

Regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen convened at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, November 28, 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 K. Mulvehill.

Appointments

7:00 P.M. – Supt. Mark Ryan, DPW/Town Engineer:

Mr. Ryan gave a monthly report of department's activities and highlighted on some important issues. DPW prepared the Town Common for Christmas festivities this weekend. The Pocket Park is 98% complete and they are currently installing a decorative fence. Public works offered curbside chipping after the high wind incidents. The fields are being prepared to close for the winter. The water department is also busy preparing for the winter. Cemetery department has been busy preparing for upcoming burials and planting several trees. Selectman Maloney said the Guild Street Park looks great and he commented on the new basketball court at Doherty Field. Chairman Plasko commented on things people take for granted, such as planting trees, pocket park, etc., that make the town look so good.

There was discussion of the change in Traffic Rules and Regulations in the High School area to change signage to no parking 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on school days only. On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to make the changes recommended by Mr. Ryan. Selectman Donohue asked if stop signs in remote areas are ever checked. Mr. Ryan said he would certainly look at anything a person has a concern about. Selectman Donohue spoke about Pond Avenue and Heaton Avenue. Mr. Ryan said he will look at them.

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

Mr. Collins gave a report of department's activities. The 115 K Transmission line project is effectively done. He spoke about several of the projects they are currently working on, such as Moderna, Jack Madden, 60 Lenox and 83 Morse. Wendy's and BJ's are also big projects and the McDonald's on Route One is completed. LED streetlight project is about 30 % complete and the budget for current year is \$350,000. Selectman Bishop asked for clarification of the map of the LED street light locations. Selectman Maloney asked about the solar project with the MBTA. Mr. Collins said it will cover most of the parking lot but not all of it. Chairman Plasko said he is working to get MBTA in to discuss this project and he learned that MBTA is planning to repave the entire Central Street Parking Lot on the next two weekends. Selectman Donohue thanked Mr. Collins for the Christmas lights in South Norwood. She said it took a little while to adjust to the more subdued streetlights. Darryl Hanson gave the report on the Broadband progress. They have finished the internet project and next will be getting some of the old modems out of customers' homes. All new channels have been added for the time being related to the video program. They will be donating \$50 for all new customers and customers who upgrade to the Food Pantry. Selectman Bishop thanked Mr. Collins for the good work they do and he referred to a recent outage on Nichols Street. Selectman Maloney commented on the Broadband numbers.

7:30 P.M. – Michael Clemmey (Boch) and Representative of Landrover:

Discussion with auto dealers regarding use of area roads.-Appointment cancelled

7:40 P.M. (P.H.) Royal Pizza, 1001 Boston Providence Turnpike:

Submitting request for a CV License. The clerk read the notice. George Titsas was present. Chairman Plasko asked him why it took him a year to submit an application. Selectman Bishop said for the past year he has been operating under someone else's license and he has been in the business for thirty years. Chairman Plasko inquired if anyone would like to speak in favor or against the petition. Seeing none, on motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to close the hearing. On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to approve the CV License. Chairman Plasko said he is not pleased with the paperwork aspect. The vote was unanimous.

7:50 P.M. (P.H.) Norwood Pancake, 1378 Boston Providence Turnpike:

Submitting request for a CV License. (formerly IHOP) Clerk read the notice. Timothy Molson was present representing Norwood Pancakes. The change is that this is a franchise business that he purchased last year from KE. It will still be an IHOP. The building will be remodeled in the next few months. Chairman Plasko inquired if anyone would like to speak in favor or against the petition. Seeing none, on motion of Selectmen Howard, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to close the hearing. On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to approve the application for the CV license.

8:00 P.M. (P.H.) (cont'd) – National Grid-Pleasant Street:

Submitting application to install and maintain approximately 246 feet more or less of 4 inch gas main in Pleasant St. to provide gas service to 3 buildings in Norwood Industrial Park. Appointment cancelled-National Grid withdrew application.

New Business

Tyco Electronics Norwood:

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to file notice that Tyco Electronics, 63 Nahatan Street has changed to TE Connectivity Corp. at the same address and with the same tax id. This is a name change only.

Comcast:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to file price change.

Supt. James Collins, Norwood Light Department:

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to file notice of franchise fee payment in accordance with Cable TV renewal license for the 1st quarter to comply with section 6.4 of the license in the amount of \$46,765. Has been sent to NPA.

Archbishop Paul Sayah, Patriarchal Vicar:

On motion of Selectman Donohue second by Selectman Howard, vote to file thank you to the Board of Selectmen on behalf of Eminence Bechara Boutros Cardinal Rai for the warm welcome extended during the recent visit to Norwood.

Paul Halkiotis, Director of Community Planning & Economic Development:

Submitting request on behalf of the Planning Board to have a member included in the Task Force for Forbes Hill.

Chairman William J. Plasko:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to table to next week. new Manager's contract for signature of the Board. Unfortunately the contract is not here as there was one small change to be made in regard to bereavement pay, etc.

Town Counsel:

Forbes Hill Indemnity Agreement. Chairman Plasko explained this is in order to do due diligence and get on the property and review files, etc., and they will be held harmless of any damages Selectmen's caused. On motion of Selectman Maloney, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to sign the agreement.

Mark Good, Treasurer & Collector:

- a. Submitting Requirements Letter from Bond Counsel, see Item 6.
- b. Submitting for signature letter re certification requested under item 6 of the Requirements Letter.

Chairman Plasko asked Mr. Good to speak with Bond Counsel about the content of the letter. This means we are going to study it and come up with a plan and if any part is to sell, we couldn't do that in the first year. On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to approve.

Unfinished Business

ABCC:

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to 4-0 to file notification that Yankee Spirits has been removed from the credit delinquent list as their attempts to pay debts owed by GWRP Enterprises, dba Wine Press were unsuccessful. Selectman Donohue abstained.

Selectmen's Addenda

Selectman Bishop

Norwood Bank

They donated \$ 2,000 toward the holiday celebration. On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded voted to accept and on motion of Howard, seconded by Maloney, voted to send letter. Selectman Bishop asked that a plaque be sent instead of the letter. It was so voted.

Rock Street Parking

Some of the employees of the dealerships are parking there very early and for the entire day. Boch and Land Rover are the abutters. I spoke with Mr. Clemmey and he is aware of the problem and they are shuttling people to and from parking areas. He also spoke with Chris from Land Rover and he goes down the street and if his employees are there he speaks to them.

Selectman Howard

Light Department

He went on a cruise out of San Juan Puerto Rico which was devastated by the hurricane. Last week almost three months after the event, there are 50% of people without power.

Selectman Donohue

Holiday Celebration

Thank you to all who came out and all who worked it. It was good weather and a happy day.

Chief William Brooks

The Chief got four new neighborhood watch signs put up and this is a good thing.

John McDonagh Dedication

He was like the Mayor of Norwood and helped so many people. There will be a dedication of a plaque in the Town Hall rotunda at 9 a.m. then we will go to Pocket Park for a bench dedication.

Circle of Hope Illumination Night

Saturday, December 2nd. It is a heartwarming experience.

Selectman Maloney

Holiday Celebration

Thank you to all involved and a great idea to combine it with Small Business Saturday. Congratulations to Selectman Donohue for her reading of the Night Before Christmas.

Chairman Plasko

Forbes Hill Committee

Chairman Plasko proposes establishment of a subcommittee to look at the future town use of the 27 acres at Forbes Hill that the Town is in the process of acquiring. This will be a subcommittee of the Board of Selectmen to be known as the Forbes Hill Task Force, and the purpose would be to study and make recommendations to the Board of Selectmen as to the best uses of the 27 acres. Scenarios to be considered would be town and school space needs, potential conservation or preservation uses of the site, limited development of a mix of municipal services and some other acceptable use, full development of outside uses if it is determined there is no long term need to hold on to the property, in which case the Town could shape how it would be developed. The Task Force would have to identify

Chairman Plasko-Forbes Hill-(cont'd)

and study the financial consequences of these scenarios and accumulate information regarding the risks. Once they have identified options for the property, the public should be given an opportunity to weigh in on which of the options they prefer. The goal is to get the closing done the third week of December and the deadline is the end of month. He recommends a committee of nine consisting of two Selectmen, Finance Commission Chair or his designee, Planning Board Chair or his designee, and five citizens. This group would be strongly supported by the General Manager, Town Planner, Town Treasurer, Town Accountant, and Town Counsel. On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted the Chairman's recommendation and to designate the Chairman as the appointing authority.

John Carroll

December 14, 2017 there will be a public reception from 1-3 in Memorial Hall for anyone interested.

Manager's Agenda

Check for \$25,000 from the Friends of COA for two-car garage.

The town has awarded a contract for this work already. On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to accept under Chapter 44, § 53A.

For the Board's signature, Change to Traffic Rules and Regulations.

Handled earlier in meeting.

Adjournment

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to adjourn and the meeting was adjourned accordingly at 8:05 p.m.

A True Record.

Assistant