

Regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen convened at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, February 3, 2015 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 Michael J. Lyons, Selectmen William J. Plasko, Helen Abdallah Donohue, Paul A. Bishop and Allan D. Howard. Also present General Manager John J. Carroll, Clerk Frances L. Jessoe and Assistant Christina Mulvehill.

Appointments

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

Submitting monthly report of department's activities.

Chief Brooks highlighted his monthly report. He stated that Officer Vega, Detective Sgt. Rinn have retired and Lt. Brian Murphy will be retiring after 35 years. He is in charge when the Chief is not there. They will have a time for him on February 20th and he will notify the Board. Things went well during the storm and the travel ban is a huge asset. Navigating roads was hard with snow so high and roads slippery. There was one incident on the rotary ramp and a vehicle got stuck. Chief Brooks said there was a drug overdose death this past weekend. The person died and she was alone at the time and could not be revived. There was a save over the weekend as well and they revived a young man and they follow up on those issues. He said he just came from Norwood Hospital and they are partnering with a non-profit called Dove from Quincy which works in the area of domestic violence. He said they have a law enforcement liaison at a couple of police departments in Norfolk county-they will be holding a session for domestic violence victims at Norwood Hospital one night a week and one day a week they will be at the Norwood Police department looking at the domestic violence reports, to contact victims and witnesses and see that they get the services they need. They look forward to this. They have been around since 1978. Selectman Donohue said Dove was founded under Bill Delahunt and the man who thought of the idea was a police officer from Quincy who lived in Norwood-Tom Tierney. We have big ties with Dove right from the beginning. Chief Brooks said this is hands on and is new for the Norwood police. Selectman Donohue said when it was founded they gave pamphlets to all the attorneys in Norfolk County so you can refer them to Dove. Selectman Donohue said this has been a wonderful service. Chief Brooks said a lot of domestic violence arrests are dismissed because people are reluctant to testify so hopefully this will be very good for everyone.

Selectman Howard referred to ten drug overdoses listed in the report and of those there were no deaths. Chief Brooks referred to the budget meeting discussion and he spoke a little bit about this. Chief Brooks said that heroin overdose is a nationwide problem. He said that 2014 had 91 fatalities in Norfolk County, only one in Norwood. It is a huge problem and he sees repeats. The department always follows up with the families and tries to get people into treatment. It's a very difficult habit to break. Chief Brooks said one population at risk for overdose is those recently out of treatment who can relapse because of the change in their tolerance. Selectman Howard asked about combining dispatchers. Chief Brooks said it hasn't been talked about lately. It is up to the Town to pursue that now that the contracts have been ratified. Selectman Bishop said he was very glad to hear about Dove. He hoped that the media will take note and follow up because the more we educate the more people come forward. Let people know what is out there and what is available. Chief Brooks said people can call Dove with concerns and can do that through the Police Dept. Selectman Bishop said this is great to have someone in house.

7:30 P.M. – P.H., 777, Inc., American Executive Taxi, Mohamad Halwani:

Violation of Town's Hackney Rules & Regs. Submitting notice from Sealer of Weights & Measures Matt Walsh that American Executive Taxi was approved for two taxis-but should only have one in service as the other failed inspection. Appeal of denial of Hackney License by Steven Delmonaco. The Clerk read the notice regarding violation of hackney license rules and regulations and read notice that was sent to Mr. Delmonaco for appeal of hackney license. Present were Steven Delmonaco, 34 Stearns Road, West Roxbury and Mohamad Halwani, 1171 East Street Dedham, MA. Chairman Lyons addressed Mr. Halwani and explained to him that the Board had sent a notice to him advising him of the hearing and the

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reasons for it as stated in the notice read by the clerk. The Chairman inquired if he had counsel with him and Mr. Halwani stated he did not. Mr. Halwani said that he has had a hackney license since 2007. He met Steve Delmonaco at the Hilton as he used to work there driving the shuttle. They became friends and initially he tried to apply for a hackney license but found out he could not get it. Mr. Halwani said Mr. Delmonaco was not driving the taxi but he wanted to be. He applied for a hackney license and this is how the situation was revealed. Mr. Halwani said he has known Mr. Delmonaco since 2008 when he used to work for the Hilton and they had a good relationship. When Mr. Delmonaco said he wanted to drive, Mr. Halwani told him he could drive because he didn't know what was going on. Chairman Lyons reminded Mr. Halwani that Mr. Delmonaco drove for him without a hackney license. Mr. Halwani said Mr. Delmonaco was not driving the taxi. He was helping him with the shuttle at the Hilton, but not the taxi. Chairman Lyons inquired if Mr. Delmonaco had anything to add. Mr. Delmonaco said he would like to drive and proceed with the Hackney license.

Chairman Lyons inquired of Officer Murphy about correspondence that was sent to the Board. He asked what Officer Murphy felt about this situation. Officer Murphy stated that Mr. Delmonaco applied for a Hackney License to drive for American Executive Taxi and submitted the application in December. Officer Murphy said there were some things he was concerned about in Mr. Delmonaco's history and felt that it wouldn't be appropriate to allow him to drive a cab in Norwood. He acquired some police reports in other towns to get some background information. Officer Murphy said that before he could call him to set up an appointment, Mr. Delmonaco called him to report that he was a victim of sexual harassment at Route 128 Station. Officer Murphy said Mr. Delmonaco came in January 12th and wrote out a statement-the interview was audio and video recorded at the Police Station. Mr. Delmonaco brought in his logbook and he explained that he had been driving a cab for American Executive Taxi since January 2014. He told Officer Murphy that he primarily works the evening shift 4-11. The book he had went from October to January and these are his records of fares he picked up at the 128 Station driving a cab for American Executive. Because most of the fares were from 128 Station to other locations, such as Logan Airport, Legacy Place, Dedham Hilton, etc. Officer Murphy asked him if he comes to Norwood often. Mr. Delmonaco told him that he doesn't come to Norwood often, he doesn't have too many fares here. He is here occasionally. Officer Murphy reported that Mr. Delmonaco told him he drove for American Executive Taxi in 2007 and 2008 and at that time Mr. Halwani told him that he would take care of the Hackney License so Mr. Delmonaco was not concerned with that. Officer Murphy looked into the harassment at the Westwood 128 Station and spoke to Sgt. Sicard, Safety Officer of the Westwood Police Department who gave him copies of reports from 2010 and 2014. These were reports of Mr. Delmonaco involved in conflicts with other drivers at Route 128 Station that almost came to physical blows. At one point in his interview, Mr. Delmonaco admitted to Officer Murphy that he had grabbed a screwdriver from his car in case he had to retaliate for some of the harassment he was receiving. Officer Murphy then contacted Mr. Halwani, who denied that Mr. Delmonaco had been driving a cab, that he drove a shuttle bus owned by Mr. Halwani at the Hilton. Officer Murphy checked with the Hilton Manager and was informed that Mr. Delmonaco was not employed by them but he did drive on rare occasions. Also, the Hilton owns the shuttle bus, it is not owned by Mr. Halwani. Officer Murphy stated that in speaking with Mr. Delmonaco again he reiterated that he drove for American Executive in 2007, 2008 and drove in 2010. Officer Murphy stated that up until the time Mr. Delmonaco submitted an application in December of 2014, he had been unaware that Mr. Delmonaco was driving a cab. Chairman Lyons inquired about the evidence that Mr. Delmonaco was driving a cab and who makes the decision to grant a hackney license. Officer Murphy based that on the records Mr. Delmonaco had presented to him. Officer Murphy said there are certain parameters, and if someone has too many violations within five years, they just get a denial. There are other things that he will bring to the Chief's attention if otherwise the applicant would be qualified for a hackney license but he had concerns he was not a suitable person – could be things that would not prohibit them from our hackney rules, but still raise a concern as to their character. Officer Murphy said in that case he would talk to the Chief. He did talk to the Chief in this case and they did deny Mr. Delmonaco's application. Chairman Lyons clarified there are some things that are automatically exclusionary and some things that can be more subjective.

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Officer Murphy agreed. Chairman Lyons said there is also some question about the number of licenses and number of cabs being used. Officer Murphy said Mr. Delmonaco had told him that they only have one cab now and that he is spending some of his own money to get it repaired. Apparently, Mr. Halwani sold the car to Mr. Sternberg who also drives for the company and there was some conflict between Mr. Delmonaco and Mr. Sternberg about getting repairs for the car being done, as Mr. Sternberg was concerned that he would not be able to drive the cab while it was being repaired. Selectman Bishop pointed out that on the Sealer of Weights and Measures report it shows two cabs. According to Mr. Delmonaco Mr. Sternberg had helped facilitate bringing Mr. Halwani's girlfriend to this country so allegedly that is why he was turning the cab over to Mr. Sternberg. Selectman Bishop noted that the Taxi Seal report for 2014 shows two cabs, but now you are saying there is only one cab in existence. Officer Murphy explained that this December he did inspections on two cabs – Cab 1 and Cab 2, so there is some question about how many cabs they actually have on the road. Mr. Halwani stated he has two cabs, a Chrysler van and a Grand Marquis. Chairman Lyons asked Mr. Halwani of the two cabs which one failed inspection. Mr. Halwani stated he did not think it failed inspection. Chairman Lyons referred to memo that Executive was approved for two taxis but should only have one in service as the other failed inspection and that is coming from the sealer of Weights and Measures, Matt Walsh. Mr. Halwani said that was for the meter issue thing. In response to Selectman Bishop's request that he define that, Mr. Halwani said he renewed both certificates as he does every year but it seems the meter itself, which was inspected by Mr. Paul Starrat four months prior, did not pass with the new Inspector who found a little difference here and there but with so much going on he hasn't had a chance to just recalibrate that meter. Chairman Lyons asked if that car is still on the road with a failed inspection. Mr. Halwani said it is on the road but he is not sure it was a failed inspection. He said he didn't know it was a failed inspection. Selectman Bishop clarified that Mr. Halwani said there was a calibration issue which he did not take care of. Mr. Halwani said that is correct but added that he was in the hospital for about three months. He just got out and is trying to catch up on all this stuff. Officer Murphy added that he was not aware of the failed inspection for the meter until he got the notice from the Board of Selectmen. In December when he did the cab inspections Cab 1 the form that came to him had been signed by Mr. Starrat back in March and that is the form that was submitted to him. If Mr. Walsh had failed them, that was not shared with him. Chairman Lyons referred to the inspection record pointing out that it failed on December 4, 2014, adding that is fairly recent. The Chairman addressed Mr. Halwani – when you first spoke to the Board of Selectmen you stated that Mr. Delmonaco did not drive a cab for you. There are written records that he drove a cab for you in addition to conversations and interviews he had with the Norwood Police Department saying that he did. He asked Mr. Halwani if he was telling him that Mr. Delmonaco did or did not, or you were not aware that he drove a cab for you. Mr. Halwani said Steve used to work for him driving the van; there was a lot of side work they did together and he is not denying that at all. But the past few months, literally he was not fully available. Chairman Lyons said he is talking about 2010, 2011. Mr. Halwani said he has known Mr. Delmonaco since 2008 when he was driving with him he thought he was working for the Hilton and everything was ok and he could apply for the hackney. Chairman Lyons told Mr. Halwani that Mr. Delmonaco s drove a cab for him with his knowledge without a hackney license and Mr. Halwani agreed. Selectman Bishop expressed concern about the Criminal Offender's Record Information. Mr. Halwani never checked his background. The Officer testifies there is some questionable behavior in his history. This is full of problems and Mr. Delmonaco has not had a license for all these years. Selectman Plasko said he is more than upset and told Mr. Halwani he failed to live up to his management responsibilities and his responsibilities to this Town. He asked about the cab being sold and the repairs being done. Officer Murphy said Mr. Delmonaco spent \$1500 out of his own pocket on repairs. Selectman Plasko said due to reports and contradictory statements, he is prepared to uphold the denial of the hackney license based on the Police Department's original reasons for denial. In the case of American Executive Taxi, they are negligent in their operations and are not fit to operate in the Town of Norwood. They don't know if their drivers are licensed or not and they don't do business in Norwood and he is inclined to pull the license. Selectman Donohue asked Mr. Halwani to explain the illness he had. Mr. Halwani said he had hydro encephalitis and spent six weeks in Brigham and Women's Hospital, then three months in rehab. He said he has not been driving; he has been contracting with the Hilton shuttle.

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Selectman Howard told Mr. Halwani that Officer Murphy has logs saying Mr. Delmonaco did taxi runs for him and it was his responsibility to know whether he had a license. Selectman Bishop told Mr. Halwani that sick or not he should have known Mr. Delmonaco was driving without a license. Officer Murphy added it is the responsibility of the cab owner. He talks to the cab owner every time someone applies for a hackney license. Chairman Lyons pointed out this situation came to light because of Mr. Delmonaco's appeal of the license denial. Mr. Delmonaco said he is not a criminal. He was harassed while sitting in his car. Chairman Lyons said Officer Murphy already enlightened the Board to that and it is not what this hearing is about. He asked Mr. Delmonaco why he was appealing the denial; what makes him suitable to drive a taxi in Norwood. He said he's appealing because the officer and the chief said he was irresponsible; not suitable to have a license due to a record check. He was a carpenter for twelve years after high school. He has had bad back and needed to find work to pay for his condo, etc. Mr. Delmonaco spoke of some of his challenges in finding work and his financial hardship. Chairman Lyons pointed out he drove a cab knowingly without a license to pay the bills. Mr. Delmonaco went on the say the cars needed work. He filed in 2007-2008 with Safety Officer Giacoppo and refiled again a couple of weeks ago. The car is good now. Mr. Halwani added he has known Mr. Delmonaco for a long time and he helped a lot with the cars and he had no idea about the license issue-that Mr. Delmonaco would have a problem getting a license. The Chairman pointed out to Mr. Halwani that he knew Mr. Delmonaco drove for him without a license and that is the issue before the Board. Chairman Lyons inquired if there was anyone from the public wishing to speak. Seeing none, on motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to close the hearing.

Selectman Bishop said this Board has a responsibility to the population of Norwood to provide good taxi service and watch out for the welfare of the citizens and moved to revoke all licenses of 777, Inc., American Executive Taxi and support the denial of the Chief for a hackney license for Mr. Delmonaco. Selectman Howard seconded the motion.

Selectman Donohue inquired if there was any history of complaints. Mr. Halwani said he started the company in 2007, and has never had a problem before. Selectman Donohue questioned revoking the license on a first offense. Chairman Lyons pointed out that the documentation of violations goes back years but he recommended something less harsh, such as a suspension of the license. The vote on the original motion was 3-2 in favor. Chairman Lyons and Selectman Donohue opposed.

New Business

Safety Officer Paul C. Murphy, Norwood Police Department:

- a. Submitting information regarding unlicensed Hackney Driver.
- b. Submitting information regarding London Taxi Unlicensed Hackney Driver.
 - (1) submitting copy of minutes from previous hearing re London Taxi
- c. Submitting information regarding London Taxi-second unlicensed Hackney Driver.

Officer Murphy informed the Board he has received recent complaints in addition to the ones listed above. Selectman Plasko pointed out that these seem like serious offenses. On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to have London Taxi in to discuss. Officer Murphy explained that a Norwood Taxi driver had altered a hackney license and the company did not realize he had done that. The driver had been denied a hackney license by the Town.

Dept. of Revenue, Div. of Local Services:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to file e-mail re Excess and Deficiency – Blue Hills. (has been sent to Town Clerk & Accountant Bob Thornton). Selectman Howard said there is a five percent cap and should that be looked into. Chairman Lyons said that was the purpose of forwarding this to Mr. Thornton.

Mary-Joe Perry, District Highway Director, Mass DOT:

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to file National Bridge Inspection Standards Bridge Inspection reports for Morse Street. Selectman Donohue asked if it is a new bridge. Manager said it is a new bridge and there is nothing wrong with it.

LaMarche Associates, Westwood, MA:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to file notice of casualty loss at Norwood Co-op Nursery School, 24 Berwick.

Selectmen's Meetings:

There are 5 Tuesdays in March 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31. Does the Board wish to cancel a meeting?

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to cancel meeting of March 31. The Vote was 2-3. Motion failed. On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to meet all five nights. Motion carried.

Personnel Board:

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to file Organizational Chart Updates. Referring to Veterans' Agent - Selectman Bishop referred to the appointing authority as the Board of Selectmen. Selectman Plasko said that the Board of Selectmen is the appointing authority and the General Manager is the person he reports to on a day to day basis.

Robert M. Thornton, Town Clerk & Accountant:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Howard, vote to file FY14 Audit Report.

Jill Reddish, Verizon, FIOS:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to file information that as of April 1, 2015 there will be a \$5 increase in FIOS TV Business packages as per the attached. Selectman Bishop pointed out that those increases are for businesses.

Eileen Famiglietti, Trinity Community Church, 230 Walpole Street:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to approve request to use DAV Park Vacation Bible School July 13-17th, 9 a.m. to 12 noon and to use the park for the Annual Church Picnic on September 13, 2015 and to block off an area of Berwick Street noon to 3 p.m. on that day and the Youth Kickoff 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. that night.

Paul Eysie, Esquire:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to file signed Extension of Time for Performance of Agreement re land located off Nichols Street.

Joan Percy, Norwood Art Association:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to approve request to use Town Common Saturday, June 13 with a rain date of Sunday, June 14, 2015 for their Annual Art in the Park and approve request that the panels to be delivered to the Common from the DPW.

Carol MacLeay, President, Norwood League of Women Voters:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to approve request to use Memorial Hall Monday, March 23, 2015 at 7:30 pm to host Candidates Night and waive fee.

Zaal Panthaki, Boy Scout Troop 49:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Plasko, to approve request to hold car wash Saturday, April 4, 2015. Selectman Donohue said there were some boy scouts at the meeting working on their citizenship badges and she welcomed them.

Marie Reen, NHS Hoopster Boost-Hers:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to approve request to hold car washes Saturday, April 18, and Saturday, October 3, 2015.

Unfinished Business

Arthur Buckley, Mass. State Lottery Commission:

Application for a Keno license has been received from Bamboo Café, 663 Washington St. If the

Arthur Buckley, Mass. State Lottery (cont'd)

Town objects, a hearing before the Commission must be received within 21 days. (tabled from January 20) Selectman Plasko said he had questioned this at the time and he didn't personally have an issue with the Keno license being issued but he thought the rules and regulations that the Town has for the downtown central business district had restrictions. After review by the staff, it doesn't appear that that restriction is in there. If this Board objects they will have to go to the Commission for a hearing. Selectman Donohue referred to the restriction of automatic amusement devices, and asked if the Keno board flashes on the wall. Selectman Howard said he didn't think it was an amusement device, it just displays the numbers. Selectman Bishop said what it comes down is the definition of an amusement device and as much as he would like to say that it is, he doesn't believe that it is personally and he also thinks the Board has no substantial grounds to prevent this, although he would not like to see it happen in Norwood Center. He said a rejection by this Board might be overturned, as the Department of Revenue wants the lottery. On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to take no action. Selectman Donohue said she would like to make a motion to run it past Town Counsel for an interpretation as the Board went through a lot of trouble to establish the criteria. In addition, there will be similar places in South Norwood and the Board will have to decide what the limits of the criteria are going to be. Chairman Lyons reminded the Board they are running up against a time line. He feels it is an automatic amusement device, with convenient stores they are not allowed to have seats and this is a restaurant. He doesn't have a problem with Keno, and he would go along with Selectmen Donohue's motion, but as there is a motion on the floor to take no action, Chairman Lyons asked for a vote. The vote was 3-2 opposed with Chairman Lyons, Selectmen Donohue and Bishop opposing. The motion failed. On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to refer to Town counsel this question regarding automatic amusement and ask him to tighten up the regulations and define such (Keno machines) in the Down Town License regulations.

Kathleen Colleary, Chief Bureau of Municipal Finance Law, Mass. Dept. of Revenue:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to file acknowledgement of reappointment of Paul F. Wanecek to a three-year term as assessor effective April 1, 2015 to April 1, 2018.

Memoranda

Personnel Board:

Submitting copy of Reclassifications Recommendations to the Manager re Public Works. The Manager is the appointing authority. This is his job. On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to file.

Selectmen's Meeting:

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to approve as presented minutes of January 13, 2015.

Selectmen's Addenda

Selectman Bishop

Fire Hydrants

Selectman Bishop spoke about the many town employees out trying to clear fire hydrants and asked residents to please try to dig out their own hydrants.

Safe Shoveling

When shoveling after dark, please be careful stepping out onto street as the snow banks are high. Drivers should also use caution.

Selectman Plasko

Fire Hydrants

Please shovel hydrants in your neighborhood

NHS Girls Hockey & Basketball

The team is on an 8-0 run and playing excellent hockey. We are proud of them. Girls' basketball is doing well too. Congratulations to them all for their dedication to the sports.

Robert Thornton

I was on the Board that hired Mr. Thornton. I voted against him, but within nine months I apologized to him for that. Gary Lee's daughter did an interview and asked me what my biggest regret was; I said voting against Mr. Thornton. He is outstanding in his role as Town Accountant and as a person.

Selectman Donohue

Fire Hydrants

Years ago high school students in neighborhoods shoveled out hydrants. Public Safety is important.

High View Street

High View Street is not cleared well. The Manager said he and Mark Ryan will handle it.

Robert Thornton

In addition to being a wonderful Town Clerk and Accountant, he is an outstanding member of our community. He was a founder of Friends of St. Nick and they gave hundreds of thousands of dollars to Dana Farber.

Selectman Howard

Robert Thornton

Friday will be Bob Thornton's last day and there will be a small party in Memorial Hall. Have known him all 36 years. Very happy with his efforts on behalf of town all these years.

Benchmark

Requesting status from Manager. Mr. Carroll and Chairman Lyons met with representatives from Westwood and received no warm reception from the Westwood Board of Selectmen. He will be sending a letter to support Benchmark's petition to the Attorney General to turn down Westwood's by-law.

Vernon Street properties

The Manager said he has not yet contacted an appraiser but he will.

Sunday Concerts

Every Sunday in February big band music and free refreshments.

Chairman Lyons

Robert Thornton

Goodbye to Robert Thornton. I wish him well and thank him from myself, this board and the entire town. He did a tremendous job for this town. Anyone on Town Wide Budget Balancing saw his knowledge and how well he prepared for everything he took on.

Thomas McQuaid

Welcome to Tom McQuaid and looking forward to working with him for at least six months.

Public Safety

Thanks to the Public Safety and Public Works Departments. No one does it better than Norwood. It is an amazing process to witness.

Manager's Agenda

Replacement of light pole at Elliot Field.

The Manager said they have not moved any further on this because they have not looked at the poles yet. They will have a meeting with Mr. Riccardi to see if they need temporary lights and they need to find out the condition of all. They will keep at it.

Intersection Improvement Project at Upland Rd., Washington and Prospect St.

The Manager said that there would be a design hearing February 25 at the Civic. We are due a payment from Campanili toward the cost of design.

Requesting a Reserve Fund transfer of \$10,000 for retired Police and Fire Medical Expenses.

Manager has nothing specific. Selectman Howard asked if the Town pays the medical expenses for retired police and fire. The Manager said if its work related, the Town would cover what isn't covered by insurance. On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to approve request.

Due to the resignation of Josh Robbins, I will be looking to fill a vacancy on the Conservation Commission subject to the Board's approval.

Please contact the Manager if you are interested.

FYI. Memo from William O'Donnell regarding the Community Preservation Act.

Selectman Bishop pointed out that Selectman Donohue talked about this at last week's meeting.

Letter to Finance Commission regarding Snow and Ice budget.

The Manager explained the Town is way above the budget of \$475,000 and will be at \$900,000 just from the storms we have had. He is requesting MGL 44, section 31D.

Chairman Lyons asked if the \$560,000 is the total as of today, or is it based on last week's storm. The Manager handed out information on expenditures. Selectman Howard commented on the condition of the roads and implored people not to throw snow on the sidewalk.

Public Hearing Notice on Upland Rd/Washington/Prospect Streets.

This information is redundant.

FYI. Joe Welch received the Francis Granger Award.

The Manager announced that Mr. Joseph Welch was recognized for his work with Norfolk Bristol Middlesex Highway Association and other work he has done over the years. Chairman Lyons said it was nice to see Mr. Welch at the MMA.

Department Head meetings schedule with Finance Commission.

There is one meeting scheduled for February 11 and another scheduled for February 19.

Linda Berger has been elected President of Mass Recreation and Parks Assoc.

Write-up on Fox 25 regarding Detective David Eysie.

One of Norwood Police Department's officers, who was not in uniform, saw a driver go around the rotary in the wrong direction. He put his vehicle sideways to block her so no one would get hurt. The driver was intoxicated. Chairman Lyons pointed out it would have been nice in the news story to have Detective David Eysie's name on it. On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to send a letter of commendation to Detective Eysie.

Questions about the Salt Shed at the Recycling Center

The Manager explained that a salt shed was built at the recycling center and right now it is the DPW's primary salt shed. This shed was knocked out of the DPW project some time ago then went to charge Chapter 90 and Mr. Ryan took bids. It came to \$242,000 but he did not award that bid so the cost was charged from Snow Removal. The project came in at \$98,000 and was completed with a combination of Town and contractor labor. Selectman Donohue asked if there would still be a salt shed on Nahatan Street and if so then why did they need this one. The Manager said there would still be a salt shed on Nahatan Street but you need a back-up. The structure is sixty by one hundred feet. Selectman Donohue pointed out that the people in the neighborhood had no input. The Manager said salt has been stored here for years with big block walls. He said the neighborhood can't see this. Selectman Bishop disagreed with that statement. Selectman Donohue said it should have been put in another location – this is just a further invasion of a neighborhood. She inquired of the Manager who participated in the discussion about

Questions about the Salt Shed at the Recycling Center (cont'd)

where the funding would come from. The Manager said that was just Mr. Ryan and himself. Selectman Bishop pointed out that months ago we negotiated with the neighbors about the location of the building then they looked out and saw this. The Manager said they will be putting up a fence and foliage in the back of the building. Selectman Donohue stated she does not know how an important decision like this can be done without this Board even discussing it at a meeting. The Manager said it was not an important decision. Salt has been stored there for years, all they did was put the salt down there in a fabric building.

Selectman Plasko said he was aware this would be constructed but he is concerned about the way it happened before the Board was notified. Chapter 90 was discussed but then you went out to bid twice and at no point was this Board told there was a problem. The Board found out after the project was constructed. The Manager said the bid was \$99,000, the project was just bid in a different way.

Manager's Executive Session

Firefighter M.O.A.

As this item does not require the Board to enter into executive session, on motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to ratify.

Adjournment

No other business being presented for consideration, on motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to adjourn and the meeting was adjourned accordingly at 8:35 p.m.

A True Record.

Attest: _____
Assistant