

Selectmen's Meeting
Room 34, Town Hall

February 25, 2020
Meeting is Recorded

Regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen convened at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, February 25, 2020 in Rm 34, Norwood Memorial Municipal Building, with Pledge of Allegiance, moment of prayer and reflection.

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

Appointments

7:00 P.M. – Norwood Historical Commission-Community Preservation Committee Application:

Toni Eosco and Judith Howard were in attendance seeking support for a CPC application for a Morse House master plan. Counsel checked the property deed and it came back clear. On motion of Selectman Hajjar, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to submit a letter of support to CPC for a grant of \$50,000 for the study.

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

Chief Morrice began his report with news of a two alarm fire Friday on Morgan Drive. Group 2 was on duty and did an excellent job. When they arrived they found fire both in the interior and the roof and firefighters were able to extinguish all the fires. The mutual aid support came from Walpole, Canton, Westwood, Norfolk, and Sharon, while Wrentham, Brockton, and Foxboro manned the station and covered the rest of the town. The management of the company has been very cooperative with the fire department and the town. The Chief announced the retirement of Billy LeBlanc, who was a great guy and served the town well for over twenty six years. Michael Falter graduated from the academy on February 14, 2020 and he will continue his career on Group 4. Chief Morrice spoke about Firefighters Brian Hebner and Mark Henry who recently passed away. He worked for many years with Brian Hebner on Group 1 and he was a great guy and a bull in a fire. Mark Henry was a very well respected individual around town. The Brush Rapid Attack vehicle was delivered to the station today and should serve the town for at least twenty years. The civil service exam will be held March 21, 2020 and the Chief wished all who are taking that exam the best of luck. Regarding the Corona Virus, the department of health still lists Massachusetts as a low risk but within the past few hours the CDC has come out with more information and might prepare the country for more of an expansion of this outbreak. The Chief will be working with his EMS Coordinators and Sigalle Reiss and the Health Department to stay on top of this and keep the people of Norwood protected to the best of their ability. Chief Morrice spoke about Student Government Day tomorrow and said when he was in high school he was actually a Selectman for the day. Chairman Bishop agreed Firefighters Hebner and Henry as they were exemplary. Selectman Hajjar inquired about the decrease in ambulance fees collected this year. Chief Morrice said those numbers indicate collections, not amounts billed. Selectman Plasko expressed thanks to those firefighters who assisted him two weeks ago, and in addition to their professionalism, they have such a way of putting people at ease. Chief said there is a great group of people down there who take pleasure in taking care of others. The Manager said he has confidence in the billing company. Discussion about fees ensued.

7:30 P.M. - Sigalle Reiss, Director, Public Health Department:

Ms. Reiss and Board of Health Chairman Kathleen Bishop were in attendance to talk about Household Hazardous Waste Day. Ms. Reiss said there is a dramatic cost increase to hazardous waste day because contractor on the state list are losing money on these jobs and has to look at a contractor who is not on the state list. She was able to find a vendor but the prices are much higher and there would be a deficit to run the May event of \$17,000 to \$20,000. Option one would be to defer until September, which might be the best option. Option two would be to find the money. Option three would be to look for another date. On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to support the Board of Health in going to one Hazardous Waste Day in the fall.

New Business

Sara Yang, Yang & Sacchetti Attorneys at Law, 65 Harrison Avenue, Boston:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to approve change of manager application for KE Restaurant, Inc., dba New Golden Abacus, from Zhong Gui Chen to Aiping Ke.

Sale LLC., dba As Good As It Gets Café:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to approve Common Victualler application to operate at 1210B Boston Providence Turnpike.

Ann Marie Langan, St. Catherine of Siena School:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to approve application for a one day WMB license for Saturday, May 16, 2020 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Julie Drummey, 98 Village Street, Medway:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to approve request for 1 day WMB license at 150 Kerry Place, Saturday, March 28, 2020 from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Timothy J. McDonough, Chairman Board of Assessors:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Hajjar, voted to reappoint Mr. McDonough to his position as Assessor for a three year term to expire on April 1, 2023.

Cemetery Deed:

On motion of Selectman Maloney, seconded by Selectman Hajjar voted to sign:
Michael Chaggaris, 23 Ballard Road, Derry, NH to Lot SGW-7

Tax Exemptions:

Selectman Plasko gave an overview of certain clauses of M.G.L. Chapter 59 sections that allow exemptions for different classes of elderly, surviving spouses, minor children, etc. that the Board had voted to put on the warrant of an upcoming town meeting, but some questions were raised at the last minutes as we were looking at veterans clauses be added for tax abatements and it was held back. It is important that we bring these Clauses 17C ½, 17D, and 17E to Town Meeting. On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to add to Special Town Meeting articles to adopt Clause 17C ½, 17D, and 17E.

Town Hall Elevator:

The elevator will be out of service for repairs for six to eight weeks beginning April 13, 2020. During that time Selectmen's Chambers will not be ADA accessible. The Finance Commission Room has been made available should the Board wish to meet there. It is on the first floor and is accessible and set up for cable coverage. Selectman Plasko said it might be helpful to meet every other week during that time Selectman Maloney suggested reserving the room but maintaining the weekly meeting schedule. On motion of Selectman Hajjar, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to reserve FinCom Room for meetings while the elevator is down.

Attorney Jessica Deratzian, Connor & Hilliard, P.C.:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to accept surrender of AAB License No. 0054-RS-0914, submitted on behalf of YKLU Food Inc., dba Olivio's Grille & Pizzeria, letter of surrender of AAB License No. 0054-RS-0914.

Unfinished Business

YKLU Food, Inc., dba Olivio's Grille & Pizzeria:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to table as per previous action.

Complete Streets:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to accept updated plan as presented.

Memoranda

Chief William G. Brooks, III, NPD:

On motion of Selectman Hajjar, seconded by Selectman Maloney voted to file monthly report. On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted 4-1 to approve placing a camera in the center of town to monitor traffic and assist with incidents that occur in the pedestrian dense area. Selectman Plasko opposed. This would be a test of equipment with no cost to the town.

James L. Hughes, 3 Minihan Lane:

On motion of Selectman Maloney, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to file as information copy of letter to Chief Brooks expressing appreciation for the outstanding efforts made by the Norwood Police Department in support of the United States Marine Corps Toys for Tots Program.

Manager's Update

Burins Pajama Drive

The Drive is still on going. You can drop off at any school or at any public building.

Light Department

The Light Department is having an open house on Saturday, February 29th, with a ribbon cutting at 8:30 a.m. and open house with tours from 9 a.m. to noon.

Early Voting

Early voting is ongoing. If any senior needs a ride to Town Hall to vote during early voting please contact the Senior Center for a ride.

Senior Center Dance

I attended the Friends of the COA dance last Friday, great event with over 80 people in attendance.

Selectman Hajjar

Beacon- Governor's budget – includes increase in General Government Aid.

Dodge Ball Tournament

Just a reminder that the recreation department dodge ball tournament is happening soon. Last year was the 1st year and it was a great time, and a good way to support Impact Norwood.

Selectman Plasko

I'm celebrating my fiftieth wedding anniversary this week and would like to acknowledge my wife's patience in putting up with me all these years and for the great job she has done raising 6 children and being grandmother and supporter of 16 grandchildren. I have been involved in this town for about 40 of those years and her support is greatly appreciated. I thank her very much for everything she has done on my behalf. I love you very much.

Selectman Howard

Student Government Day is tomorrow at Town Hall. This is will be my 9th year taking part. The students have so much to offer so should be lots of fun.

Selectman Maloney

Town Birthday Celebration-Great 1st meeting for the 150th Celebration, over 55 people in attendance. Thank you Tony Bernie and Cindy.

NHS Girls Basketball-Good luck to Girls Basketball team - hosting Hanover at 6:30 p.m. at Norwood High.

Chairman Bishop

Happy Birthday to assistant Town Manager Bernie Cooper

Graduating Class of 1965. Mr. Cooper has worked up to Assistant General Manager.

Happy Birthday to Tom Maloney's, who's birthday was this past Sunday.

Adjournment

No other business being presented for consideration, on motion of Selectman Hajjar, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to adjourn and the meeting was adjourned accordingly at 8:25 p.m.

A True Record.

ATTEST: _____

Clerk