

Regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen convened at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 25, 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. – Mark Ryan, Supt., DPW/Town Engineer:

Reference was made to monthly report of department's activities. Mr. Ryan stated that he advocated at Finance Commission for the Cemetery Chapel. Expect lights at Coakley Middle School to be fully operational by the week of May 1st. All 24 athletic fields have now been opened and fertilized. Improvements are to be made to the infields at Coakley, Willet and Oldham Schools. The Department is working with the Community Garden this year as well, supplying materials. Larger street signs are being installed along Route 1. The Water Department had a design meeting for next cleaning and lining project; with a bid opening on May 4th. The project will be on Nichols Street from Vernon to Nahatan and Cottage Street from Prospect to Maple. The Water Department started flushing hydrants around town to remove sediment that has settled in the pipes. Mr. Ryan stated that the Cemetery Department has aerated and fertilized the cemetery and poured a foundation for a beautiful sculpture that the Temple Shaare Tefilih was kind enough to donate to the Town. This sculpture will be installed with plantings around it. Mr. Ryan went to the Boston MPO and they decided on project funding. The Town asked for University Ave, Route One project and the Route 1A Upland Road and Prospect. They will be funded in FY 21 for Upland Road and University Ave, in FY 22.

Mr. Ryan gave an update on the Guild Street bridge replacement project. The Engineering Department has been meeting weekly with the MBTA as they finish the project.

Selectman Bishop inquired about hydrant flushing and what residents should do if they get rusty water. The recommendation is to go to the lowest faucet in the house and turn on the cold water to let it flush out of the system.

Selectman Maloney asked about the cemetery chapel projects and which of the three options Mr. Ryan prefers. Mr. Ryan said option b, which returns the chapel to its original use, is his recommendation. Selectman Maloney said the Capital Outlay Committee has endorsed that option also.

7:15 P.M. – Supt. James Collins, Norwood Light Department:

Mr. Collins gave the highlights of the department's monthly activities including an update on the 115 KV transmission line project. The cleanup and environmental work will continue for the next year. Some ongoing projects include Moderna, Metropolitan Cabinet, Jack Madden Ford, the old Rolland. Mr. Collins will come before the Board next week to talk about rate increases. The advanced meter project is going well with residential meter replacement mostly completed. The commercial meters are going at a slower rate. The Access Road property cost estimate should be coming soon. The LED project is coming along quickly with test sites at Lincoln and Sycamore, Hawthorne and Lincoln, and 27 locations along Upland Road. The savings anticipated for town is to reduce cost by \$150,000 from \$300,000. They have a ten-year warranty on the lights, which should reduce maintenance. The cost of the fixtures and photocells is 50% a grant by state.

Darryl Hansen gave an update on Norwood Light Broadband, stating there are two major projects; internet and video upgrades and announcing that in May they will be giving away free premium channels to existing customers every month.

Selectman Donohue told Mr. Hansen she was proud to see him at the Norwood 101 program at the library last night and thanked him for representing. Upon Chairman Plasko's request, Mr. Hansen directed customers to the website for instructions on how to auto-program.

New Business

Cemetery Deeds:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to sign:
Viola G. Flaherty, 4 Summit Avenue to Lot C3-15
Marion C. Dicalorgero, 57 Longmeadow Road to Lot C3-19
Mercedes Costa, 22 Dean Street to Lot C3-13
Thomas & Maureen Curran, 85 Chapel Street to Lot G6-95
Frederick Pope, 15 Kilsyth Road, Norton to Lot C3-1
George T. O'Connor, 170 Mayfair Drive, Westwood to Lot C3-12
Franklin V. Small, 30 Engamore Lane to Lot U-22

Compete Indoor Sports, 576 Pleasant Street, Joseph Drain:

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to approve request for 1 Day Wine and Malt Beverages License Saturday, June 3, 2017 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. for beer tasting.

DPW Summer Job Lottery:

The numbers chosen are 5,4,6,8,7,9,1,3 alternate is #2

Norwood Republican Party:

Submitting request that the Board appoint Patricia Barrett to the Board of Registrars as the Republican representative to replace former Registrar Marion Boch. On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to send letter to NRP asking them to forward two additional names to the Board within 45 days.

Unfinished Business

Chairman Plasko:

Discussion and possible action to fill Treasurer/Collector vacancy.
Selectman Howard said both candidates were good. On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted 5-0 to make an offer through the Chairman to Mr. Good. Selectman Maloney said both candidates are supremely qualified and it was his pleasure to be on the screening committee. He was pleased with their interviews. The Board voted on the candidate who has greater experience in that particular job. Selectman Donohue thanked the search committee. Both candidates were qualified and the search committee did a great job.

Executive Session

Litigation

Davis Marcus / Avalon Bay

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Bishop, and on roll call vote of Chairman Plasko and Selectmen Donohue and Maloney, voted to enter executive session for the above mentioned issue in addition to the four negotiation groups, and return to regular session to adjourn.

Selectmen's Addenda

Selectman Maloney

Jazz Night

Next Wednesday May 3rd at the Sheraton Four Points tickets are \$15 - \$20 at the door.

Selectman Donohue

Jim D'Espinosa Passing

Jim was very active in Veterans organizations and being Chaplain. She used to tell him he sounded as good as a priest.

Fishing Derby

Celebrated its 30th year. Sportsman's club helps every year. Rubber duck race was Saturday.

Selectman Howard

Executive Sessions

The Board does not enter executive session to hide what they are doing. It is a strategy session. This evening will be strategy with two proposed complexes and current union negotiations.

Selectman Bishop

May 13 Run for a Vet

Proceeds to the organization. This year paying tribute to Army Staff Sergeant Meehan and Marine Major Mark Welch. The race begins and ends at the high school.

Adjournment

Returning to open session and no other business being presented for consideration, on motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to adjourn and the meeting was adjourned accordingly at 9:00 p.m.

A True Record.

ATTEST: _____
Assistant