

Regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen convened at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, July 23, 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 and Thomas Maloney. General Manager Tony Mazzucco, Clerk Christina Mulvehill, Assistant Aoife Kelly.

Appointments

7:05 P.M. – Show Cause Hearing, Castle Island Brewing Company, LLC, 31 Astor Avenue:

MGL C, 138, Section 34-Sale of alcoholic beverages to a person under the age of 21. Will Regan, Tap Room Manager, Mary Ellen Bordaletti, Bartender, and Adam Romanow, President and Founder, introduced themselves. In response to Chairman Bishop's inquiry, they informed the Board that they had read the police report and do not dispute it. Chairman Bishop disclosed that his son was one of the officers involved in this operation and offered to recuse himself. Castle Island had no objection. Mr. Romanow explained that public safety is something they have always taken seriously. They go through extensive training with staff. This was a case of oversight and not a recurring problem. When they became aware of the incident they immediately called for a staff training as soon as possible. The bartender was served with a two week suspension per the internal company policy. The memo Chief Brooks sent in the fall regarding proper identification was reviewed by all staff. Chairman Bishop asked for an explanation of why the server, who checked the ID which was vertical, proceeded to serve the obviously underage patron. Mr. Romanow said they were busy and coming off shift change and the server had been at the bar for only fifteen minutes and was trying to get caught up. This was a mistake. Ms. Bondaletti said it was a busy night that night and there is no excuse for this. She takes complete fault for it. She was going to q uickly and looked too quickly at the ID. Since then she has been looking more thoroughly making sure ID is valid. This is the first time this has ever happened to her and it will never happen again. She has learned a lot going through this, but it was an honest mistake. Selectman Howard expressed disappointment that individuals presenting vertical licenses are still being served alcohol. Mr. Romanow said the door person had called in sick that night but ideally they have one person to solely review the licenses and talk to the customers as they are entering. Selectman Maloney pointed out that a person could be of age and still have a vertical license, but a vertical license has red lettering on it stating under 21. Selectman Plasko asked what happens when the door person cards someone and they are not of age. Mr. Romanow said they can still enter the establishment but the door person stamps the back of the hands of all who are 21 and over and not anyone underage. Only people with stamps will be served alcohol. On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to close the hearing. On motion of Selectman Maloney, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to send a written warning as this is the second offense.

7:20 P.M. – Show Cause Hearing, Courtyard Mgmt. Corp. dba Courtyard by Marriott, 300 River Ridge Road:

MGL C, 138, Section 34-Sale of alcoholic beverages to a person under the age of 21. Chairman Bishop disclosed that his son was one of the police officers involved in this incident. Jim Wefers, Courtyard General Manager did not have a problem with Chairman Bishop remaining. Mr. Wefers said this incident was a failure of an employee to do his duty and should not have happened. They have made some changes in their operation to ensure that this does not happen again. Failure to check for an ID is a violation of internal policies. Mr. Wefers said they have done some restructuring in personnel and hired a manager to directly oversee the bistro. In addition, they have created a supervisor training program on alcohol compliance and food safety. All service must be TIPS certified in ninety days. They have associate facing signage showing different ID types and review "born after" dates before each shift. Selectman Maloney asked how many people who are not guests visit the bar. Mr. Wefers said not many and Selectman Maloney added that you cannot assume anything even though you figure all the customers are business travelers. On motion of Selectman Maloney, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to close the hearing. On motion of Selectman Maloney, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to send a written warning as this is the second violation within a year.

7:35 P.M. – (P.H.) Peter Morrissey, President, BTN, Inc., dba Boston Tavern:

Attorney Neal Bingham and applicant Peter Morrissey were in attendance for the application for Retail Alcoholic Beverage License to operate at 1210 Boston Providence Turnpike, Norwood. Mr. Morrissey intends to make the former Outback into a Boston Tavern, which will be a one hundred ninety seat restaurant service American food and a replica of his Ashland Ale House. This will be his eighth restaurant and he is very serious about compliance and will continue to take this seriously. There is no pledge on the license. Selectman Maloney addressed the Outback's lack of success, but the assumption is that Mr. Morrissey has plans to surpass the previous tenant. The applicant has also submitted a Common Victualler application. On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to close the hearing. On motion of Selectman Maloney, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to approve the AAB License and approve the CV License contingent upon approval by the Board of Health.

New Business

Kristen Donahue, 148 Cameron Road:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to approve request to hold party at Ellis Playground Saturday, August 31, 2019 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., with no fires allowed.

Rimon Doss, 31 Centennial Drive #5:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to approve request to use the Town Common on Saturday, September 14, 2019 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. for a celebration with the Arabic Evangelical Baptist Church, West Roxbury.

Amy Campbell, A Craft Affair:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to approve request to hang a banner over Washington Street at Guild Square for two weeks preceding the Craft Affair being held Saturday, October 19, 2019 at Norwood High School from 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Tony Mazzucco, General Manager:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to approve request for DPW Municipal Relief Act Transfer of \$1,915.34 from P0111-19 Co-op Student Salary to P0110-19 Engineer Salary.

Mary Lou Folan, Town Clerk:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to file copy of the addition to Norwood Town By-Laws that was voted at the Special Town Meeting on April 25, 2019 and approved by the Attorney General on July 5, 2019. Articles 5, 6, 7 (Zoning) and 8 (General).

Mark Good, Treasurer & Collector:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to approve MWRA Water Bond and to sign closing documents.

Tony Mazzucco, General Manager:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Howard voted to adopt Complete Street Policy.

Robert F. Sullivan, Comcast:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to file emergency report procedures.

Henry Graham, 13 Liberty Lane:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to forward to Town Manager for further conversation petition to prohibit private developers from offering residential parking in town municipal parking lots. Selectman Plasko said he has spoken with the Manager in regard to the parking areas and he is working with staff for permitting and rules and regulations for those areas.

Anthony Primavera, 37 Alandale Parkway:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to approve request to use the Town Common on Saturday, August 17, 2019 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. for a wedding ceremony.

BTN, Inc., dba Boston Tavern:

Submitting application for C.V. license to operate at 1210 Boston Providence Turnpike. Approval for this license was granted during the public hearing on the liquor license application

Norwood Electric Light Commissioners:

The Light Department received a public information request, as have many cities and towns. Selectman Plasko explained that a vote is necessary by this Board to deny certain information if it has to do with competition and could affect Town competition and business dealings. In this case it is a group that is not looking at the Norwood Light Department, they are looking at a gas line that is proposed and they are trying to get information from all municipalities. Two Town contracts have a clause in them prohibiting release of this information, and those two companies have prepared redacted contracts that they would have no problem releasing, and the other contracts could be released. Selectman Plasko recommended the Board take this vote and let the Town Clerk and Mr. Collins respond appropriately to the public records request.

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Howard, the Norwood Board of Selectmen, voting in their capacity as Electric Light Commissioners, determined that exemption from compliance with the public records requirements of MGL Chapter 66 § 10, is necessary to protect trade secrets, confidential, competitively sensitive, or other proprietary information provided in the course of proceedings conducted pursuant to MGL Chapter 164, because such disclosure will adversely affect its ability to conduct business in relation to other entities making, selling or distributing electric power or energy pursuant to MGL Chapter 164.

Liquor Licenses

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to schedule two show cause hearings. AAB Licensees Olivio's Grille & Pizzeria, 1210 Boston Providence Turnpike, and Hibachi Steak House, Inc., 315 Morse Street have both closed for business and are therefore failing to provide the public with the services contemplated by the licenses.

Memoranda

Paul Halkiotis, Community Planning and Economic Development Director:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to approve request for Municipal Relief Act Transfers:

- i. \$1,966.88 to Conservation Agent Salary
- ii. \$79.86 to Board of Appeals Salary Accounts

On motion of Selectman Maloney, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to file copy of notice of UTI TIF Decertification.

Chief William G. Brooks III, NPD:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to file:

- a. copy of recognition for Officers Harkins, Riley, Baguma, Rooney and Marchant for their actions in apprehending a suspected kidnapper on June 20, 2019.
- b. letter of recognition to Detective Paul Ryan and Officer Bryan Cedrone for their actions during a house fire on July 16, 2019.

Norfolk County Commissioners:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to file copy of notice to the Assessors of tax for fiscal year, July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 in the amount of \$231,463.14.

Selectmen's Minutes:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to approve as submitted Meeting minutes from April 9, 23, 30 and May 7, 2019.

Alan Slater, Finance Commission Chair:

On motion of Selectman Maloney, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to file for the Board's information, correspondence to Thomas R. Polito, Jr., Blue Hills Regional District School Committee Chair supporting removing from consideration a proposed stipend and health insurance option for committee members. Selectman Maloney thanked the Finance Commission for being proactive in expressing their objections.

James F. Collins, Light Department Superintendent:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Plasko voted to file for information report of department's monthly activities.

Manager's Update

Norwood Day September 7, 2019

Norwood Day buttons will be available for \$3 at Town Hall, Civic Center, Library, Norwood Bank, etc. the day of the event tickets will be \$5.

Weekend extreme heat

Due to the extreme heat over the weekend, the library was open as a cooling station for two days and had several hundred visitors. The Light Department experienced a few short outages. Next year's capital plan should be adjusted to include a generator at the Senior Center.

Selectmen's Addenda

Selectman Plasko

Bang Wall

The Manager will get an update on the bang wall for the Board.

Selectman Howard

Disabled Veteran Tax Benefit

The Veterans' Agent is working with the General Manager on this and Selectman Howard volunteered to get involved. On motion of Selectman Maloney, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to ask Mr. Howard to represent this Board to work with Mr. Mulvehill and Mr. Mazzucco.

Executive Session

Purpose 3 – To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have an effect on the bargaining or litigation position of the public body and the Chair so declares.

AFSCME Local 1451:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Maloney, and on roll call vote of Selectmen Howard and Bishop, voted to enter executive session for the purpose presented, and return to open session for adjournment only.

Adjournment

Upon returning to open session and no other business being presented for discussion, on motion of Selectman Maloney, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to adjourn and the Board adjourned accordingly at 8:40 p.m.

A True Record

Attest: _____
Clerk