

Regular meeting of the Board of Selectman convened at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 20, 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, Allan D. Howard, Thomas F. Maloney, David E. Hajjar. Also present General Manager Tony Mazzucco, Clerk Christina Mulvehill, Assistant Aoife Kelly.

Chairman Bishop announced that the Zoning Board of Appeals proposed asphalt plant application for University Avenue has been withdrawn. Thank you to Selectman William Plasko.

Appointments

7:00 P.M. – Show Cause Hearing, Siam Lotus, 1331 Boston Providence Turnpike:

MGL C, 138, Section 34-Sale of alcoholic beverages to a person under the age of 21

Paul Viriyabontorn, General Manager/Owner and the waiter... introduced themselves. Chairman Bishop disclosed that his son is a police officer who was involved in the operations. Detective Greene gave his report that the license was vertical license with a date of birth of 2001. The operative entered Siam Lotus and ordered a beer at which time the bartender asked for ID, examined it, and then served the beer. Mr. Viriyabontorn said the bartender has been working there for twenty years with no issues. His TIPS had lapsed but he has since retrained. All of the servers are TIPS certified now and he has posted the 'born by' month and year behind the bar. There was discussion of the vertical license issue and a recommendation to err on the side of caution, as the action of selling to a minor could be filed criminally against the server. On motion of Selectman Maloney, seconded by Selectman Hajjar, voted unanimously to issue a verbal warning.

7:10 P.M. – Travis Farley, Recreation Department:

Re: Norwood Day 2019. Mr. Farley thanked the Board for fitting him in. He gave an overview of the Norwood Day schedule with fireworks Friday the 6th, and all other Norwood Day activities to be held Saturday the 7th at 9:30 a.m.

7:20 P.M. – Show Cause Hearing, YKLU Food Inc., dba Olivio's Grille & Pizzeria:

Re: Failure to provide the public with the services contemplated by the license. Olivio's Grille & Pizza closed in January 2019. Attorney Jessica Deratzian represented the former Olivio's owner, stating they are diligently trying to find an appropriate candidate for the license. An application was filed a few months that fell through. On motion of Selectman Maloney, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted unanimously to continue the hearing for six months to February 18, 2020 at 7 p.m.

7:35 P.M. – Ernie Boch, Jr.:

Michael Clemmey attended on behalf of Ernie Boch Jr. to present the Andrew & Ernest J. Boch Memorial Fund check in the amount of \$ 30,500 to be used in the capacity the Board sees fit. On motion of Selectman Maloney, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to accept the gift from Ernest Boch, Jr. under M. G.L. Chapter 44 section 53a.

New Business

Cemetery Deeds:

On motion of Selectman Maloney, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to sign:
Michael A. Burke, 81 Sumner Street to Lot C3-99

Helen Abdallah Donohue:

On motion of Selectman Maloney, seconded by Selectman Howard voted to approve request to be reappointed to the Norfolk County Advisory Board for a one-year term commencing on September 1, 2019.

David E. Leon, LSP, Associate Principal, GZA Geoenvironmental, Inc.:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Hajjar, voted to file notice to the Board regarding Release Notification Form for 84 Morse Street.

Revival Church for the Nations, 290 Vanderbilt Avenue:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to approve request to use the Town Common on Saturday, September 21, 2019 from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for a church service with worship songs and a guest speaker.

Tony Mazzucco, General Manager:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Hajjar, voted to approve request to accept several donations pursuant to MGL C.44 Sec.53A to help defray costs of the two Youth Academy programs.

Patrick Moore, Comcast of Massachusetts:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to file statement supporting latest quarterly franchise fee payment.

Supt. James Collins, Norwood Light Department:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Hajjar, voted to file notice of 2nd Quarter Franchise Fee Payment, made directly to Norwood Community Media.

Viola Baboola, Verizon:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to file 2nd Qtr. PEG Grant Report.

Lee Kennedy, Norwood Circle of Hope:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to approve request to use the Town Common for the annual "Luminary Night" and reserve the parking spaces along Washington Street from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday, December 7, 2019. Also requesting permission to include the applications in the November Light Bills and to place two sandwich boards- one at the intersection of Washington and Nahatan Streets and the other by the clock in front of Conrad's.

Laura Flynn, American Diabetes Association:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to approve request for a one day AAB license for Monday, September 9, 2019 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. for an event at Dan O'Brien KIA, 105 Boston Providence Turnpike.

Angela Marengi, Little Bird Events:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to approve application for an entertainment license to have music at 83 Morse Street 4F.

Facilities Management Department:

Selectman Hajjar, provided the Board with an update on the Proposed Facilities Management Department.

Barbara H. Kelleher, Permit Representative, National Grid:

On motion of Selectman Maloney, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to schedule a public hearing on the application for Grant of Location to install and maintain gas main on Hoyle Street.

Susan Clare, Warren Street:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Hajjar, voted to approve request to hold block party on September 7, 2019 from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m., and to block off Warren Street during that time.

Unfinished Business

ABCC:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Hajjar, voted to file as information final approval for Change of License Category for Daunia Inc., dba Vico Ristorante Italiano, from Wines and Malt Beverages to Wines and Malt Beverages with Cordial/Liqueurs.

Selectman Hajjar:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to accept the changes as of August 20, 2019 to the Cemetery Rules & Regulations.

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to place the Town Common and Bandstand Rules & Regulations on the agenda for the next meeting so the Board can take a vote.

Memoranda

Chief George Morrice, NFD:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to file for information monthly report of Department activities.

James F. Collins, Light Department Superintendent:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to file monthly report of Department activities.

Selectmen's Minutes:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to approve as written, Meeting minutes from June 11, 2019.

Chief William G. Brooks, III, NPD:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to file as information copy of recognition for Lieutenant Benedetti and Officer Hwang for their actions on August 1, 2019.

Manager's Update

There will be paving activity on Washington Street Thursday and Friday of this week and expect backups.

Norwood Day buttons are now available for sale at several locations.

There will be a rescheduled Concert on the Common September 8, 2019.

Happy Birthday to David Hern and Patterson Riley.

Morse House scheduling will be handled by the Manager's office from now on. Selectman Plasko recommended more formal restrictions on the property and asked Selectman Hajjar to look into that with the Manager.

Selectmen's Addenda

Selectman Maloney

Capital Plan

Per Selectman Maloney's request the Manager will get an update on the park at Balch School and lights at Callahan School basketball court.

Morse House

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Selectman Plasko

Asphalt Plant

This was a major issue in town that many cared about. Thank you to Selectmen, Planning Board, Board of Health, and the Skating Club of Boston and MS walker as those voices had an effect. Progress Norwood was instrumental.

Special Town Meeting

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Hajjar, voted to set Special Town Meeting date of October 7, 2019. The Warrant will close on September 3rd and will be signed on September 10th.

Selectman Maloney
Airport Litigation

The chairman will be reading a statement in regard to litigation that has been a part of the airport for the past six years or so. It has been difficult in this position to maintain radio silence for as long as we have had to, but we have done so under the advice of counsel. There has been a lot of opinion and a lot of speculation about the town on this matter for all this time. The litigation is concluded and we have reached a settlement. I commend the Airport Commission as a body and individual members for their devotion to the airport and the operations of what has been a very successful establishment. Norwood Airport is among 29 general aviation airports in the Commonwealth and is number two in economic impact. It has been operating for decades at the same location and under various iterations of a commission and an Airport Commission is required by Massachusetts law. They have done a very good job in managing the day to day work. You do not hear a lot about through all of this is that the airport throughout all this time, has been operating as an airport. The commission has been overseeing the staff, the staff has been handling operations of the airport. There are people taking off and landing, there are flight instructions being given, we have helicopter tours taking off and coming back, we have undertaken capital improvements at the airport to runways and taxiways and to the commercial building that will house our offices. The airport has continued to be an asset socially for the Town. One of the first things I did with my family when I moved here in 1999 was sit up on the hill at the airport and watched the airport activity. This legal matter has been concluded and we hope it has been concluded to the mutual benefit of the plaintiff and the defendants. We shall see how it goes. We continue to proudly serve our customers, business partners, and tenants at the airport. This is an important economic factor to the town. I look forward to the future which will include a second fixed base operator at the airport and will have two entities providing fueling services to the customer base and that is a good thing. I thank and commend the members of the Norwood Airport Commission past and present for their work in this. I'm glad it is settled and look forward to the future with our customers and our business partners there. The Norwood Airport has a bright future and I am glad the town will continue to be a part of it.

Chairman Bishop

Statement from the Board of Selectmen to the general public:

The Town of Norwood and Boston Executive Helicopters, Inc. have signed an agreement to settle the law suit brought by the Boston Executive Helicopters, against the Town of Norwood and the Norwood Airport Commission in the United States District Court. Under the agreement, the Airport Commission will promptly issue BEH a Fixed Base Operator Permit authorizing it to sell fuel and to provide other aviation services at Norwood Memorial Airport. Both Boston Executive Helicopter and the Town of Norwood look forward to working together to serve the interests of Norwood residents and the need of the aviation public.

Airport Commissioner Resignation

Kevin Shaughnessy has resigned from the Airport Commission effective immediately. Mr. Shaughnessy has served the Town in many capacities, with both the Light Department and the Airport Commission. He has done an excellent job and I have nothing but respect for him and wish him well in the future. The Board thanks him for all of his services to the Town of Norwood. On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to send letter of thanks to Mr. Shaughnessy and forward resignation letter to the Town Clerk.

Executive Session: Purpose Three: To discuss strategy with respect to litigation where an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the public body and the Chair so declares.

Motion by Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Maloney, to go into executive session to discuss strategy with respect to litigation and reconvene in open session. Roll call vote: Those in favor: Selectman Plasko, Selectman Howard, Selectman Maloney, Selectman Hajjar and Chairman Bishop. Motion passed.

Adjournment

Upon returning from executive session with no other business presented for consideration, on motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Hajjar, voted to adjourn and the meeting was adjourned accordingly at 8:15 p.m.

True Record.

ATTEST: _____
Clerk