

Regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen convened at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, August 9, 2016 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 Allan D. Howard, Selectmen William J. Plasko, Helen Abdallah Donohue, Paul A. Bishop and Thomas F. Maloney. 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:

Reference was made to monthly report of department's activities. Chief Brooks introduced Melanie Wigmore and Office Jen Hoyle who just graduated from the Boston Police Academy and are on field training. He said they each drive with a Field Training Officer and Officer Kyle Corderio is here as he is one of the Field Training Officers. He referred to the promotions-Deputy Chief Peter Kelley, David Benton to Lieutenant and Christopher Padden to sgt. The deputy chief position is new but the other promotions came about because of the retirement of Lt. McDonough who served for thirty-six years. He was the second in command at the Norwood Police Department. Detective Clifford Brown has recently retired from the Department and there will be a patrolman elevated to detective next week. Chief Brooks stated that in July they ran a five day Youth Academy for middle school students. A second academy will run next week. The kids had training on fingerprinting and managing crime scenes; they went to Fenway Park, out on Boston Harbor with the harbor police. State police canine came and the helicopter landed at the Coakley. This is through the hard work of the officers involved and funding was providing by Norwood Young Women's Club. He said that 3 new recruits will be going to the academy in September.

Selectman Bishop welcomed the two new officers. He inquired about the seven drug overdoses reported in July. Chief Brooks said it is not seasonal and he looks at the numbers on an ongoing basis. He stated that regarding overdoses the state can see only fatalities but locally we can see both fatalities and non-fatalities. Norwood is right about where we were at this time last year. He said they try to get people into treatment and work with families. He discussed the use of Vivitrol. Chief Brooks said they have participated in making sure people have access to all phases of treatment needed. Selectman Bishop thanked the Chief for helping a son of a family that contacted him whose son was relapsing and the Chief took time to talk to the son. He is out of rehab now and hopefully he will turn the corner.

Selectman Donohue asked about the new training for new officers. Is walking the beat uptown and in south Norwood part of the training? Chief Brooks said they spend time on all shifts and get exposed to walking the beat. All patrol officers are expected to do foot patrols even if they are assigned to a cruiser. He talked about Officer Hoyle who along with Officer Miller took part in street basketball game. Chief Brooks was in south Norwood walking today and a merchant said Officer Miller had brought officer Hoyle into the store and the merchants and neighborhood are getting to know the officers by name.

Selectman Maloney said thank you and welcome to the new officers. He said he likes the online reporting capability. Chief Brooks said they purchased a system and it is available on the website. Some things being reported are now available for on line reporting – Norwood police.com-to file a report. There are prompts within the system. Minor vandalism, passport loss, dog bite, etc. if a person prefers to talk to an officer then an officer will be sent. Once the report is filed and submitted it comes through the reporting system just like it was filed by an officer. Each shift supervisor checks the system to see if it requires follow-up.

Selectman Plasko welcomed the new officers to the force and the community. He asked about the basketball and how many hours are required in the training. Chief said it is great when he sees this. It makes children comfortable with the police.

Chairman Howard welcomed the new officers to Norwood.

7:15 P.M. – Chief Anthony J. Greeley, NFD:

Reference was made to monthly report of department's activities. He said that July was a pretty busy month overall. One incident was a plane crash in Westwood-they were to land at Norwood Airport. He said they found themselves out on mutual aid several times over the last two months. The numbers are consistent. They had 342 medical runs. They participated in the Fox 25 Zip Trip. They were asked about hot topics. Chief Greeley said a hot topic was with the dry weather the improper disposal of a lit cigarette has been a problem. There was \$10 million dollars in losses in the city of Boston alone due to improper disposal of a cigarette. If you smoke make sure you extinguish the cigarette properly. Throwing it in the mulch is not the answer in this type of weather. There were a lot of small fires during the month of July. One was a dumpster fire at the Endicott complex – it was debris such as mattresses and couches. He discussed the fires. They are being investigated. Deputy Maggio and Lt. Butters are moving along in fire investigation/prevention. The Route 95 area has been very busy so they have been out there quite a bit. Chief Greeley said that budget wise they are trending the right way. They are fully staffed and without injury and this has a positive effect on management of the department.

Selectman Maloney asked if purchase orders have been issued on striker units yet. Chief Greeley said they are waiting for an answer on the grant.

Selectman Plasko asked about mutual aid and inquired if the Department is going out of town on the ambulance a lot? Chief Greeley said he does not have that information specifically, but calls are usually Walpole, Canton or Westwood. Not one community specifically.

7:30 P.M. – Supt. Gerry Miller, Recreation Dept.:

Reference was made to monthly report of department's activities. Mr. Miller introduced Travis Farley – he came on in May and has been a great asset. He said that he is a pleasant individual who works well with the staff and the summer staff. We are pleased with what he has done so far. Mr. Farley said he is very happy to be here. Supt. Miller said summer season is coming to an end and it has been a full active summer. He named some of the programs and they had over 1600 summer participants. Supt. Miller said they have a great staff. He said that they are looking forward to the fourteenth Norwood Day in September. They are looking for help-people to spend a couple of hours. The Fall and Winter Guide will be coming out this weekend. Mr. Miller said that Hawes will close on the 19<sup>th</sup> with bathhouse construction starting later in the month. All activities will be rolled to Fr. Mac's. They are having lots of guards leaving early due to going back to school, etc. On August 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> they will have no guards. They are hoping to have them come back for the following weekend. If they don't have enough guards they do have to close so they are trying to get replacements.

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted that the director do as much as possible to keep pools open and otherwise sanction his actions.

Selectman Donohue asked if he has tried to recruit former life guards. Mr. Miller said they will do all they can. Selectman Donohue asked what the criteria is for being a lifeguard. How about contacting Red Cross? Selectman Plasko asked that they do substantial posting at Hawes so people know they can go to Fr. Mac's. Mr. Miller said that the contractor takes control of the pool on the 21<sup>st</sup>.

Selectman Bishop referred to number 5 on the Board's agenda regarding a young lady concerned about barn babies. On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to redirect the letter to Mr. Miller.

Selectman Donohue asked if tables are available at Norwood Day. Mr. Miller said they are available by contacting the Recreation Department and the buttons are available now and the cost is \$3. They are missing Mr. Lyons this year but Mr. Pat Rau is replacing him at Food Tent. Mr. Miller said they have posted information regarding the Anne Lydon Award and are waiting for nominations for volunteer of the year.

7:40 P.M.-Paul Halkiotis, Director of Planning & Economic Development:

Present were Mr. Halkiotis, Steve Costello, Economic Development Committee, Tim Bernstein from Moderna and the consultant from Moderna.

Economic Opportunity Area Designation

Authorize and Direct the Manager to sign designation

Mr. Halkiotis stated that he is asking the Selectmen to vote to designate 100 Tech Drive as an economic opportunity area. It is where the biotech firm Moderna is considering leasing. If the Board votes to designate this as an economic opportunity area and if this happens the final decision will be up to the State's Economic Assistance Coordinating Council to approve that designation. After that takes place then Moderna would be eligible for a tax deduction. The building has been vacant for over five years. They are trying to facilitate rehabilitation and reoccupation of existing vacant buildings and trying to promote reinvestment to existing buildings to bring business to locate into those buildings. Moderna intends to invest \$110 million in the building and it will increase the real estate taxes and the building values. For those reasons he recommends that the Board take this vote.

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted to approve 100 Tech Drive, Norwood, MA as an Economic Opportunity Area (EOA) for a period of 10 years and authorize the submission of EOA application for approval to the Massachusetts Economic Assistance Coordinating Council (the "EACC").

Mr. Costello of the Economic Development Committee said they strongly support this action.

Selectman Maloney asked if the benefit accrues directly to Moderna or to owner of the property. Mr. Halkiotis stated that he felt it would be Moderna. Mr. Costello said there is a requirement that mimics the TIF funding for employment of individuals-they will have to meet that requirement as far as employment. Selectman Maloney inquired why ten years. Mr. Halkiotis said it is part of the state program.

Selectman Bishop asked if they are coming in with certain number of employees but there will be more employment opportunities. It is a win for bringing business. Mr. Halkiotis said that Moderna has pledged to bring 100 initial employees and then an additional 120 employees. Selectman Bishop referred to Steel Art which has done a wonderful job in Norwood.

Mr. Bernstein thanked the Board and they are excited to come in. This company is a startup biotech company .

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to authorize and direct the General Manager John J. Carroll to sign the Application Authorization, Certification & Acknowledgement.

Selectman Donohue said Polaroid was there for many years and hoped that people will make careers at Moderna. That is much better than empty building. Chairman Howard said he is excited about Moderna and hopes that they come to Norwood.

#### New Business

Norfolk County Advisory Board:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to reappoint Selectman Donohue to the Norfolk County Advisory Board commencing Sept. 1, 2016.

Paul Halkiotis, Director of Planning & Economic Development:

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Maloney voted to file Site plan approval meetings; 60 Lenox Street, Wednesday, August 10, 2016 at 9 a.m. in Room 12 and 83 Morse Street Wednesday, August 10 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 12, Norwood Town Hall.

Mark Chubet, Inspector of Buildings:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted to file notice of permit extension for 6 months on Building Permit for 129 Guild Street.

Patricia Fanning, 145 Walpole Street:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to approve request to lead tour at Old Parish Cemetery Sat. Oct. 22 at 3:30 (rain date Sun. Oct. 23) to highlight early pastors from Congregational Church & Universalist Society and veterans of Colonial and Revolutionary wars. Under the auspices of the Norwood Historical Society. Tour will be title pastors and patriots.

Holly Rand:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to refer e-mail regarding concern about Barn Babies at Norwood Day.

Thomas J. McQuaid, Town Clerk and Accountant:

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted to sign Warrant for State Primary Election September 8, 2016. Selectman Plasko explained this election will be held on Thursday not the usual Tuesday and to mark your calendars.

Package Stores - State Primary Election:

On motion of Selectman Maloney, second by Selectman Plasko voted that Under MGL. Chap. 138, to allow Package Goods Stores to remain open for sale of Alcoholic beverages on September 8, 2016. The vote was 4-0. Selectman Donohue abstained.

Trish Monahan, HESSCO SHINE Program Assistant:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to approve use of Police Station Community Room October 14<sup>th</sup>.

Jackie DiNatale, Director of Development and Special Events, Music Drives Us:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Bishop voted to approve request to use parking lot at 136 Access Rd. for an event August 13<sup>th</sup> from 5p.m. to 11p.m. This is charity run by Ernie Boch Jr. to keep music in public schools.

Cemetery Deeds:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Bishop , voted to sign the following:  
Mary M. Foley 44 Bond Street to Lot C-1891  
Pierre J. Gerondeau 785 Washington Street to Lot C-1879  
Thomas R. Bunker 1 Centennial Drive to Lot C-1878  
Joan M. Geraghty 713 Eagle Nest Way Franklin to Lot C-1890  
Sandra McDonough 111 Bullard Street Walpole to Lot C-1886

Bishop Jean Jackson Luma, Norwood Church of God:

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted to approve request to use DAV Park August 27, 2016 from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. for children's meeting.

Lizette Salazar, 65 Winslow Avenue:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Bishop , voted to approve request to set up 2 tables to collect donations for American Foundation for Suicide Prevention every Saturday from August 13, 2016 to September 17, 2016 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. – one at corner of Washington and Nahatan Streets and one at corner of Washington and Cottage Streets.

Ana Quesia Souza: 756 Norwest Drive:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Bishop , voted to approve request to use bandstand for wedding August 21, 2016 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Unfinished Business

Joseph M. Welch, 10 Barberry Lane:

Request to install bench at his son's grave site, Lot C-650, and to use flush markers in the front section if it is ever needed for development.

Chairman Howard said that no burials in front of this area and in turn no bench in front but if he wants we can put a bench to the side if Mr. Welch would like that area..

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Donohue, voting as Cemetery

Commissioners, voted to leave this area in question as park like area with no lots laid out and no burials. The vote was unanimous.

Mark Rano and Donna Driscoll, Norwood Dog Park Committee:

Submitting notice that they decline the town's offer to use the track behind the baseball fields for the 30 day trial for the reasons attached. The committee feels the track location will not be acceptable. They ask the board to approach the Conservation Commission on their behalf to see if they would allow a dog park up near the community garden near Mylod Street.

Selectman Bishop said it seems to be an uphill struggle. On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Maloney for discussion, voted to abandon the concept of the walking track and send letter to the Conservation Commission requesting permission to use that land for the dog park. Selectman Maloney asked for clarification. Selectman Bishop would like to ask the Conservation Commission if we can do a 30 day trial study and then if we work out an agreement we may be able to make long term plan. Chairman Howard said we would send representatives to their meeting to see if we can do it.

Selectman Plasko does not disagree with withdrawing the track as it is too small unless parking comes in off Mylod Street. There would have to be additional parking lot for the dog park – community garden lot is not large enough. He also wanted to consider the local residents and the fact that we got this letter from MR. Donnelly.

Selectman Bishop said Mr. Ryan said there is a water source there that we can tap into. Mr. Ryan said that is correct. The Manager asked if they could split the motion to eliminate the walking track and then the other one. He suggested that he and Chairman Howard meet with the Conservation Commission.

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to eliminate the first trial at the track. On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to begin dialogue with Conservation Commission and start a 30 day trial for a dog park next to the community garden. Chairman to handle.

Memoranda

Building Inspector, Mark Chubet:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to file monthly building report for July, 2016.

Selectmen's Addenda

Selectman Donohue

Please continue to attend summer concerts on Wednesday, Sunday and Carillon concerts.

Selectman Plasko

Selectman Plasko inquired on the webpage. Mr. Carroll said it is almost ready to go.

Selectman Bishop

Selectman Bishop referred to a recent article in a local newspaper making statements that he was supposed to have made and he would like to go through the timeline. He stated that on July 26<sup>th</sup> while he was travelling in Europe, he received an e-mail from a newspaper reporter from a local paper and he quoted the e-mail from the reporter "was at a Conservation Commission meeting last week and I caught the enforcement order against Gerry Miller's water pump, did you step in on Gerry's behalf in the matter and did you have any reason to believe the pump was acceptable". Selectman Bishop stated that he responded in this fashion "I am travelling in Europe, sorry but I have no information on the issue." Selectman Bishop stated that when he says he has no information on the issue, he has no knowledge of any Conservation issue with Gerry Miller at all. Selectman Bishop said the next day on the 27<sup>th</sup> there was an article in the local newspaper which Selectman Bishop quoted as follows: "a source close to the issue also said privately that the Conservation Commission was approached by the Board of Selectmen member Paul Bishop and he asked why are they picking on Gerry. Bishop who is currently out of the country responded to questions about his involvement via e-mail and Bishop said he had no information on the issue" Selectman Bishop said there was an editorial done after that stipulating the following "that they consider the story relevant that one selectman thought it was ok to be involved on Mr. Miller's behalf. Paul Bishop had no reason sticking his nose in the matter with no selectmen jurisdiction; one might presume if our source is correct, Mr. Bishop was trying to use his position as an elected official to influence. Through e-mail correspondence, he said he had no information on that matter, whatever that means." Selectman Bishop said what that means is that he had no information on the matter. He said he has never spoken to the Conservation Commission as a body; he has never addressed any member of the Conservation Commission regarding this matter. Selectman Bishop stated that he has never said anything about picking on Gerry. The issue was someone told them that he said this. Selectman Bishop stated that this paper has been off and on in existence since the late 80's and he considers this "yellow journalism" and there was no verification as far as he know as far as who said what-they received information from an unknown source that he has not been officially notified of and they went with it. The e-mail to him was very vague-they asked him if he had any knowledge of a situation, he had no idea what he was talking about and he answered that way. He had no knowledge; he never approached the Conservation Commission and never spoke on Mr. Miller's behalf.

Chairman Howard

Margaret Cibotti:

He has appointed her to that committee. Selectman Maloney can go forward with his committee.

67 Countryside Lane:

Have the manager look into the situation at 67 Countryside Lane – the street light at that location is engulfed with branches. Resident would like branches eliminated.

Windsor Gardens train stop on Ryan Drive side

Chairman Howard said that people have walked to the train stop for some time. He said it could be hazardous and he found out that some people from Windsor Garden go to the bus stop. Does the Board want to pursue the MBTA and ask them if they want to open that for pedestrian access.

Selectman Donohue said it worries her a great deal that in fact if people have been using it that has been at their risk. At the end of old Washington Street people have been crossing the tracks at their own risk. When the League of Women Voters tried to get bus service on Route One they could not because there was no sidewalk or safe place for people to get off or on the bus. If the town gets involved in authorizing unsafe condition then the town becomes liable. This would be the chain of liability. There is inadequate space there for a safe train station access. Rather than take a chance of someone getting hurt. It is one thing if they are trespassing and assuming their own risk but if the Town helps in an unsafe condition then we become liable. She doesn't want to hurt anyone.

Windsor Gardens Train Stop (cont'd)

Selectman Bishop said his concern is the volume of vehicles coming into neighborhood rushing to get to train. He has serious concern about traffic and is not in favor of pursuing anything with the MBTA.

Selectman Plasko has similar concerns and neighbors have concerns about traffic. The opening has been closed at the MBTA's request as it is not safe. He has been approached by people in the neighborhood who use it and it is convenient. One resident indicated she had contacted someone at the MBTA and they might be interested in opening it and he said they should contact the MBTA. Selectman Maloney agreed with Selectman Plasko.

Manager's Agenda

FYI Gas main replacement on Washington St. in South Norwood

The manager said the gas company will replace the six inch main on Washington Street from Short Street to St. George at the end of August. The Manager said that at the same time they will be replacing mains on St. Paul, St. George, St. John, St. Joseph Ave, Folan Ave. and Atwood Avenue. He said that he and Mr. Ryan have spent a lot of time on this and he is recommending that they work hours be 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. to avoid the school and rush hour traffic and any dismissal times the work between St. George and Folan Avenue will stop and the work on the side streets will be normal times. The work on Washington Street, they will be asking National Grid to give the town a substantial amount of money in lieu of patching their trench and we will use that money to permanently pave Washington Street in 2017 and they will work with the police, etc. This is a substantial job. Chairman Howard stated that safety is the issue and that is why we are doing this work.

Selectman Bishop said we understand that maintenance is a good thing but we have emails daily from citizens in Norwood complaining about the condition of roads after this work is done. The Board would like assurance the roads will be put back in the condition they were. Lot of people are unhappy with conditions of the road. The majority of work is being done by National Grid and someone should speak to them about our unhappiness with the condition of the roads after the work is completed.

Selectman Maloney asked about the wording "substantial amount of money" and inquired if this will be used for the paving. Selectman Maloney inquired how much money will be given to the Town. Chairman Howard said that it is in lieu of a second patch. Mark Ryan stated that it will be between \$18,000 and \$20,000. Selectman Maloney inquired if that would be enough to do the job. Mr. Ryan said no-about 25% of the road because the road is so wide. Selectman Plasko said he had similar questions and is this idea and are we going to approach National Grid or has that already been done. Mr. Ryan said they will be approaching them with that offer. Selectman Plasko said they have done it before. The Manager said they will do it-they will have to put a temporary patch, but they will forgo a permanent patch for the money to the Town. Selectman Plasko said his question is process and they had a conversation last week with Selectman McQuaid, himself and Mr. Ryan that these should be coming as donations to the town under Chapter 44, Section 53A and then we will assign it for that particular purpose. The Manager said it will be in the donation account. Selectman Plasko said it has to come back to the Board of Selectmen to be accepted as a donation account. The Manager said that it will be.

Selectman Donohue stated that the sum of money \$18 to \$20,000 for the disruption and the damage to the road is a paltry sum, it is a pathetic, disgracefully small sum for the huge amount of inconvenience that will be imposed on all those who use Washington Street. Selectman Donohue said the gas pipe in Washington Street will become safer, but to tell us we will have bad surface for a year for \$18,000 is silly.

Selectman Plasko inquired how they calculate out what they are going to ask the Gas Company for. Mr. Ryan said it is only the square foot yardage.

Gas Main (cont'd)

Chairman Howard said this is happening now because Mr. Ryan notified National Grid that we were going to pave the road, so unlike what has happened in other areas, we want to get this all taken care of. We are delaying our repaving. The Manager said no-next year we will be doing this.

Selectman Donohue asked if anyone thought to ask National Grid about us putting in a second pipe at that time for underground wiring. The Manager said if we were going to put everything underground we would have to put in a box conduit way larger than 6 inches-it can't be done.

Recommending the Board accept a check in the amount of \$28,633.59 from Campanelli Co0mpanies for I/I.

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to accept under Chapter 44, 53A donation as noted above.

Construction notices for residents of Washington St., Monroe, St., and Phillips Ave.

Copy of notice that Mr. Ryan has sent to resident. There will be posting on the DPW web page what streets will be closed around town.

For the Board's signature, River Ridge Easement Agreement.

Revote the easement because there has been a change to trustees and the deed must be revoted in order to be filed. On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to sign the River Ridge Easement Agreement.

Selectman Donohue spoke about Massachusetts Land Court and their fine knowledge of title and plans and they study each document and make sure things are exactly the way they should be.

Executive Session

DPW Litigation

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Bishop, and on a roll call vote of Chairman Howard and Selectman Donohue and Maloney, voted to go into Executive Session to discuss DPW Litigation.

Adjournment

Returning to open session and no other business being presented for consideration, on motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to adjourn and the meeting was adjourned accordingly at 8:45 p.m.

A True Record.

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