

Regular meeting of the Board of Selectman convened at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, October 29, 2019 in Room 34, the Harry B. Butters Chambers, Norwood Memorial Municipal Building, with the Pledge of Allegiance, and silent moment of prayer/reflection.

Present: Chairman Paul A. Bishop, Selectmen William J. Plasko, Allan D. Howard, Thomas F. Maloney, and David E. Hajjar. Also present General Manager Tony Mazzucco and Clerk Christina Mulvehill.

New Business

Jennifer Rogala, NHS Athletic Boosters Club:

On motion of Selectman Hajjar, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to approve request to place lawn signs at various locations around Norwood to promote the annual Turkey Trot Race on Sunday, November 24, 2019. The signs would be in place from Friday November 1st until Sunday November 24th, 2019.

Modernatx, Inc:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to sign Tax Increment Financing Agreement.

Ride-Away, Inc., dba MobilityWorks, 333 Boston Providence Turnpike:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to approve request to transfer Class II License from 333 Boston Providence Turnpike to 560 Boston Providence Turnpike, effective December 9, 2019.

Selectman Hajjar:

Application Form and Rules & Regulations for the Norwood Morse House.

Selectman Hajjar gave a brief overview of the process he followed in creating these documents. He pointed out that members of the community who have taken care of the Morse House for years would like to stay involved, and God Bless Dale Day for doing what she did there for years. Matt Walsh from the Building Department provided information Community Preservation funding and upgrading for code purposes. Until those upgrades are done, use can be limited to the first floor only. Selectman Plasko questioned whether this really addresses what should be addressed in this building. In addition, the General Manager has not seen these regulations yet, and even though they are policy and are up to the Board to decide, we get input from the Manager on matters such as this, particularly when we are going to ask him and his staff to take over management of the property. Selectman Plasko suggested the Manager review the documents and the comments and provide further comments and/or answers to be addressed at next week's meeting. Hopefully then this Board can come up with something to move forward with. Selectman Howard said the Town should have a fee schedule in place for any organization intending to charge admission. Chairman Bishop expressed concerns about the security of the building and the handicap accessibility. Selectman Hajjar pointed out that this property is historic and eligible for Community Preservation funds. In regard to fees, he explained this document allows for latitude for the Board whether they choose to charge or waive fees. Selectman Maloney agreed with Selectman Plasko's suggestion to table. On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Hajjar, voted to table for one week and refer to the Manager for his comments as well.

Unfinished Business

Joseph A. Collins, General Manager's Office:

Submitting for signature of the Board, Sewer Service Agreement – 10 Countryside Lane, Walpole.

Mark Ryan, DPW Director/Town Engineer gave an overview of the request. The Delisles, owners of the property at 10 Countryside Lane were in attendance. They want to connect to the Norwood sewer system. The plan has been approved by Public Works and Engineering the Delisles have submitted the \$1,500.00 connection fee. Mr. Ryan recommends allowing the connection and the Board voting on the sewer service agreement in its original form with the original contents. Chairman Bishop said the Town of Walpole has approved this agreement. On motion of Selectman Maloney, seconded by Selectman Hajjar, voted to approve and sign the agreement signed by the Delisles on October 15, 2019.

Traffic Safety Committee:

Discussion regarding members of the committee, the process, and determination of information to be included with the committee's recommendations when presented to the Board. On motion of Selectman Maloney, seconded by Selectman Plasko to establish General Manager's Traffic Safety Advisory Committee, under the guidance of the General Manager, which membership shall consist of the Town Engineer, the Police Safety Officer, the Fire Chief or his designee, and the School Facilities Director or his designee. Selectman Hajjar spoke about adding language about the information that would be brought back to the Board from this committee. Selectman Plasko suggested stating a time frame as to when the Board would get reports from the committee, as opposed to information in the Manager's letter that says the committee will decide when they will look at something. Mr. Mazzucco suggested thirty to forty five days and they would triage issues to be considered at a committee meeting as opposed to meeting on every issue. He said the Board will get data from the committee when it's relevant to making a decision, and every situation will dictate the information the Board will get. Selectman Maloney asked if the process would be that any issues will come to this Board first and we refer it to the General Manager, who will take it to the committee. Mr. Mazzucco disagreed, stating the information should be funneled internally to the committee to meet on and then a recommendation would go to the Board. Any town department that receives a complaint should forward it to the Manager's Office and Manager will provide this Board with an agenda when the committee is meeting. Chairman Bishop stressed the importance of the Manager keeping the Board apprised of the complaints. Selectman Plasko said if staff receives a complaint in this office, they can put it on the agenda, but also forward to Manager's Office to avoid further delay. On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to have Selectman Hajjar prepare a clean sheet of guidelines consisting of report format, timeframe, and process.

Memoranda

Paul Halkiotis, Planning Director:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to file notice that Brian Hachey was appointed as Associate Planning Board member at their meeting on October 21, 2019.

Manager's Update

The Manager attended Prescott Halloween party Friday night and it was quite an entertaining event. The two visitors from Southeast Asia accompanied him. This was their first Halloween event.

Selectmen's Addenda

Selectman Maloney

Town Pools

Referring to a memo from Mr. Mazzucco in July about taking some action in regard to the Town swimming pools. After brief discussion about forming a committee to look at the future of the pools, on motion of Selectman Maloney, seconded by Selectman Hajjar, voted to appoint Selectman Howard as this Board's representative on that committee. Other members will include a representative from General Manager's office, Supt. Farley, a representative from Finance Commission and a representative from Capital Outlay Committee.

Daddy's Dairy

Just enjoyed my first cup of butter pecan ice cream there on Central Street. It is a nice clean well lit facility and we wish the proprietors all the best.

Selectman Howard

Norwood High School Marching Band

Took high honors at competition and kudos to them for all their success.

Selectman Plasko

ICMA Conference.

I was able to participate in this event which was attended by over 5,000 local- attended by 5000 local government professionals from across the country. This organization is clearly dedicated to making our communities better places to live, work and play. The conference was impressive and featured great speakers. There were a number of valuable and productive workshops.

Selectman Hajjar

Facilities MOU

Chairman Bishop said he would call the chairman of the school committee to find out what they are doing. Hajjar said this is for feedback not asking anyone to sign anything. He has provided documents to school committee. Selectman Hajjar would like Schools, Finance Commission, and Selectmen to look at the draft MOU and give comments to then be incorporated into final documents.

Route 1 Corridor Study and Open Lot Storage

According to Paul Halkiotis they should be ready for zoning amendments for this spring. The concern is will the town charge and under what circumstances. Going forward they will hold meetings with the stakeholders. Selectman Plasko understands closely coordinating, but doesn't see a reason to wait on determine charging, etc.

Chairman Bishop

David and Sheila Monaghan

One of Sheila Monaghan's sisters passed away unexpectedly. Condolences to the family

Adjournment

No other business being presented for consideration, on motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to adjourn and the meeting was adjourned accordingly at 7:55 p.m.

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Attest: _____ Clerk