

Selectmen's Meeting
Room 34, Town Hall

March 03, 2020
Meeting is Recorded

Regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen convened at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 03, 2020 in Rm 34, Norwood Memorial Municipal Building, with Pledge of Allegiance, moment of prayer and reflection.

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

Appointments

Sigalle Reiss and Stacey Lane, Health Department:

Ms. Reiss gave an update on Corona virus related issues adding that each day they learn more and more about the virus. People aged 65 years old and older are a more susceptible population to the virus. Public Health Nurse Stacey Lane said people with underlying health issues are at higher risk as this virus goes after the lungs. She stressed the importance of hand washing, covering a cough or sneeze and keeping your hands away from your face. The virus is spread by droplets and the only way the virus can enter your body is through your face, so don't touch your face. Ms. Reiss asked that people not buy masks as that creates a shortage for the medical professionals who need them. Selectman Howard thanked Ms. Lane and Ms. Reiss for being here. He referred to the research Moderna did and asked how long it would be until there is a vaccine. Ms. Reiss said one knows the answer to that question, but they will work with emergency management partners on this. Ms. Lane said a vaccine would take about a year but treatment will be available much sooner. Selectman Hajjar also thanked Ms. Lane and Ms. Reiss and asked about communication with the School Department nurses. Ms. Lane spoke with the nursing coordinator today and she had the latest guidance from the CDC for school health.

New Business

Courtney Rau Rogers, President, Norwood League of Women Voters:

On motion of Selectman Hajjar, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to approve request to hold Candidates Forum in Memorial Hall Monday, March 23, 2020 6:15 -10 p.m. It will begin at 7:30 p.m. and end at 9:30 p.m.

Pamela N. Goldstein, Associate General Counsel, Verizon:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to file as information franchise renewal notice requesting commencement of formal renewal proceedings under Section 626 of the Communications Act, for their cable television license which expires October 2, 2022.

Car Wash:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to approve:

NHS Girls Volleyball, Saturday August 29, 2020 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

NHS Girls Hockey, Saturday, July 25, 2020 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Special Town Meeting:

Selectman Hajjar gave an update on the open lot auto storage issue. Last spring Special Town Meeting authorized a one year moratorium during which time the planning department would conduct a study of the Route 1 corridor. There is an ongoing study on the assessing values of these storage sites. Currently they are assessed as vacant land but they could be assessed or charged based on improvements. Selectman Plasko suggested the Board start looking at dates in the near future because if we hold a Special at the same time as the Annual, the warrant would have to be closed late March. Selectman Hajjar noted that given the Skating Club of Boston he would like to remove support for a skating rink in South Norwood by reversing the vote to support asking for funding for an ice rink from the state to make it clear to Mr. Rogers and Mr. Rush that we are no longer seeking funds to build a rink in that area. Selectman Plasko said they have proven they have not been able to get the funds and the administration has no intention whatsoever of making those funds available. His only hesitation is that the SCOB was never intended to be a permanent replacement of the proposed rink, just a temporary solution. Selectman Maloney said there is no need to take action. Initially the skating rink was a \$5.6 million project which would be paid entirely by the state. Selectman Plasko referred to a letter addressed to Representative Rogers dated the previous December that they took ten months to show to the Selectmen in which the state would consider putting forth \$2 million if the town would come up with the rest of the funding.

Norfolk County Commissioners:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to file as information Annual Report of the County of Norfolk for the Fiscal Year 2018.

Norwood Public Access:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to file as information minutes of Board meeting of December 11, 2019.

Tony Mazzucco, General Manager:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Hajjar, voted to accept a donation of \$500 pursuant to MGL C.44 Sec.53A from Dedham Savings Bank of Norwood to help defray costs of the Recreation Department's 2020 Winter Carnival. On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Hajjar, voted to approve and sign Inter-Municipal Agreement between the Town of Sharon and the Town of Norwood for the interconnection of our water system.

Val Feeney, Norwood Irish Music Club:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to approve request for a 1 day AAB License for an event being held Saturday, March 21, 2020 from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. at Knights of Columbus Hall.

Manager's Update

Pajama Drive

Two weeks left in pajama drive – want to beat 2,500 and to date we have about 1,500 pairs. Donations can be dropped off at any of the Schools including St. Catherine's, Town Building and now we have also partnered up with Norwood Hospital.

Circle of Hope

Holding a fundraiser at the OCC on Sunday March 15th from 4 to 8 p.m. and 100% of the proceeds will go to the Circle of Hope. Tickets for the event are \$35 in advance or at the door. Will also be holding a big raffle with only 250 \$100 tickets to be sold for a chance to win the grand prize of \$5,000.

Selectman Howard

St. Patrick's Day Party

Annual St. Patrick's Day Party at the VFW on Saturday, March 14th from 5 to 11 p.m. Tickets are \$15 which includes corn beef and cabbage and lamb stew.

Selectman Hajjar

NCM

The upcoming Tom Cummings Show will consist of interviewing all four candidates for the Board of Selectmen Positions. This is not a debate but rather an interview and get to know the candidates, the debate will be scheduled for a later time.

Chairman Bishop

Age Friendly Community

Senior Center is hosting a Town of Norwood Age-Friendly Community Forum in the Public Safety Community Room March 11 from 6–8 p.m. Guest speaker Dr. Caitlin Coyle will be making a demographic presentation.

Adjournment

No other business being presented for consideration, on motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to adjourn and the meeting was adjourned accordingly at 7:40 p.m.

A True Record.

ATTEST: _____
Clerk