

Regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen convened at 6:45 p.m. on Tuesday, November 26, 2019 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, Assistant Aoife Kelly.

#### Appointments

##### 6:45 P.M. –Board of Library Trustees

Appointing interim member to the Library Board of Trustees to fill a vacancy that resulted from the resignation of Deborah Anne Henry. George Michalec has applied for the position. Selectman Hajjar asked Mr. Michalec asked what he hopes to accomplish while on the Board of Trustees. Mr. Michalec said he would like to help them continue growing on the mission the library has. Since he has been in town the number of services offered by the library have increased. He sees more people at the library each time he goes and he would like to be able to help and give back. Selectman Maloney asked Mr. Michalec the ages of his children. His twins are thirteen and attend Coakley Middle School and the youngest daughter is in third grade at the Callahan. Selectman Maloney inquired about his professional experience and how that might inform his work. Mr. Michalec said he is a brand designer and has owned his own business for twenty years. There is a lot of budgetary process, planning, scheduling and team work involved in this business. Selectman Howard expressed his support for the appointment. Chairman Bishop also thanked him for his interest. Marguerite Cummings asked if he had any aspirations as far as running in the April election. Mr. Michalec said he sees no reason he would not move forward on the board. John Hall asked what sort of books he likes. Mr. Michalec said he likes historical fiction and the history of business. On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Hajjar, voted 10-0 to appoint George Michalec to the Board of Library Trustees. Roll call vote: Those in favor: Selectman Plasko, Selectman Hajjar, Selectman Howard, Selectman Maloney, Chairman Bishop, Library Trustees Marguerite Cummings, Donna Montgomery, Leah O'Leary, John Hall, and Sarah Begg.

##### 7:00 P.M. – Chief William Brooks, Norwood Police Department:

Chief Brooks was present to give an overview of the monthly department activities. Joining the Chief were Officers Jake Ryan and Rob Stanton, both of whom are recent graduates of the Cape Cod Municipal Police Academy. Det. Sgt. Curran retired last Friday, after serving thirty nine years in law enforcement, which created a vacancy for a Sergeant. An exam was given in June in anticipation of this and last week they ran an assessment center at the department for patrolmen who are seeking promotion to sergeant, as well as sergeants seeking promotion to lieutenant. Once a new sergeant is in place and is up to speed training wise, he will take one of the current sergeants and assign him to run the Bureau of Criminal Investigations. There are three applicants for sergeant right now. The Chief spoke about the pedestrian who was struck in the cross walk on Nahatan Street near Saint Catherine's, and is doing fine. The department is currently in firearms training. There was an uptick in drug overdoses in November and currently there have been nineteen, with two fatalities, but at this time last year there were thirty overdoses. The Chief cautioned there would be extra officers on duty the night before Thanksgiving in the town center area. The department is running a Toys for Tots donation drive and anyone who wants to donate can do so in the lobby of the station. There was brief discussion of recent cases of check fraud where the perpetrators remove the ink and rewrite the check. TIPS training was discussed.

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

Chief Morrice gave an overview of the monthly report of department activities. He spoke about a high pressure gas line leak that occurred at Avalon causing the complex to be evacuated. In addition there were several fires; and mutual aid calls. The Chief will be conducting interviews of three candidates next week to fill the second Deputy Chief position. He spoke about the new Medical Assistance Response Vehicle (MARV), which is a red Tahoe. This will help eliminate premature wear and tear on the squad vehicle they had previously been using to chase the ambulances. They also have, on loan from Stryker, a Lucas machine which is an automated CPR device that straps onto a patient and performs the compressions. The new Patient Care Report software is now live and it pushes information from the dispatchers to paramedics' tablets to assist in writing patient reports. Thank you to Mark Ryan for paving East Hoyle Street and Broadway. There was discussion of ambulance billing services in addition to new jaws-of-life.

New Business

David W. Kelley Sr., Owner, Lewis Restaurant & Grille, Inc.:

On motion of Selectman Hajjar, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to approve request for change of manager application for Lewis Restaurant & Grille, Inc., from David W. Kelley to Giuseppe Tropeano.

David Dupree, Norwood Space Center:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to approve request for a one day WMB license for Thursday, December 5, 2019 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and request for a one day WMB license for Saturday, December 7, 2019 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Divisha Thakkar, 1111 Dorchester Avenue:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Hajjar, voted to approve request for a one day WMB license for Saturday, December 21, 2019 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. at 83 Morse Street, Unit 4B.

S&H Westbury Farms, Inc., 997 Boston Providence Turnpike:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to approve application for Common Victualler License to operate Westbury Farms Family Restaurant.

Massachusetts State Lottery Commission:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to take no action on notice that Boston Tavern, 1210 Boston Providence Turnpike has applied for a Keno License. If the Town objects it must claim its right to a hearing within 21 days of receipt of this notice.

Mary Lou Folan, Town Clerk:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to file as information copy of the amendments to the Norwood Town By-Laws that was voted at the Special Town Meeting on October 7, 2019 and approved by the Attorney General on November, 19, 2019.

Supt. James Collins, Norwood Light Department:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Hajjar, voted to file as information notice of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Franchise Fee Payment, made directly to Norwood Community Media.

Kathleen Bishop, Board of Health Chairman:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to send letter of commendation regarding the retirement of Dr. Stone.

Cemetery Deeds:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to sign:  
Beverly H. Bouchard, 87 Gay Street to Lot U-50  
Deborah Paquette Stanovitch, 12 Pratt Street, Apt 302, Mansfield to Lot C3-107  
Maureen P MacEachern, 200 Walpole Street to Lot C3-116

Town of Norwood Financial Policies:

Selectman Hajjar asked for one week delay per the Finance Commission. Selectman Plasko said Mr. McQuaid is recommending moving forward with this. The Manager said the Treasurer and CFO are fine with the policy. On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to sign the policy. Selectman Maloney pointed out this is a living document that the Board has been working on for a year and a half and can be amended in the future.

Unfinished Business

Morse House Rules & Regulations:

A continued discussion of the rules and regulations ensued. On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to strike 4 M in its entirety and change the occupation number and otherwise adopt the document effective January 1, 2020.

Memoranda

Selectmen's Minutes:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to file as submitted Meeting minutes from August 6 and 20, 2019.

Manager's Update

OPEB

The liability number has dropped on paper and hopefully the Governor's office will look at OPEB reform on a state level again. We are committed to meet the pension funding number in 2029 and are currently funded at over 80%. Selectman Maloney pointed out that a lot of this is due to Bob Thornton.

Selectman Maloney

Norwood Football and Cheer

They are heading to Florida for competition and are fundraising over next two weeks.

Happy Thanksgiving

Selectman Howard

Distracted driving

Kudos to Mr. Brannelly. Sadly, he lost his daughter who was struck by a vehicle in the center of town. Thanks to him for what he has done for this goal.

Phil Cuff

Condolences to the family of Phil Cuff who passed away.

Happy thanksgiving

Selectman Plasko

Paul Donohue

Remembering Paul Donohue, the late husband of Helen Donohue, who was a member of Planning Board for 43 years. He was a real gentleman and great guy. Condolences to the family.

NHS Football

Thanksgiving game will be covered live this year from Dedham.

Selectman Hajjar

Cheerleaders

Congratulations to the cheerleaders on their accomplishments.

Paul Donohue

Condolences to the family.

Facilities Management

Final language was agreed upon this morning. School Committee will vote December 4<sup>th</sup>. Possible the agreement will be on this Board's agenda December 10<sup>th</sup>.

Happy thanksgiving

Chairman Bishop

Happy Thanksgiving

Paul Donohue

Condolences to Helen Donohue and her family.

Phil Cuff

Condolences to the family on his passing.

John Reddick

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Adjournment

No other business being presented for consideration, on motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to adjourn and the meeting was adjourned accordingly at 8:20 p.m.

A True Record.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk