

Regular meeting of the Board of Selectman convened at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, June 11, 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 Paul A. Bishop, Selectmen William J. Plasko, Thomas F. Maloney, and David E. Hajjar. Also present Asst. General Manager Bernie Cooper, Clerk Christina Mulvehill, and Assistant Aoife Kelly.

Appointments

7:05 P.M. – (P.H.) Norwood Hotel Operators, LLC, dba Hampton Inn, 434 Boston Providence Turnpike:

Attorney Stephanie Boudreau was present for Series II applicant Finbar Griffin and Nooner, LLC. Attorney Jessica Deratzian represented the Series I interest in Norwood Hotel Operators, LLC. Attorney explained the owner of the license is an entity known as Norwood Hotel Operator, LLC and it has two membership series. Series One is owned by the hotel and Series Two has traditionally been owned by the restaurant operator. The license is owned by the LLC and there are two memberships that own the interest in the LLC. She is here for approval for a transfer from the Liffey Group, which is the current series II owner to Finbar Griffin and Nooner LLC to transfer the interest in the liquor license pursuant to an asset transfer agreement of the restaurant. Attorney Deratzian was present for Series I and is here for the transfer of Summit Hotel Trs. to her client, ALM Norwood, LLC.

Selectman Hajjar referred to the Change of Manager application inquiring as to whether the Manager would be coming here from Mick Morgan's or planning on managing both restaurants. Attorney said the Manager is Ms. Marcioni and she will be at the new restaurant only. Selectman Howard asked if there is a lounge with alcohol in the hotel. Attorney Deratzian said the general manager of the Hampton Inn is present tonight and there is no alcohol being served in the hotel. Mr. Griffin disagreed, stating the license is a Hotel Operator License which allows for service of alcohol on any part of the property. Attorney Deratzian referenced the management agreement requested by Norwood Town Counsel between Series I and Series II stating the manager of the liquor on the entire premises would be the manager of the restaurant. Selectman Maloney inquired about Mr. Bonthala and Mr. Patel, of Series I ownership residence. Ms. Deratzian said they live in Illinois. Selectman Plasko stated on the liquor end, this is an Innholder's License and is there a description on the license as to where it can be used. He then asked about the change in the pledge of license. Attorney explained her client is buying the restaurant from the current owner and part of that transaction is financing. There is a promissory note in connection with that transaction and there is a pledge of the license to secure. The amount of the pledge is \$225,000. With there being no members of the public coming forth to comment, on motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Hajjar, voted to close the hearing. On motion of Selectman Hajjar, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to approve the requests in their entirety.

7:20 P.M. – Katie McLeish, Norwood High School:

Ms. McLeish explained this is a project for her school and she is seeking permission to paint a small mural on a town building. Linsey Connolly, an English teacher, was in attendance. Ms. McLeish said she is hoping to get paints, paint brushes, and other materials donated. Selectman Howard expressed his support for the project. She would like to start with one design between two of the windows. Mr. Cooper stated he met with Ms. McLeish and the Public Works Department and chose this location. The town will make provisions for safety in the area. Ms. Connolly spoke in support of the project and said she is impressed by Ms. McLeish's effort on this project. Chairman Bishop commended her on presenting to the Board. Selectman Maloney expressed misgivings about painting on public buildings, and asked Ms. McLeish if she had spoken to the Supt. of Schools about doing this on a school building. It is an educational project and perhaps a school would be more appropriate. Ms. Connolly said the preferred location is the center of town because of the foot traffic and visibility factors. He then asked if allowing this would set a precedent. The vote will include language preventing this. Selectman Maloney suggesting the Board see the final version, including any verbiage, before signing off on it.

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Hajjar, voted to allow the mural, with the conditions that it does not set precedent and no verbiage is added to this until approved by the General Manager.

New Business

Maristela Rapo, Giving the Glam:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Hajjar, voted to approve application for Special One Day WMB License for Friday, June 21, 2019 from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. at 83 Morse Street, Unit 4E for a social event.

Norwood Public Access:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to file minutes of Board meetings of March 4 and April 8, 2019.

Robert F. Sullivan, Sr. Manager, Xfinity:

On motion of Selectman Hajjar, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to file notice of changes to Xfinity Packages with Cinemax.

Maheshwar Pant, 65 Concord Avenue:

On motion of Selectman Maloney, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to table for two weeks application to use Town Common Monday, September 2, 2019, 12 p.m. - 3 p.m. for a Nepalese Celebration, to obtain more information.

Omar Medina, United Church of Norwood:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Hajjar, voted to table until June 25th. Submitting request to use the Town Common/Bandstand on Sunday, August 18, 2019 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. to host a Back to School Event.

Car Wash:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to approve NHS Girls Soccer, Saturday, September 28, 2019 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Bertucci's Restaurants LLC:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to approve Application for Change of Manager from Christina Fitzgibbon to Ryan Lenhardt.

To Beirut, Inc:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to approve change of Manager from Irene Marmanides to Sami Kefel.

Sigalle Reiss, Supt. Board of Health:

On motion of Selectman Hajjar, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to approve request to place a banner on poles on Washington St. between Vernon and Day Streets, September 16, 2019 to September 30, 2019 to advertise Household Hazardous Waste/Recycling Day on September 28, 2019.

Tony Mazzucco, General Manager:

On motion of Selectman Hajjar, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to approve and sign Memorandum of Agreement between the Town of Norwood and Local 1451 (Library Unit).

Selectman Maloney asked Ms. Kean about the leave of absence. Ms. Kean explained this is mainly a seniority clause so if for some reason this arrangement does not work out, the employee would maintain her seniority level within the union. The Personnel Board, Library Director, Union and Town Counsel have all approved.

Paul Halkiotis, Planning Director:

On motion of Selectman Maloney, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to sign Housing Rehabilitation Program Mortgage Lien Discharge. Selectman Plasko noted this is a program the Town participated in to provide funds for people of certain income levels to do improvements to their property. If they sell the property within fifteen years, the payment goes to the Town and the document is filed with Register of Deeds.

Selectman Thomas Maloney:

Draft Board of Selectmen Liquor Violation Policy.

Selectman Maloney gave a brief history leading up to this document, which provides written policy for reference when the Board is contemplating liquor violations. He reviewed documents from other towns and in every case there are a couple of options for each violation. Selectman Hajjar concurred that it is important to have this in writing.

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Hajjar, voted to approve with two amendments: increase time of violations to three years from two years, and move the line " The Board of Selectmen in their discretion may vary from the above guidelines." to the end of the document. The document will be revised and sent to Counsel for review.

Unfinished Business

Clerk, Board of Selectmen:

The Following Junk Dealers licenses have not been renewed and should be revoked:

The Vintage Peacock – 61 Endicott Street

Ramblin Rose – 61 Endicott Street

Gallery 2 – 61 Endicott Street

It's Time – 61 Endicott Street

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to revoke.

Kevin Tortorella, Boston's Baddest Burger:

On motion of Selectman Maloney, seconded by Selectman Hajjar, voted to approve request to park his food truck in front of 1208 Washington Street, for lunch and dinner service. Mr. Tortorella was present at the hearing and agreeable to 23 or fewer hours per week, occupying only those two parking spots in front of the store, and a cut-off date of October 15th.

Selectman David Hajjar:

Discussion of Open Lot Storage/ Route 1 working group. Mr. Hajjar spoke about a grant that would assist with the Route 1 corridor study, which would include visiting every property on Route 1 and doing an inventory.

The goal is to establish a sub-committee to work with the Planning Board on the Open Lot Storage once the inventory is completed. The membership would consist of a Board of Selectmen member, a ZBA member, General Manager, Building Inspector, David Hern as a local attorney, a non-auto dealer Rte. 1 stakeholder and an auto dealer representative. They Planning Board would also attend.

Selectman Plasko said this is the report on the working group that is going to be a Planning Board committee and they are choosing who they would like to be on it and they are asking us to participate, with Selectman Hajjar volunteering to be the Board's representative. The fee issue is a Board of Selectmen matter. Selectman Plasko asked Selectman Hajjar to reiterate to the working group and planning board that they keep in mind the acceptance statute that requires approval by the Fire Chief. On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to participate with the Planning Board and ask Mr. Hajjar to represent the Board of Selectmen.

Memoranda

Tony Mazzucco, General Manager:

On motion of Selectman Maloney, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to file for information Order for Compliance on Consent Docket 13-011 Annual Report – May 1, 2018 to April 30, 2019.

Building Inspector Mark Chubet:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to file Building Report for May, 2019.

Chief William G. Brooks, III, NPD:

Selectman Hajjar requested and was granted permission to speak with the Chief in regard to his monthly report of department activities.

Manager's Update

Concerts on the Common

The concert series will start Sunday, July 7, 2019.

Selectmen's Addenda

Selectman Maloney

Mary Russo

Congratulations on her retirement from position of principal of St. Catherine School.

Norwood Police Awards

He attended the ceremony and the best part is when the Chief tells stories about the officers.

Override

The nature of the entire override campaign was thoughtful, sober minded and civil, with no insults being hurled and now the hard work begins.

Selectman Howard

Block Party Request

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to approve block party request for June 22 on Irving Street with cones at the end of Autumn and Blossom Streets.

Selectman Plasko

Override

The people clearly spoke through their votes and this board took a pledge and will work hard.

Selectman Hajjar

Override

Will meet obligations and be transparent with written reports twice a year by School Committee and General Manager.

Police Awards

He was privileged to attend.

State Finances

The Chapter 90 funding has been approved.

MMA Selectmen's Conference

Many towns have changed to Select Board.

Mark Ryan

Thank you to the DPW team for their work. Selectmen from other towns commented to Norwood's clean streets.

Chairman Bishop

Complete Streets

There will be a complete streets informational meeting tomorrow night.

Virginia Cardile

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to approve request to plant a tree at Chapel Street Park.

Rock Street

Heavy equipment that was parked there for a long time has been removed, but debris was left behind.

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 8:30 p.m.

A true record

Attest: _____
Clerk