

Regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen convened at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 9, 2019 in Rm 34, Norwood Memorial Municipal Building, with Pledge of Allegiance, moment of prayer, reflection.

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

### Appointments

#### 7:00 P.M. – (P.H.) Abdul N. Shuman, 100 Winfield Street:

Submitting application for Class II Auto Dealer License to be operated from his residence on Winfield Street where he lives there with wife and three children. Mr. Shuman said he has been in the used car business, but he needs this license to go to the auction. This would not be a car dealership in a residential neighborhood. Mr. Shuman would conduct business via computer and would at no time have vehicles parked on his premises or the street. Selectman Hajjar clarified there would be no cars stored on the premises. Mr. Shuman plans to leave the cars at the auction until he sells them. They will hold them for up to a week. If he needs more time, he will garage the vehicles at his brother's shop in Quincy. Selectman Hajjar summarized this as a home office and cars will never be on the premises. Chairman Bishop said abutters had been notified. Selectman Plasko asked for clarification of the licensed premises and notified Mr. Shuman that he disagrees with this type of business and votes against them. Chairman Bishop asked for public comment. Paula Humsey, of 94 Winfield Street stated she wants to make sure there are no cars on the premises at any time. On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Hajjar, voted to close the hearing. On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted 4-1 to approve the license. Selectman Plasko opposed.

#### 7:20 P.M – John Aprea and Norwood High School Environmental Youth Coalition:

Katie Neal Rizzo introduced herself, Mr. Aprea and Alrena Shara, Norwood High School Sophomore and Treasurer of EYC. Ms. Shara gave an overview of the organization. They intend to spread awareness and knowledge about the environment and how to help with the effects of global warming and sustainability. They encourage the Norwood High community to be more green. Ms. Neal Rizzo said they will have a bike swap and a fix it station. Ms. Shara said the coalition did a birthday clean up from the high school to St. Tim's. They have a gift wrapping program and have made bracelets with Together Yes to sell at Norwood Day. They have installed water bottle filler stations at the high school. She listed several of the initiatives of the group. Selectman Howard said the town has benefitted in state funding because of all the green programs at the high school. He asked if students are advised to educate their families about the Norwood recycling program. Earth week 2019 is April 22 through the 26<sup>th</sup>. Sunday April 28<sup>th</sup> will be the town clean up followed by a fair on the common. Victoria's has donated a slice of pizza for each participant in the clean-up. All of the schools and some of the playgrounds will be cleaned up. Selectman Maloney wished them success. Selectman Hajjar commended them on their actions and wished them well.

### New Business

#### Annual Town Meeting Warrant

Selectman Plasko made a motion, seconded by Selectman Howard to sign the warrant as presented. Discussion ensued about the request of the Finance Commission to add an article to the Annual Town Meeting Warrant to set up a new stabilization fund for the purpose of purchasing larger than normal capital items. No funding stream has been identified. Selectman Howard expressed opposition as did Selectman Maloney. Selectman Maloney said he would support putting this on a warrant in the future but not the upcoming annual. Selectman Hajjar said the Finance Commission has been discussing this for some time. Selectman Plasko said he does not agree with the concept, but as far as putting it on this warrant, the vote to establish should come when funds become available. Chairman Bishop concurred with Selectman Plasko that the timing is not correct. On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted 4-1 to table for future town meeting. Selectman Hajjar opposed. Referring back to the motion and second originally made, the Board voted unanimously to sign the warrant.

#### Mary Lou Folan, Town Clerk:

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

Mark P. Ryan, Graves Custodian (Veterans)  
Matthew Walsh, Sealer of Weights and Measures  
Edmund W. Mulvehill, Jr. Soldiers Relief Agent  
Henry Cerqueira, Animal Control Officer

Mary Lou Folan, Town Clerk (cont'd)

Selectmen's Appointments

The following individuals have expressed interest in being reappointed:

Thomas Brady, Board of Appeal –Zoning  
Mary C. Anderson, Associate Member, Board of Appeal  
Edmund W. Mulvehill, Jr., Fence Viewer  
Kevin Shaughnessy, Airport Commission  
Martin E. Odstrchel – Airport Commission  
Thomas F. O'Toole, Constable  
James E. Pepin, Constable  
Juliette Bugeau, Board of Registrars

Selectman Hajjar asked for this to be tabled so he can talk to each of the individuals and ask them what their understanding of the position is. Selectman Plasko pointed out that the next meeting of the Board is two weeks away. Chairman Bishop said he sees no reason to delay and he has been in contact with the individuals and they want to continue on. They have been here doing the job for several years. In the case of Kevin Shaughnessy and Martin Odstrchel there is litigation going on with Norwood Airport and it would be right for them to remain on the commission until the conclusion of the litigation. Selectman Maloney stated the request from Mr. Hajjar is fair and does believe timing is of the essence with the Airport and ZBA. He does not mind delaying the constables, registrars and fence viewer but would nominate Mr. Shaughnessy and Mr. Odstrchel for reappointment. On motion of Selectman Maloney, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to reappoint Mr. Shaughnessy and Mr. Odstrchel to the Airport Commission. Mr. Hajjar made a motion to delay reappointments for two weeks with the exception of the two airport commissioners. Selectman Maloney seconded the motion and the Board voted unanimously to table for two weeks all but the Airport Commission reappointments. Mr. Plasko made a recommendation to appoint Mr. Murphy to full member of ZBA and appoint Ryan Gorman as an associate member. Selectman Bishop asked Selectman Hajjar how he felt about Selectman Plasko's recommendation. Selectman Hajjar requested the ZBA positions be put off for two weeks and to have Mr. Gorman in for an interview. Chairman a Bishop said Barbara Kinter has chosen not to be reappointed to Zoning Board of Appeals. The Clerk will put together a commendation.

Norwood Council on Aging:

On motion of Selectman Howard, second by Selectman Plasko, voted to re-appointment for two-year term Thomas F. Tobin, Frances M. Kenney and Edmund W. Mulvehill, Jr.

Economic Development Committee:

On motion of Selectman Hajjar, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to re-appointment; William J. Plasko for a Three-year term, term to expire 4/30/22.

Car Wash:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to approve NHS Girls Ice Hockey, Saturday, July 27, 2019 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Robert F. Sullivan, Sr. Manager, Xfinity:

On motion of Selectman Maloney, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to file notice regarding price change to Xfinity TV services. Acorn TV will change from \$4.99 to \$5.99 per month as of May 2, 2019, this is due to an increase in programming costs from Acorn TV. All current subscribing customers will be notified through bill messages.

Darryl Hanson, Broadband Division Manager:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to file a copy of the 2018 Annual State License Fee - \$2,923.20 as paid to and filed with Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications & Cable, in accordance with Massachusetts cable regulations G.L. c 166A ss9.

Paul Ronco, President Local 1631, IAFF:

On motion of Selectman Hajjar, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to approve request to hold its annual "Norwood Firefighters 5K for MDA" road race. The start and finish line will be at St. Timothy's Church, starting at 10:00 a.m. He has coordinated this event with the Norwood Police Department Safety Officer.

Attorney Jessica Deratzian, Esq., Connor & Hilliard, PC:

On motion of Selectman Maloney, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to schedule public hearing on application for transfer of Restaurant All Alcoholic Beverages License from YKLU Food Inc. to EMC Restaurant, Inc., dba Same Old Place Bar & Grille and submitting application for CV license to operate Same Old Place Bar & Grille at 1210 Boston Providence Turnpike Norwood.

Norwood Historical Commission:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to file 2018 Annual Report of the Norwood Historical Commission.

Chief William G. Brooks, III, NPD:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to file information on liquor incident report for Limey's Pub. Incident was investigated by Norwood Police and there was no evidence of a violation.

David DePree, Norwood Space Center:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to approve application for One Day WMB License for Saturday, May 11, 2019 from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Pamela Carthy, APT Fighting Chance Foundation:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to approve application for One Day WMB License at Compete Indoor Sports, 576 Pleasant Street, for Saturday, April 13, 2019 from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m., for a charity boxing event.

Alan D. Slater, Chairman, Finance Commission:

Mr. Slater's request to the Board to add a warrant article for the May 13, 2019 Annual Town Meeting to establish a new Stabilization Fund for the purpose of purchasing larger than normal capital items was addressed during review of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant, and tabled for future discussion.

James Collins, Light Department Superintendent:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to file notice that in accordance with the Cable Television Renewal License, they have made payment to NCM for the 5% Quarterly Franchise Fee in the amount of \$46,560 to comply with section 6.4 of the Cable Television Final License.

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to file notice of payment to Town of Norwood of \$1,788 for Administration Fee, which was deposited in the General Fund for Peg Access Group in accordance with article 7.1 of the license.

Unfinished Business

ABCC:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Maloney, vote to file notification of final approval of transfer of All Alcoholic Beverages license from Anelise, Inc., dba Acapulco's Mexican Family Restaurant to El Tomato, Inc., dba Acapulco's Mexican Restaurant, 500 Boston Providence Turnpike, Norwood Ma.

Robert M. Thornton, CPA:

Submitting follow up correspondence regarding override. Selectman Maloney referred to the two most recent correspondences sent by Mr. Thornton as the second being an addendum to the first. There are three letters total from Mr. Thornton regarding the override. Everything he submits is a pleasure to read and to contemplate. Mr. Thornton believes we would be justified in proposing a lower number for the levy limit increase for the June 3<sup>rd</sup> vote. Although Mr. Thornton's is a very well-reasoned argument, Selectman Maloney stated at this point, with all the time and effort put into this by Finance Commission, Budget Balancing, etc. the number is \$5.95 and let's vote. Selectman Howard spoke about the joint board meeting held Saturday, April 6, 2019 which lasted about five hours, and that statements made at that meeting convinced him to support the override. He has received phone calls that a lot of people are on the fence. They want to support the schools and town government but want to be sure that the override number is not any more excessive than it needs to be and if the number could be reduced by even a few hundred thousand dollars it would instill confidence that due diligence has been performed. He asked that this number be checked to be sure. Selectman Plasko spoke recently with the Town Clerk about finalizing the language for the special election ballot

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question. The override proposal has been carefully reviewed by the Budget Balancing Committee. The original review started at \$8.2 million and was eventually reduced to \$5.95 and there is nothing else to reduce. The school will restore the serious cuts that they will have to make this year if they have to balance their budget without an override. This would also require using free cash, which would violate the town policy against letting free cash go below \$500,000. The three boards, Selectmen, Fin Com and School Committee plan to make a pledge that if this override passes, we will maintain the budget for five years without any cuts in services and without asking for any additional funds. Selectman Plasko made a motion, seconded by Selectman Maloney, to authorize the Town Clerk to proceed with preparation of the ballot as instructed previously.

Selectman Hajjar explained the collaborative effort between School Committee, Town Administration and the Board of Selectmen, and the Finance Commission who have been at this task for nine months. Initially the override number was over \$11 million and it was worked down to \$5.95. The issue would be one group changing the number on its own without going back to the two boards collaborated with to find the right number. For this Board to take this number now and change it is unfair and unwise. He spoke about focusing on enhancing revenues. Mr. Mazzucco said there are no additional revenues for consideration at this time. Selectman Maloney stated this override ballot question is to increase the levy limit, and it is Town Meeting's job, in conjunction with the Finance Commission primarily, to scrutinize budget requests and decide if they are legitimate or should be reduced or amended in any way. Memorandum of Understanding number 8 states specifically that we will exhaust all other sources of revenue before going to the tax levy. That is an interesting change in the way we have been doing business the last ten years at least.

Selectman Plasko said school department is asking for approximately \$1.5 million more than what is in their budget to be used for things they believe are needed for a strong educational system or are unfunded mandates by the state and are not being met at this time. School committees for years have been pointing out they need more, asking for more, and going without and that is not wise going forward. They are asking the voters to decide if they will support this. Mr. Mazzucco said Melrose just passed a \$5.1 million with no five year projections and no pledge or MOU. Arlington is taking a different approach with their override.

Chairman Bishop added his comments about the tax levy and the problems the cities and towns are having financially. He addressed Mr. Thornton's letters and said there should be as much information available to the public, whether it be for or against the override. Mr. Thornton's letters will be available in the Selectmen's Office.

Selectman Hajjar commented on the need for changes to be made at the state level to aid the cities and towns. Selectman Maloney spoke in support of Proposition 2.5 stating it is working wonderfully. It means that when government wants more money than it is allowed to tax, it has to go to the people.

Upon conclusion of discussion on the motion made by Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Maloney, the Board voted to authorize and direct the Town Clerk to proceed with preparation of the override ballot as previously directed.

Memoranda

Chief William G. Brooks III, Norwood Police Department:

Submitting copy of letter sent to Ernie Boch, Jr., regarding generous donation to refurbish the gym at the public safety building. On motion of Selectman Plasko seconded by Selectman voted to accept the donation under M. G. L. Chapter 44, Section 53 ½ and to send a letter of thanks to Mr. Boch.

Manager's Update

Tomorrow is Student Government Day during which students from the high school spend time with different boards, committees and department heads before moving to the police station for the budget debate.

Firefighter Joe Mawn returns to service tomorrow and there will be a small ceremony at the station.

This coming Monday is the Bring Home the Bacon breakfast fundraiser for Norwood High civics programs. The tickets cost \$25 and are available on line or in the Manager's Office. All of the food is being donated by Paul Angelo of the OCC.

Selectmen's Addenda

Selectman Hajjar

Chapter 90 funding

The Beacon had an article about this, and part of our override is to increase the amount of money to put toward local roads. There is currently an effort by MMA to get state funding increased from \$200 million to a multi-year \$300 million per year commitment. He spoke with Representative Rogers as to the House position this year and he did not feel confident the House side would go above \$200 million but he will be working with Senator Rush on this.

Community Preservation Act

The CPA match for fiscal 2020 down to 11.5 %. As more communities sign up the percentage match will decrease.

Impact Norwood

Working with youths and adults in town to deal with drugs, specifically marijuana and vaping. Students were surveyed from middle school up asking what they are experimenting with. 13 – 14 % of middle schooler and over 30% of high schoolers admitted participation. Encourage participation in the Impact Norwood meetings at the high school twice a month.

Selectman Howard

Tony Mastandrea

Mr. Mastandrea retired from his position representing the Town with MBTA. Selectman Howard asked that a commendation letter be sent if one has not been already.

Chairman Bishop recalled taking the Mastandreas to lunch last year and presenting the plaque at that time.

Fred Millin

Mr. Millin was a quiet person and a good guy. He passed away relatively young a few days ago and condolences to his family and close friends.

Selectman Maloney

Road Work

In regard to the MMA push to increase funding for roadwork in the state, they reported if all the necessary road work were to be done across the state, the total in year one would be \$685 million, so even the \$300 million they are pushing for doesn't even come to half of what is actually needed.

Norwood Police Department

Thank you for your work in my neighborhood this past week. Marijuana products, fireworks, and guns were found in a certain home. The police department went in with a warrant and worked with dispatch and efficiency.

Student Government Day

Looking forward to working with Jaeden, Casey, Justin, Eric and Denasi, your Board of Selectmen for tomorrow.

Chairman Bishop

Joint Meeting April 6, 2019

The three major boards in town, Selectmen, Finance Commission and School Committee sat down together to try to come to an agreement on a Memorandum of Agreement going forward. No firm conclusion was reached. Selectman Plasko pointed out that the Manager presented an updated document. It is a Pledge that if voters choose to pass the override, this is the way town business would be conducted. It reflects the comments by the boards on Saturday.

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to authorize and direct the Chairman to sign the Pledge on behalf of this Board. When all boards have signed, this will be made available to the public.

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 8:30 p.m.

A True Record.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk