

Selectmen's Meeting
Room 34, Town Hall

May 24, 2022
Meeting is Recorded

Present: Chairman William Plasko, Vice Chairman Helen Abdallah Donohue, Selectman Matthew Lane, Selectman Robert Donnelly, Selectman Amanda Grow, General Manager Tony Mazucco, Executive Assistant Jess Jozwik

Meeting was called to order at 6:30pm and began with Pledge of Allegiance and Silent Moment of Reflection.

On motion of Selectman Donnelly, seconded by Selectman Lane, the Board voted unanimously by roll call to go into executive session for Purpose 3 - To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the public body and the chair so declares. Collective Bargaining: AFSCEM, AFL-CIO, State Council #93. Executive session was conducted. On motion of Selectman Grow, seconded by Selectman Donnelly, the Board voted unanimously by roll call to return to open session.

On Motion of Selectman Lane, Seconded by Selectman Donohue, the Board voted 3-0 to approve the meeting minutes of January 18, 2022, with Selectmen Grow and Donnelly abstaining. On Motion of Selectman Lane, Seconded by Selectman Donohue, the Board voted 3-0 to approve the meeting minutes of February 1, 2022, with Selectmen Grow and Donnelly abstaining. On Motion of Selectman Lane, Seconded by Selectman Donnelly, the Board voted unanimously to approve the meeting minutes of April 5, 2022. On Motion of Selectman Lane, Seconded by Selectman Grow, the Board voted 4-0 to approve the meeting minutes of May 10, 2022, with Chairman Plasko abstaining.

On motion of Selectman Lane, seconded by Selectman Donohue, the Board voted unanimously to approve the request to close Cottage Street between Washington and Central Street, as well as Washington Street between Cottage and Nahatan Streets on Saturday, June 18, from 11:00am until 2:00pm in conjunction with the approved Juneteenth event on the Town Common.

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Donnelly, the Board voted unanimously to approve a request to block off Pine Street at the Prospect Street and Oldham Entrance for the annual Block Party from 11:00am until 8:00pm on Saturday, August 27, 2022.

On motion of Selectman Donnelly, seconded by Selectman Lane, the Board voted unanimously to approve request to hang a banner across Washington Street advertising the Craft Affair event from September 30, 2022, until October 15, 2022.

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Lane, the Board voted unanimously to approve a request for a one day wine and malt beverages license for a party at the Norwood Portuguese Club, located at 1090 Washington Street, Norwood MA on June 25, 2022, from noon until 11:00pm, with 40-60 guests expected.

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Grow, the Board approve a request for a one day wine and malt beverages license for a grand opening celebration at BMW of Norwood, facilitated by TAPPED Beer Truck at 918 Boston Providence Turnpike on June 9, 2022, from 6:00pm until 9:00pm with 500 guests expected.

On motion of Selectman Donnelly, seconded by Selectman Lane, the Board voted to appoint Rachel Churchill to the open associate membership position on the Zoning Board of Appeals, and extend their thanks to Mr. O'Neil for his application and interest. Vote was 4-0, with Selectman Donohue abstaining.

On motion of Selectman Donnelly, seconded by Selectman Lane, the Board voted unanimously to authorize the chair to assign the MassDOT Grant Assurances for the Norwood Memorial Airport, after the General Manager assured them that this has already been appropriated by Town Meeting.

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Lane, the Board voted unanimously to extend the Norwood Light Department Cable Negotiations for an additional 30 days.

On the motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman , the Board voted unanimously to approve their signatures being affixed to the following licenses:

- Savers, 500 Boston Providence Turnpike, Junk Collector's License
- Kappy's, 534 Washington Street, Junk Collector's License
- Boston Core Supply, 237 Lenox Street, Junk Collector's License
- Chelala Jewelry and Gifts, 646 Washington Street, Junk Collector's License
- Keegan's Norwood Jewelers, 1135 Washington Street, Junk Collector's License
- Norwood Post 2452 VFW, 193 Dean Street, One Pool/Billiard Table License
- Norwood Sport Center, 65 Cottage Street East, Bowling Ally License and Public Amusement License

Thomas Fair came before the Board to represent 32 Guild Street, dba Olivadi, for their 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. Mr. Fair indicated that the restaurant was indeed open this evening, and the Board thanked him, and on motion of Selectman Donnelly, seconded by Selectman Grow, the Board voted unanimously to close the hearing.

General Manager Tony Mazzucco answered questions and detailed to the Board how the Water and Sewer rates are set. The Board extended their thanks to Mr. Mazzucco and Mr. Joe Collins for a thoroughly researched report. On motion of Selectman Donnelly, seconded by Selectman Donohue, the Board voted unanimously to approve the rates as submitted.

At 7:15 P.M. the Board held a hearing regarding Workmen's Hall, 99 1/2 Wilson Street, Norwood, MA to consider whether their license to sell alcoholic beverages should be suspended, limited or revoked for violations of M.G.L. 138, section 12 and section 23 and/or if the Club was responsible for permitting disorder, disturbances, disorderly conduct or other illegality upon the licensed premises in violation of 201 CMR 2.05. Written and verbal testimony was provided by Chief William G. Brooks III and Detective Brenden Greene of the Norwood Police Department. Gretchen Stampfl, the sole representative for Workmen's Hall provided verbal testimony as well

Detective Greene detailed exhibit 1, a police report dated April 3, 2021, regarding police responding to a call at Workmen's Hall for a reports of shots fired, and finding evidence of the Club-licensed establishment having served non-members. Ms. Stampfl had no comments on exhibit 1. Detective Greene detailed exhibit 2, a police report dated December 12, 2021, regarding police responding to a call at Workmen's Hall for a disturbance, possibly a fight in progress, and finding evidence of non-members being served. Ms. Stampfl

claimed that the people in question had been guests of members and they were not served there. She offered no proof. Detective Green detailed exhibit 3, a police report dated January 18, 2022, regarding the police being called for a fight outside of Workmen's Hall that began in the hall when the parties were playing pool. They were not members, but Ms. Stampfl indicated they had inquired about membership and she was researching them as prospective members. Detective Green detailed exhibit 4, a police report regarding an investigation involving an undercover police officer going in to Workmen's Hall as an individual who was not a member nor the guest of a member, and being served alcohol. Ms. Stampfl stated she had no information about this incident. Discussion ensued, the Selectmen inquiring into Workmen's Hall's procedures and how they currently operate.

Opportunity was given for public comment, none was offered. On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Donnelly, the Board voted unanimously to close the public hearing.

Upon further discussion, and on motion of Selectman Donnelly, seconded by Selectman Lane, the Board voted 4-1 with Selectman Donohue opposed to suspend the Club's alcohol license for repeated violations of serving individuals who were/are not members or guests of a member, and for allowing disorder and disturbances in the Club or on the Club's property cause by non-members as a result of the Club serving said individuals. The suspension shall be served Friday June 17, 2022, through Saturday June 18, 2022, and an additional Friday and Saturday was held in abeyance until the board determines at its July 12, 2022 meeting if the Club has satisfied the following additional requirements:

- 1) Cover or otherwise remove reference to a Tavern and Billiards on both sides of the Club's sign at the entrance to the property at Wilson Street
- 2) Establish a method of verification of membership of persons being served alcoholic beverages, and for the logging of guests introduced by a member that includes the non-member's name, address, and the name of the member taking responsibility for the guest, as well as the time arrived and the time of departure.
- 3) The Club shall also create written regulations/procedures and train employees and volunteers in these regulations/procedures to ensure the same are correctly followed.

At the Board meeting scheduled for July 12, 2022, the Board shall review the Club's compliance and determine whether or not the additional two days held in abeyance must be served, and if so, when.

In a separate action the Board discussed the Workmen's Hall renewal application for (10) ten pool tables. Chairman Plasko questioned their need for ten based on the low membership bring non-members to the Club. He suggested two or three were sufficient. He also questioned the request for ten since he had been advised that they only had (7) seven tables. After further discussion on motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Donnelly, the Board voted unanimously to approve 7 of the 10 pool tables for Workmen's Hall, 99.5 Wilson St, Pool/Billiard Table Licenses.

Selectman Donohue brought up a citizen complaint regarding the traffic at the BJ's gas station on Boston-Providence Turnpike and asked Chief Brooks if anything could be done in that area. He responded that he will look into the issue.

Chief Brooks detailed the issues about the Morse Street Bridge, and the Board learned about options to remedy the fact that larger trucks, generally driven by inexperienced truck drivers, get stuck, similar to Storrow Drive in Boston. The remedy proposed by the Traffic Safety Advisory Committee is to add a mast

arm over Morse Street in advance of the bridge that would be at the height of bridge clearance to prevent vehicles that are exceed the clearance from getting stuck under the bridge. On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Lane, the Board voted unanimously to forward this recommendation to the Planning Board, to ask that when considering the site plan for 83 Morse Street development, that they make approval contingent on funding this project and take no other action at this time. Selectman Donnelly clarified that this can still come through as a Capitol Outlay project, should the Planning Board not include this in the development plans. General Manager Mazzucco clarified that this suggestion had come from a traffic engineering firm, and the Traffic Safety Advisory committee had reviewed their options. He wants to make sure that the Board does not lose sight of this project, and Selectman Grow agreed that this is already an issue, and it may be inadvisable to wait to solve this problem.

On motion of Selectman Lane, seconded by Selectman Donohue, the Board voted unanimously to approve recommendation to add an accessible parking space on Heaton Avenue.

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

1. Xfinity- Submitting notification of changes in cost for AMC+ On Demand
2. Verizon
 - a) Submitting notification of business rate changes
 - b) Submitting Q1 PEG Grant Statement
3. Norwood Police Department- Submitting monthly activity report for April, 2022.

General Manager Mazzucco showed the Board a news clip about Health Department Director Stacey Lane saving a man's life in her neighborhood. The Board congratulated and thanked Ms. Lane

The Board acknowledged the scheduled Hearing for 1381 Services 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. 1381 Services formally surrendered their license earlier that day, and on motion of Selectman Donnelly, seconded by Selectman Grow, the Board voted unanimously to close the hearing and take no further action.

Chairman Plasko shared a letter from a group of concerned citizen regarding a development on Neponset Street who were concerned about woods being converted to parking.

Selectman Grow went to the Veteran's Tribute on the weekend and said it was wonderful, and thanked everyone who organized it and participated. She also went to a Metropolitan Area Planning Council event about renewable permitting. They are trying to create materials to help get building inspectors and vendors who are doing renewable energy installs and inspections on the same page. The MAPC is requesting feedback from Towns on the MAPC's draft of the materials

Selectman Donnelly expressed condolences to the community of Father Tom Corcoran who passed away this past week. He also expressed interest in developing a Town Master Plan, which Mr. Mazzucco and the rest of the Board appeared supportive of.

Selectman Donohue expressed condolences to Judy Usevich's family and mentioned the memorial services for Leah O'Leary and shared material from the memorial. She also mentioned the Parkway Orchestra playing at the high school, which was a wonderful, if warm, experience.

Chairman Plasko reminded the public of the upcoming Memorial Day Celebrations.

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

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ATTEST: _____

Assistant