

Regular and budget meeting of the Board of Selectmen convened at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, January 24, 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, Selectmen William J. Plasko, Helen Abdallah Donohue, Paul A. Bishop, Thomas F. Maloney. Also present General Manager John Carroll, Assistant Christina Mulvehill.

Appointments

7:00 P.M. – Chief William G. Brooks III, NPD:

Chief Brooks presented highlights of his monthly report of department's activities. He spoke about two events over the weekend that both included Police and Fire personnel working closely together. The first involved a woman who was struck by a commuter rail train. The engineer sounded the horn and bell and applied the emergency brakes but could not stop in time. The accident occurred near the Guild Street bridge. Officer Diego Silva was first to arrive and he rolled under the running train to assess the woman's condition. She was breathing and had a pulse and he prepared a tourniquet. The fire department arrived shortly thereafter and assisted in extricating her from under the train and applying the tourniquet and performing first aid. She was rushed to Norwood Hospital but unfortunately, she died of her injuries. The victim was tentatively identified by Officer Silva as a missing woman from Boston and it is believed that she took the bus to get out here. She suffered from dementia and had been reported missing earlier in the day. Again this was a case of the police and fire departments working very hard and closely together. Later that night was a fire that Chief Greeley will talk about.

There is a Police Exam scheduled for April 15, 2017 at Norwood High school and registration is through NorwoodPolice.com. There are retirements coming up and he will be looking to hire in late spring.

With the passage of the marijuana bill and the problem with opiates and out of a concern for people driving while under the influence or impaired from drugs, the Norfolk DA and the Chief worked together to bring more training to police in the county. The DA spends some of the seized asset money that comes into his office to help fund training. He is sponsoring and Norwood is hosting a two-day school at the Police Department next week called ARIDE (Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement) which officers throughout the county will attend. There will be a two-week course to establish drug recognition followed by practical work in the field and Mr. Morrissey will help fund part of that also.

Chairman Howard said he saw the Chief walking with a patrolman today. The Chief said it was Officer Robert Baker, who is Badge #1. This week is their work anniversary week-they were appointed three days apart forty years ago. They had lunch and walked the beat together. Selectman Donohue pointed out that Badge #1 is a huge honor that has so much significance. She added that Asst. DA Morrissey cares so much for the towns in his district and is very visible in our community. Selectman Plasko said he admires Officer Baker and the Chief for their long careers and wished them both Happy Anniversary.

7:15 P.M. – Chief Anthony J. Greeley, NFD:

Chief Greeley presented the highlights of his monthly report of department's activities. The weekend was busy, starting with the train accident. There was a fire Friday at 131 Norwest Drive at 2:20 a.m. in an apartment kitchen. The apartment was occupied and the firefighters jumped immediately into action. The firefighters searched simultaneously and found two occupants, both of whom were unresponsive. Firefighters George Burton and Jeff Campilio got them out to the front lawn, where paramedics administered CPR. The Police Department was on scene with six of their officers. The agencies worked side by side to rescue and treat the victims and as of 4 p.m. this afternoon, the female victim was breathing on her own and out of intensive care and the male victim had been taken off the ventilator. Both are expected to survive. Chairman Howard said that since the Chiefs were appointed, he has been impressed with the cooperation between them and that they make their monthly reports to the Board together. Selectman Plasko asked where the call for the fire came in. The Chief said a neighbor heard

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smoke detectors going off, smelled smoke, and called the Fire Department. Selectman Bishop commended the Chiefs on the cooperation between the departments. He asked about the young people on department who do not have military combat experience, etc., and what happens after a traumatic event. The Chief said there is a stress team they can call in and he typically checks in with everyone for the next forty-eight hours. Captain Maurice is proactive and keeps track of his group. Chief Brooks had two officers under the train while it was running. The shift started with a pedestrian accident in the morning. Selectman Donohue spoke about the Firefighters the Chief mentioned and thank you to all the men and women who were on those calls. Selectman Maloney thanked the Chiefs for their departments' work.

Chief Greeley said his older brother Firefighter Robert Greeley was there that night. He is a senior member of that group with over thirty-three years of experience. Captain Maurice has such eagerness to learn and train and they have the wherewithal to put that training into effect. Chief Greeley said it is a privilege for him to report these things about his Department.

New Business

United States Department of Commerce:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to refer to Clerk's Office information regarding Census local update.

Mass. Dept. of Conservation & Recreation:

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to file notice of public meetings regarding South Shore Ice Rink Feasibility Study: Monday-Feb. 13, 2017 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m. Canton Public Library Community Room, 786 Washington Street and Thursday-Feb. 16, 2017 7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Coakley Middle School, 1315 Washington Street, Norwood.

Selectman Plasko:

Recreational Marijuana question on the Town ballot

Selectman Plasko checked with Counsel and looked into getting a ballot question for town to opt out of having retail establishments for recreational marijuana since in the State election the town voted strongly in opposition. This act is generating significant questions at state and local levels and among attorneys. The act contains numerous inconsistencies and outright contradictions. The date for creation of a Cannabis Control Commission has been extended until September of 2017. The adoption of regulations has been extended to July of 2018. Part of the contradiction is the law states that to opt out of the retail establishment the town must vote a bylaw. Attorney Moss advised that such wording indicates an election or a ballot question, however, Massachusetts by laws that are not adoption at elections are adopted at Town Meeting, hence the confusion as to what the process should be. The Secretary of State Elections Division has not weighed in on this but unofficial comments are that this is not proper to be on the ballot. Selectman Plasko presented a moratorium by law proposal which is a change to the zoning, similar to what we did when medical marijuana was being established. Attorney Moss believes we could get this moratorium extended to December 31, 2018. Attorney moss also prepared a ballot question but he had reservations. He recommends if we go this route at this time we have the ballot question to adopt by laws but then place the same articles on town meeting warrant to be voted there. His concern is that there is no clear direction from the State.

Chairman Howard commended Selectman Plasko for his efforts and he feels now is the time to move forward on this, putting it on the ballot April 3rd and to Town Meeting also. Selectman Plasko said he would support marijuana moratorium and going forward with ballot. Selectman Bishop said the Board of Health is on board and thanked them and Impact Norwood. He also commends Selectman Plasko, stating he is the "Tom Brady" of this team. He comes to the table with so much information. He puts his heart and soul into everything and it is appreciated.

Selectman Bishop said he supports the moratorium.

Recreational Marijuana question on the Town ballot-(cont'd)

Selectman Donohue is in favor of moratorium but reluctant to go against advice of Town Counsel. Selectman Maloney asked for details. Selectman Plasko said if the Town wants to do everything we need four votes, ballot question, two separate town meeting articles and a town meeting article for the moratorium.

Selectman Donohue asked what the customary process for review of by law changes. Selectman Plasko explained the process. He added that Counsel wrote these by laws and they were reviewed by Town Planner. He explained that Town Counsel favors the moratorium to protect the town and the reservations on the ballot question at this point are due to the inconsistencies in the law.

Chairman Howard appointed Selectman Donohue to take over as Chair and then he made a motion to go to April 3rd ballot with a question to reject marijuana, Selectman Plasko seconded the motion and it passed 5-1 in favor.

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted to prepare two articles for next Special Town Meeting, a general by law restriction to recreational marijuana establishments be prohibited in the Town of Norwood and also a zoning by law and to forward the zoning by law to the Planning Board for review. On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to place an article on same Special Town Meeting warrant for the establishment of a zoning by law change to put in place temporary moratorium on medical marijuana and forward that to the Planning Board for their review.

Patrick Hanna, Pembroke MA:

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted to schedule public hearing on application for a CV license to operate Crushed Peppers, 20 Broadway.

Robert F. Sullivan, Sr. Manager, Comcast:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted to file Form 2016.

Patrick Moore, Comcast:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to file notice of Quarterly Franchise Fee payment of \$47,831.31. Check has been sent to Norwood Public Access.

Car Washes:

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to approve request for the following:

- June 17-Norwood High School Girls Soccer Team
- June 24-Norwood High School Girls Basketball Team
- August 26-Norwood High School Girls Volleyball Team.

Verizon:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Maloney voted to file Annual Complaint Filing.

Francis J. Hopcroft, Chairman, PBCC:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to file notice of public meeting for Wednesday, March 15 at the Norwood Senior Center on Prospect Street from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. to solicit public comment on the 3 options for St. Gabriel's Chapel requested by the Board of Selectmen.

Personnel Board:

Submitting 2017 Goals and Objectives

Mary Winstanley, Limeys Pub Norwood, 659 Washington Street:

On motion of Selectman Submitting notice that they will be unable to attend hearing on Tuesday, February 21 and requesting continuance. With the Board's approval, we can schedule the hearing on March 7 at 7:30 p.m.

Mary Jane Handy, Director of Accounts, Mass. Dept. of Revenue:

Submitting excess and deficiency-Blue Hills.

Comm. Of Mass, Dept. of Telecommunications:

Submitting notice that cable license with Verizon expires 8/20/2017 and requests status of town's licensing efforts by February 15, 2017. (Has been forwarded to Chairman of Cable Commission)

Charminar Spice, dba Paradise Biryani Pointe, 1200 Boston Providence Turnpike:

Submitting request for 1 day AAB license for an Indian festival Saturday, March 18th from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. They are awaiting final approval from the ABCC for their all alcohol license transfer. They are planning on food, alcohol and entertainment. They have an entertainment license with their current CV. They plan to have a tent installed in the parking lot for this festival. Selectman Donohue made a motion, seconded by Selectman Howard, to approve the request, but after further discussion, motion and second withdrawn pending further information.

Unfinished Business

ABCC:

Submitting final approval of Pouring License for Castle Island Brewing Company, LLC, 31 Astor Avenue. They must have Fire Safety Certificate, liquor liability insurance and workers' compensation prior to release of license. Fire and Building Departments have been notified.

Gerald F. Miller, Supt. Of Recreation:

Submitting response to the Board's request to place a ranking on the projects that they would like to see completed in their budget for FY 18.

Memoranda

Personnel Board:

Submitting correspondence to General Manager and Supt. Mark Ryan regarding Water Meter Repairman Reclassification Request.

Selectmen's Meeting:

For review and approval of the Board minutes of December 13, 2016 and January 3, 2017.

Selectmen's Addenda

Selectman Plasko

Community Preservation Act

There will be a meeting February 21, 2017 at 7:15 p.m. with the Town Planner regarding CPA.

Selectman Donohue

Mass Municipal Association

Learned about a service some towns use to get comparable information on other municipalities. On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to get information about his program.

Selectman Maloney

Superintendent of Schools Search

There are currently three excellent candidates for Superintendent and the School Committee will meet tomorrow, Wednesday, February 8, 2017 at 6 p.m.

Chairman Howard

Executive Session

Recommends Executive Session for AFSCME grievance and discuss non-union personnel also, returning to Open Session for Adjournment only. On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to enter Executive Session for AFSCME grievance and to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel.

Manager's Agenda

Recommending the Board approve a four way stop at Monroe and Rock Streets

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted to forward to Safety Officer report on accidents at this location.

FYI Student Government Day will be held March 14th

Proposed Capital Outlay requests

Chairman Howard asked the Manager for a presentation to this Board on his proposed Town Hall renovations. Selectman Maloney said Capital Outlay Committee will probably meet shortly after the March 15th PBCC Meeting regarding St. Gabriel's Chapel.

Executive Session

AFSCME Grievance

Adjournment

Returning to open session and no other business being presented for consideration, on motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to adjourn and the meeting was adjourned accordingly at 9:05 p.m.

A True Record.

ATTEST: _____
Assistant