



The TOWN OF NORWOOD

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

HYBRID MEETING

FEBRUARY 28, 2023

6:30 PM

SELECTMEN'S CHAMBERS, ROOM 34

566 WASHINGTON STREET, NORWOOD MA

BOARD PRESENT: Chairman William Plasko, Vice Chairman Helen Abdallah-Donohue, Selectman Matthew Lane, Selectman Robert Donnelly, Selectman Amanda Grow, General Manager Tony Mazzucco

BOARD ABSENT: None

RECORDING SECRETARY: 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.

At the opening of the meeting, Chairman Plasko announced the passing of former Town Manager John Carroll and played a video to honor his life and contributions to the town.

1. Warrant Signature Update

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

Motion to file

Moved by: Amanda Grow

Seconded by: Matthew Lane

Carried

2. Meeting Minutes for approval of the Board

Submitting meeting minutes for October 26, 2021 and February 14, 2023

Motion to approve 2-14-2023 Minutes

Moved by: Matthew Lane

Seconded by: Robert Donnelly

Carried

Motion to Approve 10-26-21 Minutes

Moved by: Helen Abdallah-Donohue

Seconded by: Matthew Lane

Aye William Plasko, Helen Abdallah-Donohue and
Matthew Lane

Abstain Robert Donnelly and Amanda Grow

Carried 3-0

3. Appointments

3.1. 6:30pm Commission on Disability

Coming before the Board to share their recent activities and vision for the future

Peter McFarland gave history and named the members. He spoke about some items they had been working on, and if the residents have disability related needs, they should email Michael Rosen, assistant town manager.

3.2. 7:00pm PUBLIC HEARING: Cedar Market Show Cause

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.

Motion to continue this hearing until August 22, 2023.

Moved by: Robert Donnelly

Seconded by: Matthew Lane

Aye William Plasko, Matthew Lane, Robert Donnelly, and Amanda Grow
Abstain Helen Abdallah-Donohue

Carried 4-0

Elias Habr, Manager, appeared before the Board. He explained they are currently in the process of selling the license, and they have found a buyer. There was no public comment. Selectman Donohue abstained from voting and deliberations but remained in the room with permission from the licensee.

- 3.3. 7:15pm PUBLIC HEARING: Wine and Market Show Cause 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.

Motion to continue this hearing until August 22, 2023.

Moved by: Matthew Lane

Seconded by: Amanda Grow

Aye William Plasko, Matthew Lane, Robert Donnelly, and Amanda Grow
Abstain Helen Abdallah-Donohue

Carried 4-0

Daniel Newcomb, Manager, and William Kelley, attorney, appeared before the Board. They explained they are currently in the process of selling the license to an existing WMB license over, Verahi Inc, and the Board should be receiving an application from David Hern soon. There was no public comment. Selectman Donohue abstained from voting and deliberations but remained in the room with permission from the licensee.

- 3.4. **7:30pm PUBLIC HEARING: Courtyard Marriot Liquor**

License Transfer

Application has been made to the Licensing Board of the Town of Norwood for transfer of the Innholder All Alcoholic Beverages license from Courtyard Management Corporation, dba Courtyard by Marriott, Jillian Paulitzky, Manager of Record to Aimbridge Hospitality, LLC dba Courtyard Boston Norwood proposed Manager, Jillian Paulitzky, under Section 12, Chapter 138 and Chapter 140 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended, for the sale of All Alcoholic Beverages to be drunk on the premises of 300 River Ridge Drive, Norwood, Massachusetts.

Motion to close the hearing

Moved by: Helen Abdallah-Donohue

Seconded by: Amanda Grow

Jillian Paulitzky, manager, appeared before the Board and explained that the hotel was under new management and was requesting a transfer to the new management company. Nothing else is changing. There was no public comment.

Motion to approve the transfer as submitted.

Moved by: Helen Abdallah-Donohue

Seconded by: Robert Donnelly

Carried

3.5. 7:45pm Morse House Letter

Morse House Committee presenting their recommendations to the Board of Selectmen

Motion to support the application to the Community Preservation Committee for \$10,000 for the application to the National Historical Register Designation

Moved by: Helen Abdallah-Donohue

Seconded by: Amanda Grow

Aye

Matthew Lane, Robert Donnelly, and Amanda Grow

Nay William Plasko

Carried 3-1

Motion to support the application to the Community Preservation Committee for the \$192,000 for the Phase One Construction as outlined.

Moved by: Robert Donnelly

Seconded by: Helen Abdallah-Donohue

Aye Matthew Lane, Robert Donnelly, and Amanda Grow

Nay William Plasko

Carried 3-1

Motion to continue the work of the Morse House Committee and ask the current committee to continue.

Moved by: Robert Donnelly

Seconded by: Helen Abdallah-Donohue

Carried

The Board discussed a letter from General Manager Tony Mazzucco on behalf of the Morse House Committee outlining work to be done in "Phase One" of the project- this would be to work on the exterior, windows, foundation, etc, to preserve the house and it's historical importance. They thanked the Committee for their work. There is no estimate on the cost of phase 2 or 3 yet.

4. New Business

4.1 Car Wash Request: Boy Scout Troop 49

Submitting request from Boy Scout Troop 49 to host a car wash in the municipal lot on May 21, 2023 and July 8, 2023 from 8am until 1:00pm.

Motion to approve.

Moved by: Helen Abdallah-Donohue

Seconded by: Amanda Grow

- 4.2 Memorial Hall Request: League of Women's Voters
Submitting request from League of Women Voters to use Memorial Hall for their Candidate's Night on March 20, 2023 at 7:00pm

This request was withdrawn prior to the meeting

- 4.3 **Sign Placement Request: Norwood Evening Garden Club**
Submitting request to place signs for the Norwood Evening Garden Club's annual plant sale on May 13th, 2023. The signs would be placed from April 27, 2023 until May 13, 2023 at the following locations:

Town Green

Island at each end of Prospect St (2)

Hawes Park

Guild square

Chapel St

Rotary at NHS (Nichols)

Motion to approve.

Moved by: Helen Abdallah-Donohue

Seconded by: Amanda Grow

- 4.4 **Town Hall Request: Norwood Day Blood Drive**
Submitting request from the Orient Lodge for a secure parking spot on Washington Street adjacent to Norwood Town Hall for the duration of the Norwood Day Festival on September 9, 2023 and access to the Town Hall restrooms for their volunteers.

Motion to approve

Moved by: Matthew Lane

Seconded by: Robert Donnelly

Carried

- 4.5 **Town Common Request: Arabic Evangelical Baptist Church Event**

Submitting request to use the Town Common from the

Boston Arabic Evangelical Baptist Church for a concert on May 28, 2023, from 9:00am until 6:00pm with food and entertainment.

Motion to approve, with Board of Health approval regarding food, and the condition that music be kept at a reasonable volume.

Moved by: Amanda Grow

Seconded by: Matthew Lane

4.6 **Municipal Parking Permit Request: Gaeta Exterior Services**

Submitting request for a parking permit from Gaeta Exterior Services to park in the municipal lot.

Motion to approve

Moved by: Robert Donnelly

Seconded by: Matthew Lane

Carried

The general manager explained that this is the first request of it's kind, and will be a good test on how this works.

4.7 **Election Warrant**

For signature of the Board

Motion to sign.

Moved by: Helen Abdallah-Donohue

Seconded by: Matthew Lane

4.8 **Winter Street Landfill Use Request: 3DEO**

Submitting request from 3DEO to test their LIDAR bird tracking system at the Winter Street Landfill in late March, research being conducted in the daytime and evening.

Motion to approve request

Moved by: Helen Abdallah-Donohue

Seconded by: Matthew Lane

Joe Collins, Economic Development Director, and Dale Fried of 3DEO appeared before the Board and explained this

technology which is being developed to assist in the tracking of birds for both biologists and airport safety. The research will be conducted by bringing a mini-fridge sized piece of equipment to the landfill, it will be staffed as it collects data.

4.9 **Permanent Building Construction Committee Correspondence**

Submitting correspondence regarding the future of the Permanent Building Construction Committee, and potential courses of action regarding the future of this committee. Motion to table this item until the meeting of March 28, 2023.

Moved by: Amanda Grow

Seconded by: Robert Donnelly

Chairman Plasko spoke about facilities and staff being able to handle these issues, but before making any choices, thinks this should be carefully considered and researched. The Board agreed to address this at a future meeting.

4.10 **Airport MassDOT Grant Assurances**

Submitting request from Mark Raymond, Airport Manager, for approval of the annual MassDOT grant assurances for signature of the Board.

Motion to ask the Airport Commission to come before the Board to explain this in more detail.

Moved by: Robert Donnelly

Seconded by: Amanda Grow

4.11 Department of Telecommunications and Cable Comcast License Expiration Notice

Submitting notification from the Department of Telecommunications and Cable regarding Comcast License Expiration.

Motion to table this item until it is ready.

Moved by: Amanda Grow

Seconded by: Matthew Lane

This item is already being worked on, and will come before the board when the proposal is ready.

4.12 **FY2024 Retirement Appropriation**

Public Employee Retirement Administration Commission submitting the FY 2024 retirement appropriations.

Motion to approve.

Moved by: Robert Donnelly

Seconded by: Matthew Lane

4.13 **Hackney License Application: Mohamed Adam**

Submitting Hackney License application for Mohamed Adam

Motion to request additional information as well as to ask the applicant to come before the Board at a future meeting.

Moved by: Robert Donnelly

Seconded by: Matthew Lane

4.14 **Hackney License Application: Sami Sinan Alati**

Submitting Hackney License application for Sami Sinan Alati

Motion to request additional information as well as to ask the applicant to come before the Board at a future meeting.

Moved by: Robert Donnelly

Seconded by: Matthew Lane

5. Memoranda

Motion to file all memoranda.

Seconded by: Matthew Lane

5.1 **Personnel Board Vacancy**

Notification of a vacancy on the Personnel Board

The Board spoke about this item, encouraging residents to apply for this or other Board and Committee openings.

5.2 **ABCC Approval: Mizuya Cuisine LLC**

Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission submitting notification of approval for Mizuya Change of Manager and Ownership Interest.

5.3. Verizon

1. Verizon programming change notification
2. PEG Grant Information for 4th quarter 2022

5.4 XFINITY

Annual copy of Policies and Procedures with sample bills and channel lineup.

5.5. Norwood Police Department

1. Commendations
2. Liquor Reports- No Violation
3. Monthly Report January 2023

5.6 **MSBA/Coakley Middle School 90% CD Submission Review**
Information submitted

6. Manager's Update

Mr. Mazzucco spoke about the retirement of long time recreation employee Mike Halpin and wished him well. He also thanked DPW, facilities, and staff of the Town Hall for their assistance in getting the Town Hall and Memorial Hall clean and ready for John Carroll's services.

7. Selectmen's Addenda

Selectman Grow extended condolences to the Carroll Family. She spoke highly of the Still I Rise presentation at the High School for Black History Month, and spoke about the ongoing work of the anti-scam task force.

Selectman Donnelly congratulated Mr. Halpin and Chief Hayes on their retirements. He spoke at length about what a wonderful mentor and

colleague Mr. Carroll had been both in the town and with the MWRA

Selectman Donohue spoke about how John Carroll was an amazing, caring person who would be missed and shared stories of his life and their interactions, and extended condolences to his family, saying he would be missed by all.

Selectman Lane extended condolences to the Carroll family.

Chairman Plasko extended condolences to the family of Michael Rush, who recently lost his father. He also spoke about John Carroll, saying that he was a fabulous person and sharing anecdotes.

Motion to adjourn

Moved by: Robert Donnelly

Seconded by: Amanda Grow

A True Record ATTEST:

Executive Assistant