

Regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen convened at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 3, 2018 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: Selectmen William J. Plasko, Helen Abdallah Donohue, Allan D. Howard, and Thomas F. Maloney. Also present General Manager Tony Mazzucco and Clerk Frances L. Jessoe.

Absent: Selectman Paul Bishop

Reorganization

Chairman Plasko turned the meeting over to the Clerk, Frances Jessoe for reorganization. The Clerk called for nominations for Chairman.

Selectman Donohue nominated Selectman Maloney for the position of Chairman of the Board and Selectman Howard seconded the nomination. The Clerk then asked if there were any other nominations. No further nominations being offered, the nominations were declared closed. The vote was unanimous to appoint Selectman Maloney as Chairman.

Chairman Maloney thanked the Board for placing their trust in him. He has learned from all the other members of the Board.

The Chairman called for the appointment of Clerk of the Board. On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Donohue voted to nominate Mrs. Jessoe. The Board so voted unanimously to appoint Mrs. Jessoe.

Appointment by the Chairman of the Board of Norwood's Designee and Alternate Designees of the MBTA Advisory Board.

Selectman Plasko said that Mr. Mastandrea said he has decided to retire from his duties. The Chairman is the appointing authority, but he would like to recommend Mr. Paul Halkiotis with Mr. Cooper as the alternate. On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to prepare a plaque and a letter of recognition to Mr. Mastandrea for his many years of service. Selectman Donohue said Mr. Mastandrea and his wife came to Norwood more than 45 years ago and helped build the parish of St. Timothy's and the Norwood Democratic Committee. They are the finest citizens. He thanked both Tony and Betty for their devotion to the town. Chairman Maloney nominated Mr. Halkiotis and he will send an email to see if he will accept.

Appointments

7:05 P.M. – Chief William G. Brooks III, NPD:

Reference was made to monthly report of department's activities. Chief Brooks stated that they have 4 recruits at two police academies. Then they go into training for 10 weeks field training. This week they interviewed a transfer candidate who has been interviewed. This has not been finalized as of yet. This summer they should have 5 new officers on the street. Regarding training they did in house. They did work on the active shooter a protocol which was conducted by Lt. Padden.. Chief also discussed School Safety Conference at the Sheraton 4 Points. It is a two day conference. He also discussed overdose figures-at this time last year they had 4 fatal overdoses-12 altogether. This year so far one fatal. He discussed a warning to the public which targets people in real estate transactions-when people are going to wire money to an attorney's office for the purpose of making a down payment on a home. He said that oftentimes these people receive an e-mail and it appears someone is monitoring e-mails and is able to pick up on these pending transactions and sends them an address where to wire the money. Chief Brooks said that that money that should have gone to the attorney is diverted. The one they looked at in the last few days involved over a quarter of a million dollars and they have heard of others in high amounts. He said

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Chief Brooks (cont'd)

people involved in real estate transactions should be very careful. Perhaps do more by phone-do not rely on e-mail, double check everything. He referred to a case in July of 2015 they were involved in a case conducted by the US drug enforcement agency which centered in Taunton with some implications in Norwood regarding a heroin trafficking ring. DEA intercepted a phone call that there was going to be a heroin delivery and the person left Norwood and was stopped by the state police on the highway. Our officers made entry into the apartment in Norwood and one of the subjects fired at the officers, but missed. Officers including one of our own detectives got in and they talked the subjects down. They find a firearm and packaging material and the heroin was being packaged in Norwood. Yesterday a jury in Boston convicted the person who lived in Norwest Woods at the time. Second subject has been arrested will be tried in June. He said the management of Norwest Woods had no idea that this trafficking was taking place, etc. He said the Chestnut Hill Realty that owns Norwest Woods has been a great partner with them and has worked hard to make sure they maintain a safe environment. They do an outstanding job. He also discussed the head on accident on Walpole Street-the person in the back seat was badly injured and it was touch and go for a few days and now the person in the back seat is doing fine and he seemed to be in good shape. Selectman Howard inquired about the date of the incident at Norwest Woods. Chief said it was July 2015.

Selectman Donohue inquired where did the department get the warrant. Chief said it was a Federal warrant and DEA gets the search warrant. Discussion continued.

Chairman Maloney referred to the police report and Detective Ryan referred to an attempted abduction that was thwarted. Chief said a young person was approached, but the child walked away and nothing since that. Chairman Maloney inquired if the opioid crisis has crested or is this just a lull. Chief Brooks said our numbers went down and he sees signs that there is some optimism but this is a drug problem in this country. He discussed fentanyl and cautioned that there is a big issue of people using drugs.

7:15 P.M. – Chief Anthony J. Greeley, NFD:

Submitting monthly report of department's activities.-cancelled. On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to accept the report and file.

7:30 P.M. - Jack Tolman, Executive Director, Norwood Public Access:

of Selectmen Meetings which they showed to the Board. They are very thankful to be here tonight and thank everyone for allowing us to come.

Re: Jack Tolman turned the meeting over to Gerry Slater who is the new president. Thank you and congratulations to the Chairman. She said that they are backed by members,-Roger Cummings, Scott Murphy, Mark Hoover, Jack Tolman, Megan Corbet and Mike Maloof and in the booth Brian Boudreau. Sara Sullivan and Brianne Killian are unable to attend. They presented the new name Norwood Community Media by video. Ms. Slater said that Public Access is a 30 year old word and is out of use today. What isn't going to change-they will have the same services and will provide training and equipment so the public can produce their programs. They will continue to cover all important events in Town and will continue to produce over 600 programs per year. She discussed the HD equipped truck. They were formed in 2014, they are a community television station. Jack Tolman said there are new technologies. They can broadcast live anywhere in Norwood. They have reached out to Facebook and Utube as well. Discussion continued. They also have three HD channels on Norwood Broadband. They have partnered up with non-profits for public service announcements. Discussion continued. Norwood News is the new weekly news cast and Mike Maloof is the newscaster. They will also catch up with Department Heads. They have live HD streams-video on demand is in high definition. Ms. Slater said that they are very proud of our staff. Sarah Sullivan has been doing all the administrative work. The truck will be parked outside for Dancing with the Norwood Stars on Friday night. They have updated on line. They will also have a newspaper ad so people will understand everything. They have produced a new opening for the Board which was produced by Brian Boudreau.

Norwood Public Access (cont'd)

Selectman Plasko felt it was great and progress is wonderful, best of luck. Selectman Donohue thanked Megan Corbett very much for the work she does every week and she thanked her very much. Thank you to the entire group for serving. Selectman Howard thanked everyone for everything they do. This is a nice rebranding. You have to stay current. Chairman Maloney you are always welcome and thank you for sharing.

New Business

Thomas J. McQuaid, Town Clerk:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted to approve the following list of appointments for the approval of the Board:

Mark P. Ryan, Graves Custodian (Veterans)
Matthew Walsh, Sealer of Weights and Measures
Edmund W. Mulvehill, Jr. Soldiers Relief Agent
Henry Cerqueira, Animal Control Officer

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to appoint the following:

Phillip Riley – Board of Appeal-Zoning
Patrick Mulvehill-Board of Appeal-Zoning
Paul Eysie, Associate Member, Board of Appeal
Edmund W. Mulvehill, Jr., Fence Viewer
Martha Pellowe, Board of Registrars
James Malia, Constable
Brian J. Flavin, Jr., Constable
Peter M. Costello, Constable

Airport Commission-2 appointments (3 candidates)

Mark Ryan
Leslie Leblanc
John J. Corcoran

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to appoint Mark Ryan and John Corcoran and send Mr. Leblanc a letter of thanks for all his years of service.

Norwood Council on Aging:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to re-appointment for two year term Delia Bartucca and Martha Colamaria.

Economic Development Committee:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to reappoint William Plasko for one year term, term to expire 4/30/19; Scott Murphy term to expire 4/30/20 and Alan Slater term to expire 4/30/20.

Selectmen's Meetings:

There are 5 Tuesdays in May, 1, 8, 15, 22, 29. Does the Board wish to cancel a meeting in May? The Board has voted to meet on May 29th as this is the first week of Summer Schedule. May 14 is the week of the Annual/Special Town Meeting. What is the wish of the Board? On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted to cancel meeting of May 15th.

Darryl Hanson, Broadband Division Manager:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to accept check in the amount of \$3,020.80 to the Town of Norwood. for the 2017 Annual State License Fee.

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John Gover, President, Norwood Mustang Hockey Club, Inc.:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to approve request for a car wash on September 22 from 9 to 3 p.m. in the lot across from the civic.

Nicholas A. Campagna, Jr., 86 Countryside Lane:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to approve request to place a display in the lobby of Town Hall for 3 weeks prior to the Walk for Hunger . It will be in the lobby from April 17 through May 7.

ABCC:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to file advisory regarding cannabis in alcoholic beverages. Has been sent to all package stores and (2) Pouring Permit licensees. Selectman Donohue abstained.

Annual Town Meeting Warrant:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to sign Annual Town Meeting Warrant for May 14, 2018.

Thomas McQuaid, Town Clerk & Accountant:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to adopt proposed new town policy: Town of Norwood Project Management Policy & Procedures for Federal Awards, for the Board's adoption.

Grass Roots Cultural & Performing Arts Center:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to approve for Special One Day WMB Licenses:

- a. Friday, April 6, 2018 from 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
- b. Thursday, April 12, 2018 from 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
- c. Saturday, April 14, 2018 from 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Unfinished Business

Tony Mazzucco, General Manager:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted to authorize and direct the Manager to sign on behalf of the Town the Firefighter MOA. Selectman Plasko said the negotiations were very hard and this has been discussed in detail waiting for the union to sign.

Clerk, Board of Selectmen:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to approve and forward to ABCC:

copies of correspondence from the two attorneys involved in the Norwood Hotel Operator, dba Hampton Inn transaction. ABCC requests approval of the Board to reflect the following:

- a. Steffani Boudreau, Robert L. Allen, Jr. LLP
Submitting notification of their clients withdrawal of application.
- b. James J. McNulty, Esquire
Submitting request, as application to transfer has been withdrawn, to restore the license as it was prior to the transfer application.

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Selectman Howard

Selectmen's Addenda

Basketball courts at the Savage Center has a lot of cracks-3 courts. His suggestion would be to take one of the 3 and make it a tennis court at the same time and have the other two for basketball. Please have the Manager look into that.

Election:

We had one disputed race and he has not seen this on Facebook, but he was told that there is a picture of himself with Steve Eosco and they are saying that he was a supporter of Mr. Cantania. He has nothing against him or Pat McDonough. He was not a supporter of either candidate. They do not try to support either candidate and it wasn't fair to put this out.

Selectman Donohue

Selectman Plasko:

Selectman Donohue stated that she has sat with Mr. Plasko for a number of years on this Board. She said that he worked full time as a member of this Board. He was at the Town Hall every day. We went through a lot of changes this year and Selectman Plasko went to many meetings for the Town, court out of town office meetings. He has served as Town Moderator, Selectman, Finance Commission and he still had the strength to carry out and do a great job. Thank you very much.

John Corcoran:

Appointed to the Airport Commission-he grew up in Norwood and went to college in Louisiana. He was the manager of the north Palm Beach Airport. He has had a commercial pilots license for 25 years. He covered 11 states in another job and this knowledge will be exceptionally helpful. His grandfather was the principal of the Norwood Junior High school and his parents Gerry and Donna Corcoran. WE appreciate a young person coming back to help us out.

Selectman Plasko:

Mrs. Jessoe & Mrs. Mulvehill

Thank you very much for all your help.

Town Meeting

Next week-the warrant will close. He will bring a few articles forward. He has asked Town Counsel to prepare a few articles. They are housekeeping matters re Town Clerk & Accountant some things have to be changed. He referred to the MBTA solar canopies in the Central St. Train lot. He said they mentioned PILOT (payment in lieu of taxes). He said that they had meetings with the Assessor, himself and Atty. Flynn and they do not believe a pilot would apply. They asked them to get back to the Town. He met with them and the Town Manager. This is now a new firm and we will continue discussions. It might be possible that our position changes, and if that is the best way to go, we may need authorization from the Town. If so, he will bring forward an article. Selectman Plasko also referred to some people around town are trying to find a way to charge car dealers for the open lot storage. He heard that recommendation made by Ms. Howard at the Forbes Hill Task Force Meeting and he told her he would look into it. The Manager uncovered a section of the law, Chapter 148, Section 56, if accepted by the Town that the Town can license and charge appropriate fees. It is something to consider. Cambridge, Walpole, Foxboro and Brookline, etc. have accepted this. He may bring this back next week to have Town Meeting accept this to try and raise some funds. Discussion continued. Chairman Maloney said we will be looking at ways to increase revenues. Selectman Howard said he was at one of the meetings with the MBTA and one point is that they were conveying that they didn't make much money from these lots. He felt that if we do push back and say we want more money, it might not work out. Selectman Howard said that some dealers who operate in Norwood have dealerships in other towns and some don't allow open lot storage, so the dealers want cars. Are cars being dumped in Norwood? He supports the article regarding the cars.

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Chairman Maloney inquired who has the leverage with the pilot agreement. The Manager said that most are done in a pilot agreement. He continued to explain the difference between pilot and taxing. In no way will we lose money.

Chairman Maloney:

Thank you for appointing him and he looks forward to the next year.

: Capital Outlay Committee

Selectman Donohue agreed to continue on as the Board's selection

Budget Balancing:

Selectman Plasko and Selectman Howard will stay on.

Financial Guidelines:

Having a meeting with the Finance Commission and the Board and the School Committee-it will be on Saturday 9-11 on April 14th-location to be determined.

Introduction to Municipal Finance will be a public event-date to be determined.

Manager's Update

Board of Health

They have secured a \$58,000 grant to assist in providing mental health referral services. Thanks to Sigalle and the Board of Health.

Norfolk County RSVP Volunteer Program Event

Held at the Senior Center-volunteers recognized for their service. Thanks to Kerry McCarthy at the Senior Center.

Sat. April 28-Library holding passport day from 9 to 4:30 by appointment or by walk-in. 781 769-0200

DPW Summer Jobs Lottery

Applications are in the HR Department –due in by April 23 at 4 p.m. Board will draw on April 24.

Executive Session:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Donohue, and on a roll call vote of Chairman Maloney and Selectman Howard, voted to go into Executive Session after finishing agenda to discuss Airport litigation.

Adjournment

Returning to open session and no other business being presented for consideration, on motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to adjourn and the meeting was adjourned accordingly at 10 p.m.

A True Record.

ATTEST: _____
Clerk