

Regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen convened at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, September 4, 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: Chairman Thomas F. Maloney, Selectmen William J. Plasko, Helen Abdallah Donohue Paul A. Bishop and Allan D. Howard. Also present General Manager Tony Mazzucco and Clerk Frances L. Jessoe.

Appointments

7:00 P.M. – Chief William G. Brooks III, NPD:

Reference was made to monthly report of department's activities.

Chief Brooks spoke about the recent youth academy, which was a success. Hats off to members of the Department that put this together. He went over the program which ran twice. The police have been surprise servers at the Senior Center. Officers will now carry baseball cards with their information on them in order to establish relationships with young people. They encourage the kids to ask for a card. He referred to the 5 star Wireless store which didn't seem to be doing much business as they were selling cocaine and heroin. They have been arrested. Officer Cordero solved a fraud case which began with someone who defrauded one of our residents to the tune of about \$6000. He said that he tracked him down and found him in Pennsylvania and he traveled with a state trooper to bring this person back. He said that there have been seven non-fatal overdoses in the month of August. Five were heroine fentanyl and two were the same person. Officer Grasso is amassing data and stats the first of the month regarding mental health calls. Between well-being and mental health calls they handled eighty in the month of August. Over last year they have been busy with serious vehicle crashes. The department has begun its own crash investigation unit. Officers Cordero and Baker are being trained in this and they will undergo certification. They will undergo specialized training in this area so we can get a faster turnaround. He referred to changes in the 911 system. He will be meeting with the new fire chief on this. They are now wireless direct if you dial 911, and have a smart cell phone it will immediately go to the Town of Norwood. Soon they will be able to text messages to the police-emergencies, etc. Selectman Howard inquired about an Android phone. Chief said it just has to have longitude and latitude. It would be most phones.

Selectman Bishop asked about e-ticketing. Chief Brooks said the citations are e-citations in radio cars on moving violation go to state. E-citation also for parking tickets. They do not go to Merit Rating Board for parking tickets. They can point the device at the bar code on inspection sticker and then come back to see if the car has been there too long. They can now better track and see parking violations. Selectman Bishop asked that traffic tickets be noted in the monthly reports.

Chairman Maloney referred to the lockout with National Grid and the Norwood officers doing the details. Chief Brooks said that National Grid pays for those. Chief Brooks discussed the strike. Selectman Donohue thanked the chief for the great job in South Norwood this summer. Chairman asked about the crash unit and the chief gave an outline of the training the officers receive. It is the same as the state police training. Chairman Maloney reminded everyone that today is primary day and to vote.

7:15 P.M. – Chief George T. Morrice, NFD:

Reference was made to monthly report of department's activities.

Chairman Maloney welcomed the Chief. Chief thanked the Selectmen and Manager for the ceremony today. It meant a lot to his family. Chief Morrice spoke about the report by retired Chief Greeley. This was a normal summer for the department. Chairman asked Chief to stay on top of substitution numbers. Selectman Plasko discussed substitution. He wants a column to show the substitution numbers for the same time last year. Selectman Howard asked about building and cooking fires. Brief discussion about additional training for residents. Chief Morrice said there is a new device in Old Derby Village. The devices shoot out dry chemicals if the fire gets to the point where it reaches them. Chairman Maloney told the Chief to feel free to talk about fire prevention. Selectman Bishop thanked Lt. Butters for his work and happy to have Lt. John Cody take over that position of Fire Prevention. Selectman Donohue spoke about Paul Butters and his family and their long relationship with the Town.

7:30 P.M. – Supt. James Collins, MLD and Greg Phipps, Tangent Energy Solutions:

Supt. James Collins said the state is making some changes so that is the reason they wanted to come before the Board to explain the solar panel proposal at the landfill. This is a green project.

Supt. James Collins, Asst. Supts. Kevin Shaughnessy and Daniel Morrissey, and Greg Phipps for Tangent. The purchase power report shows we used the most power in any one month since 2010. Mr. Phipps gave a slide presentation about the proposal. He said the landfill is a very good site. Landfills are being used for this purpose in other areas. It will create cost savings for the town. There would be no cost out for the light department but they have the opportunity to buy the project out in year seven. In the meantime they own the panels. He said that they are a well-established company. They have good experience. Discussion continued. Mr. Phipps said his company is currently doing some projects with the Town of Norwood. They want to get the bulk of the work done on the public works department land. The slide presentation continued with an aerial view of the site, etc. Discussion continued. Selectman Howard asked if the recycle area would remain on the DPW land. Mr. Phipps said it would remain. They have much experience doing landfill projects and they know not to pierce the membrane and they work with the environmental company as well. Selectman Howard referred to another area on the left. They discussed this area and they envision a space between the two areas. Finances were discussed, as well as credits. Mr. Phipps said the credits would go to the Finance Company to pay for the panels themselves and this would reduce the rate they charge the Town. Selectman Howard asked for the normal life of the system. The panels are very predictable and the performance warranty expires in twenty five years. They are solid state and all the wiring is done on the racking. Discussion continued. Selectman Donohue asked about how long he has been in business. He said that Tangent has been doing solar panels for ten years. He is the local representative since 2003. Selectman Donohue inquired how many locations they have. Mr. Phipps said a couple dozen different locations. He said there are 3 in Massachusetts. Selectman Donohue said it doesn't seem that many people are doing this. Discussion continued. He said that Massachusetts is aggressively pushing for the adoption of solar panels. Selectman Donohue expressed concern for the residents in the neighborhood and will it interfere with the air vents in the membrane and they are 3' off the ground. They are slightly elevated. Selectman Donohue inquired if they will be visible from Marlboro Street. He said from Winter Street they will not be seen. Selectman Donohue said this area has really changed and the use of that site has imposed on the neighborhood intensely for public works use. We have all kinds of piles and stacks of items and she wants to make sure the people who live there on the other side of the area-to put anything there to hurt these people would be an infringement on the neighborhood. We have to talk with the neighbors. We might need the Park land in the future for open space purposes. She said we have to look carefully at this project. Mr. Phipps said he is in agreement with the parks. Selectman Donohue referred to Granite Links and that was a good use of the landfill. We have to be careful. She doesn't want to hurt that neighborhood. Discussion continued. Selectman Plasko said when this was discussed in the past the area wasn't large enough to be cost effective, so is the equipment more efficient today or are the credits. Mr. Phipps said the panels are now more efficient and the unit cost has come down. Discussion ensued. Selectman Plasko asked about time frame and the credits. Mr. Phipps felt that by the end of this year. He said the Smart Program is not fully refined. Maybe a November or December time frame to go from one program to another. Selectman Plasko said a municipality doesn't qualify for a smart program. This program would not qualify for the upcoming smart program which is why this should happen before that time while it is still SREC. A non-exclusive lease is less binding for the town and less beneficial to the project. Mr. Collins referred to a non-inclusive license. Manager Mazzucco will get something from the Light Department attorneys in writing. Selectman Howard inquired about a hold harmless agreement. Selectman Bishop spoke about noise levels. The Manager recommended scheduling a public meeting in a couple of weeks to get neighborhood input and he will work on this and get back to the Board. The Manager recommended scheduling a public meeting in a couple of weeks to get neighborhood input. He will do this and get back to the Board.

New Business

2019 License Fees:

Submitting for consideration current license fees for 2019. Does Board wish to increase any fees- Liquor, Entertainment, Automatic Amusement, etc.? Also copies of surrounding town's fees for the Board's perusal. Fees were increased 9/22/15. Pouring Permit fee was set on 12/6/16. Fee must be set for Grass Roots as well. They will get a food permit from the Board of Health. Selectman Plasko spoke briefly about increases. Appropriate to take action and raise fees by two percent. On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to adopt the schedule as submitted by Selectman Plasko. The vote was 4-0. Selectman Donohue abstained.

Viola Babolla, Verizon:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to file notice of Verizon's PEG Grant for 2nd quarter 2018

Sonia Ramos, General Manager, Jake n Joes, 475 Boston Providence Turnpike:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to approve with same restrictions as last year, request for a 2 a.m. special license for Saturday, October 6, 2018 so they may purchase a pay-per view UFC match that will be held in Las Vegas. Restrictions: back gate must be closed, must have a police detail and if match is cancelled, permit is cancelled.

Block Party:

a. Susan Clare, 396 Washington Street:

On motion of Selectmen Bishop, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to approve request to have their neighborhood block party on Saturday, Sept. 8 from 4 to 8 p.m. and to block traffic from Warren Street running between Philbrick and Granite-1 block. Rain date would be Sept. 9. They would need some traffic cones from DPW.

b. Patricia Oginski, 76 Casey Street:

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to approve request to have their neighborhood block party and to shut down their street from 68 to 86 Casey Street on September 22, 2018 from 2 p.m. to 10 p.m.

c. Judy and David Miley, 57 Oak Road:

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted to approve request to have neighborhood block party Saturday, September 22, 2018 from noon to 5 p.m. and to block off Oak Road from Nichols Street to Crescent Avenue.

Robin DiFlaminies, 407A Bahama Drive:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded Bishop, voted to approve request to host a 1.5 mile walk from the Norwood Elks to the High School and back on October 7, 2018, to benefit American Cancer Society Making Strides Against Breast Cancer. She has been advised to contact the Safety Officer.

General Manager Mazzucco:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Plasko to approve re-appointment of Patricia Fanning to the Historical Commission. Term will expire December, 2021.

St. Catherine of Siena School, 249 Nahatan Street:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Bishop to approve request for 1day Wine and Malt beverage license for Saturday, September 15, 2018 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. for back to school barbeque.

Nicholas A. Felici, Esquire, Feinberg & Felici, Burlington:

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted to set up hearing re application for transfer of Anelise, Inc., dba Acapulco's Mexican Family Restaurant, 500 Boston Providence Turnpike to El Tomato, Inc., dba Acapulco's Mexican Restaurant, 500 Boston Providence Turnpike.

Theresa Flynn, 130 Winter Street:

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to refer to Manager correspondence regarding sidewalks that are blocked.

Kathleen Mallet, 147 Ridgewood Drive:

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to refer to General Manager petition with over 300 signatures to have a working traffic light at the corner of Access Road and Neponset Street. Selectman Bishop felt that possibly a professional should take a look at this. Selectman Donohue referred to the cost and we have to find out the problem. Manager will bring back to the Board.

Clerk, Board of Selectmen:

Town Counsel has advised that the Board could place liquor liability insurance conditions on one day liquor licenses and if there is a hardship the Board may reconsider for good cause a particular license. What is the wish of the Board? Selectman Plasko supports that the Board require insurance. What he would like to see is what limits, etc. We should pursue this. On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to get a recommendation from MIAA through the General Manager. The Manager said we could be named as the additional insured. He will speak to MIAA regarding this.

Christine Healy, Founder & CEO, Craft'd Company:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted to approve with liquor liability insurance, application for one day Wine and Malt Beverage License for Saturday, November 3, 2018 for two sessions; 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Norwood Space Center to host the More Wood in Norwood Festival of barrel-aged beers. It would include beers from Castle Island as well as other breweries. They will bring in food trucks and/or pop ups to serve food during the event and they will be hiring professional security company. All booths will be staffed by TIPs Certified pourers.

Paul Halkiotis, Director of Community Planning & Economic Development:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted to approve request to appoint Mr. Halkiotis as the single point of contact for the University Ave., Expedited Permitting District and single point of contact for the Vanderbilt area Expedited Permitting District.

Cemetery Deeds:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to sign Phillip C. Swain, 180 Main Street, New Pond Village, Apt B305 Walpole, MA to Lot U-36.

Trish Foley, Government & Public Affairs Liaison for MBTA:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to file updated information regarding parking rate changes at MBTA lots. Selectman Howard said it appears to be \$2 to park for commuters.

Norwood Portuguese Club, Carlos Esteves:

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted to approve request to reschedule 1 Day WMB license from August 26, 2018 to September 22, 2018.

Unfinished Business

Jackie Bell, Director of Development & Special Events, Music Drives Us:

Submitting list of public spots that they were hoping to display the GuitARTS. They are working with the Recreation Department to have them all displayed on the Common for Norwood Day on September 8th. After Norwood Day they would like to work with the DPW to coordinate logistics for installing them at Town Hall, Gazebo, Norwood High School, Norwood Police and Fire and Norwood Airport. Locations are approved contingent on working with and approval of the General Manager.

Manager's Update

First Election under new Town Clerk

Mary Lou did an exceptional job.

Swearing in for Fire Chief went very well.

Norwood day is Saturday from 9:30 - 3

Selectmen's Addenda

Selectman Howard:

Correction on the parking-

Parking at Central \$4 and \$2 at Depot. He would like the Manager to find out we have two stations and the parking is varied. The Manager said they are trying to raise rates that are high use. We are fairly balanced and he will double check with the MBTA.

Selectman Donohue

Norwood Day-thank you to the Norwood Day Committee. It is one of the best days in the year. Jim Schmidt won the Anne Lydon award. He does so many things at the Senior Center. His son has become a famous author. Thank you to David Spiegel as every year he donates the fireworks.

Selectman Plasko

Norwood Day-Please come. It begins Friday evening at the Coakley with fireworks at dusk.

Swearing in went well for the Fire Chief.

Chairman Maloney

Norwood day buttons and Thank you to the Manager for the swearing in today for our new chief.

School-good luck to everyone, teachers, students, etc. We will have a great year.

The following item was presented for the Board for Executive Session but was handled in Open Session:

Executive Session:

Pending Litigation

Chairman talked about the basics of the agreement. It is for Norwood to join a group of municipalities in a law suit against the opioid industry. In the spring we discussed this and asked Town Counsel to negotiate this agreement with the law firm. We have this agreement and everyone has looked at it. Now we have to vote on authorizing the Manager to sign this agreement. Selectman Plasko said if no one else has questions, we do not have to go into Executive Session.

Selectman Bishop said he would like to vote in public. Selectman Plasko said the Board was split 2-2 and decided to wait for Selectmen Bishop to be in attendance. Selectman Bishop stated that this is something that he had to think about for a long time and we have to make the decision and after talking today, he would like to sign the agreement. Selectman Donohue said the Selectman Bishop has a fine understanding of Board of Health as his wife is a member of the Board of Health and this is a health issue and he has been in law enforcement for his entire life. Selectman Donohue said she respects what Selectman Bishop has said and the reason she is against joining, even thou she understands this terrible problem and having been in the legal business since 1977, she finds that it is odd to get involved voluntarily in a legal case as all kinds of issues come up and you may have to counter sue and defend. She hoped we could think of another way. She knows the Board of Health and police are doing a great job, but voluntarily putting the town as a party to a law suit she is afraid. Selectman Howard said he spoke before and his main reason is if something looks too good to be true, it probably is. He said that our attorneys looked over this agreement and found quite a few areas to change before the Board was going to sign. Selectman Howard felt that there could be something that our people missed, so he is opposed. Selectman Plasko felt this is trying to get to a nationwide problem and we can't fix it. He said the main purpose is to get some action to make changes. There is always a risk, but based on what counsel says, the risk is minimal. We could back out of the deal. He felt the exposure was minimal to the town and he will support. Selectman Bishop said that any decision he has made had no affiliation with anyone on the Board of Health-it is his decision. Selectman Donohue said she did not mean

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anything by this. She felt that the Board of Health knowledge helps us out. Chairman Maloney said he is interest if we can get some financial impact. On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to authorize and direct the General Manager to sign the agreement. The motion passed 3-2. Selectman Donohue and Howard opposed.

Adjournment

No other business being presented for consideration, on motion of Selectmen Bishop, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to adjourn and the meeting was adjourned accordingly at 8:44 p.m.

A True Record.

ATTEST: _____

Clerk