



BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

HYBRID MEETING

TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 2023

6:30 PM

SELECTMEN'S CHAMBERS, ROOM 34

566 Washington Street Norwood MA

BOARD PRESENT: Amanda Grow (remote), Matthew Lane, Michael Saad, Robert Donnelly, William Plasko, General Manager Tony Mazzucco

BOARD ABSENT: none

RECORDING SECRETARY: Jess Jozwik

1. Reorganization

1. Election of the Chairman of the Board
2. Appointment of the Clerk of the Board

Motion to appoint Matthew Lane to the Chairman of the Board of Selectman

Moved by: William Plasko

Seconded by: Robert Donnelly

Aye Amanda Grow, Michael Saad, Matthew Lane, Robert Donnelly, and William Plasko

Carried 5-0

Motion to appoint Jess Jozwik to the Clerk of the Board

Moved by: William Plasko

Seconded by: Robert Donnelly

Carried

Motion to appoint Robert Donnelly to the Vice Chairman of the Board of Selectmen

Moved by: William Plasko
Seconded by: Michael Saad

Carried

2. Warrant Signature Update

Submitting notification of reviewed and approved Warrant Reports, signed by the Board's representative.

Motion to File

Moved by: Robert Donnelly
Seconded by: William Plasko

Carried

3. Meeting Minutes for approval of the Board

Submitting meeting minutes for March 28, 2023

Motion to approve as submitted

Moved by: Robert Donnelly
Seconded by: William Plasko

Carried

4. Appointments

4.1 7:00 Public Hearing: Verahi dba Convenient Food Mart All Alcoholic Beverages

Application has been made to the Licensing Board of the Town of Norwood for transfer of the AAB License, from LLAWM 1, DBA Wine and Market, located at 500 Boston Providence Highway, Norwood, Massachusetts, Manager of Record, Daniel Newcomb, to Verahi, Inc. DBA Convenient Food Mart, Manager of Record, Mahendrakumar Patel, located at 1237 Washington Street, Norwood, Massachusetts under Section 15, Chapter 138 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended, for the sale of All Alcoholic Beverages not to be drunk on the premises of 1237 Washington Street, Norwood, Massachusetts.

Motion to close the hearing

Moved by: William Plasko

Seconded by: Amanda Grow

Aye Amanda Grow, Matthew Lane, Robert Donnelly, and William Plasko

Abstain Michael Saad

Carried 4-0

Selectman Saad recused himself, a letter to that effect is in the record. Letters of support were also entered into the record.

Attorney David Hern and Mike Patel, proposed manager, joined the Board, establishing that they are seeking an AAB license, replacing their current WMB license. Mr. Hern explained the history of the establishment and that they are seeking a buyer for their current license.

LASTNAME 7:16 Jim of Alendale Parkway had issues with outside signs but no issues with the license application

LASTNAME Doug Jasset Andrews St supports the application
With no further public comment, the hearing was closed

Motion to approve the license application with the condition of no advertising on the exterior of the premises.

Moved by: William Plasko

Seconded by: Robert Donnelly

Aye Amanda Grow, Matthew Lane, Robert Donnelly, and William Plasko

Abstain Michael Saad

Carried 4-0

4.2 **7:15 Public Hearing Castle Island Winery Permit**

Application has been made to the Licensing Board of the Town of Norwood for a Farmer-Winery Series Pouring Permit for Castle Island Brewing Company, LLC , DBA Castle Island Brewing Company, Manager of Record, Adam Romanow, under Chapter 138, Section 19 of the Massachusetts General

Laws, as amended, for a Farmer-Winery Series Pouring Permit on the premises of 31 Astor Avenue, Norwood, Massachusetts.
Motion to close the hearing

Moved by: Robert Donnelly

Seconded by: Amanda Grow

Carried

Adam Romanow and Lauren Horgon joined the Board and spoke about the history of their establishment, saying they wish to serve wine and cider on site.

Brian Almeida, representing Heath Norwood LLC of 128 Carnegie Row- his client was concerned about the date on the letter from Castle Island (not the public hearing notice) says Thursday, April 11, not Tuesday April 11 and the parking situation, as the parking situation is currently problematic and his client worries that more offerings will bring in more traffic.

Motion to approve the license with the condition Castle Island work with the Heath Norwood LLC regarding ways to mitigate parking concerns at 128 Carnegie Row

Moved by: Robert Donnelly

Seconded by: Michael Saad

Carried

5. New Business

5.1 Banner Request: Hazardous Waste Day

Submitting request from the Department of Public Works to hang a banner over Washington Street advertising Household Hazardous Waste/ Recycling Day, which will be May 13, 2023. The banner would hang from April 24, 2023 until May 15, 2023.
Motion to approve items 5.1 through 5.4

Moved by: William Plasko

Seconded by: Amanda Grow

Carried

5.2 **Banner Request: Fourth of July**

Submitting request from the Fourth of July Parade Committee to hang a banner over Washington Street advertising the Parade and Festivities. The banner would hang from June 5, 2023 until July 5, 2023
Motion to approve items 5.1 through 5.4

Moved by: William Plasko

Seconded by: Amanda Grow

Carried

5.3 **Car Wash Request: Girl's Basketball**

Submitting request from Norwood High School Girl's Basketball to host a car wash in the municipal lot on June 10, 2023 from 8:00am until 12:00pm.
Motion to approve items 5.1 through 5.4

Moved by: William Plasko

Seconded by: Amanda Grow

Carried

5.4 **Car Wash Request: Girl's Soccer**

Submitting request from Norwood High School Girl's Soccer to host a car wash in the municipal lot on May 27, 2023 from 8:00am until 1:00pm.
Motion to approve items 5.1 through 5.4

Moved by: William Plasko

Seconded by: Amanda Grow

Carried

5.5 Cemetery Request: Norwood Cultural Council

Submitting request from the Norwood Cultural Council to use the Chapel of St. Gabriel in Highland Cemetery to hold their annual grantee reception with date TBD for the two hour event.

Motion to approve

Moved by: Robert Donnelly
Seconded by: William Plasko

Carried

5.6 **Town Common Request: Juneteenth**

Submitting request from Geoffrey Baguma to host the second annual Juneteenth celebration on the Town Common on June 17, 2023 from 12:30pm until 3:30pm with 250 participants expected.
Motion to approve 5.6-5.9

Moved by: William Plasko
Seconded by: Amanda Grow

Carried

5.7 **Town Common Request: Art In The Park**

Submitting request from the Norwood Art Association to host their annual Art In The Park Event on the Town Common on June 10, 2023 from 8:00am until 4:00pm with 75-100 people expected.
Motion to approve 5.6-5.9

Moved by: Robert Donnelly
Seconded by: Amanda Grow

Carried

5.8 **Town Common Request: Earth Day Cleanup**

Submitting request from Progress Norwood to host their annual Earth Day Cleanup celebration on the Town Common on April 23, 2023, from 10:00am until 2:30pm with 200-300 people expected.
Motion to approve 5.6-5.9

Moved by: William Plasko
Seconded by: Amanda Grow

Carried

5.9 **Town Common Request: Pride Picnic**

Submitting request from Progress Norwood to host their third annual Pride Picnic on the Town Common on June 11, 2023, from 4:00pm until 6:00pm, with a rain date of June 25, 2023 3:00pm-5:00pm.

Motion to approve 5.6-5.9

Moved by: William Plasko

Seconded by: Amanda Grow

Carried

5.10 Park Request: Father Macs

Submitting request from resident Bailey Lenhardt for non-exclusive use of Father Macs playground area on Friday, May 5th, 2023 from 12:30 until 3:30pm for a birthday party with snacks and a bounce house if permitted.

Motion to approve, with the bounce house being permitted with provided insurance

Moved by: William Plasko

Seconded by: Michael Saad

Carried

5.11 Park Request: Bond Street Tot Lot

Submitting request from the Morrill Memorial Library requesting to use the Bond Street Tot Lot for their Summer Kickoff program on Monday, June 26, 2023 at 10:30 am, as well as weekly on Thursdays for outdoor storytime at 10:00am from June 29, 2023 until August 17, 2023.

Motion to approve

Moved by: William Plasko

Seconded by: Robert Donnelly

Carried

5.12 **One Day Liquor: Norwood Portuguese Club**

Submitting request from the Norwood Portuguese Club located at 1090 Washington Street for a one day liquor license

for a party on April 29, 2023, from 6:00pm until 11:30pm with 75 people expected.

Motion to approve

Moved by: Robert Donnelly

Seconded by: Michael Saad

Carried

5.13 **One Day Liquor: St. Catherine of Siena School**

Submitting request from St. Catherine of Siena School for a one day liquor license for their Parent Fundraiser on April 28, 2023 at their 249 Nahatan Street location from 6:00pm until 9:00pm with 100 people expected.

Motion to approve

Moved by: Robert Donnelly

Seconded by: William Plasko

Carried

5.14 **Donation from Elks**

Donation for Acceptance of the Board

Motion to accept under chapter 44, section 53A for it's intended purpose

Moved by: William Plasko

Seconded by: Robert Donnelly

Carried

5.15 **Norwood Little League and Youth Softball Opening Day**

Invitation from the Norwood Little League and Norwood Youth Softball to their opening day on Saturday, April 22, 2023 at Kelley Field beginning at 10:30am.

5.16 **Donation from Friends of Christopher G. Brousaides**

Donation for Acceptance of the Board

Motion to accept under chapter 44, section 53A for it's intended purpose

Moved by: William Plasko
Seconded by: Amanda Grow

Carried

5.17 **Norwood Fuel Liquor Violation**

For Discussion

Motion to set a show cause hearing

Moved by: William Plasko
Seconded by: Robert Donnelly

Carried

5.18 **Appointments**

Annual Appointments and Reappointments for discussion and vote of the Board

Motion to appoint all listed and interested individuals and hold the ZBA appointments until the Board is able to set up interviews.

Moved by: William Plasko
Seconded by: Robert Donnelly

Carried

Selectman Plasko reviewed the open positions in town.

5.19 **Conservation Commission Appointments**

For discussion and vote of the Board

Motion to reappoint Carly Rockland and Catherine Walsh to the Conservation Commission.

Moved by: Robert Donnelly
Seconded by: Amanda Grow

Carried

5.20 **Special Town Meeting Warrant**

For signature of the Board and discussion

Motion to recommend to the Finance Commission that \$370,000 listed as free cash, \$185,000 in override stabilization for the total amount come out of override stabilization.

Moved by: William Plasko

Seconded by: Robert Donnelly

Carried

The Board was joined by Mr. Kevin Shaughnessy, superintendent of the light department, and General Manager Tony Mazzucco reviewed each of the articles for the Special Town Meeting Warrant. The Board had questions, answered by Mr. Shaughnessy and Mr. Mazzucco. The Board did pause this conversation for the public hearings, but resumed upon their completion and Mr. Mazzucco completed reviewing all articles.

Motion to support Article to Rescind Lobby Renovation At Civic Center and Rappropriate To Women's Locker Room

Moved by: William Plasko

Seconded by: Robert Donnelly

Motion to oppose Articles to Amend Zoning for Boston Providence Highway District (BPH)

Moved by: William Plasko

Seconded by: Robert Donnelly

Carried

Motion to oppose Petitioner Article for Strong Fire Chief and add additional language to the yellow sheet thusly: The Board of Selectmen oppose the adoption of Chapter 48 sections 42, 43 and 44 being proposed because they believe this action would make no material changes in the administration of the Fire Department , and adoption could cause unnecessary confusion when read separately from the Special Act of 1914, commonly referred to as the Town Charter.

Moved by: William Plasko

Seconded by: Robert Donnelly

Carried

Motion to support articles 1, 3-10 8:01

Internal Transfers

55 Lenox Street Abandonment of Drain Easement

Light Department Borrowing To Provide Redundant Power

Supply to Norwood Municipal Light Department Large

Industrial Customer

School Department CIP Request

Contract Services for an Elementary School Study

Transfer to Sewer Debt Service

General Bylaw Format Update

Authorization to Seek Grant Reimbursment

Unpaid Bills

Moved by: William Plasko

Seconded by: Robert Donnelly

Carried

5.21 **Annual Town Meeting Yellow Sheet**

For discussion

Motion to support community preservation projects

Moved by: Robert Donnelly

Seconded by: William Plasko

Carried

Mr. Mazzucco reviewed the CPA projects that are on the

Annual Town Meeting Yellow Sheet

5.22 **Water/Sewer Abatement for Senior Tax Workoff Program**

For Discussion and vote of the Board

Motion to approve

Moved by: Robert Donnelly

Seconded by: Michael Saad

Carried

5.23 **Traffic Safety Recommendations**

Submitting recommendations from the Traffic Safety Committee:

a) Posting signs for no truck/trailer parking on Morgan Drive and Astor Avenue.

b) Designating two additional Recreation Staff parking spots near the Civic Center.

Motion to approve the traffic safety recommendations

Moved by: Robert Donnelly

Seconded by: Amanda Grow

Carried

5.24 **Outdoor Dining Summer 2023**

For Discussion

Motion to table adopting amendments to the Town's Outdoor Dining policy.

Moved by: William Plasko

Seconded by: Robert Donnelly

Carried

Motion to approve outdoor dining application for Lewis's

Moved by: Michael Saad

Seconded by: William Plasko

Carried

5.25 **Central Street Seasonal Closure**

Submitting request to close the portion of Central Street along the Town Common to permit picnic tables to be set up for the summer season.

Motion to approve the closure of Central Street

Moved by: Robert Donnelly

Seconded by: Michael Saad

Carried

6. Memoranda

Motion to File 6.1-6.7

Moved by: William Plasko

Seconded by: Robert Donnelly

Carried

- 6.1 **Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission Advisory**
Submitting information regarding Outdoor Dining for Licensees
- 6.2 **Aqua Tots Grand Opening**
Submitting invitation
- 6.3 Correspondence
For information of the Board regarding multiple issues.
- 6.4 **Building Department: Monthly Report**
Submitting monthly building report
- 6.5 **Norwood Police Department**
Liquor Incidents with no evidence of violation
- 6.6 **Verizon New England DTC Forms**
Submitting information
- 6.7 **Norwood Public Schools Fine Arts Festival**
Invitation to the Fine Arts Festival on Saturday, April 29, 2023
from 10:00am until 2:00pm at 245 Nichols Street.

7. Manager's Update

Mr. Mazzucco reminded the public about upcoming Town Meeting Information sessions.

8. **Selectmen's Addenda**

Selectman Saad thanked his family for their support of his running for Selectman, as well as all of his supporters and the voters. He also thanked former Selectman Donohue for her service to the town. He reminded the viewers about the local fishing derbies. He looks forward to working with the Board and Town.

Selectman Grow welcomed the newest Board member, and congratulated the new Chairman on his return to the Board. She stressed the importance of getting your flu shot for public health. She spoke about some recent Norwood events including Dancing with the Stars and the Electrical Vehicle event at the library.

Selectman Donnelly congratulated Selectman Saad and Chairman Lane on their reelections. He also congratulated Chairman Lane on his Dancing with the Stars event. He reminded citizens that the Old Parish Cemetery Volunteers are looking for additional volunteers.

Selectman Plasko congratulated Selectman Saad and Chairman Lane on their elections.

Chairman Lane thanked the Clerk's office for their hard work on the election, welcomed Selectman Saad and spoke about the MBTA task force work.

Motion to adjourn

Moved by: William Plasko

Seconded by: Robert Donnelly

Carried