

Regular meeting of the Board of Selectman convened at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, November 5, 2019 in Room 34, the Harry B. Butters Chambers, Norwood Memorial Municipal Building, with the Pledge of Allegiance, and silent moment of prayer/reflection.

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

Appointments

7:00 P.M. – Norwood Cultural Council:

Arati Paranjpe introduced herself and gave a brief background. She is trying to get involved with schools, etc. to pursue her interest in the art and craft field. Ms. Paranjpe said she likes to volunteer her time, skills and experience. Christopher Paddock introduced himself next. He is a teacher in the Boston Public School System. He has enjoyed watching his four year old daughter grow up in Norwood and his family takes advantage of many activities in Norwood and he would like to give back. Chairman Bishop thanked them both for their commitment, enthusiasm, and passion, and he is in receipt of a letter from the Cultural Council recommending both candidates for appointment. Selectman Hajjar thanked them both for meeting with the Board and commended them on their enthusiasm. Selectman Maloney pointed out that the Cultural Council is limited to nine members in Norwood and these two appointments will bring membership to nine. There will be over \$1,000 from the state for use by the Cultural Council. Selectman Howard commended them both and expressed his support. Selectman Plasko said he is impressed by both candidates and asked how they found Cultural Council as an outlet to get involved as it is a somewhat under the radar group. Ms. P said she took part in an event that some members also participated in. They gave her links to information which led her to request appointment. Mr. Paddock said his wife led the charge in getting the family involved in different community organizations. She has helped out with Trails Committee and being involved in the town is very important to them. He was not aware of the Norwood Cultural Council until the reading of the Frederick Douglas piece in Old Parish Cemetery. Chairman Bishop thanked them again for their commitment to the town. On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to appoint both candidates to the Norwood Cultural Council.

New Business

Edmund W. Mulvehill, Jr., Director of Veterans' Services:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to approve request to hold the annual Veterans' Day Parade and ceremonies on Monday, November 11, 2019.

Jose Amorim, Norwood Portuguese Club, 1090 Washington Street:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Hajjar, voted to approve request for a one day WMB license on Sunday, November 10, 2019 from 4 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Syma Donovan, SEB Housing LLC, 257 Hillside Avenue, Needham:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Howard voted to file as information notice of lottery for 7 affordable homes being built at Copperworks in Canton.

Tony Mazzucco, General Manager:

Inter-Municipal Agreement with the Town of Sharon to share the services of an energy manager to be approved and signed by the Board. An Energy Manager is responsible for auditing and evaluating energy usage at facilities in order to reduce costs and find savings. This position would provide help to a combined facilities department and also help with grant writing. This agreement would be a year by year commitment and could cost Norwood approximately \$50,000 per year. On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to approve and sign the IMA and authorize the Manager to amend as necessary.

Agreement with Clear Channel Outdoor, LLC and the Town of Norwood to be approved by the Board. The Manager gave brief overview of this digital billboard proposal, which is similar to a host community agreement and would provide \$25,000 annually to be used on down town and south Norwood marketing. On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to direct and authorize the Manager to sign the agreement.

Unfinished Business

Morse House Rules and Regulations:

Selectman Hajjar initiated continued discussion on the matter. He is asking that this Board approve rules and regulations, and the Board has the right to impose fees to be determined separately. Selectman Plasko mentioned letters and comments received from some residents. He does not see the need for an advisory group to run the building, but the board needs to discuss what they want to do with this building. The rules and regulations would follow the determination by this Board of what to do with the building. Chairman Bishop agreed this might be putting the cart before the horse as the Board has to determine what has to be done to the building first and this discussion should be postponed until the building is brought up to code. Discussion ensued as to whether or not CPA funds could be used to bring the building up to code. Selectman Maloney agreed that any rules and regulations would have to follow what the Board decides to do with the building. On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted 4-1 to table the rules and regulations and direct the Manager to look into requirements for the building for future use, and allow scheduled use during November and December if the Town receives indemnification in advance and permit no further use after December 31, 2019. Selectman Hajjar opposed.

Selectmen's Addenda

Selectman Maloney

Diamond club

Ed Hickey wrote a letter of thanks to the Board for the Boch Fund award and thanks to Mark Ryan and his team for maintaining the fields.

Skating Club of Boston

Selectman Plasko gave an update of the liquor license request. There has been much delay but hopes to get things moving along faster than they have been.

Selectman Howard

NHS Marching Band

2019 New England Champions – kudos to the band.

Board Meeting

Suggesting the November 26th meeting be cancelled. Chairman Bishop opposed because there are already two Tuesdays in December that the Board will not hold meetings and there is a responsibility to meet. Motion to cancel November 26th meeting was not seconded.

Selectman Hajjar

Traffic safety advisory committee

Guidelines for the board's information, which are flexible to allow for different situations.

Conflict of interest disclosure

Filed a conflict of interest disclosure with the Town Clerk regarding his relationship with the resolution between the Norwood Airport Commission, the FAA, and Verizon regarding the lease of land. When he worked for Verizon he worked that deal for them through a third party, not the Airport Commission. Town Counsel was consulted.

Adjournment

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

A True Record.

ATTEST: _____
Clerk