

Regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen convened at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 11, 2017 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. Meeting is Recorded.

Present: Chairman William J. Plasko, Helen Abdallah Donohue, Paul A. Bishop, Allan D. Howard and Thomas F. Maloney. Also present General Manager John J. Carroll, Clerk Frances L. Jessoe and Assistant Christina Mulvehill.

Appointments

7:00 P.M. – Gerald Miller, Supt., Recreation Dept.:

Gerald Miller and Travis Farley were in attendance. Mr. Miller gave an overview of his monthly report of department's activities. The bathhouse is coming along and plumbing and electricity has been inspected. The Coakley field lighting poles are installed and trenching is complete.

Mr. Farley continued the report, speaking about the Easter egg hunt with the Willett School PTA. He said this is a busy time at the Civic leading into summer and listed some of the activities being offered during April vacation. Touch a Truck will be held Saturday, May 6th in the DPW lot. On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to approve summer hours. Selectman Maloney asked how they are doing budget wise. Mr. Miller said they are doing very well thus far. Selectman Donohue asked Mr. Miller about his retirement date. It is June 2. Selectman Plasko asked about the plan to repair damage at the Coakley after the work there is done.

New Business

Reverend Amanda L. Warner, Emmanuel Lutheran Church:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to approve request to use the DAV Park across from the Church for a small picnic on Thursday, May 25 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and on Sunday, July 23, 2017 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for a midsummer festival, barbeque and games. This is the 3rd year they have had this event.

Supt./Director Sigalle Reiss, Board of Health & Jean Hall, Ecumenical Community Food Pantry:

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted to approve request to place banner on Washington St. from Monday, May 1 to Monday, May 15 to advertise Household Hazardous Waste/Recycling Day and the National Association of Letter Carriers' Food Drive.

Personnel Board:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to file Light Department Comparable Town Data.

Thomas J. McQuaid, Town Clerk & Accountant:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to file notification that his office has received a letter of resignation from David Hajjar, member of the Personnel Board due to his elected position to the Finance Commission. This vacancy needs to be filled by the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, Chairman of the Finance Commission and the Moderator. Selectman Plasko asked that letters of interest be sent to the Selectmen's office.

Sarah Sullivan, Norwood Public Access Television, Inc.

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to file copy of minutes of meeting of January 23, 2017.

Lee Kennedy, Norwood Circle of Hope:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to approve request to use the Bandstand and the Town Common for Luminary Night, on Saturday, December 1, 2017.

Victor Larin, Larin Auto Sales, 900 Pleasant Street:

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to approve application for a new Class II License and forego a public hearing. Mr. Larin has a Class II License under Larin Automotive, LLC which he will surrender. This license will be for auto repairs only. His new Class II License will be for Larin Auto Sales-same location with the same Special Permit per ZBA issued Sept. 12, 2014 with a limit of 11 cars on site for sale. Selectman Bishop said he does not see a need for public hearing, Mr. Larin is just separating the two parts of the business.

Annex Realty Trust II, 128 Carnegie Row:

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to revoke License #S0006.

Rev. John W. O'Brien, St. Timothy Parish:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to approve request to hold their annual spring road race on Sat. Memorial Day weekend May 27, 2017. The race will start at 9 a.m. at St. Timothy's and be completed by 9:45 a.m. The proceeds will go directly to a scholarship at Norwood High in Fernando Morales' name.

Car Washes:

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted to approve:
Saturday, May 27, 2017 – Norwood Football Parents.
Saturday, August 12, 2017 – Norwood Gridiron Club.
Saturday, July 22, 2017 – NHS Boys Hockey

Thomas J. McQuaid, Town Clerk & Accountant:

Submitting notification that Mrs. Marion Boch is not renewing her appointment to the Board of Registrars. Her appointment will expire on April 30, 2017 and an appointment must be made to fill the remaining term. Vacancy must come from the Republican Party. On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted to forward notice to the Republican Town Committee to submit three names within thirty days. On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to send letter of thanks to Mrs. Boch.

Unfinished Business

Michelle Pizzi, Human Resources Director:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to file update on the recruitment process for a successor Treasurer/Collector. Selectman Plasko said the committee interviewed eight and has narrowed to four who will be tested for writing skills and knowledge of bonding process. The hope is to have finalist recommendations within two weeks.

Memoranda

Personnel Board:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to file copy of correspondence to Chair Deborah Holmwood, Planning Board regarding reclassification appeal.

Building Inspector Mark Chubet:

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to file monthly building reports for March, 2017.

Executive Session

Litigation-Davis Marcus / Avalon Bay

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Maloney and on roll call vote of Selectmen Donohue, Bishop, and Plasko, voted to enter executive session after regular business.

Selectmen's Addenda

Selectman Howard

Curran Avenue

Requesting removal of cones around the area that was worked on there.

Selectman Maloney

Marion Boch

Thank you to Mrs. Boch for her service to the town.

My Colleagues

Thank you for support and comfort during this time. This is the best town in the world.

Selectman Donohue

Selectman Maloney

Condolences to Selectman Maloney on the loss of his father.

Dorothy Holman Rich

Dorothy, who was the widow of Lopey Rich, passed away and the family plans to donate Lopye's mallet for historical purposes.

Ann Donohue

Today is Ann's birthday and she is here from out of state. Our family is going through a hard time. Thanks to all who are giving this family support.

Manager's Agenda

Snow and Ice Update

The Manager said they have exceeded the budget in this area and have a deficit of approximately \$250,000 to be requested at town meeting. School department is looking for \$185,000.

Guild Street Bridge

Schedule for the shutdown of Guild Street and the roll in of the new Guild Street bridge.

Building permit payment from Moderna Therapeutics.

For the Board's information, they have submitted permit and paid fee of more than \$790,000.

Veterans' Service Officer

The Director is running into same problem he runs into every year with direct relief and he needs a reserve fund transfer of \$10,000 to get him through to town meeting. On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to approve the transfer. Selectman Maloney pointed out that 75% of direct relief comes back to the town from the state.

Special town meeting.

The only new article on the spreadsheet is article 24 re the Council on Aging garage. The Manager said he met with NPATB and Town Counsel about constructing this garage. It is complicated and would require legislation. Asst. Manager Bernie Cooper suggested appropriating the money at town meeting. On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to close the warrant with 24 articles and prepare for signature.

Adjournment

Returning to open session and no other business being presented for consideration, on motion of Selectman Maloney, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to adjourn and the meeting was adjourned accordingly at 9:05 p.m.

A True Record.

ATTEST: _____
Assistant