

Regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen convened at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, February 5, 2019 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.

Present: Chairman Thomas F. Maloney Selectmen William J. Plasko, Helen Abdallah Donohue, Paul A. Bishop.
Also present General Manager Tony Mazucco, and Clerk Christina K. Mulvehill.

Appointments

7:00 P.M. – Chief William Brooks, Norwood Police Department

Chief Brooks gave the highlights of his monthly report of department activities. A drug arrest was made in South Norwood of a suspect who had fentanyl, crack cocaine, and pharmaceuticals. Early Sunday morning there was a motor vehicle accident at the intersection of Walpole Street and Davis Avenue. The passenger died of his injuries and the driver was charged with motor vehicular homicide. On that same night there was a motor vehicle accident on Wilson Street and the driver was still in the car hours later with traumatic injuries. There was a fatality on the railroad tracks near Norwood Depot Station involving a 61 year old from Adams Housing who was struck while crossing the tracks. The chief then gave some staffing updates. Officer Robert Baker will be retiring after 42 years on the force. Selectman Plasko expressed thanks to Officer Baker, stating he is an asset to the department and a fine gentleman.

7:15 P.M – Chief George Morrice, Norwood Fire Department

Chief Morrice gave an overview of his monthly report, starting with an incident at Norwood Crossing involving carbon monoxide detection at dangerously high levels. All were evacuated from the building on one of the coldest days of the year. Both Kerri McCarthy of the Senior Center and Travis Farley of the Recreation Department opened up their buildings for those who had nowhere to go. The cause of the incident was malfunctioning roof top units. Chief Morrice also spoke about the motor vehicle accidents on Walpole Street and Wilson Street. The fire department responded and utilized the jaws of life at each one. Paul Valeria, owner of Norwood Urgent Care recently donated to the department and they were able to get all new equipment for CPR training. Thank you again to Mr. Valera.

7:30 P.M. - (P.H.) AMR Auto Holdings, BN LLC, dba BMW of Norwood, 918 Boston Providence Tpk.

Application for Class I License

Scott Silverman, General Counsel for Prime Motorgroup, the applicant for the license, introduced himself. The proposal is in conjunction with their purchase of the Gallery dealerships. He has three applications before the Board tonight. Mr. Silverman said they plan to maintain identical operations to the current operations, including retaining the current general manager.

Seeing no public comment, on motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to close the hearing. On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to approve the application.

7:40 P.M. – (P.H.) AMR Auto Holdings-MN, dba Prime Mazda, 920 Boston Providence Tpk.

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Mr. Silverstein explained the intent. All dealerships will be operated exactly the same as previously, with the same employees and operators. They have no intention of moving.

Seeing no public comment, on motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to close the hearing. On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to approve the application.

7:45 P.M. – (P.H.) AMR Auto Holdings, VWN LLC, dba Volkswagen of Norwood, 1280 Boston Providence Tpk.

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Mr. Silverstein stated again this is an ownership change only.

Seeing no public comment, on motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to close the hearing. On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to approve the application.

Christopher Eberly, Permanent Building Construction Committee:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to accept Mr. Eberly's resignation from the PBCC effective immediately, and send letter of thanks.

Maria Harris, Senior VP, Human Resources, Rockland Trust:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to file notification that Rockland Trust has entered into an agreement to acquire Blue Hills Bank.

Toni Eosco, 14 Endicott Street:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to appoint Ms. Eosco to Historical Commission.

Sarah Cullen, League of Women Voters:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to approve request to use Memorial Hall to host a Candidates' Forum on Monday, March 18, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. and waive the rental fee.

Naill Connors, Franchise Service Manager, Verizon:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted to file Verizon's 2018 Form 500.

Robert Sullivan, Sr. Mgr, Government Relations, Comcast:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to file Comcast's 2018 Form 500 , Annual Complaint Filing.

Mary Jane Handy, Director of Accounts, Mass Department of Revenue:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted to file certification that the Blue Hills Excess and Deficiency as of July 1, 2018 is \$ 918,828.

Gardner Bent, Hydrologist, US Geological Survey:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to forward to Town Engineer a summary of information of the FEMA Risk Mapping Assessment, and Planning program, of which Charles Watershed is a part.

Unfinished Business

Override:

Last week the Board voted to put the override question on the ballot. Now we must determine the language for the question and a date for the question to go on a ballot. The amount of the override will be \$ 5.95 million.

Selectman Plasko said there should be public discussion of level of services and what an override will mean. He recommended Monday June 3, 2019 for the special election. Selectman Donohue concurred, as did Selectman Bishop. It is important that the entire town understands exactly what it means to pass this. As for the cost of this special election, Mr. Mazzucco expressed confidence that the funds could be found. On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded b Selectman Bishop, voted 4-0 to schedule a special election on June 3, 2019.

Selectman Plasko offered draft language for the question. "Should the Town be allowed to assess an additional \$5, 950,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of operating the municipal government and public schools for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019?" Town meeting will have to assume that they have to live within the current financial constraints of the town and approve the budget. There should then be a proposal for a contingency budget, which would add the additional funds needed for the fiscal year and if that passes at town meeting, then it would go on for the override question to see whether they agree or not.

Chairman Maloney said Town Meeting members will have the numbers prior to the vote. Town Meeting must vote the initial budget, and they can be asked to approve a contingent budget containing all the \$5.95 million.

Override-(cont'd)

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted unanimously to adopt the language subject to review by Counsel and DOR- "Should the Town be allowed to assess an additional \$5, 950,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of operating the municipal government and public schools for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019."

Memoranda

John E. Twohig, 777 Dedham Owner LLC:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to file Environmental Notification Form, Redevelopment of 777 Dedham Street.

Selectmen's Addenda

Selectman Plasko

Pajamas

Mr. Howard wanted to make sure we got pajamas to Mr. Bishop. Presented ten pairs to Selectman Bishop.

Override

The \$ 5.95 million is not for one year. This is part of a plan put together by Town Wide Budget Balancing Committee to shore up services for the Schools, General Government, and to put us in the position for dealing with structural deficit and stabilizing the Town finances for at least the next five years.

Forbes Hill Update

The legal ad will be in Central Register this Thursday and deadline for submitting a proposal is April 8th.

Selectman Donohue

Fanning Family

Condolences to the Fannings for the loss of Jeff Fanning.

Allan Howard

Selectman Howard fell last week and got hurt. Please send him a card.

Selectman Bishop

Fanning Family

Condolences to the family on their great loss.

Pajama Drive

Norwood is trying to outdo Bourne on pajama donations. The drive ends March 15th.

Chairman Maloney

Allan Howard

Selectman Howard is in the hospital with a broken leg. I spoke with him about the override and he was emphatic in his support of putting the measure on the ballot.

Manager's Update

Tony Mazzucco, General Manager:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to approve for Reserve Fund Transfer in the amount of \$25,000 to the Fire Department's Medical Services account.

Capital Outlay

Capital Outlay did have their first meeting last night. The Capital Plan, which has been redesigned, will be up on the Town website. This should help us build a better debt service model.

Adjournment

No other business being presented for consideration, on motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted to adjourn and the meeting was adjourned accordingly at 8:10 p.m.

A True Record.

ATTEST: _____
Clerk