

Minutes

Present: Chairman William Plasko, Vice Chair Helen Abdallah Donohue, Selectman Matt Lane, Selectman Robert Donnelly, Selectman Amanda Grow, Town Manager Tony Mazzucoo, Executive Assistant Jess Jozwik.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silent reflection.

Chairman Plasko opened the meeting with comments relating to the recent Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra concert that was held on the Town Common on June 26th. He expressed thanks to Ollie Abdallah who had the vision many years ago and to Helen Donohue who pushed to get this done for the 150th Anniversary. To Mike Rosen, Assistant General Manager for all of the work that he did, Jonathan Cardone, who took charge of over one hundred volunteers and ensured that everything between the Pops and the Town went smoothly. Mr. Plasko also mentioned Kyle Leonard who appeared on stage with the Pops as well as Paul Alberta, former music director at NHS performed as maestro for one of the patriotic songs and Lee Leach as well.

Dragon Force Productions appeared before the Board to present information regarding upcoming filming of a movie for Disney+. Filming would take place on the Town Common and other locations around Norwood and would last approximately four weeks. The theme of the movie is Halloween. Representing Dragon Force Productions is Kyle Oliver who gave a synopsis of the movie and answered questions from Board members regarding specific locations, parking, overnight filming and addressing any noise issues resulting from large trucks and possibly generators. Mr. Oliver assured the Board that the production company reaches out to residents – making sure that they're well aware of what is going on. Residents are spoken to ahead of time so that there are no surprises. Any and all concerns from those in the neighborhoods are addressed. Applications have been received by the Board with regard to street closings, Town Common use. These documents are part of the packet distributed to the Board. Selectman Donnelly posed a question regarding the fee schedule for this production. Mr. Mazzucoco stated that the negotiated fee is \$75,000.00. That fee does not include Police and Fire details. There will be minimal DPW and Light Department costs. Motion to approve road closures, fee, Town Common use and all details described in the packet made by Selectman Donnelly, seconded by Selectman Lane. The motion was unanimously approved.

On motion of Selectman Lane, seconded by Selectman Donohue the Board voted unanimously to approve a request to hold a car wash on September 24th, 2022 from 8:00 AM until Noon to benefit the Norwood Boy's Hockey Team.

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Donnelly, the Board voted unanimously to approve a request to change the date on a previously issued One Day Wine and

Malt Beverages Liquor License for FINE Mortuary College. The reunion event will be held at 150 Kerry Place from 6:00 PM until 11:00 PM on Saturday, September 24th.

On motion of Selectman Donnelly, seconded by Selectman Lane, the Board voted unanimously to approve a request for a One Day Wine and Malt Beverages Liquor License for Aston Martin/Boston for a cocktail party on July 6th, 2022 from 6:00 PM until 9:00 PM at 700 Boston Providence Highway.

On motion of Selectman Lane, seconded by Selectman Donohue, the Board voted unanimously to approve a request to use the Town Common for the annual Red Carpet Prom Event sponsored by Norwood High School. The event will occur on May 5th, 2023 from 5:00 PM until 6:30 PM. They also request parking for five buses and the NCM truck.

On motion of Selectman Donnelly, seconded by Selectman Donohue, the Board voted unanimously to approve a request from the Norwood Metrowest Nepali Community to use the Morse House for language classes on Saturdays beginning in July from 10:00 AM until Noon. This request is approved through December 31st, 2022.

Public Hearing – Verahi, Inc. dba Convenient Food Mart located at 1237 Washington Street, Norwood. Application has been made to the Licensing Board of the Town of Norwood for a new Package Goods Store – Wine and Malt Beverages license. Manager of Record, Mahendrakumar Chhanabi Patel. Attorney David Hern, representing the applicant opened with comments regarding his client's application and a description of the premises. Chairman Plasko raised concerns regarding patrons coming in to the store to purchase alcohol then remaining to sit and play the lottery. He wants to make it clear that there should be no open containers of alcohol on the premises. If such an issue should arise, Mr. Plasko emphasized that the license would indeed be pulled. Mr. Hern as well as Mr. Patel's son both assured the Chairman that this would not happen. Employees will be trained appropriately. Paul Eysie, owner of the plaza where Convenient Food Mart is located, spoke in support of the application as did neighbor, Richard Saad. Mr. Saad stated that he had no problem with the application as long as it stays until 10:00 PM. Chairman Plasko interjected that they cannot make that part of the license since they are within their rights and cannot restrict them from an 11:00 PM closing. Motion to close the hearing made by Selectman Lane, seconded by Selectman Grow. The motion was approved 4-0 with Selectman Donohue abstaining. Motion made by Selectman Lane, seconded by Selectman Donnelly to approve the license for Convenient Food Mart. The motion was approved 4-0 with Selectman Donohue abstaining.

Public Hearing – Bay State Norwood LLC dba Bay State Wine and Spirits located at 426 Walpole Street. Application has been made to the Licensing Board of the Town of Norwood for the transfer of the AAB license, alteration of premises and pledge of collateral from Route One Liquor Mart dba Bay State Wine and Spirits to Bay State Norwood LLC dba Bay State Wine and Spirits, Manager of Record, Michael Reardon. Attorney Matthew Porter representing Bay State Norwood, LLC opened with introductions of Nilesh Patel and proposed manager Michael Reardon. Mr. Patel is the 100% owner of the LLC. Mr. Patel is a very experienced liquor operator and he owns two other locations and he is TIPS Certified and certainly understands the rules and responsibilities that accompany a liquor license. Mr. Reardon has been in the industry

since 1985. Other than an additional 200 square feet as a build out to the location – there will be no further changes made to the overall concept of the store and the hours will remain the same. This has been a very smooth transaction with the seller; the lease is in place, there is a pledge of license – Norwood Bank will be financing the transaction. John Corcoran, a resident of Davis Avenue spoke regarding this application. He noted that there had been a gate next to where the business had been located prior to construction and that the gate was open now. That gate prevented people from cutting through the area, drinking behind the houses and leaving broken bottles, beer cans and wine bottles as well as graffiti. He would like those issues taken into consideration. It was stated that the Norwood Fire Department opened the gate in case of any emergencies at the back of the building during the construction process. Mr. Corcoran added that he is in full support of the license but wanted to bring some of those issues to light. Motion to close the hearing made by Selectman Donnelly, seconded by Selectman Lane. The motion was approved 4-0 with Selectman Donohue abstaining. Motion to approve the transfer and the pledge, made by Selectman Donnelly, seconded by Selectman Lane. The motion was approved 4-0 with Selectman Donohue abstaining.

Paul Eysie, David Tuttle and Lee Leach appeared before the Board on behalf of the Concert Committee. The carillon, the Wednesday night Summerfest and the Sunday Concerts on the Common have merged together to create one committee. Carillon concerts begin on July 4th. Summerfest begins on July 6th and the Sunday evening concerts will begin on July 10th. All programs will run through August. Mr. Tuttle mentioned committee members who were not present tonight: Olga Abdallah, Dorothy Prevoir, Pat Schick and Assistant Town Manager, Mike Rosen. Selectman Grow added that she is grateful for the variety of music that is represented in the concert series and Selectman Donnelly noted that throughout the summer months there are over thirty concerts scheduled.

Exit Conference for FY21 Audit. Scott McIntire of Melanson and Heath (the audit firm for the Town) joined via GoToMeeting. Mr. McIntire thanked the Board for inviting him to appear at the meeting. Mr. McIntire presented slides regarding this independent auditor's report and stated that the audit had gone very well. They found the books and records to be in good working order – meaning the key accounts: cash, receivables, long term debt, all of these key balance sheet accounts were reconciled on a regular and timely basis. As a result of the audit procedures and the books and records being in good working order, there was no need to propose any significant audit entries as a result of the process that they went through. Also noted, there were no disagreements between the Town and Melanson and Heath on how to apply the generally accepted accounting principles. Mr. McIntire continued his presentation which can be viewed on Norwood Community Media/Government On-Demand.

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Grow the Board voted unanimously to reappoint Joe Greeley to the Community Preservation Committee for a three year term ending in July 2025.

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Grow, the Board voted unanimously to authorize the request to use \$145,890.00 of donated funds from Norfolk Asphalt for this year's roadway improvements of Pleasant Street.

Liquor incidents – no violations found. Motion to file made by Selectman Lane, seconded by Selectman Donnelly. The motion was unanimously approved.

ABCC Decision: Yamato Hibachi and Sushi Bar. The violation occurred on December 27, 2019. Chairman Plasko asked that staff keep a record of any violations on file in the event that a license holder comes before the Board in the future. Motion to file made by Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Grow. The motion was unanimously approved.

Cemetery Deeds for signature of the Board:

William H. Lee, of 4 Ohlin Lane, Harvard, MA for lot U-40.

Allen Delaria, of 19 Oak Road for lot C3-193.

Motion to sign made by Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Grow. The motion was unanimously approved.

Memoranda

1. Verizon submitted notification of program changes.
2. Goldman Environmental Consultants, Inc. submitted correspondence.
3. Morse Street Railroad Bridge Accidents - submitted correspondence.
4. Norwood Fire Department – submitted monthly activity report for March and April 2022.
5. Norwood Police Department – submitted monthly activity report for May 2022.

Motion to file made by Selectman Donnelly, seconded by Selectman Lane. The motion was unanimously approved.