



The TOWN OF NORWOOD

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2024

6:30 PM

HARRY BUTTERS SELECTMEN'S CHAMBERS

NORWOOD TOWN HALL • 566 WASHINGTON STREET • NORWOOD, MASS.

BOARD PRESENT: Matthew E. Lane, Robert G. Donnelly, William J. Plasko, Amanda R. Grow and Michael Saad

BOARD ABSENT:

RECORDING SECRETARY: Christine M. Woodward

1. Warrant Signature Update

Submitting notification of reviewed and approved Warrant Reports, signed by the Board's representative.

Motion to accept.

Moved by: Amanda Grow

Seconded by: Michael Saad

Aye Amanda Grow, Matthew Lane, Robert Donnelly, William Plasko, and Michael Saad

Carried 5-0

2. Appointments

2.1 6:30 PM - Nick Brewer - Eagle Scout Project

Nick Brewer - of Boy Scout Troop 49 in Norwood appeared before the Board and presented information regarding a potential project for the Meadow Street Bridge. Mr. Brewer introduced a Power Point presentation and responded to questions from the Board.

Motion to support the project as submitted.

Moved by: Robert Donnelly

Seconded by: Amanda Grow

Aye Amanda Grow, Matthew Lane, Robert Donnelly, William Plasko, and Michael Saad

Carried 5-0

2.2 6:45 PM Facilities Director Paul Riccardi and Assistant Facilities Director Chris Folan (Cancelled - will reschedule.)

2.3 7:00 PM - Hearing - The Skating Club of Boston - Change of Manager

Application has been made to the Licensing Board of the Town of Norwood for a Change of Manager from Jonathan Jepson to Mia Corsini Bailey for The Skating Club of Boston, 750 University Avenue, Norwood, Massachusetts under Chapter 138, Section 12 of the Massachusetts General Laws.

Public hearing on this application will be held on Tuesday, February 27th, 2024 at 7:00 PM in the Harry B. Butters Chambers, Room 34, Norwood Town Hall.

Ms. Corsini-Bailey appeared before the Board as the prospective manager of the Skating Club of Boston. She gave a brief summary of her experience and responded to questions from the Board.

There was no public comment.

Motion to close the public hearing.

Moved by: William Plasko

Seconded by: Michael Saad

Aye Amanda Grow, Matthew Lane, Robert Donnelly, William Plasko, and Michael Saad

Carried 5-0

Motion to approve.

Moved by: Robert Donnelly

Seconded by: William Plasko

Aye Amanda Grow, Matthew Lane, Robert Donnelly, William Plasko, and Michael Saad

Carried 5-0

- 2.4 7:15 PM - Hearing - Yankee Spirits, Inc. - Change of Officers/Directors/LLC Managers; Change of Stock Interest and Change of Pledge Of License Stock or Inventory
Application has been made to the Licensing Board of the Town of Norwood for a Change of Officers/Directors/LLC Managers; Change of Stock Interest and Change of Pledge of License Stock or Inventory for Yankee Spirits, Inc., Manager of Record, Jose G. Santos, under Chapter 138, Section 15 of the Massachusetts General Laws as amended for the sale of All Alcoholic Beverages not to be drunk on the premises of 942 Boston Providence Turnpike, Norwood, Massachusetts. Description of premises is as follows: 24,487 square feet, one entrance and one exit.

Public hearing on this application will be held on Tuesday, February 27th, 2024 at 7:15 PM in the Harry B. Butters Chambers, Room 34, Norwood Town Hall.

Attorney John Drost, counsel for Yankee Spirits, Inc. appeared before the Board. Mr. Drost explained the reasons for the change in structure and answered questions and addressed comments from the Board.

There was no public comment.

Motion to close the public hearing.

Moved by: William Plasko

Seconded by: Robert Donnelly

Aye Amanda Grow, Matthew Lane, Robert Donnelly, William Plasko, and Michael Saad

Carried 5-0

Motion to approve.

Moved by: Robert Donnelly

Seconded by: Michael Saad

Aye Amanda Grow, Matthew Lane, Robert Donnelly, William Plasko, and Michael Saad

Carried 5-0

2.5 7:30 PM Norwood Airport Commission - Chairman Mark Ryan and Airport Manager Mark Raymond

Airport Manager Mark Raymond appeared before the Board and was later joined by Airport Commissioner Mark Ryan. Mr. Raymond submitted his monthly report and responded to questions and comments from the Board.

2.6 7:45 PM Joe Ridge, VP at CDM Smith - Storm Water and Director of the DPW and Town Engineer Mark Ryan

For discussion. Mr. Ryan introduced Joe Ridge from CDM Smith and Gerry Hopcroft, Chairman of the Ad Hoc Storm Water Committee. Mr. Ryan stated that there is a real need to address the storm water issues. The Town has been very good at addressing the water main system as well as the sewer, bridge and roadway systems. Mr. Ryan commented that storm water is the latest system to be addressed . He said that it's not that they are looking or wanting to find another project but this is being mandated by the EPA and the Mass DEP for municipalities. Mr. Ryan then handed the presentation over to Mr. Ridge who introduced a Power Point presentation in which the following topics were highlighted.

Purpose: To provide an overview of storm water utilities and fee structure. Review Norwood estimates - Billing units, revenue requirements and projected rates. Impervious Area Determination; Norwood Data Based on Updated GIS data,

Spring 2023. Projected expenses and rate; Mr. Ridge gave explanation on each slide topic and responded to questions from the Board as did Mr. Ryan and Mr. Hopcroft.

3. New Business

- 3.1 Common Victualler Application - Carnegie Breakfast and Lunch DBA The Sixties Diner
Submitting a common victualler application for Carnegie Breakfast and Lunch DBA The Sixties Diner located at 1210 B Boston Providence Turnpike, Norwood, Massachusetts.
Motion to approve. Noted: that it is made clear that this license is for food service and non-alcoholic beverages only.

Moved by: Michael Saad
Seconded by: Amanda Grow

Aye Amanda Grow, Matthew Lane, Robert Donnelly, William Plasko, and Michael Saad
Carried 5-0

- 3.2 Sign Placement - Norwood Evening Garden Club
Submitting request to place three sandwich board signs at the following locations on March 21st, 2024: One at the island at Nahatan and Walpole Streets; one at the island at Dean and Neponset Streets and one at the Nichols Street rotary at Norwood High School. These signs will be advertising the Annual Art in Bloom at the Morrill Memorial Library that will take place on April 6th and 7th.
Motion to approve.

Moved by: Robert Donnelly
Seconded by: William Plasko

Aye Amanda Grow, Matthew Lane, Robert Donnelly, William Plasko, and Michael Saad
Carried 5-0

3.3 Town Common Request - Norwood Recreation Dept.
Submitting request to use the Town Common/Gazebo for Norwood Day on September 7th, 2024 from 5:00 AM until 4:30 PM. The Gazebo will be used for speaking and performances. The Town Common will be used for vendors with tables and chairs provided by the Recreation Department.

Motion to approve.

Moved by: Robert Donnelly

Seconded by: Michael Saad

Aye Amanda Grow, Matthew Lane, Robert Donnelly, William Plasko, and Michael Saad

Carried 5-0

3.4 Town Common Request - Norwood Recreation Dept.
Submitting request to use the Town Common/Gazebo for the 2024 Holiday Extravaganza on Sunday, December 1st, 2024 from 11:00 AM until 4:30 PM.

Motion to approve.

Moved by: Robert Donnelly

Seconded by: Amanda Grow

Aye Amanda Grow, Matthew Lane, Robert Donnelly, William Plasko, and Michael Saad

Carried 5-0

3.5 Town Common Request - Norwood Farmer's Market
Submitting request to use the Town Common for the Farmer's Market for 18 consecutive Tuesdays beginning June 18th, 2024 and ending on October 15th, 2024 from 2:00 PM until 6:00 PM. An exception is noted on August 6th, 2024 when the hours will be from 12:00 Noon until 4:00 PM in coordination with the Norwood Police Department's Annual Night Out.

Motion to approve.

Moved by: Amanda Grow
Seconded by: Michael Saad

Aye Amanda Grow, Matthew Lane, Robert
Donnelly, William Plasko, and Michael Saad

Carried 5-0

- 3.6 Town Common Request - Norwood Arts Association
Submitting request to use the Town Common for the Annual Art in the Park event to take place on Saturday, June 22nd, 2024 with a rain date of Sunday, June 23rd, 2024 from 8:00 AM until 4:00 PM with approximately 75-100 attendees expected.
Motion to approve.

Moved by: Robert Donnelly
Seconded by: Amanda Grow

Aye Amanda Grow, Matthew Lane, Robert
Donnelly, William Plasko, and Michael Saad

Carried 5-0

- 3.7 Council on Aging - Board Appointment
Submitting request for appointment of Kaylene Bechet to the Council on Aging to fill the vacancy left by the passing of longtime Board Member Betty Mastandrea.
Decision to table until applications that have been in the Talent Bank are reviewed.

- 3.8 Board of Assessors - Board Re-appointment
Submitting request to reappoint Robert M. Thornton as a member of the Board of Assessors for a three year term that will expire on April 1, 2027.
Motion to re-appoint.

Moved by: Michael Saad

Seconded by: William Plasko

Aye Amanda Grow, Matthew Lane, Robert Donnelly, William Plasko, and Michael Saad

Carried 5-0

3.9 Preliminary Vote to Refinance Norwood's Bonds

Town Treasurer and Collector Alex Haggerty submitting request for preliminary approval by the Board of Selectmen to refinance two of the Town's General Obligation Bonds.

Motion to approve. 'That in order to save interest costs, the Treasurer is authorized to provide for the sale and issuance of bonds under G.L. c. 44. Section 21A, to refund all or any portion of the remaining principal of and redemption premium and interest on the Town's General Obligation Bonds dated January 16, 2014 and June 26, 2014 and that for this purpose the Treasurer is authorized to provide for the preparation and distribution of a Preliminary Official Statement, provided, however, that no bonds shall be issued under this vote unless and until the final interest rates and other terms of the refunding bonds are approved by the Board.'

Moved by: Robert Donnelly

Seconded by: Michael Saad

Aye Amanda Grow, Matthew Lane, Robert Donnelly, William Plasko, and Michael Saad

Carried 5-0

3.10 Scheduling of Next Meeting with Norwood Light Department

Mr. Mazzucco commented that he would work on accommodating a meeting with the Light Department before Mr. Lane's Chairmanship ends.

3.11 Adoption of Scholarship Fund in accordance with MGL Chapter 60, Section 3C.

Motion to approve the creation of a scholarship fund in

memory of Bernard Cooper as authorized under Chapter 60 Section 3C of Massachusetts General Laws and approved by the May 1994 Special Town Election.

Moved by: William Plasko

Seconded by: Robert Donnelly

Aye Amanda Grow, Matthew Lane, Robert Donnelly, William Plasko, and Michael Saad

Carried 5-0

- 3.12 Donation Acceptance - Domino's Plowing for Pizza Program
Submitting request pursuant to MGL Chapter 44, Section 53A to accept a donation from Domino's as part of their nationwide Plowing for Pizza program.

Motion to accept the donation in the amount of \$25,000.00

Moved by: Robert Donnelly

Seconded by: Michael Saad

Aye Amanda Grow, Matthew Lane, Robert Donnelly, William Plasko, and Michael Saad

Carried 5-0

- 3.13 Cemetery Deed
Ida Ostrom, 436 Prospect Street for Lot No: SGW28
Motion to file.

Moved by: Robert Donnelly

Seconded by: Michael Saad

Aye Amanda Grow, Matthew Lane, Robert Donnelly, William Plasko, and Michael Saad

Carried 5-0

- 3.14 Yellow Sheet - Board's Positions

The Board took the following positions on the Warrant Articles for March Town Meeting.

Article 1: Amendment of the Zoning By-Law Section 3, to prohibit Commercial Kennels in the Single (S), Single Residence (S-1), and Single Residence (S-2) Zoning Districts.

The Board voted unanimously to support this article.

Article 2: Amendment of the Zoning By-Law Section 11 **Definitions** by inserting new definitions for 'Commercial Boarding or Training Kennel,' 'Commercial Breeder Kennel,' and 'Personal Kennel.'

The Board voted unanimously to support this article.

Article 3: Amendment of the Zoning By-Law Section 1.5.2. **Hearing** by establishing procedures for public notice by the Planning Board to affected parties.

The Board voted unanimously to support this article.

Article 4: New Zoning Overlay District named 'MBTA Communities Multi-family Overlay District' (MCMOD).

The Board voted 3-2 in support of this article.

Mr. Lane - Yes, Mr. Donnelly - Yes, Ms. Grow - Yes, Mr. Plasko - No, Mr. Saad - No

Article 5: Amendment of the Official Zoning Map by creating the MCMOD.

The Board voted 3-2 in support of this article.

Mr. Lane - Yes, Mr. Donnelly - Yes, Ms. Grow - Yes, Mr. Plasko - No, Mr. Saad - No

Article 6: Amendment of the Zoning By-Law to allow accessory dwelling units as a special residential use.

The Board will render an opinion at Town Meeting.

4. Memoranda

- 4.1 Building Department
Submitting monthly report for January 2024.
- 4.2 Norwood Airport

Submitting Manager's report. For information.

4.3 Verizon
For information. Submitting program changes.

4.4 Verizon
For information. Submitting PEG Grant Report 4th Quarter 2023.

4.5 Comcast
For information. Submitting statement of franchise fee payment.

4.6 Letter to Governor Maura Healey regarding Steward Hospital.

4.7 Senior Project - Millis High School
For information.
Motion to file 4.1 - 4.5 and 4.7 and to send 4.6.

Moved by: William Plasko

Seconded by: Michael Saad

Carried

5. Manager's Update

After a fire and some safety issues, Home Market Foods is expected to be up and operational on February 28th.

6. Selectmen's Addenda

Selectman Saad: Congratulations to the wrestling team and all the teams in the playoffs.

Selectman Grow: Reminder to vote in the primary election on March 5th.

Selectman Plasko: Mr. Plasko was pleased to announced that he and his wife Cathy are celebrating their 54th Wedding anniversary on this date. Mr. Plasko then commented regarding the Talent Bank and that it seems to be outdated. He suggested that a hard look be taken and if possible - could

staff make updates where needed.

Chairman Lane and Vice Chairman Donnelly offered their congratulations to Selectman Plasko.

Selectman Donnelly: A note of thanks to all of the volunteers who help to make the Winter Concert Series a success. Mr. Donnelly is pleased to announce that a lot of conversations have taken place to plan out the food composting program with Black Earth. Next week, information will be issued and more details will be forthcoming. Enrollment will begin in May.

Motion to adjourn.

Moved by: William Plasko

Seconded by: Amanda Grow

Aye Amanda Grow, Matthew Lane, Robert Donnelly, William Plasko, and Michael Saad

Carried 5-0