

Selectmen's Meeting
Room 34, Town Hall

February 14, 2023
Meeting is Recorded

In Attendance: Chairman William Plasko, Vice Chairman Helen Abdallah-Donohue, Selectman Amanda Grow, Selectman Matt Lane, Selectman Robert Donnelly, General Manager Tony Mazzucco, Executive Assistant Jess Jozwik

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

Out of an abundance of caution, Chairman Plasko recused himself, handed the meeting over to Vice Chairman Donohue, and Chairman Plasko left the room. On motion of Selectman Donnelly, seconded by Selectman Lane, the Board voted unanimously by roll call (4-0) to enter executive session for the following purpose:

Executive Session

06:30 PM Executive Session

Executive Session pursuant to MGL c. 30A, s.21(a) to the following matters:

*Section 21 (a)(3), To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares;

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The Board was joined by Town Council David Deluca and Fire Chief David Hayes. Executive session ensued.

On motion of Selectman Donnelly, seconded by Selectman Lane, the Board voted unanimously to go into open session.

Town Council David Deluca read a statement regarding the legal accusations leveled against Chairman Plasko, Chief Hayes, and General Manager Mazzucco by the state delegation, going point by point over the legal issues and refuting them by citing the law and established precedent. Later in the meeting, Selectman Donnelly made a statement on behalf of the Board. The full response will be available to press and media on the Selectmen's section of the town website.

7:00 PM Public Hearing: Enterprise Rent-a-car Company of Boston LLC Class II Auto Dealer

Submitting application Class II Auto Dealer's license for Enterprise Rent-A-Car Company of Boston, LLC to be located at 596 Boston Providence Highway, for the sale of used vehicles.

Brian Alamedia and Kate O'Neil joined the Board and gave information about their establishment. Chairman Plasko asked how many spaces there would be, and they replied there would be 88 spots and up to 50 used cars for sale. One public commenter said there had been issues with lights on all night at this site, and agreed to work with the Town Manager and Enterprise to resolve. With no further public comment, on motion of Selectman Lane, seconded by Selectman Grow, the Board voted unanimously to close the hearing. On motion of Selectman Lane, seconded by Selectman Donnelly, the Board voted unanimously to grant the license.

7:15 PM John Kinney, Superintendent of Recreation

New Recreation Director John Kinney came before the Board, shared his background and his excitement to be involved in such an active recreation department.

7:30 PM Public Hearing: Show Cause Hearing, Claddagh House LLC, DBA Shamrock Pub;

Hearing under Chapter 138 of the Massachusetts General Laws, to consider whether the license to sell All Alcoholic Beverages should be suspended, limited or revoked, for failure to provide the public with the services contemplated by the license. Continued from 8/9/22. The license has been successfully transferred to Mama's Inc, and on motion of Selectman Lane, seconded by Selectman Donohue, the Board voted unanimously to close this hearing.

Selectman Donnelly submitted notification of reviewed and approved Warrant Reports that they signed. On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Lane, the Board voted unanimously to file this information. On motion of Selectman Donnelly, seconded by Selectman Donohue, the Board voted unanimously to approve meeting minutes for January 24, 2023 as submitted.

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Grow, the Board voted unanimously to approve request from the Bay State Animal Cooperative to hold a car/dog wash in the municipal lot alongside their rabies/microchipping clinic, on Sunday, June 11, 2023 from 9:00am until 2:00pm.

On motion of Selectman Donnelly, seconded by Selectman Lane, the Board voted unanimously to approve request from Norwood High School Gymnastics team to hold a car wash in the municipal lot to benefit their team, on Saturday, July 29, 2023 from 8:00am until 1:00pm.

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Grow, the Board voted unanimously to approve request from Norwood Little League and Norwood Youth Softball to host a small parade, starting at 10:00am at the Washington Street Honeydew Donuts, and ending at the CMS Little League fields around 10:40am.

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Donnelly, the Board voted unanimously to approve request for a one day liquor license for a Circle of Hope fundraiser at the Brookside Café on February 21, 2023 from 6:00pm until 11:00pm with 55 guests expected.

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Donnelly, the Board voted unanimously to approve request for two one day liquor licenses for Shiplap and Chandeliers' One Year Anniversary event at 61 Endicott Street, Norwood MA from 11:00am until 5:00pm on both February 25 and 26, 2023.

On motion of Selectman Donnelly, seconded by Selectman Lane, the Board voted to approve request from the Retirement Board that the Board of Selectmen, as the local approving authority, review and vote to approve the additional increase of 2% effective July 1, 2022, 4-0, with Chairman Plasko abstaining.

On motion of Selectman Lane, seconded by Selectman Donnelly, the Board voted unanimously to approve Advance in Lieu of Borrowing: 1297 Washington Street, request to borrow against Stabilization for adequate funding available for closing.

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Donnelly, the Board voted unanimously to file the Metropolitan Area Planning Council submitting notification of seat vacancy and information on this position.

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Grow, the Board voted unanimously to ratify appointment of Christine Diaz to the Commission on Disability.

On motion of Selectman Donnelly, seconded by Selectman Donohue, the Board voted unanimously to approve request from the Senior Center to surplus and recycle damaged items.

On motion of Selectman Donnelly, seconded by Selectman Grow, the Board voted unanimously to approve request from Traffic Safety Committee that the DPW be allowed to install a 30mph sign between the two entrances at the Stone Bridge Apartments on Dean Street, the Police Chief would like to monitor the westbound direction of traffic and needs that sign to mount the radar/data equipment.

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Grow, the Board voted unanimously to approve request for approval of the Board for permission to install emergency equipment boxes near Ellis and Hawes Ponds for his Eagle Scout Project from Mr. Liam MacLean of Troop 49.

On motion of Selectman Lane, seconded by Selectman Grow, the Board voted unanimously to accept and deposit Middlesex Integrative Medicine annual renewal and license fee.

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Lane, the Board voted unanimously to sign the following Cemetery Deeds

- Coleen M Brierley, of 125 Bond Street, for Lot SGW-19
- Florentine M Locke, of 170 Hill Street, for Lot C3-232
- Jane Lazzaro 218 Common St Walpole MA, for Lot C3-215
- Janet F Dalton of 421 Washington Street, for G6-116
- Melissa A Tonry of 19 Shawanue Ave, Oak Bluffs MA for Lot SGW-17

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Lane, the Board voted unanimously to file the following memoranda:

1. Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission Approval Notifications
 - a) Gyro and Kebab House
 - b) Hampton Inn
2. Correspondence: Microphones at the Senior Center
Submitting letter
3. Comcast/Xfinity
 - a) Submitting notification of emergency/trouble reporting procedures
 - b) Quarterly Franchise Fee
4. Verizon FiOS
Submitting Form 500
5. Norwood Light Broadband
Submitting form 500
6. Norwood Police Department
Submitting letters of commendation
7. Norwood Building Department
Submitting monthly report for January 2023

General Manager Tony Mazzucco updated the Board on the Morse House Committee's upcoming recommendations, said the draft budget was prepared, and that the Town will acquire one of the Washington Street properties (1297) within the week.

Selectman Grow made contact with Representative Rogers regarding the MBTA 3A zoning. She is also working on process mapping delegation communications. Grow also expressed condolences to the family of Tyler Lawrence, the middle school student who was recently fatally shot.

Selectman Donnelly noted that the Capital Outlay Committee needs a moderator appointed member, and anyone interested should contact moderator@norwoodma.gov. He also mentioned the last winter concert of the series, and asked the General Manager if the Board could invite someone from Steward in to get an update on the hospital.

Selectman Lane suggested that something should be done for Tyler Lawrence in the new middle school, and offered to reach out to the family.

Chairman Plasko read a statement addressing the accusations against him.

Selectman Donohue noted it was her last Valentine's day on the Board. She also noted that people should "let it go" regarding the allegations referenced earlier this meeting.

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Donnelly, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn.

A True Record ATTEST:

Executive Assistant