

Regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen convened at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, January 15, 2019 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.

Present: Chairman Thomas F. Maloney, Selectmen William J. Plasko, Selectmen Helen Abdallah Donohue, Selectman Paul A. Bishop and Selectman Allan D. Howard. Also present General Manager Tony Mazzucco, and Clerk Christina K. Mulvehill.

Appointments

7:00 P.M. – Sigalle Reiss, Health Director:

Submitting Health Director's Report with general updates. Ms. Reiss started by acknowledging the staff in the Board of Health Department, who do a lot of this work that she will be talking about tonight. Very fortunate to have a great staff. The department is currently gathering its data for 2018 such as food and housing inspections. She is looking for a better way to gather the data and the measures year to year. There are a lot of things that they do that they are unable to capture, for example on the inspections – what type of violations are they seeing throughout the year and to compare trends to see what type of violations they might see in restaurants from year to year and how to address those things. They do a lot of education with the restaurants and this information would be helpful. This year the flu is trending similar to last year with a lot of influenza type illness. Impact Norwood, which is the Substance Use Prevention Coalition, has been very active. The Coalition has two community surveys out in which they would like people to participate, which are both available on Coalition's web page, www.impactnorwood.org it is a community survey and then a parent survey. One requirement of this grant is to gather community data in order to ensure that the programs they implement are strategic for Norwood. They also have a speaker series going on. Patricia Coffee of Kids' Healthy Minds Initiative will be speaking this coming Thursday from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in Coakley Auditorium. The purpose of her talk will be in regard to youth mental health and early warning signs. An additional program done through Impact Norwood and through a regional grant is around youth alcohol use. It is the Photo Voice Project which is used to focus community around a public health or social justice issue. The youth were asked to take pictures of alcohol in their environment, such as advertisements. Currently the department is involved in Community stakeholders group which gets together on issues such as housing or mental health and explore ways to work together with mental health providers in the community to diffuse situations. This led to the Minds Matter coalition through which they received funding for the Interface Mental Health Help Line. 888-244-6843

Selectman Donohue expressed appreciation for all the Health Department does and inquired about the blood pressure clinic in South Norwood in the Italian Club. She also inquired about the smell from the Asphalt Plant. Ms. Reiss said there were three or four in September but nothing since then. The Plant is complying with the vigorous requirements of the Town. Selectman Bishop asked about battery protocol for the AEDs and also Selectman Howard asked about ticks. Ms. Reiss said when the temperatures rise above 40 degrees they get active again. She suggested wearing bug spray with DEET in it.

Selectman Plasko asked about the Opioid Lawsuit. Mr. Mazzucco said there is a preliminary filing ready that has been sent to Town Counsel. Selectman Plasko asked that the two departments work together on CV Licenses. Ms. Reiss agreed and said they advise applicants of the need to go to the Selectmen if they will be having seating.

New Business

Car Wash Requests:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Bishop voted to approve the following:

- a. Norwood Parents' Music Association, Norwood's instrumental students, Saturday, June 8, 2019 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- b. Norwood Parents' Music Association, Norwood's choral students, Saturday, May 11, 2019 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- c. BSA Troop 49, St. Catherine of Siena, Saturday, June 1, 2019 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- d. NHS Girls Basketball Saturday, June 22, 2019 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- e. NHS Girls Volleyball, Saturday, August 24, 2019 from 9 a.m. to 1 a.m.

Cemetery Deed:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to sign:
Lisa A. DeCosta, 120 Pleasant Street, to Lot C3-63

Police Chief William G. Brooks, III:

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to take information regarding liquor compliance checks under advisement.

Mark Good, Treasurer/Collector:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to send letter of congratulations to Mr. Good regarding notification from John Clark, President, Mass Collectors & Treasurers Association, that he has received a Certification and is now a member of Elite group of Treasurers and Collectors in the Commonwealth.

Bill McCoy, Friends of the Council on Aging:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to approve request to include a stuffer in the March electric bills soliciting membership in the Friends of the Council on Aging. March is available per Light Dept.

Patrick Deschenes, Assistant Planner:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted to forward to Town Clerk Anne White Scoble's letter of resignation from the Community Preservation Committee, and send a letter of thanks to Ms. Scoble.

Selectman William J. Plasko:

More time is needed on the Forbes Hill RFP. Town Counsel real estate experts are looking at it currently. The Town is looking for Commercial applicants first and housing applicants last. Town meeting set minimum price at \$11 million. Selectman Howard recommended offering the property for a minimum of \$ 12 million and Selectman Bishop concurred. Selectman Plasko pointed out that this number cannot be negotiated down. Chairman Maloney suggested \$ 11 million instead as there will be more interest at that price than at \$ 12 million and the quality of offers is more important than the number of bids received. The town is more likely to get the commercial bids it is looking for at the lower price of \$11 million. Selectman Plasko added that the quality of the offers is more important than the number of offers received. A motion made by Selectman Donohue and seconded by Selectman Howard to set the minimum price of \$12million failed 3 against and 2 in favor. On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted unanimously to set Forbes Hill minimum bid price at \$11 million.

Tony Mazzucco, General Manager:

The Manager reported that the Departments submitted flat budgets for FY 2020 and he has come up with some cuts and services that won't be offered. He is waiting on two final numbers, neither of which will change anything dramatically. The State Aid number will be in next week and the GIC will be in early February. The board was presented with the departmental cuts and the department heads will appear before the Board. The Second Pass document will be available in the next couple of days. The projected deficit \$1.7 million. The School Department will funnel all requests through the Manager with the goal being getting all the information to the Capital Outlay Committee.

Selectmen's Addenda

Selectman Donohue

Selectman Plasko

Condolences on the loss of his only sister.

Dolores Elias

Condolences on losing Dolores on Sunday. She started her own business in Norwood 67 years ago. She attended Norwood Public Schools and raised two wonderful daughters with wonderful families. Ms. Elias was involved in many things around Town.

Norwood Hospital

Congratulations on the 100 year anniversary.

Selectman Maloney

Selectman Plasko

Condolences on the loss of your sister.

Senior District Festival

This was held in Canton this past weekend featuring five different music groups participating. It was terrific. The Orchestra was incredible. Approximately 25-30 Norwood Music Students participated in the Districts. Congratulations to all participants.

Manager's Update

Trash Removal

Waste Management will be changing some of its pick up times and all trash buckets must be out by 7 a.m. Days of pick up will not be changing.

Adjournment

No other business being presented for consideration, on motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted to adjourn and the meeting was adjourned accordingly at 8:00 p.m.

A True Record.

ATTEST: _____
Clerk