

Selectmen's Meeting
Room 34, Town Hall

July 26, 2022
Meeting is Recorded

In Attendance: Chairman William Plasko, Vice Chairman Helen Abdallah-Donohue, Selectman Matthew Lane, Selectman Amanda Grow, Selectman Robert Donnelly, Assistant General Manager Michael Rosen, Executive Assistant Jess Jozwik

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:30pm and began with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silent prayer or reflection.

6:35 PM Middle School Project Update

Selectmen Lane and Donnelly reviewed the members of the Middle School Building Committee and the overview of the schedule, focusing on hiring the Construction Manager at Risk, for which they are interviewing August 3 and 4, 2022, and the subcommittee will submit a recommendation to the MSBC and the Board of Selectmen. The next major milestone is to submit the construction documents, which will be complete by March 2023. They hope to have the building complete for the 2025 school year. Selectman Donnelly detailed some things they had to change to reduce cost to meet the approved budget, and how the project consultant made a list of priorities and how to reduce costs that have been increased by economic factors. The project is on schedule and on budget.

6:50 PM Energy Management Update

Energy Manager David Ruggiero presented an update on his department. The Green communities Annual Report is due this upcoming November. Energy use is returning to pre-covid levels. He detailed grants, both those he has applied for and those that have been awarded. He told the Board about Norwood Light's energy incentive programs, similar to MassSave. He gave an update on the State codes and goals.

Selectman Donnelly submitted notification of reviewed and approved Warrant Reports that he signed. On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Grow, the Board voted unanimously to file this information.

On motion of Selectman Lane, seconded by Selectman Donnelly, the Board voted unanimously to accept the meeting minutes for June 28, 2022 Light Commissioner Meeting, June 28, 2022, July 12, 2022.

On motion of Selectman Donnelly, seconded by Selectman Lane, the Board unanimously voted to approve request for use of car wash lot to benefit the Norwood High Field Hockey Team on September 3, 2022 from 8:00am until 2:00pm.

On motion of Selectman Grow, seconded by Selectman Lane, the Board unanimously voted to approve request for use of the Morse House on Sundays beginning in July, from 9:30am until 11:30am for language classes, replacing their previous request to use Saturdays.

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Lane, the Board unanimously voted to approve request for a One Day Beer and Wine license for an event on September 10, 2022, from 5:00 until 7:30pm, with 100 guests expected. The event will take place in the back of the school at their location at 249 Nahatan Street.

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Donnelly, the Board unanimously voted to approve request from Ron Marshalsea Trade Scholarship for a One Day Beer and Wine license for a wiffle ball tournament on September 3 and 4, 2022, from 1:00pm until 4:00pm in the field and parking lot at 152 Winslow Ave.

On motion of Selectman Donnelly, seconded by Selectman Lane, the Board unanimously voted to request to use the Town Common for a get together of 50-100 people on August 5, 2022, from 6:00pm until 7:00pm to honor the memory of Arthur Harris, a 40 year DPW employee, and Donna Burns Harris.

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Grow, the Board unanimously voted to request to use the Town Common and adjacent parking spaces on Washington Street on December 3, 2022, for their annual Luminary

Night from 4:00pm until 7:00pm, as well as their request to insert applications for Luminary Bags into the October light bills.

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Donnelly, the Board unanimously voted to approve, as submitted by Town Clerk MaryLou Folan, appointment of the Board the Wardens, Clerks, Ballot Clerks, Ballot Box Clerks, and alternate election workers. Selectman Donnelly also thanked all of the Election Workers

Chairman Plasko read information regarding early voting, which will begin on Saturday, August 27, 2022, and end on Friday, September 2, 2022, and will take place in Memorial Hall, 1st Floor of the Town Hall.

On motion of Selectman Donnelly, seconded by Selectman Grow, the Board voted unanimously to accept donation pursuant to the Avalon Bay LIP Mitigation Agreement as a chapter 44, section 53a donation for the purposes intended. Selectman Lane thanked Chairman Plasko for his work on this.

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Lane, the Board voted unanimously to sign the release of deeds for the following locations:

1. 192 Roosevelt Avenue
2. Linden and Winter Streets (Norwood Hospital)

On motion of Selectman Donnelly, seconded by Selectman Grow, the Board voted unanimously to approve all of the following recommendations from the Traffic Safety Committee:

- a) Creation of accessible parking space on Washington Street
- b) Addition of stop sign and “no parking here to corner” on Alandale Parkway
- c) Elimination of parking space closest to the Rama Plaza exit and installation of a “no parking here to driveway” sign.

On motion of Selectman Donnelly, seconded by Selectman Lane, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation to set the date for Fall Special Town Meeting to beginning Monday November 14th, at 6:30 in the High School Auditorium.

On motion of Selectman Lane, seconded by Selectman Donnelly, the Board voted unanimously to affirm the current policy, and authorize the Manager to reply to the letter that had inquired about allowing spouses to be buried in the veteran’s section at Highland cemetery.

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

1. Norwood Light Broadband Q1 PEG Franchise Fee
Submitting PEG Franchise Fee
2. Norwood Police Department
Submitting monthly activity report for June, 2022

General Manager Tony Mazzucco thanked the Fourth of July committee. He informed the Board the Planning Board had approved the Norwood Hospital’s final plans. The Capital Outlay committee has elected Tom McQuaid as their new Chair. The Town Meeting Size Committee has had their first meeting. The Commission on Disability would like to come before the Board of Selectmen soon. Due to recent climate events, Mr. Mazzucco confirmed that Norwood is not in danger of running out of water, but encourages citizens of the Town to conserve their water use.

Selectman Grow spoke about how native species of plants are doing far better in the recent droughts. She also said it’s the 32ed anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act. She also spoke about electric vehicle programs.

Selectman Donnelly reminded the Board the MWRA field trip is August 18, 2022. The 150th is having an Arts and Cultural Festival on October 1, 2022, at the Space Ceter. The Trails Committee is working hard.

Selectman Lane spoke highly of the recreation department and said their camps are going very well.

Selectman Donohue said that groups should reach out to participate in the arts and culture festival. She said the Concerts on the Common are going well and encourages people to go. The Town's production of Our Town will be on August 13, 2022. The Norwood Hospital is coming along.

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Grow, the Board voted unanimously by roll call to go into executive session, only to return to open session for the purpose of adjournment.

Following the executive session, the Board returned to open session, and on motion of Selectman Donnelly, seconded by Selectman Grow, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn.

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ATTEST: _____
Assistant