initial Site investigation report re northeast portion of Berkshires at Windsor Garden.

Rita A. Russo, 40 Pine Street:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to approve use of Town Common and bandstand Monday, July 3, 1- 2 p.m. for Patriotic Rosary and request to place a sandwich sign on the traffic island at the corner of Washington and Nahatan Streets for 2 weeks prior to the event.

Janice Mullen, Norwood Evening Garden Club:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to file notice that Art In Bloom will be at the Morse House on April 8th and 9th and approve request to place sandwich boards at Nahatan & Walpole, Dean and Neponset and Nichols Street rotary on March 25.

Personnel Board:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted to file 2016 Goals & Objectives/results and updated general government comparable town list.

Thomas J. McQuaid, Town Clerk & Accountant:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to file notice that Annual Town Meeting will be Monday, May 8th, the cutoff date for articles to be submitted for the Annual will be Friday, March 24. Selectman Plasko said legally the Selectmen call town meetings but for ATM Town Clerk & Accounting prepares it and it comes over to us. Last year there was complaint about the time line of placing articles on the warrant.

Laurie Shea, Norwood Scholarship Foundation:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to approve request to place a flyer in the town light bills for April. This date is available.

Laurie Shea, Norwood Farmers Market Manager:

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to approve request to host the Farmer's Market on the Town Common on Tuesday's from June 13, 2017 thru October 10, 2017 from noon to 5:30 p.m. excluding Tuesday July 4th and to hang Farmers Market Banners around the common from the beginning of June to the end of October.

Thomas J. McQuaid, CPA, Town Clerk & Accountant:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to file copy of the amendment to the Norwood Town By-Laws that was voted at the Special Town Meeting on October 24, 2016 and approved by the Attorney General on January 24, 2017; one zoning which was referred to the Planning Board and Council on Aging.

Travis Farley, Program Director, Recreation Department:

On motion of Selectman Maloney, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to file notice that the Annual Touch A Truck will be held on Saturday, May 13th from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Department of Public Works Yard-this will allow more parking for residents.

Mary Ellen Herx, St. Timothy Parish:

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to approve request for One Day Wine and Malt Beverage license for Mission Trip Fundraiser Saturday, March 18, 2017 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Jean Hall, President, Norwood Art Association:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to approve application to use Town Common and Bandstand for Art in the Park event Saturday, June 10, 2017 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. with a rain date of Sunday, June 11, 2017.

Timothy J. McDonough, Chairman, Board of Assessors:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to file information from Massachusetts Department of Revenue compiled from recently approved FY 2017 tax rates and assessments from across the Commonwealth. Selectman Bishop pointed out Norwood has assessed values of higher amounts and lower tax rate.

Mary Beth Cox, St. Catherine of Siena School:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to approve request for One Day All Alcoholic Beverages License for Annual Gala and Auction Saturday April 1, 2017 from 6 p.m. to midnight.

Executive Session:

Pending litigation – Norwood Airport

Selectmen's Addenda

Selectman Maloney

Joseph Greeley

Mr. Greeley has decided not to run for reelection for the Finance Commission and I wish him best of luck and look forward to working with him in other capacities.

Selectman Bishop

Winter Concert Series.

Reminder from Paul Eysie there are three more free concerts in the Winter Concert Series upcoming the next 3 Sundays at 2 – 4 p.m. at Norwood High School.

Manager's Agenda

Recommending the Board approve Mosquito Control Larvicide Spreading from the landfill as last year.

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to approve.

For the Board signature-DPW facility AUL

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to authorize and direct the Chairman to sign subject to Town Counsel review.

Manager's Executive Session

Collective Bargaining/Police Regulars

Collective Bargaining/Police Superiors

Firefighter negotiations

Executive Session – Zoning Board of Appeals

Re: 40B Forbes Hill & Avalon Bay

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Bishop and on roll call vote of Chairman Howard and Selectmen Donohue and Maloney, voted 5-0 to enter Executive Session to discuss 40 b issues regarding Forbes Hill and Avalon Bay and Collective Bargaining regarding the Police Regulars and Superiors and Firefighter negotiations, returning to Open Session for Adjournment only.

Zoning Board of Appeals Chairman Phil Riley requested a motion to enter Executive Session with the Board of Selectmen to discuss legal matters with Counsel. On motion of ZBA Member Barbara Kinter, seconded by ZBA Member Thomas Brady, and on roll call vote of Scott Murphy, Patrick Mulvehill and Chairman Riley, the Zoning Board voted 5-0 to enter into Executive Session, returning to Open Session for Adjournment only.

Adjournment

Returning to open session and no other business being presented for consideration, on motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to adjourn and the meeting was adjourned accordingly at 9:30 p.m.

A True Record.

ATTEST: _____
Assistant