

Regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen convened at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, September 19, 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. – Supt. Mark Ryan, DPW/Town Engineer:

Reference was made to monthly report of department's activities. The Public Works was very involved in Norwood Day. The fireworks were held on Friday night and public works was also involved with that. They worked starting at 4 a.m. to get everything cleaned up and he thanked them all for all their work. He said the Sign Department is striping and installing signs and Sumner street has been a bone of contention with trucks showing up after 7 p.m. etc. so new signage has been installed and traffic counters will be installed. The Pocket Park in the parking lot adjacent to Town Hall is coming along and he felt that the crew is doing a fabulous job. He said that around town there are markings being done on the roads such as crosswalks, fog lines and center lines. The Doherty playground basketball court is now fully paved and will be finished up in the next weeks. Household Hazardous Waste Day was held Saturday the 23rd and was a big success. The Town just received a grant of \$10,400 from Mass DEP to go towards things that help with recycling. He said that water services are being replaced on Marion Avenue and Charles Street before paving. Water main cleaning and lining is ongoing in the town also. Cemetery has been busy; one mile of cemetery roadway was chip sealed. They have located a company that comes by with border collies and chases the geese away. They use them at the parks and ballfields. The engineering department performed a traffic count on Longwood Terrace due to reports of speeding in that area. Paving is being done around Town; Dean St. from Pleasant to Pond Ave as well as other streets in Town and right now they are working in the Guild Street area.

Selectman Howard spoke about the work in Guild Street and the construction is over and the storm drains under the bridge will be a big help. Chairman Plasko mentioned the lights at Guild and asked if it was an afterthought. Mr. Ryan said it looks that way even though it was planned. Mr. Ryan said they will work around it with plows, etc. Selectman Bishop spoke about the lighting at Guild Street Bridge. The installation was not great but there is now light there. He thanked Mr. Ryan's crew for their work on Hazardous Waste day. Selectman Bishop asked about the beaver problem in Purgatory Brook, Mr. Ryan said it is an amazing project to evict them from the area as the Norwood Country. They need Board of Health, mosquito control, DEP etc. they got rid of the beavers and then other beavers came and built more dams. Mr. Ryan said you have to get rid of the beavers first before you can do anything else. Selectman Howard said beaver traps are illegal. On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to file the other information regarding the beavers on the Board's agenda. Selectman Bishop said you cannot eradicate the dams entirely.

Chairman Plasko asked about our paving policies. He said that we should rethink our policies. He said that Vernon Street looks terrible – it is a hodgepodge of cement and asphalt curbing etc. Mr. Ryan said Vernon Street had one side with concrete sidewalks existing and they did repairs and the other side was asphalt and when the repairs were needed they did those. He said it is not to improve curb appeal-they try to do as much of the roads done and keep the sidewalks passable. He said he thought they had a policy of putting granite curbing on the main streets. He thought it was concrete, asphalt and Mr. Ryan is saying it is on opposite sides of the streets. Discussion continued. Mr. Ryan spoke about the 50/50 program for granite curbing where residents can split the cost. Mr. Ryan said they were caught off guard by the number of people who wanted that program this year and we ran out of money. Selectman Donohue inquired about what Mr. Carroll discussed with him. He said that Mr. Carroll says any time we replace sidewalks regardless of what kind they are we should put concrete there. Mr. Ryan said he is

Supt. Mark Ryan (cont'd)

tasked with resurfacing as many roads as he can every year. Chairman Plasko asked about the pocket park and were there problems with the height of the wall. Mr. Ryan said there are no problems and explained the plan for the wall and it is just not finished yet. Chairman Plasko said they are doing a great job. Chairman Plasko asked why we started that project when we haven't finished Guild Park. Mr. Ryan said it is different crews and the Guild will get done by Thanksgiving. Chairman Plasko asked about chip sealing at the cemetery and was one third of it completed this year. Mr. Ryan said one third was done this year and they are finished for this year. Chairman Plasko asked about the road that is being redone. Mr. Ryan said they DPW did the preliminary work themselves.

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

Mr. Collins gave the update on the transmission line. The project is electrically complete and environment monitoring and inspections by consultant every two weeks. Mr. Collins touched upon several of the projects going on around town including 60 Lenox Street, Boch residence, TD Bank on Nahatan Street. They are talking with the MBTA about purchasing power. They are in the purchase of selecting a project manager for Access Road. LED streetlight project is getting off the ground. There are 50 presently installed and they are a whiter light than what we are used to. The Future Power Study Committee will be looking at peak shaving generators. Selectman Donohue asked about light bills. She has been looking at the bills and asked how the measuring is done. Mr. Collins said there is a cost per kilowatt hours. Selectman Howard asked if there are still meter readers. Mr. Collins said there are two remaining for troubleshooting. Selectman Howard spoke about double poles. Mr. Collins would like to see Verizon and Comcast change over more quickly. Chairman Plasko asked if the light department ever calls residents and asks them for information about their bills. Mr. Collins said they would never do that nor would they tell residents to pay cash or get shut off.

Daryl Hansen gave his monthly report. New channels and many HD versions of existing channels continue to be added. Once completed extensive testing will be done on the system. The internet system upgrade is complete. They plan on a gradual transition. Residential customers will see higher speeds once the transition is complete. The upgrade will eliminate congestion in dense residential areas. Selectman Bishop commented about internet transmission and Norwood is 1080 and some do HD at 720. Selectman Donohue said those with basic service appreciate the samples of other channels during the weekends. Selectman Maloney said it looks like they are doing a little better every year.

New Business

Selectmen's Meetings:

Holiday schedule—does the Board wish to meet December 5, 12, and take off December 19 and 26 and resume January 2, 2018. What is the wish of the Board? On motion of Selectman Maloney, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to cancel meeting of December 26.

Boston Region Metropolitan Planning Organization:

Submitting development process and milestones FY 2019 -23 Transportation Improvement Program and to invite Norwood to participate in this process. Supt. Mark Ryan is the Town's TIP Contact. (will forward to Supt. Ryan) On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted to file.

Cary Reid:

- a. Submitting e-mail regarding complaints of golfers regarding noise of aircraft flying over Norwood Country Club.
 - b. Submitting e-mail correspondence to Cary Reid from Russ Maguire, Airport Manager, regarding the fact that the Norwood Airport abuts the golf course, just off the main runway and that the golf course is not highlighted as a noise-sensitive area.
- Chairman Plasko said that the Board of Selectmen has no direct or legal responsibility or control over the operations of the Airport beyond appointing the Airport Commission. On motion of Selectman Maloney, seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted to forward to Airport Commission.

Robert Sullivan, Comcast:

Submitting emergency reporting procedures for outside plant and service problems. (will forward to Light Department, Supt. Ryan, Police and Fire) On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to file.

Chief William G. Brooks III, Norwood Police Department:

Submitting notice that on September 7, officers of the Norwood Police Department conducted a second round of compliance checks visiting 18 establishments regarding underage service of alcohol. Employees of nine of the 18 establishments served alcohol to a minor. Selectman Howard suggested a separate night to have all of them in. Selectman Howard would like to take a separate night and have a 6 p.m. meeting with all 9. Selectman Bishop suggested requesting redacted reports and further information before the Board does this. On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Howard moved Selectman Bishop's recommendation.

Victor Coletti, Owner/Manager, VJ Properties, LLC:

These items were handled in Supt. Ryan's appointment

- a. Submitting e-mails regarding flooding at Norwood Country Club stating that beaver dams along Purgatory Brook restrict flow in the brook and cause significant flooding of the golf course. Larger rain events cause widespread golf course flooding and force them to close down.
- b. Submitting e-mails from Ramanda Morgan, Conservation Commission, regarding issuance of 10 day permit for trapping from Board of Health and emergency permit for work from Conservation Commission. This document has been sent to Russ Maguire, Airport Manager.
- c. Submitting correspondence from Airport Manager Russ Maguire, with supporting documentation, outlining steps that are being taken to address flooding at the golf course caused by beaver dams in Purgatory Brook.

Norwood Portuguese Club, Carlos Esteves:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to approve request for Special One Day W&MB Licenses Saturday, October 8, 2017 and Friday, October 21, 2017 from 12 p.m. to 12 a.m.

Pamela N. Goldstein, Associate General Counsel, Verizon:

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted to file pursuant to Section 12.8 of the Final License, Verizon New England Inc. advises that notices required to be sent to Verizon under the final license shall be mailed to Verizon New England in Boston and Verizon Legal Department in New York.

Grass Roots Cultural and Performing Arts Center:

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to approve request for One Day W& MB Licenses Monday, October 2, 2017 and Saturday, October 7, 2017 from 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Gene Kim, Director of Marketing, W.E. Donoghue & Co., LLC:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to approve request to reserve five parking spaces in front of the office space at 629 Washington Street for a moving truck to park while they load up the truck with the furniture from the office. From 7 am. to 12 p.m. Saturday September 30.

James P. Quaglia, Superintendent-Director, Blue Hills Regional Technical High School:

Submitting vote of the Blue Hills School District Committee to finance the cost of renovating the Blue Hills High School facility. A copy of the award letter with a project total of \$84,862,768 and the maximum grant award of \$43,438,247 is attached. Selectman Howard said he and Maloney attended the presentation over at blue hills and he feels it is a reasonable package put together to do renovations. They would be willing to come to our town meeting if need be. On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to put on warrant for the Special Town Meeting. Selectman Maloney said the total is \$84 million and it is a total interior renovation. It is a big school and has been fully vetted by the MSBA. He said that it took Blue Hills six tries to get this and we should keep this in mind as we contemplate building schools in Norwood. He said all 9 towns must approve. If the town doesn't take negative action, approval is deemed to have occurred. He would like to go to Town Meeting with this. Chairman Plasko said it should go to Town Meeting for the sake of full conversation; we should put it on Town Meeting. Selectman Donohue said it is a huge amount of money and is an important article for Town Meeting.

Supt./Director Sigalle Reiss, Board of Health:

Submitting notice that Impact Norwood has been awarded the Drug Free Communities Grant which totals \$1.25 million over 10 years. (copy of the press release attached) On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to send letter of thanks to Ms. Reiss. Selectman Bishop asked instead of the letter he would like to invite Supt. Reiss in to a Board meeting. The Board so voted.

Chairman Richard Shay, Cable Commission:

Submitting final draft of Renewal License between the Town of Norwood and Verizon for signature of the Board. Paul Train representing Verizon New England spoke about the friendly but firm negotiations with Mr. Shay and the Cable Commission and hopes the Board will approve the agreement. Much of the language will not change and it will have a term of 5 years. PEG funding at \$37,500 over five years, then a variable rate based on gross revenue that Verizon makes in Norwood and on-going 5% of gross revenue, etc. The conditions in the new license are consistent with what exists now. Chairman Plasko said the negotiation was extended and firm on both sides, particularly Verizon and asked how the customer service office issue was resolved. Mr. Train said Verizon has an office in Canton now. The language says that office must be within 7 driving miles of the town if this office is closed. Chairman Plasko asked if it is late now being filed with state. The attorney said no this would just be filed with state so no harm if the Board tables it. Further discussion ensued. Chairman Plasko said this was forwarded to town counsel to review and he just today asked for additional information to do additional review. On motion of Selectman Donohue seconded by Selectman Bishop voted to table for one week.

Memoranda

Patrick Deschenes, Assistant Town Planner:

Submitting copy of memorandum to Town Manager regarding Community Compact, Best Practice Program. Donohue Maloney to support

T. David McCranie:

Submitting additional information to the Manager regarding speeders, signage etc. for Casey Street and Railroad Ave. The Manager said he wrote to tell him they would do traffic counters and radar. On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to file.

Selectmen's Addenda

Selectman Howard

Housing Production Plan

Selectman Howard said it came to his attention that the Housing Production plan just went into the 5th year and it expires Sept. 4 of 2018. He would like to send a note to the Town Planner Paul Halkiotis that we need this in place by next year. The Board so voted.

Chairman Plasko

Money Magazine Article:

The Town of Norwood was rated 78th across the country for best place to live for population between 10,000 and 100,000. Money magazine looked at 8 categories; cost of living, economy, education, housing, crime, cultural, etc. Selectman Maloney said this is a great thing. Norwood is the best.

Town meeting

Articles will close next week and there is a suggested list of topics that are being identified.

Community preservation act

Chairman Plasko read a statement presented by the Assessor Tim McDonough regarding this Act and how it will affect tax bills; CPA Surcharge will be on the actual tax bill which is issued after the values have been set and the tax rate is approved. This will take place with the January tax bill. Applications for exemptions to the surcharge will be available after January 1, 2018 and may be submitted up until March 31, 2018. The information that must be submitted includes birth certificate, copy of 2016 income taxes, list of household members 18 and older, and the household gross income during the previous year with the supporting documentation. After the initial roll out this year, the surcharge will be broken down to a quarterly billing cycle. For example with an average CPA surcharge of \$35.43 the average quarterly surcharge based on the average single family assessment will be \$8.86 for the FY 18 tax bill.

Manager's Agenda

Waste Management

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to approve request to have the manager begin negotiations with Waste Management on a new 5 year contract and have the Chairman pick two members of the Board to work on the negotiating team.

Adjournment

No other business being presented for consideration, on motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to adjourn and the meeting was adjourned accordingly at 8:15 p.m.

A True Record.

ATTEST: _____

Clerk