

Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen convened at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, February 27, 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 William J. Plasko, Selectmen Helen Abdallah Donohue, Paul A. Bishop, Allan D. Howard and Thomas F. Maloney. Also present General Manager Tony Mazzucco, Clerk Frances L. Jessoe and Assistant Christina Mulvehill.

Appointments

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

Mr. Ryan gave the highlights of the monthly report of department activities. Sign crews are installing new signs at crosswalks to increase pedestrian safety. Crews are cleaning up the Common and pruning the trees. Potholes are the biggest issue right now. Cemetery department had 19 interments in February. Mr. Ranalli enlarged the office in house and created an additional room for files and meetings. The engineering department developed a lane reconfiguration at Lenox and Nahatan Streets in anticipation of Avalon Bay. Selectman Howard asked about the long trenches on some roads. Mr. Ryan said they are temporary patches. Selectman Maloney referred to lower Rock and Plimpton and Andrews said maybe some mitigation money could be used to work on those roads. Mr. Ryan said that is something they have been talking about and they are looking to pave those streets. Chairman Plasko said the mitigation would go directly to the general fund and will need a town meeting appropriation to spend it and it wouldn't be available until next year. Chairman Plasko referred to Lenox and Nahatan. He said that Shaw's Plaza is doing major work there and part of that is changing internal traffic and also their exit onto Lenox Street is being moved back. He wondered if the Manager and Mr. Ryan could contact the owners of the other development on Lenox and see if they would move back their entrance as well- Nahatan Plaza area. Chairman Plasko said if we could talk to them-now would be the time. Selectman Bishop spoke about the dead end at Rock Street. Mr. Ryan said the gas company can repave the trench or we ask for a donation to repave the entire road.

Mr. Ryan introduced Courtney Forrester from Waste Zero, a program used in various other towns. With recycling the town pays \$145 per ton to get rid of it. Now focusing on reducing the amount of waste we throw away. He recommended looking at the web site for information on reducing junk mail. Waste Zero provides a free service and picks up textiles, toys, etc. He said that he and the Manager are looking forward to implementing. Ms. Forrester gave a brief presentation of the Curbside Textile Recycling. Based on Norwood's 9100 households there are about 21000 residents who would be served by the program. This program would reduce the waste stream by about forty five tons. There is some savings but the program gives the town \$20 per ton in addition to the savings. Ms. Forrester explained the process. They mail bags and postcards to residents to announce the start date and other details. The collection would mirror the town's recycling program. The resident puts the bag out by 7 a.m. on collection day. Some of the materials are resold and some supply the rag and insulation markets. There is no cost to the residents or the town for this program. A monthly report would be sent to the town. This program does not compete with charities.

Selectman Howard asked if town employees could get a supply of bags to distribute also. Selectman Donohue asked how it won't hurt charities. The people who donate to the charities will continue to do that. This benefits the people who are not donating. The town gets paid \$20/ton and after the product is weighted the town receives checks monthly. There was brief discussion about the resale of these items. Selectman Bishop asked if wire coat hangers could be disposed this way. Ms. Forrester said they do not accept wire hangars. Selectman Maloney asked if this would mitigate the recycling costs. Mr. Ryan said it will help with that. The manager said they would like to implement the program at the start of the fiscal year. On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to support the process and turn it over to the Manager to negotiate the contract, etc.

New Business

Darryl Hanson, Broadband Division Manager, Norwood Light Dept.

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to file in accordance with Mass. Cable regulations (207 CMR 10.01(2) and 10.02(6), billing practices notice, rate cards, sample work order and sample subscriber bill. This has been filed with the Mass. Dept. of Telecommunications & Cable Television. (for perusal)

Sigalle Reiss MPH, RS, Supt. Director Board of Health:

- a. On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to approve request to hang banner for both Board of Health and Ecumenical Community Food Pantry on Washington Street from Monday, April 30, 2018 to May 14, 2018. The banner would advertise Household Hazardous Waste/Recycling Day and the National Association of Letter Carrier's Food drive both to be held on May 12, 2018.
- b. On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to approve Submitting request to insert the Recycling Newsletter into the Light Departments bills for the month of August.

Chief William G. Brooks, III, NPD:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to file liquor incident report.

Pastor Kevin Smith, United Church of Norwood, 595 Washington Street:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to approve request to hold the Easter Sunrise Service at the Town Common and Bandstand on April 1st with electricity. Waive electric fee.

Timothy J. McDonough, Chairman, Board of Assessors:

Submitting notice that Robert M. Thornton's term expires April 1, 2018 on the Board of Assessors and respectfully requests reappointment for a three year term to expire April 1, 2021. On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to approve reappointment for three year term.

Saint Catherine of Siena School, Mary Beth Cox:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to approve request for 1 Day AAB License for Saturday, April 7, 2018 from 7 p.m. to midnight.

Verizon:

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to file notice of payment to NPA of Quarterly Capital Equipment Payment of \$2,216.92.

Comcast:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to accept and file License Fee Payment to the Town of \$1,561.50

Norwood Commerce Center Review Committee:

Selectman Maloney gave a brief overview of the Final Report of the Committee. They held four meetings with residents and members of the Police, Fire and Building Inspector's office. This process was indicative of the way we operate in Norwood. Some citizens had concerns and a group was formed to gather information on the issue. The new ownership is reviving the property. Selectman Maloney thanked all of the Review Committee. On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to dissolve the Committee.

John Mantis, 85 Pierpont Road, West Roxbury:

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to set up public hearing on application to operate Stagios, Inc., dba Broadway Pizza & Grill, 75 Cottage Street East.

Courtney Rau-Rogers, President, Norwood League of Women Voters:

On motion of Selectman Bishop, voted to approve request to host Candidates' Forum at Memorial Hall on Monday, March 19, 2018 at 7 p.m. and to waive the fee for the use of Memorial Hall.

Paul J. Donohue, 1027 Washington Street:

Submitting notice of his retirement from the Planning Board effective February 22, 2018. Mr. Donohue has served as a member of the Norwood Planning Board since 1975. Selectman Howard said this man is a friend and has served the town very well for many years. On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to present a plaque to Mr. Donohue for his service. This has been 43 years of service. Chairman Plasko announced the process for replacing the member by appointment and there will be a joint meeting of the Planning Board and the Board of Selectmen. Please send your resume by March 16 to either the Planning Board or the Board of Selectmen. Chairman Plasko said this was a difficult decision for Mr. Donohue to make and thanks him for dealing with that and making the right choice. Chairman Plasko thanked Mr. Donohue for his many years of service and dedication to the Town.

Memoranda

Chief William G. Brooks, III, Norwood Police Department:

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by commendations to Officers Brett Baker, Kyle Cordero, Melanie Wigmore, Terry Connolly, Jaime Mazzola and Sergeant Jay Payne for their actions during the early morning hours of January 31, 2018.

Selectmen's Addenda

Selectman Bishop

Lucy Monahan

Shout out to her for watching the meeting every week from New Hampshire.

Anniversary of the Incorporation of the town.-February 23rd is the 146 Birthday of the incorporation of the Town. We are rapidly approaching the 150th.

Iwo Jima Day

Thank you to the United States Marine Corps and the flag raising.

Selectman Howard

Lou Santoro

Good friend of fifty years passed away. He was Sportsmen of the Year on two occasions.

NHS girl's hockey

Won their first hockey playoff game.

Selectman Donohue

Paul Donohue

To fellow board members and members of the planning board, thank you for your kind words about her husband Paul on his retirement. The Planning Board has been a way of life for him. So many developments over the years and he enjoyed very much being a part of this process and an honor for him to serve..

Michael Gulla

Passed away last week at the age of 59. Born and brought up in Norwood. In 2016 he was inducted into the Norwood Hall of Fame. He had a tree business around Norwood and he helped the town out in many ways. His father was Arthur Gulla, Director of Athletics and his grandfather had a store in South Norwood.

Selectman Maloney

Girls Hockey

Congratulations they move onto the second round.

Paul Donohue

Thank you for your forty three years of service. He was involved in some of the building of the Town and it looks the way it does because of the efforts of Paul Donohue-congratulations on a job well done.

Chairman Plasko

Today is his forty eighth wedding anniversary

Thank you for your patience and support and kindness all these years. You are the love of my life. He thanked her for being with him all this time.

150 anniversary of town incorporation

His wife has discussed this with him regarding planning this celebration

Financial plans

Chairman Plasko referred to a set of financial plans that the Town Wide Budget Committee brought up in 2008 and addressed and sent around to all the Board-it was studied, reviewed and signed off. Chairman Plasko said that there are some members of the Fin Com that recently have been pushing for some changes or update of this and this is good and we should take a hard look at it. He referred to changes that have taken place since 2008. He asked the Manager to look at the policies and make some suggestions if he felt that there are any that are appropriate so they can be considered. Chairman Plasko stated that he would like to push as a position, while this is important that we address this issue to update these policies, but he felt that the Board's position would be that this would be done the way the policies were originally accepted by review of all the Boards, not just the Town Wide Budget Committee only, but should come back to the full Finance Commission, Board of Selectmen, full Capital Outlay Committee for good review as we did in 2008. Selectman Maloney said in the last paragraph of the policy it does say that amendments to the policy should go through the Budget Balancing Sub Committee. By the time it gets to the Budget Sub Committee everyone has taken a good look at it.

Manager's Update

Bernie Cooper

Happy birthday to Bernie and Tom Maloney.

Carillon

This Saturday the Town hosted the Yale University Guild and he thanked Lee Leach.

MBTA

Recently trimmed some tress along Bird Road and residents are unhappy. We would like to request some arbor vitae. Selectman Donohue said there are dead trees lying along the side of the tracks from Old Washington Street toward South Norwood. The Manager will address both things.

Fire Chief

Chief Greeley has announced his retirement at the end of this fiscal year, give or take a month.

Executive Session

By individual poll of the Board, on motion of Selectman Maloney, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to go into Executive Session for the purpose of . DPW – Litigation and Airport litigation.

Returning to Open Session the following statement was read by Chairman Plasko:

This discussion was on litigation regarding the new DPW on Lyman Place. It was complicated that involved 3 parties and on the advice of counsel the Board has accepted a settlement on that matter. The settlement cost will be \$65,000 and was advised by Attorney Bob Garrity of Garrity and Knisely, the firm hired by the PBCC kept the Board advised and the Board has just voted to accept that settlement so the matter is complete and the litigation is over.

Adjournment

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

A True Record.

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Clerk

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Assistant