

Minutes

Present: Chairman William Plasko, Vice Chairman Helen Abdallah Donohue, Selectman Matthew Lane, Selectman Amanda Grow, Selectman Robert Donnelly, Town Manager Tony Mazzucco, Executive Assistant Jess Jozwik

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 by Chairman Plasko, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silent prayer or reflection. Upon motion of Selectman Lane, seconded by Selectman Donnelly, the Board voted unanimously to approve meeting minutes for April 12, 2022 with corrections.

Scott Murphy, former chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals, came before the Board and Chairman Plasko presented him with a certificate of appreciation. The Board expressed their appreciation for all of his hard work and dedication to the community, including the Economic Development Committee and Norwood Community Media.

Mary Jasinsky and Phyllis Spiro of the Norwood Women's Club presented the Board with a donation of \$1,000.00 for the Norwood 150th Committee, intending it to go toward the Boston Pops Concert as part of the 150th Celebration.

On motion of Selectman Lane, seconded by Selectman Grow, the Board voted unanimously to approve a car wash benefitting NHS Boys' Soccer on both June 11, 2022 and August 20, 2022, from 8:00am until 3:00pm.

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Donnelly, the Board voted unanimously to approve a request insert advertising for donations for the Town's Fourth of July celebration. Selectman Donohue detailed some of the exciting plans for this event.

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Lane, the Board voted unanimously to approve a request for a one day Wine and Malt Beverages liquor license for an Alumni Reunion event at 150 Kerry Place, on Saturday, June 11, 2022 from 6:00pm until 10:00pm.

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Grow, the Board voted unanimously to approve a request to close the portion of Day Street between Washington Street and Central Street for two hours beginning at noon for their annual Ok Road Race on Sunday, May 15, 2022.

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Donnelly, the Board voted unanimously to approve a request to hold the Patriotic Rosary event on the Town Common on Thursday, May 5, 2022, from 1:00pm until 2:00pm; as well as their request to post signs on the island at the intersection of Washington and Nahatan Street in advance of the event. Selectman Donohue also registered the Board's thanks to Ms. Russo for continuing to run this event regularly.

On motion of Selectman Lane, seconded by Selectman Grow, the Board voted unanimously to approve a request from the Arabic Evangelical Baptist Church to hold an event on the Town Common with singing, snacks and soft drinks, on Sunday, June 12, 2022, from 11:00am until 6:00pm.

Mark Ryan, Director of Public Works and Town Engineer, came before the Board to talk about the DPW's work around town as the weather begins to allow for more work. He thanked the Board for their participation in the Earth Day celebrations, and reminded the public about the upcoming Hazardous Waste Day. Upon

questions from Selectman Grow, Mr. Ryan reminded the public that stickers need to be purchased for disposal for large items in trash pickup.

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Lane, the Board voted unanimously to sign both of the mortgage lien discharges for 195 Azalea Drive and 99 Westover Parkway.

On motion of Selectman Donnelly, seconded by Selectman Lane, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Common Victualler and Entertainment License for Irish Brewing Boston, Inc, located at 83 Morse Street, unit 4A-B, hours of operation 7:00am-11:00pm, managers Carl Sharpley and Paul Ahern.

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Lane, the Board voted unanimously to approve a Common Victualler license for U&S, LLC, dba Giorgio's Pizza, located at 641 Washington Street, hours of operation 11:00am-11:00pm, managers Vjjwa Poudel and Sujan KC.

Mr. Mazzucco presented information on adding an additional 20 hours for the FY23 Senior/Veteran Tax Workoff Program, to add a water/sewer abatement option. On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Lane, the Board voted unanimously to approve a one year pilot program.

A public hearing was held: Application was been made for a Package Goods Store Wine and Malt Beverages to be drunk off the premises for Northeast Sky Investments, dba Norwood Sunoco, manager of record Fadi Kassouf, located at 515 Boston Providence Highway, Norwood MA. Mr. Kassouf detailed his desire to bring in interesting new wine and beers. No public comment was made. On motion of Selectman Donnelly, seconded by Selectman Lane, the Board voted 4-0 to close the hearing, with Selectman Donohue abstaining. The Board found that the application location did not serve as a public need due to its close proximity to two other licensed off-premises locations at which the public may obtain the sort of beverages the applicant sought. On motion of Selectman Donnelly, seconded by Selectman Lane, the Board voted 3-1 to deny the request for liquor license, with Selectman Grow in opposition and Selectman Donohue abstaining. Mr. Kassouf asked what his next steps were, and the Chairman said that there is an appeal process and he should probably consult an attorney for advice.

A public hearing was held: Application was made for a Class II Auto Dealer's License for Norwood Auto Sales & Service, manager of record William Ajjouri, located at 824 Boston Providence Highway, Norwood MA for the sale of used vehicles. No public comment was made. The Board asked questions, and detailed where the location was and what his intentions for the property were. Upon motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Lane, the Board voted unanimously to close the hearing. On motion of Selectman Lane, seconded by Selectman Donohue the Board voted to approve this application.

Mr. Clayton Cheever, director of the Morrill Memorial Library, came before the Board to share information about the Library and its upcoming programs. He discussed the importance of the partnerships in the community. Mr. Cheever emphasized the importance of reaching out to our governmental representatives to advocate for funding. On motion of Selectman Donnelly, seconded by Selectman Grow, the Board voted unanimously to send a letter of support, to be penned by Selectman Grow. Selectman Grow asked Mr. Cheever about a recent issue in a service provided by many public libraries- Hoopla, which gives access to digital books. The recent issue has been with non-factual books such as Holocaust denial being promoted, to which Mr. Cheever has been active in working to advocate for change in this vendor, as well as to promote public awareness of the issue. Selectman Donnelly expressed the Board's appreciation for the Library's hard work continuing to provide services during the pandemic.

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Donnelly, the board voted unanimously to appoint to the position of Sealer of Weights and Measures (1 year)- Matthew Walsh, term to expire 4/30/2023.

On motion of Selectman Lane, seconded by Selectman Grow, the Board voted 4-0 to reappoint to the Board of Appeal- Zoning-Shannon J. Greenwell, term to expire 4/30/2025. Selectman Donohue abstained.

On motion of Selectman Donnelly, seconded by Selectman Lane, the Board voted 4-0 to appoint to the Board of Appeal-Zoning- Benjamin Beutel, term to expire 4/30/2025. Selectman Donohue abstained.

The Board discussed the vacant seat on the Zoning Board of Appeals for an associate member to fill the seat vacated by Benjamin Beutel. The Board wishes to invite Rachel Churchill and Matthew O'Neil to apply, as they applied for full membership. Ms. Churchill was present, and the Board invited her to come sit before the Board. Ms. Churchill detailed her experience and the Board expressed appreciation for her interest. On motion of Selectman Lane, seconded by Selectman Grow, the Board voted 4-0 to invite Mr. O'Neil before the Board at their next meeting to interview for the associate position. Selectman Donohue abstained.

On motion of Selectman Lane, seconded by Selectman Donnelly, the Board voted 4-0 to reappoint to the Board of Appeal- Zoning- Associate member- Mary C Anderson, term to expire 4/30/2025. Selectman Donohue abstained

The Board once again advocated for the public to apply for vacant positions, such as Fence Viewer, and reminded the public about the Talent Bank.

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Lane, the Board unanimously to reappoint to the position of Constable- Thomas F. O'Toole, term to expire 4/30/2025.

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Lane, the Board unanimously to reappoint to the Board of Registrars- Juliette A. Bugeau, term to expire 4/30/2025.

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Lane, the Board voted unanimously to appoint to the Cultural Council- Sarah Apera, term to expire 4/30/2024

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Lane, the Board voted 4-0 (Chairman Plasko abstained) to reaffirm the following appointments to the Economic Development Committee:

Alan Slater, term to expire 4/30/2023

Scott Murphy, term to expire 4/30/2023

Stephen Costello, term to expire 4/30/2024

Tom Wynne, term to expire 4/30/2024

William Plasko, term to expire 4/30/2025

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Lane, the Board voted unanimously to reaffirm the following appointments to the Cable Commission

Joan Jacobs, term to expire 4/30/2023

Richard Shay, term to expire 4/30/2024

(Vacancy, term to expire 4/30/2024)

Peter Strano, term to expire 4/30/2025

Edward Kelliher, term to expire 4/30/2025

Selectman Plasko proposed the idea of restructuring the Airport Commission from a 5 member board to a 3 member board. On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Donnelly, the Board voted unanimously to table this for further discussion.

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Grow the Board voted unanimously to sign the following Cemetery Deeds:

Joseph Katchpole, of 73 Fox Run, Centerville, for Lot U-43

Mr. Mazzucco explained the Anti-Scam Advocacy Task force that he is establishing to assist and empower senior citizens who are targets of phone, internet and mail scams. Selectman Grow was appointed to this Task Force.

On motion of Selectman Lane, seconded by Selectman Grow, the Board voted to file all of the following memorandum:

1. Veterans of Foreign Wars #2452 Auxiliary Fundraiser
Submitting information regarding their Electronics and White Goods Fundraiser on Saturday, April 30, from 9:00am until 1:00pm in the parking lot of the VFW Post #2452 at 193 Dean Street, to raise money for veteran's programs by donating your unwanted electronics.
2. ABCC Notifications
Submitting notification of the approvals received from the ABCC regarding:
Rehearsal Services Inc, dba Magic Room
L&Z New Star Inc, dba Shabu Lee
3. Commonwealth Search for Lease Space
The Commonwealth of Massachusetts searching for approx. 7,300 square feet of office space to lease in the community.
4. Suit and Tuxedo Drive
Seeking donations of suits and tuxedos for Norwood High School prom. Donations can be dropped off before April 29, 2022, at the Norwood Police Department or Health Department on the ground floor of Town Hall.
5. Correspondence
Letter regarding extending the the Clean Indoor Air Act to include vape products
6. Reorganization: Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, Conservation Commission
Submitting notification of the new roles in the aforementioned boards and committees.
7. Norwood Police Department
 - a) Submitting commendation for Detective Tony Lopes
 - b) Submitting monthly report for March 2022
8. Norwood Light Broadband
 - a) Submitting copy of 2022 Annual State License Fee as paid to and filed with the Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications and Cable.
9. Verizon
 - a) Submitting programming changes.
 - b) Submitting DTC Forms 200, 400, and condensed financial statements.

Selectman Donohue reminded the public about the upcoming Fishing Derby in South Norwood. She also asked for an update regarding Norwood Hospital. Mr. Mazzucco detailed that they are currently abating the hazardous waste from the buildings, and soon the demolition will begin.

Selectman Grow spoke about the great success of the Earth Day events, and reminded the public about the upcoming Town Meeting Information sessions.

Selectman Donnelly thanked the Town Manager and DPW for donation of a bike rack. He spoke about the Little League opening. He would like for the Board to meet with the concert committees about their upcoming summer events. Selectman Donnelly also suggested the Board study how much additional revenues may be available to the Town in the near future as a result of planned construction, such as at Moderna and Norwood Hospital. Chairman Plasko agreed and Selectman Donnelly, Chairman Plasko, and the Town Manager will meet to discuss the best way to make such analysis and then report back to the Board at a future meeting with more detailed recommendations.

Selectman Lane also spoke on the Little League event and how he enjoyed being there. He also wished all mothers, especially his own, a happy Mother's Day.

Selectman Plasko thanked Selectmen Grow, Donnelly and Lane for representing the Board at the Little League event. He asked Selectman Grow to serve as liaison to the local government representatives, and she accepted.

Upon motion of Selectman Donnelly, seconded by Selectman Lane, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn.

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ATTEST: _____
Assistant