

Regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen convened at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 26, 2019 in Room 34, 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, Helen Abdallah Donohue, Paul A. Bishop, Allan D. Howard. General Manager Tony Mazzucco, Clerk Christina Mulvehill, Assistant Aoife Kelly.

Appointments

7:00 P.M. – Mark Ryan, DPW Director/Town Engineer

Mr. Ryan told the Board he has been informed by Representative John Rogers that the Mass DOT Grant came through for \$500,000. He then gave an overview of his department's monthly activities. He reported that the composting presentation he did at the library was very well attended. There was a brief discussion of food scrap disposal, trash, and recycling. The community garden is starting up for the season. There is an upcoming water cleaning and lining project in the area of Prospect, Lydon and Fulton Streets. Sewer cleaning and lining is ongoing. Mr. Ryan gave a brief update on the cemetery chapel renovations, which are going very well. The engineering department has a resurfacing project planned for six town parking lots.

7:15 P.M. – James Collins, Light Department Superintendent

Mr. Collins gave update on the department's activities, including the 115 kv transmission project. He spoke about generators, which according to DEP rules cannot be in the same place two years in a row. He anticipates \$500,000 in savings this coming year. The MBTA solar project is moving along, with the solar part being done, but not the interconnection. Avalon project is moving along quickly, as is the Access Road project.

Mr. Hansen gave the Broadband update. Currently they are upgrading software. Lately there has been a lot of transitioning of satellite feeds. As the satellites get older the channels move to other, newer satellite. The head end is busy switching to the new satellites. The department is currently running fiber for Avalon Bay. Residential sales have been slow but business sales are going great.

7:35 P.M – (P.H.) Jeff Morrill, 150 Milton Avenue, Hyde Park, MA

Submitting request to amend Lodging House License at 12 Vernon Street and increase to 17 units from 12 units. Mr. Morrill gave overview of the rooming houses he currently owns. In September he bought the adjacent garage and driveway to 12 Vernon Street. His plan is to put 4 single units in that building and convert an empty room on the main property to a housing room. Selectman Howard asked about restrooms. Mr. Morrill explained that each 144 square foot unit will have a bathroom, and that private baths lend themselves to tenants staying longer. These are not transient buildings. Each room has a small refrigerator and a microwave. Selectman Plasko inquired about the plan for a room in the original property. Mr. Morrill explained that the former owner had a kitchen and sitting room in that which tenants don't use. Mr. Morrill has verbal approval from the Building Department and has not yet filed building permit application. Members of the public were invited to speak. Carole MacLeay asked about parking. Mr. Morrill said there is a very large driveway to accommodate four cars in addition to a nine vehicle lot on the other side. On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted to close the hearing. On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to approve the license subject to ascertainment of a building permit.

New Business

Marcia Motta, 47 Windsor Road

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to approve request on behalf of the Bay State Animal Cooperative to host this year's Fundraising Dog Wash/Car Wash, rabies clinic and micro-chipping clinic in the parking lot across from the Civic Center on Sunday, June 23, 9 a.m. to 2p.m.

Comcast

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to file 2018 License Fee Payment to the Town of \$1,528.00, in accordance with M.G.L.c.166A §9.

Nicholas A. Campagna, Jr. 86 Countryside Lane

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to approve request on behalf of Project Bread to place a display in the Town Hall lobby for three weeks prior to the Walk for Hunger (April 16 through May 6). The walk will be on May 5th.

Tony Mazzucco, General Manager

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted to place the proposed list of articles inclusive on the Special Town Meeting Warrant.

- Article 1 Cordials
- Article 2 Skating Club of Boston AAB
- Article 3 Seniors
- Article 4 Veterans
- Article 5 Mixed Use Overlay
- Article 6 Zoning Code
- Article 7 Open Lot Storage
- Article 8 Stretch Energy Code
- Article 9 Election
- Article 10 Dean Street Culvert
- Article 11 Snow and Ice
- Article 12 Public Works
- Article 13 Police Department
- Article 14 Fire Department
- Article 15 Building Inspector Salaries
- Article 16 Human Resources Salaries
- Article 17 Legal/Collective Bargaining
- Article 18 OPEB Trust
- Article 19 Unpaid Bills
- Article 20 MWRA Water Pipeline Rehab

Manager's Update

Human Resources Director

Molly Kean, who currently handles benefits for the Town of Weston has been hired to head HR. She has a degree from Catholic University. She is expected to start April 22nd. Selectman Plasko was very helpful with this process.

Civics Fundraiser Breakfast

The event will be held Monday, April 15th at OCC to benefit civics class. Tickets available in General Manager's Office and at OCC. Paul Angelo donated all the food so 100% of proceeds goes to right to the program.

Selectmen's Addenda

Selectman Howard

Parking

People parking around the hospital. They should be ticketed or parking restriction signs should be removed.

Leaf Bag Pickup

Leaf Bags will be picked up on your normal trash day starting April 1, 2019.

Election

Please vote Monday, April 1, 2019.

Selectman Plasko

Election

It is very important to vote. Please vote in the upcoming election.

Public Volunteer

Suggests doing reappointments in a couple of weeks and asks residents to please consider volunteering their time.

Selectman Bishop

Election

Please vote in the upcoming election.

Pajama Drive

Went from 500 last year to 2500 sets this year. Thank you to Mr. Mazzucco, Library Director, Elks, every school in town. John and Jean hall donated 800 pairs of pajamas and we thank them. On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted to have Mr. and Mrs. Hall in for recognition.

Michael Abely

Career firefighter passed away recently. All around good man. Condolences

Selectman Donohue

Jean and John Hall

Jean and John have helped out so much.

Town Election

In hope that all get out to vote. It is a pleasure serving on this Board.

Chairman Maloney

William Abely

Condolences to the Abely family.

Library Events

Dr. Gary Highland gave a lecture on Teddy Roosevelt. April 3rd will be a lecture on Boston mob and Patty Fanning will speak the following week.

Adjournment

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

A True Record.

ATTEST: _____
Clerk