



BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

HYBRID MEETING

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 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: William Plasko

Seconded by: Amanda Grow

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

Carried 5-0

2. Meeting Minutes for approval of the Board

Submitting meeting minutes for December 12th, 2023.

Motion to approve.

Moved by: Robert Donnelly

Seconded by: Michael Saad

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

3. Appointments

3.1 6:35 PM Cedar Market Continuance

Hearing under Chapter 138 of the Massachusetts General Laws, to consider whether the license to sell alcoholic beverages should be suspended, limited or revoked, for failure to provide the public with the services contemplated by the license. (Continued from August 22nd, 2023).

Motion to continue the hearing for 90 days or the closest meeting thereto.

Moved by: William Plasko

Seconded by: Amanda Grow

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

Carried 5-0

3.2 6:40 PM Carillon Preservation

Lee Leach and Kristen Phelps appeared before the Board with information and photographs regarding the proposed plaques that acknowledge the carillon restoration project. Selectmen Donnelly, Saad and Plasko made many positive comments regarding the carillon itself and the work that Mr. Leach has done and continues to do on its behalf.

Motion to approve signage.

Moved by: William Plasko

Seconded by: Amanda Grow

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

Carried 5-0

3.3 6:50 PM Concert Committee
Discussion: Winter Concert Series 2024.

Members of the Concert Committee: Paul Eysie, Lee Leach, Assistant Town Manager Mike Rosen and Jeanne Vautour appeared before the Board to discuss the upcoming Winter Concert Series. Selectman Donnelly, and Town Manager Tony Mazzucco, present for this BOS meeting are committee members as well. Mr. Eysie began by mentioning the members not present this evening: Olga Abdallah, Dave Tuttle, Dorothy Prevoir and Patricia Schick and commented that it was a pleasure to work with all members involved. He also thanked the sponsors without whom none of these concerts would be possible. The Winter Concert Series begins on Sunday, January 28th and runs through February 18th. Admission is free and is open to the public.

3.4 7:00 PM Paul McGovern
For discussion. 923-929 Washington Street.

Mr. Paul McGovern and his colleague, Liam Swanton appeared before the Board to discuss the property located at 923-929 Washington Street of which he and Mr. Swanton are the owners. They are looking to do a development project at the property site. They also plan on doing a LIP. Mr. McGovern introduced a PowerPoint presentation in which the following information was shared: Project Location and its accessibility to the commuter rail, the new hospital, Moderna, Norwood Center and Downtown Boston; Project Summary: 36,956 SF, 32 units, 8 affordable units, 43 parking spaces and 2 ADA units; Developer Experience: Significant experience in all types of construction. Recent 40B projects: Medfield Meadows, Red Robin Pastures - Dover and 1060 Main Street, Millis. At the end of the presentation, Chairman Lane opened up questions or comments from the Board. There were no motions or votes taken by the Board. This appointment was for informational/discussion purposes only.

4. New Business

4.1 Setting the date for May Special and Annual Town Meeting
May Annual and Special Town Meetings

- Monday, May 13th - Town Meeting, Night 1
- Thursday, May 16th - Town Meeting, Night 2

Motion to approve the annual and special town meetings as recommended by the General Manager and staff.

Moved by: William Plasko

Seconded by: Robert Donnelly

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

Carried 5-0

4.2 Preliminary Warrant Articles for March Town Meeting

Mr. Mazzucco mentioned in his comments that they are trying to make land use the focus of the March Town Meeting. The internal deadline that has been set is March 12th for articles to be received by the Board of Selectmen.

4.3 Car Wash Request - BSA Troop 49

Submitting request from BSA Troop 49 to host a car wash on Saturday, May 18th, 2024 and June 8th, 2024 in the municipal parking lot from 8 AM until 2 PM.

Motion to approve.

Moved by: Michael Saad

Seconded by: Amanda Grow

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

Carried 5-0

4.4 Town Common Use Request

Nora Zaldivar submitting request to use the Town Common for a candidate nomination form signature event. The event

will take place on January 27th, 2024 from 12 Noon until 1 PM.
Noted is a snow/rain date of January 28th, 2024.

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

4.5 Town Common Use Request

Keisha Desir submitting request to use the Town Common for a Haitian Flag Day Celebration on May 18th, 2024 from 12:00 Noon until 3:00 PM.

Motion to approve.

Moved by: Amanda Grow

Seconded by: Robert Donnelly

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

Carried 5-0

4.6 Cemetery Deeds

For signature of the Board.

Theodore Leotsakos, 41 Woodbine Rd., for Lot No: C3-238

Earl Hockman, 592 Neponset St., for Lot No: U-61

Patrick Chaudry, 45 Deerfield Rd., Sharon, MA for Lot No: SGW-24

Motion to approve.

Moved by: Michael Saad

Seconded by: Amanda Grow

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

Carried 5-0

- 4.7 Norwood Recreation Department: Donation Acceptance
For acceptance by the Board. Submitting letter regarding a donation that was made to the Recreation Department.
Motion to accept with gratitude.

Moved by: Robert Donnelly

Seconded by: William Plasko

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

Carried 5-0

- 4.8 Lorusso Materials Corporation
For acceptance by the Board. Lorusso Corporation submitting annual tonnage royalty payment to the Town.
Motion to accept this 4453A donation to be deposited into the special account and be expended as stipulated.

Moved by: William Plasko

Seconded by: Robert Donnelly

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

Carried 5-0

- 4.9 Neponset Valley Sunrise Rotary Club
Submitting request to place a Rotary sign at the entrance to the Town.
Motion to approve the placing of a Rotary sign at the 1A entrance to the Town of Norwood.

Moved by: Robert Donnelly

Seconded by: Michael Saad

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

Carried 5-0

4.10 LATE AGENDA ITEM - Historical Commission

For approval of the Board. General Manager Tony Mazzucco submitting a letter of re-appointment for Judith Howard, Thomas Guidod and Cheryl Doyle to the Historical Commission.

Motion to approve.

Moved by: Michael Saad

Seconded by: Amanda Grow

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

Carried 5-0

4.11 LATE AGENDA ITEM - Hometown Arcade

Hometown Arcade submitting a request for a one day liquor permit for an Idex Company Party on January 23rd, 2024 from 5:30 PM until 9:00 PM with approximately 50-60 guests expected.

Motion to approve.

Moved by: Robert Donnelly

Seconded by: Amanda Grow

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

Nay William Plasko

Carried 4-1

5. Memoranda

5.1 Norwood Police Department

For information. Chief William G. Brooks III submitting the monthly report for November 2023 and a commendation for

Officer Jaime Mazzola.

- 5.2 Report of the Ad Hoc Storm Water Utility Study Committee For information.

- 5.3 ABCC Approval - Castle Island Brewing Company, LLC Submitting notification of approval of alteration of licensed premises.

- 5.4 ABCC Approval - Mama's Incorporated Submitting notification of approval of Change of Manager.

- 5.5 Comcast For information. Submitting programming change.

- 5.6 Verizon For information. Submitting programming change.

Motion to file items 5.1 - 5.6.

Moved by: Amanda Grow

Seconded by: Michael Saad

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

Carried 5-0

6. Manager's Update

Mr. Mazzucco presented an update to the Board on the State's location of a temporary shelter here in Norwood. He discussed the origins of the State's housing crisis, the Town's preparation for the relocation to Norwood and anticipated impacts to municipal services. Mr. Mazzucco also mentioned that there would be a letter going out to the community

from both him and Superintendent of Schools, Dave Thomson.

At the Board's next meeting there will be an early preview of next year's Capital Outlay plan. It is still in the preliminary stages - data is still being collected. Mr. Mazzucco will go over it with the Board and look at what will eventually be on the November warrant. It will be an initial look at where we are and what is ahead for November.

7. Selectmen's Addenda

Selectman Saad: Wished everyone a Happy New Year and offered thanks to all for the South Norwood Christmas Party. He said it was a fantastic time. Mr. Saad also made mention of Norwood Community Media and how proud the community should be to have such a wonderful television program in the community.

Selectman Grow: Ms. Grow mentioned a save the date for Impact Norwood's Meet and Greet that will take place on January 25th at the Civic Center (Willett Room) from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM. She also thanked various departments that were involved with the most recent storm response.

Selectman Plasko reminded viewers that the Annual Town Election will take place on April 1st, 2024. People who are interested in becoming involved - whether running for office or as a Town Meeting Member - should get started now - gathering signatures. The deadline is February 12th. Mr. Plasko announced that he would be running for re-election.

Selectman Donnelly: Regarding storm water, there will be a presentation at the library on January 17th at 7:00 PM; a program called Storm Water Management in Norwood - this will be a presentation by the Neponset Valley Watershed Association as well as Holly Jones and Alan Slater.

Mr. Donnelly also mentioned that the first meeting of the Master Plan back in mid-December - a very good meeting and a great group to work with. The next meeting is scheduled for January 29th.

A meeting will take place on January 10th regarding the food composting pilot and the vendor, Black Earth. A Community Preservation meeting will be taking place on January 24th. Mr. Donnelly extended his thanks with regard to the Hawes Pool construction for the \$500,000 park grant from

the State. Selectman Donnelly did mention that with the 30C cuts being made by the Governor that it may not remain at the amount of \$500, 000 but he still hopes that we will receive a good amount for this project.

Chairman Lane: The Community Preservation Committee will be meeting on January 10th to discuss various projects including the potential veterans housing project on Vernon Street. This is a public hearing that will be held at the Senior Center at 5:30 PM.

Motion to enter Executive Session. There will be no further business discussed other than that of the Executive Session purposes 2 and 6.

Moved by: William Plasko

Seconded by: Robert Donnelly

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

Carried 5-0

8. Executive Session

- 8.1 Purpose 2: To conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel;
- 8.2 Purpose 6: To consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property if the chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body;