

Regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen convened at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, October 6, 2015 April 21, 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 Paul Bishop, Selectmen William J. Plasko, Helen Abdallah Donohue, Michael J. Lyons and Allan D. Howard. Also present General Manager John J. Carroll, Clerk Frances L. Jessoe and Assistant Christina Mulvehill.

Selectman Plasko left the meeting at 7:39 p.m. to attend the ZBA Meeting.

### Appointments

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

Reference was made to the monthly report of department's activities. Chief Brooks brought in three new officers. They graduated from the Transit Police Academy on August 19<sup>th</sup>. He introduced Officer Brendan Green and Kyle Cordero. Officer Andrew Jurwich who is a field training officer is assigned to Officer Green tonight and that is why he is here tonight. The third officer who graduated is Officer Rick McGowan and he is doing night firing and he will come in during the November meeting. Chief Brooks discussed hiring. Two more went to the academy. This past week three officers handed in their resignations and will be go to the State Police. Chief Brooks said that they are trying to find candidates that already have academy experience. He stated that they also have three employees out on long term disability and expect some retirements this year. He stated that they had the Drug Take Back day last Saturday at the police station and this is conducted twice a year and people can come in with unused pharmaceuticals. He discussed the traffic issues at Route 1 north bound at Everett Street causing significant backups. He said this has caused significant problems at lower Neponset and lower Washington Street as cars have been cutting through neighborhoods. Signs have been erected at the end of Madelyn & Forbes with the exemption of school buses. Speed is not the problem, it is the volume. They are running enforcement around this at the intersections at the top of Madelyn and Forbes. Mass Dot will be replacing lights and restriping that intersection next week to help the problem. Chief Brooks stated that he co-hosted a two day conference for police chiefs at the Sheraton and they released a position paper on Police Chief's Views of the President's Task Force in the 21 Century policing. The conference was a big success. He also discussed the joint operation with DEA in late July where they made two arrests and seized heroin and cash. He stated that these people just moved into Norwood and the Federal government was already looking at them. He attended a Press Conference where the arrests were announced.

Selectman Howard stated that it is a great idea to bring new officers in for the public to see. He complimented the Chief and our officers as they are doing as much as they can on the drug problem. This problem is an epidemic. Selectman Howard said that like other problems in our country you can only do so much. Chief Brooks stated that it is complicated and the solutions are not easy and it needs prevention, enforcement and treatment. You can't sacrifice one part; you have to keep all the balls in the air. He said "Impact Norwood "is a new organization in town that is doing prevention work. A lot is behind the scenes and we can't lose sight of the enforcement when we are dealing with prevention. Chief Brooks also discussed the process of hiring and the long process. They can move more rapidly that they are not under Civil Service but still a long process. They will try and find academy trained candidates.

Selectman Donohue asked about the new officer's backgrounds. Chief Brooks said that both are from Norwood and both military vets. Officer Brendan Green stated that he was born and raised in Norwood and veteran of the US Army. He was stationed in North Carolina. Officer Kyle Cordero graduated in 2010 from Norwood High was an MP in the Army and had two deployments to Afghanistan-will be going back to school once he learns his job.

Chief Brooks (cont'd)

Selectman Donohue complimented Officer Jurwich on his patrolling of South Norwood and they appreciate all he does. She referred to people leaving to go to the state police. She inquired about new officers training and inquired about towns requiring new officers be trained. Chief Brooks said he is not aware of this and the officers leaving have served 11 years in Norwood. Selectman Donohue said she only wanted to discuss the future hires. Chief Brooks said the big problem and expense is replacing those vacancies with overtime. He has made a lot of adjustments and they still struggle. Selectman Donohue mentioned the rebate on the insurance because of the certification. Chief Brooks said it was the hard work of Officer Chris Padden who led that charge.

Selectman Lyons welcomed the new officers to the force. He stated that he has always appreciated his philosophy about the opiates and the drug epidemics. He inquired as to what is the Chief's opinion of the Gloucester model. Chief Brooks said they attracted a lot of attention about getting people into treatment and Norwood has been helping people get into treatment for years. It is done under the radar. If surveillance show addicts going to a dealer once we arrest the dealer we go back and get the addict for treatment. We follow up. There is a non-profit that has been founded in Gloucester. Chief Brooks said that this is a disease. We see those who are addicted and can sometimes provide gentle leverage. Think it is an important police role. Selectman Lyons referred to treatment beds and cost. Chief Brooks said getting access to detox beds can happen and is usually covered by insurance, it is the follow-up. The problem is the rehab. They can leave detox three days later. If they don't make plans for a step down they tend to relapse as they come back to their old friends and tend to overdose because the tolerance has shifted while they were in rehab. He said the real challenge is to figure out a way to keep people in longer and a follow up place. The Chief said they are trying to get people to sign off so they can check with them and see how they are doing. He said Riverside Community care has been going out with them on interventions. Discussion continued. Selectman Donohue said it is an old problem-Patient dismissing themselves from detox. Chief Brooks said we can use the section 35 which means they stay longer as they are committed against their will. We need more hospitals that will take section 35's from court.

Selectman Plasko welcomes the new officers. Wonderful to have you as part of municipal family, best of luck. Chairman Bishop this is best town and the best department in the Commonwealth- thank you both for coming on board.

New Business

Olga A. Abdallah, Chairman, South Norwood Committee:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to approve request to display the crèche on the front lawn of the George Morse House, 1265 Washington Street for the holiday season.

Michael R. Sweeney, Interim Executive Director, Mass. State Lottery:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Lyons, voted to approve with conditions that there be no tables and/or chairs in Washington Mini Market, 1125 Washington Street as per the agreement to sell Keno To Go. If the Board objects it must be in writing within 21 days of receipt of this letter.

Donna Driscoll, 32 Cameron Road:

Submitting correspondence with thanks for addressing so quickly the traffic issues in her neighborhood and hoping that with some occasional police presence the traffic laws will be obeyed. Also submitting support for a Dog Park at the lot behind the Ellis Nursing Home and advised that many neighbors are in favor of this location. Chairman Bishop said that this has been covered during Chief Brooks' appointment. Selectman Donohue referred to the correspondence about the neighbors being in favor of the Dog Park. Chairman Bishop stated that the Dog Park Committee has removed Ellis from the list of possible locations as there was so much opposition from other neighbors. Selectman Plasko said that this is a heavily travelled street.

Jill M. Reddish FIOS, Verizon:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to file notice that Verizon is removing the Outdoor Channel from their lineup.

Catherine Maloney, Senior Manager Government & Regulatory Affairs, Comcast:

On motion of Selectman Lyons, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to file request for an amendment to their Renewal License or to enter a Memorandum of Understanding with the Board as Issuing Authority regarding a change in language from "the licensee shall continue to operate and maintain a full-time customer service office within the town of Norwood" to "The Licensee shall continue to operate and maintain a full-time customer service office within the Town of Norwood, or in a community that is contiguous to the Town of Norwood." (has been sent to the Chairman of the Cable Commission)

Mass. State Lottery:

On motion of Selectman Lyons, seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted to file notification that the Shamrock Pub, 175 Railroad Avenue has applied for a Keno License. If the Town objects it must claim its right to a hearing within 21 days of receipt of this letter.

Jennifer Conley, 44 Marlboro Street:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to approve and notify police dept. request for a block party on Saturday, Oct. 10 from 2 to 7 p.m. and to block a small area of Dorset Street where it intersects with Marlboro St and Mayfair Street.

Dennis Regan, Permit Representative, National Grid:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to set up hearing re: request for a Grant of Location hearing to install and maintain approximately 175 feet more or less of 2" gas main in Ridge Road, Norwood. From the existing 4 inch gas main at house #16, westerly to house #6 for a new gas service. (P.H. required)

Mary Beth Cox, St. Catherine of Siena School:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to approve request for One Day Wine & Malt Beverage License for all Alumni Fall Fest Reunion Saturday, October 17, 2015 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Commonwealth of Mass. Office of the Governor:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Plasko voted to file correspondence that Mass. Dept. of Environmental Protection has awarded the Town of Norwood a Sustainable Materials Recovery Program grant of \$12,000. The terms and conditions have been mailed to the Recycling Coordinator for processing.

Julia Wynyard, Senior Development Manager, Avalon Bay, 51 Sleeper Street, Suite 750, Boston:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Lyons, voted to file notice that AvalonBay Communities, Inc., on behalf of Norwood Avalon, Inc. has applied to the Massachusetts Housing Partnership for the issuance of a 40B Project Eligibility Letter for a proposed community of 218 apartment homes located at the site of the former Plimpton Press (119-165 Lenox Street). (Complete application for the Board's perusal) Selectman Plasko said the Town should be getting a letter soon from Mass Housing Partnership asking for the Board to comment and give them their opinion regarding this request and they give us 30 days to answer.

Avalon Bay (cont'd)

Selectman Howard inquired if it was moderate income? Selectman Plasko said he had not read the application as yet. Chairman Bishop said some will be town houses and some apartments.

Diane M. Geraghty Hall, Geraghty Hall & Ready, LLP, 62 Derby Street, Hingham:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Lyons voted to set up public hearing on application for transfer of All Alcoholic Beverages license from Tuscany Pizzeria & Grill, Inc. to YKLU Food Inc., dba Olivio's Grille & Pizzeria, 1210 Boston Providence Turnpike. (P.H. required)

Unfinished Business

William J. Buckley, Jr. Chief of Staff, Office of Representative John H. Rogers:

Submitting e-mail regarding the South Norwood liquor license request stating that Associate Counsel to the House of Representative has indicated that should up to 3 additional businesses come forward from within the South Norwood Business District, Rep. Rogers could file liquor licenses on their behalf without the need to go back to Town Meeting. He said that bills with multiple license requests which are unspecified have languished in committee this session. The bill for Minas Restaurant is now before the Committee.

Chairman Bishop explained that licenses will have to be assigned to a particular establishment. Selectman Lyons said that he spoke to Rep. Rogers this afternoon and there seems to be some confusion as to what the language of the Norwood Town Meeting was and it was basically to duplicate the concept of the liquor licenses in the uptown business district and allow the town to award licenses to restaurants and cafes to promote new business in a district that we are trying to work with. It worked very well in the uptown business district and has really helped in the uptown business district. Selectman Lyons stated that the Town did the same thing for South Norwood and it wasn't specific to one business but he said based on the conversation he had with Rep. Rogers today, he felt that there would be some conversation at the state level about language and how to best get the licenses that Town Meeting petitioned the state legislature for. Selectman Lyons stated that it is very difficult to give a specific license to a specific business as businesses go out of business and under these circumstances, the license disappears. Rep. Rogers will work with Senator Rush and get back to him on language. On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to file.

ABCC:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to file final approval of New Officer/Director and Transfer of Stock of Norwood Hotel Operator, LLC, dba Hampton Inn, 434 Boston Providence Turnpike.

Memoranda

Planning Board:

Submitting memorandum to Zoning Board of Appeals re Forbes Hill Project with Review Comments that the Planning Board is not in favor of the proposed 300 unit apartment complex. Selectman Plasko said this was discussed last week regarding legal strategies and options to the town and we took a position in Executive Session, but did fail to make a motion in open session. On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted that the Board of Selectmen endorse the Planning Board's comments and oppose the Forbes Hill Development on the grounds that we have reached the 1.5% area coverage in the town for affordable housing and notified the Zoning Board that should they agree, that the Board of Selectmen supports the legal expense to cover that matter. Selectman Donohue said she had that idea two weeks ago. The vote was unanimous.

Selectmen's Addenda

Selectman Howard

Lee Kennedy get well soon.

VFW

VFW was founded Sept 29, 1899 and the motto is to honor the dead by helping the living. The VFW Commander is Russ Walton. Happy 111 birthday to the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Selectman Donohue

Richard Maduski

Had 70<sup>th</sup> birthday last week. Wishes him very happy and healthy birthday and future here in our town.

Jack Landers

NHS class of 62

Mr. Landers recently lost his son Gary Ivory who left four young children. There will be a fundraiser for his wife and children on Friday, Oct. 23 at Mosely's [www.givefoward](http://www.givefoward) ivory family fundraiser.

Manager's Agenda

Open House/DPW

The Manager stated that they will hold an open house on Sunday November 1, 2015. It will be a big event with tours, speeches, etc. They will hold the speech part inside and the rest throughout the building. The program part will be at 2 but other things start at 12. Selectman Donohue pointed out the public is invited to the DPW open house. The dedication of the Malcolm McDonald Substation was held this week and went very well.

Water sewer rates with MWRA Executive director Fred Laskey.

The Manager would like the Board to invite Mr. Laskey in to give an update on what is going on with MWRA.

Selectman Plasko stated that he has no opposition to having Mr. Laskey in but thinks the timing is wrong and should be done in the spring when we usually look at these things. Selectman Lyons stated that the Chairman could work with the manager to set up a date to bring him in.

Open House Fire Station:

Manager announced open house at the fire station Saturday from 10-2 – annual open house.

Adjournment

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to adjourn and the meeting was adjourned accordingly at 7:45 p.m.

A True Record.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk