

Regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen convened at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 2, 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, and Thomas F. Maloney. Also present General Manager John J. Carroll, Clerk Frances L. Jessoe and Assistant Christina Mulvehill.

Absent Selectman Allan D. Howard

Appointments

7:00 P.M. – Chief Anthony J. Greeley, NFD:

Reference was made to monthly report of department's activities. Chief Greeley congratulated Selectmen Bishop and Howard on their election victories and Chairman Plasko on the Chairmanship. He proceeded to outline his report of monthly activities. He explained that this report is for the month of March and he will have the April numbers when he is next in. In regard to substitution shortfalls, he feels he will be able to remedy them with strategies he has discussed with Mr. Carroll. He brought together the accounting department and the new billing service. He expressed his condolences to the families of two retired members, long time firefighter Pat Palie and long-time business manager Barbara Rizzo. Happy 102nd birthday to retired Deputy Fire Chief John Howard.

The Board adjourned from the Selectmen's Meeting in order to hold the rate hearing as Electric Light Commissioners.

ELECTRIC LIGHT COMMISSIONER'S MEETING

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

Re: Electric Rate Adjustment-notice was read and public hearing was declared open.

The Manager introduced Roger Cotte who is a consultant in the power field. He is here to help the Board and the public understand why we are having a rate increase.

Mr. Collins introduced Dan Morrissey, Kevin Shaughnessy and Jason Haber. He explained that the light department was established in 1907 and operated as a business and like any business must cover the cost of the product itself. The electric supply cost is rising dramatically and the Light Department must raise its rates to cover the cost. They have not had an increase since 2014 and they are trying to minimize this by using the rate stabilization fund. The proposed increase would be 5.9% June 1 and 5.9% January 1, 2018. Mr. Collins said these are known costs in the power pool. The proposal has been reviewed by the Future Power Supply Needs Committee who members are Harry Spence, William Plasko, Al Fiske, Paul Donohue, Mark Ryan, Tim McDonough and Joseph Michienzi.

Mr. Cotte explained the presentation which has been shortened to highlight the major points. He said that the two components are locally controlled costs which are 18% and the other component is costs controlled by others which is 82%. The main driver is the costs not controlled by the department and that is what is rising dramatically. He presented the slide presentation explaining the reasons for the increase. Energy costs for the department are very stable. The reasons for increase are capacity prices. These prices are set by the ISO (independent systems operator). These prices are set by ISO and there is nothing we can do about it. Power Point presentation continued. Commissioner Donohue inquired what made it go up so much. Mr. Cotte said that the capacity charges are determined by the generation in New England and utilities that supply power retire the units when they feel it is appropriate and you have to build new units. We are paying for new power plants. Chairman Plasko said this effects everyone not just Norwood.

P.H. Light Department (cont'd):

Selectman Maloney said this is a generation type of thing. Mr. Cotte said it is not predictable because you don't know when they are going to retire the old plants. Over the long run it will save money. Power point presentation continued. Mr. Cotte stated that the recommendation of the Light Department (which he and the Future Purchase of Power Committee supports) is to institute the smallest increase that is necessary to meet the town and the Light Department needs as per the following; Effective June 1, 2017 – 5.9% increase; tentatively plans a 5.9% increase January 1, 2018 and the reason this is at this level they will draw down the rate stabilization fund fully to pay for as much of this as they can-they will take 2 million in FY 2018 and \$1 million in 2019 and then they will have to build this back up as this will bring it down to very low levels.

Selectman Maloney inquired what the balance is in the stabilization account. Mr. Collins said that it is approximately \$3.7 million. Chairman Plasko said we have to work on this in the future. Selectman Bishop inquired what will it cost the average resident in Norwood. It will be about \$10 more with both increases.

Selectman Donohue said in the beginning when she heard they were coming in for a rate increase she was very worried as she tries to protect the people in town, but having all of this information shows her that the Town doesn't have a choice in this matter. It is out of our hands and she thanked them for finding a way to make it less painful for all the people in Town. This is a result of ISO. It is out of our hands. Thank you for the work and thank the Committee.

Chairman Plasko read the following statement of the Future Purchase of Power Committee into the record
Re: Recommendation Regarding Proposed Rate Increase.

“The Committee met on April 27, 2017 and discussed the factors driving the increased capacity costs and transmission costs for the New England Region. The committee reviewed the Capacity Cost tripling over the next two years. We emphasize that these costs are already set by the New England utilities. The Committee also reviewed transmission cost and accepts the fact that these costs will be continuing on an increasing cost slope for the foreseeable future as a result of the projects in New England that have been planned and approved for construction for the next several years,. We point out that these costs are already set by the transmission owning utilities. The committee recognized the validity of these cost and the lack of control of them by the department and the departments need to replenish its rate stabilization account. Therefore the committee supports the two step increase of 5.9% on all bills effective June 1, 2017, with an additional 5.9% increase on all bills after January 1, 2018 as proposed by the Norwood Municipal Light Department.-William J. Plasko, Acting Chairman

Commissioner Bishop asked about LED savings for the public. Mr. Collins said when it is completed they will save \$150,000 per year.

Chairman Plasko, inquired if anyone for the public would like to speak in favor or against.

Seeing none, on motion of Commissioner Donohue, seconded by Commissioner Bishop, voted to close the hearing.

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted the following: The Board of Selectmen, acting in their capacity as Electric Light Commissioners, voted to approve electric rate increases as recommended by the Municipal Light Department. An increase of 5.9% for all rates effective with all bills rendered after June 1, 2017 and a second increase of 5.9% for all rates effective with all bills rendered after January 1, 2018. The Commissioners also agree to the modified language of Rate R-18-General Purpose Rate as recommended, and the proposal to include the addition of LED Streetlights to Rate O, the Outdoor Lighting Rate.

The Board continued on to the business of the Selectmen's Meeting.

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

New Business

Robert F. Sullivan, Sr. Manager, Comcast:

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to file channel line-up information.

Pat Berger, Manager, Norwood Country Club:

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Maloney voted to approve request to change the name on their VIF license S0028 to Norwood Country Club. Norwood Fire Department has been notified.

Keith Daye, 101 Prospect Terrace, Brockton, MA:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to set up hearing application for a Class II License to operate BK Autobody, LLC, 169 Railroad Avenue Rear.

Mazda Gallery, 920 Boston/Providence Turnpike:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to approve for Special One Day W&MB License for an event Wednesday, May 10, 2017 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Thomas F. Brady, Law Offices of Thomas F. Brady, 128 School Street, Walpole:

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Maloney voted to schedule public hearing on application for transfer of AAB License from Rama Wine & Spirits, Inc., 898 Washington Street to The Compagnone Group, Inc. The vote was 3-0 Selectman Donohue abstained

Jill Reddish, FIOS, TV Sr. Staff Consultant, Verizon:

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted to file information pursuant to MGL C 166A Form 200 and CTV Form 400 and Verizon New England's Condensed Financial Statements for 2016.

Matt O'Neil:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to file request to withdraw Article 21-an amendment to the Zoning Bylaw with respect to electronic signage from consideration at the Norwood Town Meeting. (has been advised to contact Paul Halkiotis for the proper procedure)

Unfinished Business

ABCC:

- a. On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to file approval of the Brewery Pouring Permit for Percival Beer Company, 83 Morse Street. License will not be issued until inspection from the Fire Department and Building Inspector is complete.
- b. On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to file approval of the transfer of the AAB License from Irish Heaven, Inc., dba Concannon's Village to Charminar Spice, LLC, dba Paradise Biryani Pointe, 1200 Boston Providence Turnpike, Suite 130. License will not be issued until inspection from the Fire Department and Building Inspector is complete

Memoranda

Edmund W. Mulvehill, Jr, Director of Veterans' Services:

Submitting copy of correspondence to the Manager regarding his secretary Martha Buckley that after 51 years of service she has informed him that she will be retiring from the town as of June 2, 2017. The Board stated she was a wonderful employee and everyone knows her and her work and wishes her nothing but the best. She was a dedicated, intelligent person.

Selectmen's Addenda

Selectman Bishop

One Day License

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted to approve one day license for the Portuguese Club.

Chairman Plasko

State-I 95 Dedham Street Corridor Reconstruction Project

Chairman Plasko stated that the state is finally starting this project and they will be doing that this week. It is a \$44 million project-it will build the long awaited I 95 North bound ramp onto Canton Street. Most of this project is in Canton and Westwood, but in Norwood this will really improve the traffic congestion on Neponset Street and Route 1 corridor north of Neponset Street-it will take a few years, but we are looking forward to this being completed.

Selectman Donohue

Thank you to Mr. Carroll and Mark Ryan for the years they put into it. This will allow direct access to University Ave and will pull traffic off Neponset Street.

South Norwood Fishing Derby:

Thank you to everyone who helped out and came. Norwood Sportsmen Association Fishing Derby will be held on May 13th from 8 a.m. fishing starts 9 to 11. Everyone is welcome.

Manager's Agenda

Draft Yellow Sheet for the upcoming Special Town Meeting

Updated Yellow Sheet for the Board's approval.

In regard to the cemetery chapel, on motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to support the project. The vote was unanimous. Capital outlay is in favor of Version B and the PBCC does support this as well, but the Fin Com recommends against.

Pink Sheet for Capital Outlay will go out with the Yellow Sheet on Thursday. The Manager said that the yellow and pink sheet will go out on Thursday. Chairman Plasko felt that was pretty late on that. The Manager said no-that is when they do it.

FY 2018 Water and Sewer Rates

The water sewer committee has concluded we do not need a rate increase for FY 2018

Manager's Executive Session

Collective Bargaining Agreements.

Chairman sees need for executive session and we may return to open session for announcements. Not sure. On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Maloney and on a roll call vote of Chairman Plasko and Selectman Donohue voted to enter executive session for the purpose of negotiations.

Adjournment

Returning to open session and no other business being presented for consideration, on motion of Select Donohue, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to adjourn and the meeting was adjourned accordingly at 8 p.m.

A True Record.

ATTEST: _____
Clerk