

Regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen convened at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 4, 2020 in Rm 34, Norwood Memorial Municipal Building, with Pledge of Allegiance, moment of prayer and reflection.

Present: Chairman Paul Bishop, Selectmen William Plasko, Allan Howard, Thomas Maloney and David Hajjar.
General Manager Tony Mazzucco, Clerk Christina Mulvehill, Assistant Aoife Kelly.

Appointments

6:30 P.M. – Executive Session

The Chairman opened the meeting and stated the Board's intention to go into Executive Session for Purpose 6: To consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property if the Chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body.

Motion made by Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Maloney to enter Executive session for the purpose stated, and to reconvene in Open Session. Roll call vote: Those in favor: Selectman Hajjar, Selectman Plasko, Selectman Howard, Selectman Maloney, and Chairman Bishop. Motion passed.

7:00 P.M. – Show Cause Hearing, Let's Eat LLC dba Sky Restaurant Bar, 1369 Boston Providence Turnpike:

MGL C, 138, Section 64 -Sale of alcoholic beverages to a person under the age of 21. Detective Greene gave overview of incident. Owner Steve Corcoran and Bar Manager Erica Johnson introduced themselves. Mr. Corcoran apologized to the board for this. He has been the owner for 18 years and has never had anything happen. This is not indicative of the establishment and he has taken measures to prevent this from happening again. Ms. Johnson stated all staff are TIPS Certified, as was the server in this case, who was let go immediately. As for corrective action, Mr. Corcoran said they have introduction in house training in addition to TIPS and he met with each server and bartender separately to review policies and reiterated they have to be alert and responsible. In addition, Mr. Corcoran purchased calendars to show the born on date and every day staff must sign the calendar. On motion of Selectman Hajjar, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to close the hearing. On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to issue a verbal warning.

7:15 P.M. – Show Cause Hearing, Courtyard Mgmt. Corp. dba Courtyard by Marriott, 300 River Ridge Road:

MGL C, 138, Section 64 -Sale of alcoholic beverages to a person under the age of 21. The Clerk read the notice and the public hearing was declared open. On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to approve request for a continuance until Tuesday, February 11, 2020 at 7 p.m.

New Business

March Meetings:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to cancel March 17, 2020 Selectmen's meeting.

Cemetery Deeds:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to sign the following:

Anthony Ragusa, 45 Delcor Drive, Walpole to Lot C3-118

Michael Chaggaris, 23 Bertlett Road, Derry NH to Lot SGW-7

Elizabeth L Marsh, 8 Norwich Road to Lot C3-119

Mary Lou Folan, Town Clerk:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to sign March 3, 2020 Presidential Primary Warrant.

Sonia Ramos, General Manager, Jake n JOES, 475 Boston Providence Turnpike:

On motion of Selectman Hajjar, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to approve request for extension of hours until 2 a.m. Sunday, February 23, 2020 to show a Las Vegas Boxing event that starts on Saturday, February 22, 2020 but could continue past regular closing time due to the time difference. The back gate will remain closed, they will have a police detail, and if the match is cancelled or the event is over during normal business hours, the late closing will be rescinded.

Niall Connors, Franchise Service Manager, Verizon:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Hajjar to file as information Verizon New England's 2019 Form 500, Annual Complaint Filing.

Tony Mazzucco, General Manager:

On motion of Selectman Hajjar, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to approve request from Supt. Travis Farley regarding recommendations for the Lower Balch playground area. The Manager outlined Mr. Farley's recommendation – this does not require any money but there is equipment they will be removing.

Morse House:

Selectman Hajjar gave an overview of the proposed changes to the Morse House Rules and Regulations. These updates include adding a closing time of 10 p.m., using the word Morse Property instead of Morse House. Updating Section 2N – no candles within 10ft of the Morse Property. 5G – adding examples of denying a permit and wording which gives the Board flexibility. Selectman Plasko suggested making the distance for candles and smoking 15feet to be consistent. On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to approve the updated rules and regulations with changes.

Draft PBCC Bylaw Update:

Selectman Hajjar gave an overview of proposed bylaw change. Selectman Maloney suggested holding off on a vote tonight as the agenda states the item is presented for discussion and there is a question as to whether a vote should be taken today. Selectman Plasko said there is no need to rush in. Selectman Maloney suggested reviewing the document for one week and finalize and vote next week with the condition that town meeting approves. On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to table for one week.

Manager's Update

Finance Director/Town Accountant Recruitment Process:

The Manager gave an overview of the proposed recruitment process. The Hiring Panel would consist of two Selectmen, The Manager, Timothy McDonough, Member of the Finance Commission, James Collins, Dave Thomson and aided by the HR Director. On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Hajjar, voted to appoint Selectman Maloney and Selectman Plasko to the Panel and endorse the process.

Light Department:

The Department is now located on Access Road, but bills can still be paid at Town Hall. The Access Road location is for service issues and new accounts. On February 29th there will be an open house at the new Light Department facility.

Building Department:

Building Commissioner Matt Walsh has been officially appointed and he will take over mid-March. The Assistant Building Inspector position will be posted shortly.

Green Community:

The Town of Norwood has officially gained Green Community status and will receive \$180,000.

Selectman Hajjar

Trails committee

Thank you for all your work.

Wireless Telecom Communications Document

The Board needs to get this document approved. Comments and questions should be sent to James Collins. The Manager will arrange for the document to be presented to the Board shortly once all changes have been made.

Selectman Plasko

Service on this board

Will be on the board until April 2021

Selectman Howard

Leaf bags

These will not get picked up again until April 1st.

Selectman Maloney

Complete streets

The Manager has all of the Board's priorities and has met with Chairman Bishop on it. Next week or week after DPW will have a new memo for the Board to review.

Chairman Bishop

Concerts on the common winter concert series

This past Sunday was phenomenal with a great turnout. There are two concerts left – February 9th and 16th.

Fence Viewer

We are looking for a Fence Viewer; if anyone is interested please contact this office.

Building Department

Congrats to Matt Walsh on his new appointment.

Planning Board

Gave a brief explanation of why Deb Holmwood has resigned from the Planning Board.

Adjournment

No other business being presented for consideration, on motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to adjourn and the meeting was adjourned accordingly at 8:00 p.m.

A True Record.

ATTEST: _____
Clerk