

Regular meeting of the Board of Selectman convened at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 28, 2019 in Room 34, the Harry B. Butters Chambers, Norwood Memorial Municipal Building, with the Pledge of Allegiance, and a silent moment of prayer and reflection.

Present: Chairman Paul A. Bishop, Selectmen William J. Plasko, Thomas F. Maloney, and David E. Hajjar. Also present General Manager Tony Mazzucco, and Clerk Christina K. Mulvehill, and Assistant Aoife Kelly.

Appointments

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

Mr. Ryan gave an overview of his department's monthly activities. The Public Works Department provided a trash and recycling presentation to the Senior Center which went well. The department participated in Earth Day both with a table at the high school and by assistance elsewhere in the town. On May 17th the employees at Moderna contacted Public Works to ask how they could help out. They cleaned up Upland Road from Clapboardtree Street to Prospect Street, as well as Access Road. The Highway and Parks Department prepared the Town Common for the prom festivities which is always exciting. At the same time as the prom pictures on the common, there was a film crew shooting a commercial at the theatre and the empty building on 95 Central Street and Mr. Ryan worked with Mr. Cooper and the film crew and all went well. His employees removed an old wooden element at Bond Street Playground and replaced it with a new fire truck. Tom Brannelly, who tragically lost his daughter as a result of her being hit by a car crossing the street, coordinated with Mr. Riccardi and Mr. Ryan to put a display at the high school showing an SUV turned over as a result of texting while driving. The Water Department is meeting with consultants on the upcoming cleaning and lining project. Access Road water main project will continue for the next two weeks. Sewer and Drain Department got information from the MWRA and found a significant amount of clean water flowing into a sewer. Cemetery Department has been busy with interments. The cemetery crew rebuilt the entrance to the St. Gabriel Chapel, making it handicap accessible, using granite steps that were salvaged from the old high school. They also reconstructed the driveway there and regraded the area. They also prepared two cemeteries for Memorial Day and thank you to Paul Ranalli and Charlie Walsh, their crew, and the summer help employees. The Engineering Department held its first meeting with the consultant on the Dean Street Project and it is moving along. Mr. Ryan spoke briefly about the state Complete Streets Program. June 12th there will be a workshop for the public on this. Mr. Ryan met with MassDOT on the Route 1/University Avenue intersection project which will be funded by the state. Chairman Bishop congratulated Mr. Ryan on making the Chapel handicap accessible and using a part of the town's history for the granite steps. Selectman Hajjar thanked Mr. Ryan for all he does. He inquired about sewer main clearing. Mr. Ryan said the mains are in the street and are the town's responsibility, and the sewer services are the responsibility of the homeowner. Selectman Hajjar asked how the payment for the sewer service is made. Mr. Ryan said it is made clear upon the homeowner's request that payment must be made at the time of the service. Selectman Plasko asked if it would be possible do temporarily eliminate the detour currently on Dean Street. Mr. Ryan said there are steel plates over the collapsed area but he would not welcome traffic moving over those. Mr. Ryan said he could look at more advanced notice, etc. Mr. Maloney inquired about the timeline on that project. Mr. Ryan said they had the first design meeting and the state has to approve the design. He is still waiting for the contract to come back from the state to officially start the project. Mr. Ryan expects construction to be in the fall of 2020. Selectman Maloney asked about Complete Streets. Mr. Ryan said the program encourages communities to develop a program to look at improving the pedestrian environment, possibility of adding bike lanes, tying in to transit, etc. Upon adoption of the program, each year the town is eligible for up to \$400,000 from the state for road projects. Selectman Hajjar inquired about a roadway plan going out beyond one year and if the override passes the Board wanted to look at the five year road plan. Mr. Ryan said the five year plan is posted on the public works web site.

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

Mr. Collins gave overview of his department's monthly activieiss. He spoke briefly about the transmission project and also the Munis conversion. Temporary generators will be placed at the Ellis substation and the anticipated savings over the three months they will be in use is \$500,000. Tony spoke about the 136 Access Road project, reporting one hundred percent of the building demolition is complete as are all of the structural steel retrofits. The two new stairways have been completed and the brick infill work is almost complete. All of the concrete has been placed in the new addition, the new admin spaces and all the trenching in vehicle storage. There was brief discussion of budget and time frames, which are both on target.

James Collins, Light Department Superintendent-(cont'd):

Mr. Collins spoke about the electric vehicle program, which has a few participants who get a discount of \$8 per month on their electric bill for charging the car off peak. Selectman Maloney asked about the conservation fund for solar. Mr. Collins referred to the DPU Report which he will be filing. Selectman Hajjar commented on the financial section of the report which showed a very successful month in March.

Darryl Hanson reported a great March and April. Currently there is a fire suppression system being installed in the server room in the Access Road property. He spoke briefly about the modem replacement program, which is nearing completion. Set top box replacement is on hold while they consider using hybrid boxes instead. The large internet connection routers in town are being upgraded now and Mr. Hanson does not anticipate any service interruptions. The Broadband department is currently working on Avalon Bay and Regal Press buildings and Endicott is ongoing.

Chairman Bishop inquired about the routers that uses batteries. Selectman Hajjar asked the age of the UPS system. Mr. Hanson said it is seventeen years old and they are researching replacing it. Selectman Maloney referred to financial information, noting a good job being done reducing debt. Mr. Hanson concurred and spoke briefly about the schedule.

On motion of Selectman Maloney, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to sign the DPU report.

New Business

Clerk, Board of Selectmen:

On motion of Selectman Maloney, seconded by Selectman Hajjar, voted to table for two weeks.

The following Junk Dealers licenses have not been renewed and should be revoked:

Remarkable Cleanouts LLC – 61 Endicott Street

Salvage Angel – 61 Endicott Street

The Vintage Peacock – 61 Endicott Street

White Dog Vintage – 61 Endicott Street

Ramblin Rose - 61 Endicott Street

Gallery 2 – 61 Endicott Street

It's Time – 61 Endicott Street

Barbara Kelleher, Permit Rep. National Grid:

On motion of Selectman Maloney, seconded by Selectman Hajjar, voted to schedule a public hearing on petition to install and maintain approx. 246ft. more or less of 4 inch gas main in Pleasant St. from the existing 60 psig gas main at Sunset Ave., southerly to Morse St. and approximately 1200 ft. more or less of 4 inch gas main in Morse St. from the intersection of Pleasant St., westerly to bldg. #83. For the purpose of providing 4 gas services in The Norwood Industrial Park.

Daunia Inc., dba Vico Ristorante Italiano, 89 Central Street:

On motion of Selectman Maloney, seconded by Selectman Hajjar, voted to schedule a public hearing on the application for change of License Category from Wines and Malt Beverages to Wines and Malt Beverages with Cordials/Liquors.

Tony Mazzucco, General Manager:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to approve request that Paul Halkiotis be authorized to contract for the work to be done to brand Vanderbilt Business Park and pay the vendors in advance of being reimbursed by Mass Development.

Selectman David Hajjar-Buckmaster Pond:

Selectman Hajjar spoke about the obligation to explore new revue sources. He wants permission to speak to other parties and towns to find out if there is any interest in leasing the water rights. Chairman Bishop said personally he has no interest in giving up that resource. Selectman Plasko said the idea of selling Buckmaster and or leasing water from there is misplaced. If anything is to be done there it should be putting it on line for the town. Approximately \$800,000 was spent studying this once before and it was found from engineers that there are two significant benefits to Norwood in doing that with one being producing a redundant plan and the other being significant savings of just under \$ 9 million dollars per year from the cost of the same volume of water that we would purchase from the MWRA if it were produced from the pond. Water is a vital resource and there is not a redundant supply here in Norwood. The MWRA is working on a redundant delivery source, not a redundant supply source. This is a great asset here but it would take significant money

Selectman David Hajjar-Buckmaster Pond-(cont'd)

and time to get the water on line but it should be for Norwood residents and ratepayers. Selectman Plasko said he is adamantly opposed in doing anything with this resource other than using it for Norwood residents. Selectman Maloney said he is open to the idea of talking with anybody about anything that might bring some revenue. In this case it seems pursuing would be leading people on to a concept the town has no intention of fulfilling. Chairman Bishop said Mr. Hajjar should discuss this with whomever he wishes and bring back to the Board on June 25. Selectman Hajjar concurred.

Sonia Ramos, General Manager, Jake n Joes, 475 Boston Providence Tnpk:

On motion of Selectman Hajjar, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to approve request for extended hours from Saturday, June 8th into Sunday, June 9th at 2 a.m. to show a UFC event being held on the West Coast with the same provisions as in the past. The back gate will remain closed, a police detail on site and if the match is cancelled or the event is over before normal business hours, the license for later closing will be rescinded.

Kenneth Housman, President ARL Healthcare Inc.:

On motion of Selectman Maloney, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to file notification to the Board that ARL Healthcare Inc. will not be looking to build out and operate a Cultivation and Processing Center in Norwood. Selectman Plasko said Middlesex Integrative Medicine is currently getting bids for the buildout of their dispensary location. They anticipate opening in October.

Corinna Gallo, 18 Columbine Road:

On motion of Selectman Maloney, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to approve request to have a block party on Saturday, June 8, 2019 from 1 p.m. to 10 p.m. and to block off Laurel and Woodbine as in the past.

Kevin Tortorella, Boston's Baddest Burger:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to table for two weeks request to park his food truck in front of 1208 Washington Street, for lunch and dinner service. And on motion of Selectman Plasko seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to assign Selectman Hajjar to be liaison.

Ronald Varney, Norwood Center Pizza and Grille:

On motion of Selectman Maloney, seconded by Selectman Hajjar, voted to schedule a public hearing on the application for CV License for 514 Washington Street.

Memoranda

Supt. Travis Farley, Recreation Department:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Hajjar, voted to file monthly report of Department activities.

Selectmen's Meetings:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to approve as submitted, Meeting minutes from January 8, 15, 22, 29 and February 5, 19, 26, 2019. The vote was 3-0. Selectman Hajjar abstained.

Manager's Update

The budget season this year was challenging both because of the decisions that had to be made and the conversion of the accounting software. The Accounting and IT Departments did a fantastic job. Mr. Mazzucco anticipates further challenges with the end of the fiscal year and beginning of the new fiscal year. Selectman Maloney inquired about Municipal Relief Transfer Requests.. The Manager said it is possible there will be some, and they are taking a look.

Selectmen's Addenda

Selectman Maloney

Avalon Bay

Selectman Maloney inquired about the money due from Avalon Bay for the intersection of Lenox and Nahatan Streets.

Memorial Day

Thank you to all who came out for the parade and ceremony at the cemetery. Mr. Mulvehill did his usual superlative job in organizing the events. This year's honoree was Sgt. 1st Class John McCarthy, who died not long ago. His family was in attendance and they were deeply moved by the ceremony and by Mr. Mulvehill's words.

Selectman Maloney-(cont'd)

St. Gabriel's Chapel

It would be nice to open it up to the public sometime during the summer. The building has come out beautifully and hopefully people will be able to see it sometime soon.

Selectman Plasko

Special Election

Reminder about the special election next Monday, June 3, 2019 for the Override vote.

Selectman Hajjar

Override Vote

He stands behind the override and thinks it is important for this town. He believes the few hundred dollars it will cost us would be lost in values of our homes in a very short period of time. The schools truly need it and the general government needs it to prevent further cuts.

Cemetery Fees

He has been working with Mr. Mazzucco and Mr. Ryan on Cemetery Fees and possible updates to Rules and Regulations with a plan to bring information to the Board for the June 25, 2019 meeting.

Asphalt Plant on Pleasant Street

Were there funds given to the town for that and has it all been spent. Chairman Bishop explained the money goes into a separate account and intended to do any repairs from the exit of the asphalt plant on Pleasant Street to the intersection of Dean and Pleasant Streets, including repairs to the small bridge.

Chairman Bishop

Memorial Day

Thank you to all who came out for the parade and ceremony at the Highland Cemetery. They were very well done. The McCarthy family was very pleased with the services that were rendered to all veterans, including their particular loved one. The Town of Norwood did our veterans right and that is on account of Mr. Ted Mulvehill, the Veterans' Service Officer, who did a great job, as he always does. This holiday is a special remembrance of veterans who have passed. The people who brought us to the point of democracy we enjoy today.

Summer Meeting Schedule

Reminder the Board of Selectmen will be meeting every other week from now until after Labor Day.

Adjournment

No other business being presented for consideration, on motion of Selectman Maloney, seconded by Selectman Hajjar, voted to adjourn and the meeting was adjourned accordingly at 8:36 p.m.

A True Record.

ATTEST: _____
Clerk