

Regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen convened at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 24, 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. – Norwood Nuggets Youth Hockey:

Selectman Lyons announced tonight the Norwood Board of Selectmen has the special honor of welcoming in some Norwood Nugget Youth Hockey coaches and parents that were at the right place at the right time for some of the young hockey players from Norwood when the Canton rink had a roof collapse. These people who were invited in by the Board did the right thing for the children of Norwood. This Board of Selectmen and the whole town of Norwood wanted say thank you.

Selectman Howard said that when he first heard this story, he made him think of a cruise ship captain who abandoned ship. In contrast, these coaches and parents got everyone out of the arena and then went back in to check. He thanked them and told them they are all heroes in his eyes.

Selectman Donohue agreed with what Selectman Howard had said and added that she brought up three children in Norwood and they played basketball and soccer. Looking back, those were the happiest days of her life. Being with your children in their time of need and having the intelligence and courage for your children and the other children is something you will all share forever and remember the happiness you have now. Selectman Donohue thanked them and wished them the very best. Their children will have the confidence to know they are cared for.

Selectman Plasko thanked the coaches and parents and explained that when the Board had its first meeting after the incident, we were delighted none of the children was hurt and that we have such stand up people in the community. The parents and whole town are indebted to you. One of the things we get to do as Selectmen is representing the people who put us here, the people of the town of Norwood and all of them reading of this incident are thankful and proud of you. Thank you on their behalf.

Selectman Bishop stated that Saturday probably started out as a normal day. Everyone in this room is truly blessed that no one was injured and doubly blessed that people like you were quick enough to get in and do what you did. You avoided a big tragedy for this town. Thank you to each and every one of you for what you did. I know you went home and hugged your kids a little tighter and a little longer – and continue to do that.

Chairman Lyons read part of a letter written by Bill Naumann pointing out that we should not lose sight of the great things that people do that affect our lives. These people affected hundreds if not thousands of lives on Saturday. Thank you for keeping our children safe, it is an honor to know you all. Chairman Lyons presented each person with a commendation.

7:15 P.M.- (P.H.) – Public Ascertainment Hearing – Verizon:

Public hearing must be kept open for fourteen days in order to receive additional testimony.

Regulations require ad be published twice before the hearing ad appeared in Norwood Record March 5 and March 12, 2015. Notice was read by clerk. The Board of Selectmen, as statutory Issuing Authority for the Town of Norwood, will conduct a public ascertainment hearing on Tuesday, March 24, 2015 at 7:15 p.m. in the Harry B. Butters Chambers, Norwood Town Hall, 566 Washington Street, Norwood, MA. The purpose of the hearing will be to review the performance of one of the cable television operators in

Verizon P.H-(cont'd)

Norwood, Verizon, during its current license term and to hear testimony on future cable-related needs and interests of the Norwood community. Interested parties are encouraged to attend and offer testimony on any cable-related matters. Any applications and reports to be considered at the hearing are available for public inspection at the Selectmen's Office, Norwood Town Hall during regular business hours and for reproduction at a reasonable fee. For more information on the public ascertainment hearing, interested parties can call the Board of Selectmen's Office at (781)762-1240.

Richard Shay, Chairman of the Cable Commission was present along with Jill Reddish of Verizon. Jack Tolman of NPATV was also present. Mr. Shay announced that he expects the contract negotiations will be straightforward and go smoothly. One issue is the cable signal that Verizon customers get and that will be addressed before negotiations.

Mr. Tolman spoke briefly about NPATV. They receive funding from all three cable providers and are going into their eleventh year. NPATV provides equipment and training for the users in Norwood and in 2014 they produced six hundred forty four programs. In addition, over two hundred messages from non-profits have been shown on the bulletin board. Mr. Tolman stated he has a great working relationship with Ms. Reddish and the only issue is to fine tune the delivery of the content. In closing Mr. Tolman stated the public access station model here in Norwood is working very well.

Selectman Plasko acknowledged Ms. Reddish and asked Mr. Shay at what point they are able to negotiate changes in fees such as what is paid for local access. Mr. Shay explained that each contract is a separate negotiation and if they made the terms more favorable for one of the companies, he would expect the others ask for relief from contract requirements. The amount of money the Commission asks for is the amount of money needed to operate they system. The ratepayers in the town do pay the money. The Commission does stay in touch with NPATV to make sure their requirements are met. Each contract is for ten years.

Selectman Howard asked why there are twenty local access stations on Verizon service as opposed to three on other services. Ms. Reddish explained that Verizon's network is set up very differently from the cable operators, which were built primarily by town. Verizon serves by wire centers and a specific wire center can serve multiple towns so in order for them to make sure that Canton sees their PEG channels, Norwood also sees them. There are provisions in the contract that allow them to provide local access programming to other towns and it has been well received. Normally, residents like it. Selectman Howard also asked about the total fees and taxes. They seem to be considerably higher for Verizon than the other two cable operations in town. Ms. Reddish said she would need more details but would be happy to look into that for Selectman Howard. Selectman Donohue thanked the Cable Commission for all their hard work.

Chairman Lyons asked about the timing of the contract. Mr. Shay said it is a requirement by law to have this ascertainment hearing years before the contract renews; it is mandated by the federal government. The current contract expires in August of 2017. Selectman Bishop said the hearing would stay open for fourteen days. He brought up item five on the Board's agenda, notice that Verizon has launched a new weather network and will not carry the Weather Channel and Weather Scan. Ms. Reddish explained that while Verizon had been negotiating with the Weather Channel, upon seeing the final proposal they decided to go with AcuWeather.

The Chairman asked if anyone from the public wished to speak. Seeing none, on motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to continue the hearing for fourteen days and invite the public to direct comments to the Cable Commission or this Board.

7:40 P.M. – Rome Reymonde, Sunshine Thrift Shop, 714 Washington Street:

Chairman Lyons explained that this hearing regarding her application for Second Hand Dealer's License was being held to make sure she is aware of the rules. Ms. Reymonde said she will be selling things like ceramics, vases, toys and small furniture. She may have some costume jewelry but no gold. She used to have a store in Stoughton and hopes this one does better.

Rome Reymonde (cont'd)

The unit she is renting was previously vacant. Selectman Donohue asked Mrs. Reymonde about having been born in Casa Blanca. Mrs. Reymonde said her father worked for the French consulate of Morocco. She did speak with Detective Peter Curran about the license and that conversation discouraged her from selling gold. She acknowledged that she understands the rules of the license. She also said her son is a professional with antiques and they will be honest with customers about the value of their goods. She will record transactions. On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted to approve the license.

New Business

Carol Turkewitz, President, Temple Shaare Tefilah:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to approve use of the Community Room at the Police and Fire Station for their Congregational Meeting on Sunday, April 12, 2015 from 2-5 p.m.

Nicholas A. Campagna, Jr. , 86 Countryside Lane, Walk For Hunger Coordinator:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to approve request to place a display for the Walk for Hunger in the lobby of Town Hall for 3 weeks prior to the Walk April 14 through May 4. The Walk will be May 3.

Frank Rokes, General Manager, Jake n JOES, Norwood:

Submitting request for a 2 a.m. special license for the night of Saturday, May 2nd into Sunday, May 3. They are requesting the license to purchase a Pay-Per-View boxing match and the license is necessary to show the entire event. Selectman Donohue made a motion to approve with no second. Selectman Howard stated he is not against this request but recommends using caution as this could open the door on other events such as mixed martial arts. Chairman Lyons said this is reasonable and the requests would be taken on a case by case basis. Selectman Howard recommended including the stipulation that if the bout is not taking place, there will be no special license issued. Selectman Plasko suggested making last call at least an hour before 2 a.m. closing. Selectman Bishop added two additional conditions; that the gate must be closed for the entire event, and there be a police detail. On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to approve with the following conditions: the license will be rescinded if the fight does not take place, the back gate will remain closed for the entire event, and a police detail will be in place for the entire event. On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to file ABCC response to Clerk that it is the decision of the Board and e-mail from Town Counsel.

ABCC:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to file notice that Mass. General Laws, Chapter 138 prohibits the importation, sale & manufacturing of powdered alcohol.

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to file notice that all holders of Club Licenses must complete an application to update their officers and directors every time they change. The application is on the ABCC web site. We will notify the Clubs.

Verizon:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to file notice that Verizon has launched new weather network-will not carry the Weather Channel and Weather Scan; Submitting notice pursuant to 207 CMR 10.01 and 10.02(6), FIOS TV channel lineup, rate card and sample customer bill.

Verizon (cont'd)

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to accept per the requirements of the contract a check in the amount of \$1,996 which is \$.50 per subscriber-should be deposited in the General Fund.

Darryl Hanson, Broadband Division Manager, Norwood Light Broadband:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to file copy of the 2014 Annual State License Fee as paid and filed with Mass. Dept. of Telecommunications & Cable.

Veterans of Foreign Wars Bldg. Assoc., Inc., 193 Dean Street:

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to file List of Officers and Board of Directors in accordance with MGL, Chap. 138.

David Lawson, Director, Norfolk County Mosquito Control District:

Submitting copy of request to Supt. Mark Ryan to utilize the Norwood landfill as a staging area for spring aerial larvicide application for helicopter to land and reload in order to spray. Selectman Bishop asked if this has been done before. The Manager said yes and they have been using the landfill as a staging area. Selectman Donohue disagreed and recommended the Board look into this. She suggested using the Airport. On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to table.

Abbey Green SEB Compliance Assistance, 165 Chestnut Hill Ave.

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to file notice of Gables University Station, Affordable rental Housing lottery in Westwood.

Tracy Firth, The Norwood Evening Garden Club:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to approve request for the use of the gated area around Hawes Pool Park for the annual Plant Sale on Sat. May 9, 2015 from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. and set up on Friday, May 8, 2015 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; place sandwich board signs announcing the sale in front of Town Hall at the 1A end and the island at Prospect and Washington Street from April 26, to May 9; to display smaller signs at Guild Square, Chapel Street and 1A, Nichols Street and Berwick Street, 26 Dean Street, Neponset Street, Nahatan Street at Route 1. All signs will be removed by the end of the day of the sale.

Safety Officer Paul Murphy:

Submitting reports (a-c) of unlicensed Hackney Driver-London Taxi-Ahmed Rifai. Board has scheduled a hearing on London Taxi for April 14, 2015; notice (d)of unlicensed Hackney Driver-American Executive Taxi (the license for this company has been revoked; notice (e) of person driving for VIP without his Hackney License-has since received his license. On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to attach most recent complaints to the April 14th hearing, and on motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to look into notifying the RMV of revocation of American Executive Taxi license, and to consult Town Counsel as to avenues in the future for action when a license is revoked by this Board.

Chief Anthony J. Greeley, NFD:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to approve request of reconfiguration of gasoline and diesel fuel storage; letter from Lt. Paul L. Butters, Fire Prevention Officer that the Fire Department has no objection to this change and copy of restrictions.

FEMA:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted to forward to Conservation Commission and Town Planner information re upcoming Risk Mapping, Assessment, and Planning Discovery Meeting for the Charles Watershed in eastern Mass. Town representatives may choose to attend one of the following meetings April 13th in Walpole, April 14th in Watertown, April 14th in Hamilton-Wenham.

Schools:

Amy & Paul Campbell, 93 Casey Street, e-mail regarding funding music programs in the schools, Greg Milette, 20 Churchill Drive, e-mail re class size and music program and Terry MacDonald, e-mail re school funding.

Selectman Howard pointed out that parents are being referred to the Board of Selectmen, which they are welcome to do, but the School Committee and the Superintendent take care of the school budgets. He asked Selectman Plasko for an update on the Committee of 21.

Selectman Plasko stated the Committee of 21 was recommended by the Town Wide Budget Balancing Committee and Mr. Robert Thornton, knowing there were problems with revenues and particularly in the school department budget. The intention was to get into the review quickly, unfortunately the process slowed down for various reasons before they were able to start meeting. It is difficult coordinating with such a large number of people. It took a few meetings to establish guidelines for the consultants to work on. He checked in January and instructed the consultants to move quicker. Selectman Plasko said he had strong words with them again in February to speed up the timeline to get as much information as possible during the budget period. He expects the committee will receive a preliminary report in three weeks. It is a long task and they are working diligently to be helpful in the budget process. Selectman Bishop added that the Committee of 21 is people looking for a long-term solution with the School Department. On Monday at the Budget Balancing Committee meeting, additional funding was given to the school department and they expect to see changes relative to the complaints.

Selectman Plasko explained that there were some areas in which the budget balancing committee thought the school department was anticipating numbers too low and they would support the school department at town meeting if they needed more money. General Government found some line items to free up some money. They hope Special Town Meeting will approve transferring funds and putting them into the school's current fiscal year. Schools can legally pre-pay special education and that frees up some of the money they need for next year. Chairman Lyons closed by saying there is a lot to talk about.

Brian J. Flavin Jr., 59 Monroe Street:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted 4-1 to approve request for consideration for appointment as a constable. Selectman Howard opposed.

David Vazquez, President, New England Region Cadillac & Lasalle Club, Inc.:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted to approve request to hold a small event from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. on Saturday, May 2, 2015, and to reserve 12-15 parking spaces for the Antique Classic Cadillac's Cars in front of the Town Square Diner. Public is welcome to view the cars. If they have rain, event will be cancelled.

Knights of Columbus, 572 Nichols Street, John Paras:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to approve one day AAB and dance permits for Saturday, April 4, 2015, 8 p.m. to 12 a.m., Saturday, April 11, 2015, 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. and Saturday, April 18, 2015, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Kevin Tortorella, 4 Fox Hill Road, Foxboro:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted to set up public hearing on application for a CV License to operate Boston Baddest Burger/Mainely Lobstah, Inc. at 403 Boston Providence Turnpike.

Massachusetts Nurses Association:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to approve request to use Aaron Guild Park opposite the Post Office on Wednesday, April 1, 2015, 4-6 p.m. for a rally to support Nurses and Patients at Norwood Hospital.

Supt./Director Sigalle Reiss, Board of Health:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to file thank you to the Board and the Finance Commission for their support with the Dental Clinic and the pursuit of funding for a new dental chair. Norwood Bank has offered to purchase the chair for the clinic.

St. Catherine of Siena School, Mary Beth Cox:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to approve request for one day AAB License April 11, 2015 from 6:00 p.m.- 12 a.m. for School Auction and Gala.

John P. Flynn, Town Counsel:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to file a copy of letter sent from the Office of the Attorney General to the Westwood Town Clerk disapproving the vote of the Nov. 17, 2014 Westwood Special Town Meeting under Article 14. This article proposed to require a special permit for a street access curb cut in Westwood whether or not the project itself is located wholly or partially in Westwood.

Frances Kenney, 269 Vernon Street:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Donohue, voted to hold for April the request for consideration for appointment to the Norwood Council on Aging. There is one opening and appointments will be made in April.

Matthew J. Walsh, Asst. Inspector of Buildings:

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Plasko voted to file for now the notice that the Building Department has issued a building permit to construct an outdoor pavilion at Four Points Sheraton with caveat that the Certificate of Occupancy would be held pending any action necessary from the Board regarding their alcohol license. Chairman Lyons pointed out that when Olivadi did theirs this Board had them come in. Mrs. Jessoe has spoken with Manager Kevin Casey. He will check with the ABCC and this office will check with Town Counsel.

Unfinished Business

John P. Flynn, Esquire, Murphy, Hesse, Toomey & Lehane:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to file copy of the Deed on the St. George Orthodox Church of Norwood, Inc. property on Nichols Street. Selectman Plasko added that the town has also closed on the Walker property.

ABCC:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to file notice of postponement of Bon Caldo hearing until Tuesday May 5, 2015 at 10 a.m.

Memoranda

Personnel Board:

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to file both the copy of correspondence to the Manager, Supt. Mark Ryan, and Cathy Traietti, Business Manager, DPW regarding reclassification request and the copy of Longevity Policy and Payments.

Selectmen's Meeting:

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to approve the Board minutes of February 24, 2015 and March 3, 2015.

Supt. Gerry Miller, Recreation Dept.:

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to accept monthly report of Department's activities.

Selectman Bishop

Local Election

The Police Department should post information on its electric sign showing the date of the election.

Friends of Norwood Center

They are looking for participation from local merchants and businesses and he encourages people to attend the upcoming meeting Wednesday, April 8. Contact - norwoodcenter@gmail.com

Selectman Plasko

State Aid

This rough winter has done damage. The governor has come up with a pothole fund. The Town will receive \$80,000 to repair damage to roads and sidewalks. And tomorrow the house will vote on a bill that will take care of the Chapter 90 funds for FY 2016.

Selectman Donohue

Fishing Derby

The South Norwood fishing derby will be held April 25th.

NHS trip

Donations to help students going on a trip to California can be sent to Norwood High School

Selectman Howard

Eagle Shoe Repair

Mr. Bilotta of Eagle Shoe Repair on Day Street, repaired a damaged suitcase. It was a great repair job for only \$25. He strongly encourages residents to use the small businesses in the town of Norwood.

Tom Riolo

Mr. Riolo was a consummate selectman and one of the guys he tried to emulate. He did a great job serving the people of Norwood. Condolences to the family.

Chairman Lyons

Tom Riolo

Formally addressed from this chamber the passing of Tom Riolo. Thank you Janice for lending the town Tom for so long. He was a force and will be missed.

Manager's Agenda

Recommending the Board approve Norfolk County Mosquito Control's request to use the landfill as staging area for helicopter to land and reload for area larvicide program.

This item was taken care of in new business.

Response to Mass. Hwy Dept. regarding Rte. 1A Prospect and Washington St. project letter from resident.

A resident had written a complaint and this is a letter to Mass Highway from Manager addressing each complaint. Chairman Lyons asked if the resident is satisfied. The Manager will report back on that.

Poles on Elliot field

The Manager explained a pole fell a month ago and Gale Associates was hired to inspect all the poles but the weather has gotten in the way. Gale did go there this week and found another pole had fallen. This morning the Manager assembled Gerry Miller, Linda Berger, Paul Riccardi, Bernie Cooper, Andy Murphy, Dan Morrissey, Cathy Carney and Mark Ryan, Norwood High School AD Longley and Jarod O'Neil from Island Lighting. The Manager gave a brief presentation showing photos of the field and of the poles. There are eight eighty-foot poles, of which two have fallen over. There are eight fifty-foot poles on the softball field. A number of things were discussed this morning including banning everyone from the field, which has been done. Signs have been placed and the police Department are on board. The consensus is that all poles should be removed. The Manager read from a letter from Gale Associates. The Town can get an emergency waiver to get quotes for cost to remove all the poles.

Poles (cont'd)

The quote is \$50,000. Selectman Donohue asked the Manager when he first noticed the pole. Mr. Carroll said it was a month ago. She asked if he just got the letter today and commented that he did not share it with the whole Board. Chairman Lyons pointed out that Mr. Carroll read it aloud to the Board. Selectman Donohue asked why the Electrical Inspector was not included on the committee. Mr. Carroll said it is not a committee and there is a member of the Light Department involved in the group. The Manager recommended taking all the poles down and asking for a reserve fund transfer. The estimate for replacement is \$700,000 - \$800,000 but he is not recommending taking that step tonight. He is recommending removing all the poles and the Board going with him to Finance Commission to get money from the reserve fund to get the poles down. Chairman Lyons asked for clarification as to whether the remaining poles had been inspected. The Manager said they have not. Chairman Lyons asked where the poles had fallen and also pointed out to the Manager that he is asking for a decision to take down all the poles even though we don't know if all the poles are bad. He would agree to take down those on the baseball field.

Selectman Donohue made a motion to hire an entity to make a determination about each pole before taking the poles down. Discussion ensued. The Manager said that would be done by drilling into the poles at different heights, and that would require a bucket truck.

Chairman Lyons stated he would approve a request for removal of the eighty-foot poles around the Babe Ruth field with expectation to inspect smaller poles and on motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted 4-1 in favor. Selectman Donohue opposed. She stated for the record that when Mr. Carroll began his presentation tonight, he was for taking down all of the poles around the whole ball field and was willing to go forward without a study to determine which poles needed to come down. There could be some difference in the poles.

Manager's Executive Session

PEC

The Manager received a letter asking to reopen the contract and would like to move into negotiations with PEC. On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to reopen negotiations and have Selectman Plasko represent this Board.

Executive Session

Boston Executive Helicopter

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to file the information.

Vernon Street

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Donohue, and on roll call vote of Chairman Lyons and Selectmen Plasko and Bishop, voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session to discuss issues pertaining to offer of two properties on Vernon Street because discussion in open session would compromise the Town's position, and return to regular session for adjournment.

Adjournment

Upon return to open session and no other business being presented for discussion, on motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to adjourn and the meeting was adjourned accordingly at 8:40 p.m.

A True Record.

ATTEST: _____
Assistant