

Regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen convened at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 31, 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. – Mark Ryan, Supt., DPW/Town Engineer:

Submitting monthly report of department's activities. DPW Project Update – PBCC, OPM Tim Bonfatti,

Bryan Jarvis from Compass Management and Ed McKenna, Chairman of the PBCC were present. The Board had no questions for Mr. Ryan and the meeting was turned over to Brian Jarvis for a report on the DPW.

Mr. Jarvis presented a written update with photos for the Board. He stated there has been a lot of progress since the snow stopped. The window installation and interior drywall are complete on Building One and the exterior should be finished by the end of April. This building should be completed in July. The structural framing on Building Two is complete and slabs have been poured in some rooms. Discussion continued on the progress of the DPW. Excavation on the Building Three salt shed will begin next week and the project is on schedule. They are planning an early September delivery. Change orders are consistent and the momentum is expected to pick up with good weather.

Selectman Plasko asked about the work on Nahatan Street, which started today. Mr. Jarvis said it is a new entrance to DPW. The water has to be tied in so the drain can be done and then they will do grading. Selectman Plasko complimented Compass and the PBCC for working so well together. He has heard many good comments on the progress. Thanks to all of them.

Selectman Howard concurred with Selectman Plasko. He thanked them for the pictures on the TV, which is exactly what he wanted to show the public the great progress and would like that to continue.

Chairman Lyons clarified the project is on budget. Mr. McKenna said they are fortunate with the contractor and project manager, etc. Mr. Jarvis said they made up time before the snow and that is why they are on schedule now. Discussion continued. Mr. Ryan stated that The PBCC is great; Mr. McKenna and Mr. Callahan are at all project meetings. Mr. Ryan announced leaf bag pick-up beginning Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup>. Spring banners started going up in the center today. ADJ manufactured the signs and the Downtown Steering Committee designed them. Kudos to Chris Dixon of Norwood Bank for funding them. In closing, Mr. Ryan wished all a Happy Easter and Happy Passover.

##### 7:20 P.M. – James Collins Supt., Light Dept. /Broadband:

Mr. Collins reviewed his monthly report of department's activities. He gave a progress update on the 115 kV line replacement project. The sale of the Walker property was one of the things they needed for mitigation for the wetlands. They are proceeding with the ISO process to get full reimbursement for this project, with a presentation on April 21<sup>st</sup>. The Army Corps of Engineers permit is still pending. The one hundred twenty day waiting period will end on April 10 and there has been no adverse response. Energy New England, the company that manages the power supply, recommended purchasing 10% for 2016 through 2019, retaining an option for the last two years of that period to go 20% if the prices are really good. Selectman Donohue inquired about the height of the structures where the new wires will be.

Mr. Collins said the difference would be hard to notice. They are 60-70 feet high now and they are on wooden structures. Selectman Donohue then asked if the town Light Department would put the

James Collins (cont'd)

poles in, but Mr. Collins said they would not as they do not have the equipment to do that work; they will put out a bid for the entire job. A pole on the street is typically forty to fifty feet. Some of these new ones will be close to eighty feet tall, but ten feet will be underground. Selectman Howard mentioned an article in the paper about reducing rates due to lower fuel costs. Mr. Collins said there was an article in the Globe about National Grid dropping its prices twenty five percent, but he pointed out that in November of 2014 they went up thirty percent. The rates were high, based on expectations of buying at a higher price, but that did not occur. Mr. Collins said certain charges are going up but gas and oil prices are low right now, which is why he was advised to make this ten percent purchase.

Selectman Plasko explained that the Town buys in such a way to keep rates consistent. Mr. Collins said they would be going out for prices from seven suppliers. Selectman Plasko asked if it were an option to extend the period of purchase at the same price. Mr. Collins explained that they took an option to buy twenty percent in 2018 and 2019 if prices were low.

Darryl Hanson of Broadband announced that they are doing an upgrade internet service to meet the growing capacity that they have; not so much about speeds. Over the last few years with Netflix, etc. people are demanding more data packages than they have been in the past. The speed is good and the system is keeping up with it, but the amount of data people are downloading is growing incredibly. Mr. Hanson read some statistics to that effect. The first phase of the upgrade was completed a couple of weeks ago and that was to upgrade some of the hardware, the next phase will be to widen one of their pipes that connects to the internet and that will give fifty percent more capacity than there is currently and phase three which will occur in July will add another fifty percent capacity. The redundancy will be improved as a result of the upgrade, so if one pipe goes down, the other one will be able to handle the load. Mr. Hanson said the household consumer would not really see a difference except possibly some decreased speed during prime time. Selectman Bishop asked if streamers such as Netflix and Acorn were considered downloading. Mr. Hanson confirmed that streaming is downloading.

Chairman Lyons inquired about Netflix, Hulu and streaming video, which seems to be getting more and more popular and its effect on cable and satellite. He asked if Broadband has considered a la carte or smaller bundle packages. Mr. Hanson said that back in January there was a rate increase because programming had gotten so expensive and at the same time, they started to offer smaller packages with more robust internet so customers can start using more and more internet and get away from paying high prices for video. Further discussion ensued. Mr. Collins and Mr. Hanson explained some of the restrictions of the programming contracts.

7:40 P.M. (PH)-Boston Baddest Burger, 403 Boston Prov. Tnpk:

Kevin Tortorella was present submitting application for a CV license to operate Boston Baddest Burger - located at Bezema Buick. The site was formerly Marty's Café and Mr. Tortorella did an extensive remodeling there. Mr. Tortorella's background is as a food trucker and he built the brand Boston's Baddest Burger and Sandwich Company. He established a permanent location in Canton in 2014 with the same concept as he is proposing now. His lease at that site says if there is three inches of snow or more on the ground he must move his three trucks offsite for plowing and that is how he became aware of the space at Bezema; he had originally gone there to lease a parking space. Mr. Tortorella said he plans to open as soon as possible. Selectman Plasko mentioned that when Mr. Tortorella when he opened in Canton and people became aware that he would be coming to Norwood. Mr. Tortorella explained that he has had several projects going on at the same time, including building the Maine-ly Lobstah truck, which is brand new.

Selectman Donohue asked about pricing. Mr. Tortorella said the lobster roll is \$13.75. He gave a little of his personal background. He spent thirty-two years in Alaska and, some of which he spent in the restaurant business. He then got involved in franchising Subway stores in Massachusetts. His expertise is in franchising which is selling a lot of good food at reasonable prices. He does plan to offer a discount to senior citizens.

Kevin Tortorella (cont'd)

Selectman Bishop asked about the Maine-ly Lobstah Company and asked if that is something Mr. Tortorella got from someone else. Mr. Tortorella said he invented the concept. He worked for the people who pushed the food truck industry through Boston City Council and helped them develop a brand called Lobster Love. He decided then that he would develop his own lobster brand. He went on to say that he grew up in Avon and his high school sweetheart Erin, was from Norwood. They went their separate ways in 1975. He joined the Coast Guard and ended up in Alaska for thirty-two years. Erin's best friend found him on the internet in 2008. He moved back here in 2009 and married Erin. Selectman Donohue inquired about the cost of the food truck. Mr. Tortorella said it cost a little over \$ 200,000.

Chairman Lyons clarified for the public that Boston's Baddest Burger located in Bezema Buick is open to the public. The Chairman then asked if anyone from the public wished to speak. Seeing none, on motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to close the hearing. On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to approve the CV license.

New Business

Norwood Lodge , B.P.O. Elks #1124, 152 Winslow Ave.:

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

AFSCME Local 1451:

On Motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to file list of Executive Board Members.

Patricia Fanning, 145 Walpole Street:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to approve request to have the Chapel of St. Gabriel in Highland Cemetery open for three concerts during the fall of 2015; September 20, October 18 and November 15 beginning at 3 p.m.

Rev. John W. O'Brien, St. Timothy's Parish:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to approve request to hold spring road race to establish annual college scholarship for Norwood High students in the name of Fernando Morales who recently passed away. The race will be held on Sat. May 23, 2015-Memorial Day Weekend; starting at 9 a.m. at St. Timothy's and be completed by 9:45 a.m.

Suburban Adjustment:

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted to file notice of casualty loss.

Linda Gerber, Paralegal, Div. of Capital Asset Management, Comm. Of Mass.:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to file copy of approval of emergency waiver of advertising requirements regarding athletic light system repairs, Balch Elementary School.

Donato C. Quattrocchi, 92 Walpole Street:

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to file notification that he does not want to be reappointed as Constable in April. Board did appoint a new constable Brian Flavin Jr. on March 24<sup>th</sup>.

J. Rodger Griffin, 70 Silver Street:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to file notification that he does not want to be reappointed as an Associate Member of the Board of Appeal.

Paul Halkiotis, Director of Community Planning & Economic Development:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to refer back to Planning Board (3) amendments, which are minor housekeeping STM articles related to the new Medical Marijuana bylaw approved at last year's Town Meeting.

Cemetery Deeds:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to sign corrected deed: Mary Jane Lang, 339 Prospect Street to lot C-1805.

Debra A. Wilkes, Executive Director, Retirement Board:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted 3-0 in favor to place on Special Town Meeting warrant article that the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Section 34 of Chapter 176 of the Acts of 2011 to increase the Retirement Board Member Stipend. Selectmen Plasko and Bishop recused themselves. And on motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted 3-0 in favor to place on STM Warrant that the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Section 34 Chapter 176 of the Acts of 2011 to increase benefits payable to widows and widowers of disabled public employees.

Unfinished Business

Clerk, Board of Selectmen:

Hurshel Langham, Licensing Administrator for the ABCC stated by phone that his opinion is that the liquor license held by Neponset River LLC, dba Sheraton Four Points-Norwood, 1151 Boston Prov. Tnpk. is broad enough to cover the construction of an outdoor pavilion and an alteration of premises is not needed. Plans for patio/pavilion are for the Board's perusal.

Selectman Donohue said it was interesting because this Board has been so careful. Selectman Plasko said this does not mean the Board was wrong on other decisions or that they would do things differently in other cases. It could be the person who made the decision looked at one question to answer without considering other provisions. On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to have representatives from the Sheraton before the board.

Memoranda

Selectmen's Meetings:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to approve, as written, the Board minutes of March 10 and March 17, 2015.

Selectmen's Addenda

Selectman Howard

Happy Easter and Passover

Election

The local election is Monday. Some districts in town are lacking Town Meeting members. Those interested in becoming members should check into this. Please vote next Monday.

Selectman Donohue

Oldham School

Thank you for the invitation to read with the second graders.

Fine Arts Festival

Norwood Schools will hold an art festival in Savage Center April 14 & 15.

Officer John Moynihan

Officer Moynihan grew up in Norwood. He was shot in a very bad situation on the job a few nights ago. At the dedication of the Kennedy Institute, President Obama wished John a speedy and healthy recovery. John was a top cop and a hero in the Marathon situation. He is expected to be ok.

Selectman Bishop

Officer John Moynihan

Thank you to all who attended the service last night for Officer Moynihan. This is what makes our town special when we come together as a community.

All night parking

Last night was the end of the all night parking ban.

Election

All registered voters have an obligation to get out and vote in the election on April 6<sup>th</sup>.

Happy Easter and Passover to all.

Selectman Plasko

Officer John Moynihan

Thank you all those who came out with little notice last night for the Mass and service for John. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Happy Easter and Passover

NPATV

Thank you for fine job covering candidate's forum.

Norwood Walks

There will be a walk around the Common and through the downtown business area, sponsored by Recreation Dept., Charles River Running and Shaw's Supermarkets. The walk will be held on Earth day, Saturday April 25<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 10:15 a.m.

Rink Committee

The committee will be coming before this Board. Serving on this committee was a pleasure. The process was only slowed down because they knew they didn't have the money but hopefully more money will come in. The plan is to beef up the integrity of the building to make it safe, and also to protect the integrity of the neighborhood. They will also be meeting with residents in South Norwood about the plans.

Thank you for these past three years working with this Board. We have made great progress and see you next week.

Chairman Lyons

This is the last meeting as Chair for a while.

Thank you to the Board for working with me for the Town Last meeting as Chair for a while. Thank you to the Board for working with me for the Town and thank you Mr. Carroll. Special thanks for the guidance and wisdom of Selectman Plasko for making sure the Board represents the Town as it should.

Election

Monday April 6 – Please talk to neighbors and friends and let them know what happens in these committees and boards has more to do with their lives than regional, state, or national elections. The vote you cast on Monday will directly affect your life. It is important.

Manager's Agenda

Snow Summit. The Manager submitted Minutes from Mark Ryan regarding snow plowing and

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removal. Mr. Carroll spoke highly of Mr. Ryan for holding this summit. Selectman Howard asked how to file a claim against town. Mr. Carroll advised anyone wishing to file a claim to send a letter to the Manager's Office.

Update on Elliot Field Light Poles.

To be handled on late agenda

Summer Job Lottery.

Manager explained that opening up the summer job lottery to people who are not in a college program can be done, but that could potentially mean having to pay unemployment benefits.

MassDOT winter recovery assistance.

The state will be giving up to \$138,000 for roadway repairs. The money has to be spent by June 30<sup>th</sup>, and reimbursement requests must be submitted by the end of July, but there is no requirement to go out to bid for the work. This would be part of the Chapter 90 money.

Update on Consent Order with EPA

In order to stay up to date with the consent order with the EPA, there is a cleaning and lining project ongoing. They are concentrating on those sewers that have underdrains. There will be an article on the Special Town Meeting Warrant looking for \$2.7 million.

Norfolk County Mosquito Control going to airport.

The change was made at this Board's request.

Re-appointments to Conservation Commission.

Four members are up for reappointment; Cheryl Rogers, Peter Bamber, Joseph DiMaria and Carol Fishman. In addition, there are two open seats. Cheryl Rogers will give the Manager some names from which to choose. On motion of Selectman, Donohue, seconded by Selectman Howard voted to approve.

Elliot Field light bids.

The Manager has a proposal from Island Lighting and Power reviewed proposals for removal of the light poles. He is requesting approval to go to Finance Commission for a reserve fund transfer to get all eight poles removed. The Manager also recommends having Gale Associates examine the remaining twelve poles on the softball field and the basketball court to ascertain their condition. In addition, he recommends having a discussion in the near future as to whether or not to light that field in a modern way. It could cost \$800,000 for all the lights. Selectman Donohue wants it understood that she is in favor of the lights because it is the tradition and already in existence. She questions taking down the six other poles without testing them first, in case they are good, it will cost the Town more money. She recommends doing the test now and if the poles are ok they will not have to be replaced. Chairman Lyons clarified that this was voted on last week. On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted 4-1 to support Mr. Carroll in his recommendation and go to FinCom tomorrow night for the money. Selectman Donohue opposed.

Norfolk Aggie

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to file letter from Norfolk Aggie regarding number of student for next year.

Manager's Executive Session

The following items were presented to the Board for Executive Session, but were handled in open session

Numbers 9 and 19 Vernon Street

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to file.

PEC

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to file.

ADJOURNMENT

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

A True Record.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Assistant