

Minutes

Present: Chairman William Plasko, Selectman Helen Abdallah Donohue, Selectman Matt Lane, Selectman Robert Donnelly, Selectmen Amanda Grow, Town Manager Tony Mazzucco, Administrative Assistant Christine Woodward, Joe Collins.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 by Chairman Plasko, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silent prayer or reflection.

Upon motion of Selectman Lane, seconded by Selectman Grow, the Board unanimously appointed Selectman Helen Abdallah Donohue to the position of Vice Chairman of the Board of Selectmen.

Mr. Travis Farley gave a report of the activities of the Recreation Department in February and March and was thanked by the Board for his ongoing hard work. Mr. Farley gave an overview of the upcoming programs, featuring the April vacation recreation programs.

Fiscal Year budgets for Water, Sewer and Electric Light and Broadband Budgets were moved, as Mr. Mark Ryan was in attendance, the Board was also joined by Mr. Joe Collins. Mr. Mazzucco stated that the rate increase was the lowest in years, and detailed that there were no significant changes. Selectman Donohue inquired about how water and sewer rates are determined. On motion of Selectman Donnelly, seconded by Selectman Donohue, the Board voted unanimously to approve the water and sewer budget as presented.

Olivadi, which closed in June 2020, returned for its Show Cause continuance. They had been at the last meeting, and been asked for additional materials. On motion of Selectman Lane, seconded by Selectman Donnelly, the Board voted unanimously to continue this meeting until May 17th, 2020, or first meeting following.

The Board resumed the budget discussion, with Mr. Kevin Shaughnessy, Mr. Darryl Hanson, and Mr. Jason Haber, joining. The Light Department budget is stable, with no major increases anticipated. On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Grow, the Board voted unanimously to approve the light budget as presented. There were no significant Broadband budget changes. On motion of Selectman Lane, seconded by Selectman Grow, the Board voted unanimously to approve the broadband budget as presented.

Ernie Paciorkowski, Paul Halkiotis, Sarah Bouchard and the Planning Board- Brian Hatchy, Robert Bamber, Debbie Holmwood, Joseph Sheehan and Derek Mason- joined the Board to discuss the state mandate regarding housing near train

stations. The Planning Board presented details regarding the new Zoning District act for multifamily housing in MBTA communities. They clarified that this mandate is for zoning, not production. Chairman Plasko stated strong opposition to this law and said the proposed regulations are full of inconsistencies and contradictions. Chairman Plasko objected to references to this law and regulations as a “tool for communities”. He said it is clearly a mandate. If the Town does not comply, there will be consequences at the State level. The Board established a task force, and appointed Mr. Lane as the representative of the Board of Selectmen on this task force.

Wine and Market returned before the Board. The hearing had to be repeated due to administrative details. Selectman Donohue abstained from this item. On motion of Selectman Lane, seconded by Selectman Donnelly, the Board voted 4-0 to close the hearing. On motion of Selectman Lane, seconded by Selectman Donnelly, the Board voted 4-0 to approve the application.

On motion of Selectman Lane, seconded by Selectman Grow, the Board voted unanimously to approve a Car Wash in the town lot on September 11, 2022 to benefit the Bay State Animal Shelter.

On motion of Selectman Donnelly, seconded by Selectman Lane, the Board voted unanimously to approve the use of the Town Common on June 18, 2022 for a Juneteenth event.

On motion of Selectman Donohue, Seconded by Selectman Lane, the Board voted unanimously to approve a “Run for a Vet” Road Race.

On motion of Selectman Donnelly, seconded by Selectman Lane, the Board voted unanimously to close Central Street again for the summer, until late October for picnic tables.

On motion of Selectman Grow, seconded by Selectman Lane, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Outdoor Dining program as presented, with a fee of \$100 for establishments not using public space, and a fee of \$200 for establishments using public space (ie: sidewalk, town parking spaces, etc. The Town intends to make several improvements to outdoor dining, including more consideration given to accessibility, and more beautified safety barriers to be provided by the establishments.

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Lane, the Board voted unanimously to endorse the CPA projects as presented on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectmen Lane, the Board voted unanimously to approve and sign the Annual Town Meeting warrant. On motion of

Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Donnelly, the Board voted unanimously to approve and sign the Special Town Meeting Warrant.

Regarding the Special Town Meeting Warrant:

On motion of Selectman Donnelly, seconded by Selectman Lane, the Board voted unanimously to support article one.

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Grow, the Board voted unanimously to support article two.

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Lane, the Board voted unanimously to support article three.

On motion of Selectman Donnelly, seconded by Selectman Lane, the Board voted to support article four, with a vote of 4-1, Selectman Donohue opposed.

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Grow, the Board voted unanimously to support article five.

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Lane, the Board voted unanimously to support article six.

On motion of Selectman Donnelly, seconded by Selectman Grow, the Board voted to support article seven, with a vote of 4-1, Selectman Donohue opposed.

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Grow, the Board voted unanimously to support article eight.

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Lane, the Board voted unanimously to take no actions on article nine.

On motion of Selectman Donnelly, seconded by Selectman Lane, the Board voted unanimously to take no action on article ten.

Following up on the Board's choice to appoint one member and one alternate to sign the warrants each week, the Chairman appointed Selectman Donnelly as the primary signer, and Selectman Grow as the alternate.

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Grow, the Board voted unanimously to authorize the Town Manager to sign the LIP Mitigation agreement and LIP Regulatory agreement.

On motion of Selectman Lane, seconded by Selectman Donnelly, the Board voted unanimously to permit the recycling of the IT items as listed.

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Grow, the Board voted unanimously to permit the Norwood Police Department to donate expired body armor to the people of Ukraine.

On motion of Selectman Donnelly, seconded by Selectman Lane, the Board voted unanimously to sign the Deeds as listed below

Elizabeth P. Mastandrea, of 32 Endicott Street, for Lot C3-184
David G. Beckman, of 803 Park Hill Court, Beaver creek, OH, for Lot C3-186
Mario B. Gomes, of 400 East Street, Walpole, for Lot C3-185
John M. Katchpole, of 73 Fox Run, Centerville, for Lot U-45
John F. Donovan Jr, of 52 Yarmouth Road, for Lot C3-191
John P. Kelley, of 70 Hillshire Lane, for Lot C3-192

On motion of Selectman Lane, seconded by Selectman Grow, the Board voted unanimously to take no action on the police report submitted regarding Napper Tandy's.

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

1. Correspondence
 - a) Letter in support of 259 Lenox Street Project
 - b) Letter recognizing Norwood Police Department officers for their exceptional work.
2. Copperworks, Canton MA

Submitting notification of Affordable Housing Lottery, with a public information session on May 2, 2022. Details can be found at www.sebhousing.com
3. Norwood Public Schools Fine Arts Festival

Submitting notification of Fine Arts festival Saturday, April 30, 2022 at 245 Nichols Street from 10:00 until 2:00pm.
4. Progress Norwood Events
 - a) Submitting notification of Norwood Earth Day events including community clean ups and a community picnic on the Town Common on April 24, 2022, from 10:00am until 1:30pm.
 - b) Submitting notification of Norwood 2022 rain barrel sale, details to be found at www.greatamericanbarrel.com/community/norwood

Mr. Mazzucco updated the Board on the Circle of Hope's Norwood Dancing With the Stars event which he is participating in, raising money for the Norwood Charity.

Selectman Lane wished Mr. Mazzucco luck in his dancing, and gave special thanks to Norwood Little League.

Selectman Donohue confirmed how often the Board was meeting, and the Chairman confirmed that he intends to meet every other week. She reiterated promoting the Art Festival, Earth Day event, Dancing with the Stars, and the Balch School Reunion.

Selectman Donnelly thanked Mr. Mazzucco for organizing Student Government Day.

Selectman Donnelly was appointed by Chairman Plasko to the Middle School Building Committee to represent the Board of Selectmen.

On motion of Selectman Grow, seconded by Selectman Lane, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn.

A True Record:

ATTEST: _____

Assistant