

Regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen convened at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, January 21, 2020 in Rm 34, Norwood Memorial Municipal Building, with Pledge of Allegiance, moment of prayer and reflection.

Present: Chairman Paul Bishop, Selectmen William Plasko, Allan Howard, Thomas Maloney and David Hajjar.
General Manager Tony Mazzucco and Clerk Christina Mulvehill.

Appointments

7:00 P.M. – Winter Concerts Committee – Paul Eysie:

David Tuttle introduced himself and Patricia Schick. Concerts start Sunday – four consecutive Sundays. Concerts and refreshments are free of charge. Allan welcomed them back. Appreciates the work they do. Selectman Maloney said he is looking forward to this series. Selectman Hajjar congratulated them on putting this together for another year. Selectman Plasko also thanked the Committee. He goes to several each winter and the more people who come out the better it will be. It's all about volunteering and thank you for your help. Pastries are from Roche Brothers and the coffee and hot chocolate is from Honeydew. Bernie Cooper announced first donation of this New Year was from Paul and Kathleen Bishop. The committee is in need of volunteers.

7:15 P.M. – Travis Farley, Recreation Department Superintendent:

Mr. Farley gave an overview of the monthly report of department activities, stating holiday programming events were all a big success. Tom Benson and Dedham savings sponsoring the winter carnival March 7th. Saturday March 21 second dodgeball tournament will be held with the proceeds to go to Impact Norwood. Selectman Plasko aired concerns about the monthly report being primarily programming, stating it should have more meat. There are things that are more business meaningful to the department but they are not part of this monthly report and this board does not hear about them. Projects and proposals, etc. must go the Park and Recreation Commissioners. CPA has received such requests that this Board was not aware of.

New Business

Morse House Applications, 1285 Washington Street:

- a. Patty Bailey, 34 St. John Avenue, Sunday, March 29, 2020 from 12 p.m.- 5 p.m. for private event.
- b. Norwood Republican Town Committee, on the third Wednesday of the month from 7 p.m.to 8:30 p.m. from January 22, 2020 to December 16, 2020 for meetings.
- c. Matt McKee, Neponset Valley Sunrise Rotary, Saturday, October 31, 2020 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. to hold "no scare" haunted house. Set up October 29 & 30 with clean up October 31 after event.

Selectman Plasko stated the board got a draft tonight of proposed changes regarding Morse House from the Manager and Selectman Hajjar. On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Hajjar, voted to permit the January 22, 2020 event and table the other two requests until next week.

Sarah Cullen, Norwood League of Women Voters:

On motion of Selectman Maloney, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to approve application to use Town Common Saturday, June 6, 2020 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for a fundraising yard sale.

David Dupree, Norwood Space Center:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to approve request for a one day WMB license for Friday, March 13, 2020 from 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Mary Pichetti, Massachusetts School Building Authority:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by selectman Hajjar, voted to authorize the General Manager to sign and submit the Coakley Middle School Study Enrollment Certification.

Massachusetts State Lottery Commission, Charitable Gaming Division:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to file Annual Beano Report for St. Catherine of Siena Parish, 547 Washington Street.

Paul Halkiotis, Director of Community Planning & Economic Development:

On motion of Selectman Maloney, seconded by Selectman Hajjar, voted to file Subsidized Housing Inventory.

Mary Jane Handy, Director of Accounts, Massachusetts Department of Revenue:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to file notification of Town of Norwood Free Cash Approval of \$ 3,414,849.00.

Mary Lou Folan, Norwood Town Clerk:

Submitting notification that she is in receipt of a letter from Deborah Holmwood, dated January 8, 2020, resigning from the Planning Board effective immediately. There are two years left on her term. If the Board wishes to place this position on the April ballot, they must inform the Town Clerk's Office by February 3, 2020. Plasko clarified someone resigned from planning board with two years left on term. Paul Halkiotis requests meeting with Selectmen to appoint associate member to fill out until election. On motion of Selectman Maloney, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to set a meeting with the Planning Board for January 28, 2020.

Discussion of Board Title: Board of Selectmen or Select Board

Selectman Plasko stated approximately one third of towns in the Commonwealth have made this change. MMA has already dropped reference to the term and gone to Select Board and Mass Selectmen Association is voting to make the change. He has 11 granddaughters and think about their futures. His 12 year old granddaughter Maggie said they should allow women to be selectmen because they could get things done. Society is moving toward gender neutral terms. Selectman Plasko made motion to go to non-binding referendum on local ballot. The motion did not receive a second.

Memoranda

Selectmen's Minutes:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Hajjar, voted to approve as submitted Meeting minutes from October 15, 22, and 29, 2019.

Manager's Update

Thomas J. McQuaid, Director of Finance:

Submitting to General Manager Tony Mazzucco, letter of retirement. Mr. McQuaid will be retiring shortly after the end of the fiscal year and his last day will be Monday, August 3, 2020. Selectman Plasko pointed out he is serving in a joint position, where the Director of Finance works under the manager but the Town Accountant is under the control of the Selectmen. On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to accept the letter or retirement and file with the Town Clerk. The manager will send a proposal to the Board for replacing him.

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Selectmen's Update

Selectman Maloney

Capital Outlay

Met last week and next meeting is in early February. Thanks to all who attended.

Selectman Howard

Community Preservation Act

Registrar informed us town will be getting \$91k on this.

Selectman Hajjar

Property values

He is in receipt of information from the manager on low value properties.

Chairman Bishop

Happy birthday to Mr. Plasko.

Adjournment

No other business being presented for consideration, on motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to adjourn and the meeting was adjourned accordingly at 8:05 p.m.

A True Record.

ATTEST: _____
Clerk