



**BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES**

**HYBRID MEETING**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 28, 2023**

**6:30 PM**

**Selectmen's Chambers**

**566 Washington St, Norwood MA 02062**

**BOARD PRESENT: Chairman William Plasko, Selectman Abdallah Donohue, Selectman Matthew Lane, Selectman Amanda Grow, Selectman Robert Donnelly, General Manager Tony Mazzucco**

**RECORDING SECRETARY: Jess Jozwik**

**1. Warrant Signature Update**

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

Motion to File

*Moved by:* Amanda Grow

*Seconded by:* Matthew Lane

**Carried**

**2. Meeting Minutes for approval of the Board**

Submitting meeting minutes for March 14, 2023

Motion to Approve

*Moved by:* Amanda Grow

*Seconded by:* Matthew Lane

**Carried**

**3. Appointments**

**3.1 6:05 Housing Authority Interview: Christine Diaz**

The Board interviewed Ms. Christine Diaz, of Adams Street, who detailed her experience in housing, including her own personal challenges as a legally blind person, and how she would like to help other people who need housing not have to go through the challenges and waits that she did.

3.2 **6:15 Housing Authority Interview: John R. Kois**

The Board interviewed Mr. John Kois, of Willow Wood Terrace, who detailed his own experience learning about what the Housing Authority entails and his life and work experience.

3.3 **6:25 Housing Authority Interview: Pierre Soime**

Mr. Soime did not attend.

3.4 **Housing Authority Tenant Board Member Appointment**

Move to appoint Christine Diaz to to the Tenant Member of the Norwood Housing Authority.

*Moved by:* Robert Donnelly

*Seconded by:* Matthew Lane

**Aye** Helen Abdallah-Donohue, Matthew Lane, and Robert Donnelly

**Nay** Amanda Grow and William Plasko

**Carried 3-2**

Move to appoint Maria Santos to to the Tenant Member of the Norwood Housing Authority.

*Moved by:* Amanda Grow

*Seconded by:* Helen Abdallah-Donohue

**Aye** Amanda Grow and William Plasko

**Nay** Helen Abdallah-Donohue, Matthew Lane, and Robert Donnelly

**Denied 2-3**

- 3.5 6:50 Martha Colamaria:  
Thanking Selectman Donohue for her service to the Town.

Ms. Colamaria spoke about Selectman Donohue and her years of service to the Town and her extensive knowledge and participation in the Town's history.

- 3.6 7:00 Public Hearing: ILC Ventures LLC

Application has been made to the Licensing Board of the Town of Norwood for an Alteration of Premises and Change of DBA for ILC Ventures, dba Little Bird Events, under Section 12, Chapter 138 and Chapter 140 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended, for the sale of All Alcoholic Beverages to be drunk on the premises of 83 Morse St. Building Number 4F, Norwood, Massachusetts.

Motion to close the hearing

*Moved by:* Helen Abdallah-Donohue

*Seconded by:* Matthew Lane

**Carried**

Motion to approve the application

*Moved by:* Helen Abdallah-Donohue

*Seconded by:* Matthew Lane

**Carried**

Angela Marenghi came before the Board and spoke about her expansions to her space and her pivot of the direction of her business. There was no public comment.

- 3.7 **7:10 Hackney License Application: Mohamed Adam**

Submitting Hackney License application for Mohamed Adam  
Motion to approve the license and forward to the Police Department for final approval.

*Moved by:* Robert Donnelly

*Seconded by:* Matthew Lane

**Carried**

Mr. Mohammed Adam came before the Board to apply for a

Hackney License.

- 3.8 **7:20 Hackney License Application: Sami Sinan Alati**  
Submitting Hackney License application for Sami Sinan Alati  
take no action.

*Moved by:* Helen Abdallah-Donohue

*Seconded by:* Matthew Lane

**Carried**

Applicant did not attend.

#### **4. New Business**

- 4.1 **Town Common Request: Boy Scout Ice Cream Social**  
Submitting request from Cub Scout Troop 49 to use the Town  
Common on Sunday, June 11, 2023 at 2:00pm (rain date June  
13, 2023, 7:00pm) for a two hour ice cream social event to  
recruit new scouts.

Motion to approve with approval of the Board of Health

*Moved by:* Matthew Lane

*Seconded by:* Robert Donnelly

**Carried**

- 4.2 **One Day Liquor Request: Decanted Wine Trucks**  
Submitting request from Decanted Wine Trucks for a One Day  
Liquor License for an event at 83 Morse Street for an event at  
Salvage Angel on April 22, 2023 from 11:00am until 5:00pm  
with 25-400 people expected throughout that time.

Motion to approve.

*Moved by:* Robert Donnelly

*Seconded by:* Amanda Grow

**Carried**

- 4.3 **Common Victualler Application: Jersey Mike's Subs**  
Submitting application for Jersey Mike's Subs for 1415 Boston

Providence Turnpike, to be open 7 days a week, 10:00 am until 9:00pm.

Motion to approve.

*Moved by:* Amanda Grow

*Seconded by:* Robert Donnelly

**Carried**

4.4 **Common Victualler Application: Friendly's Ice Cream**

Submitting application for ARAL Management Group of Norwood, Inc dba Friendly's Ice Cream for 1469 Boston Providence Turnpike, to be open 7 days a week, 8:00 am until 11:00pm. This is a change in ownership for an established restaurant.

Motion to approve.

*Moved by:* Helen Abdallah-Donohue

*Seconded by:* Matthew Lane

**Carried**

4.5 **Permanent Building Construction Committee**

For Discussion regarding the bylaws.

Table until next meeting, where Mr. Plasko will have a proposed draft or a general bylaw change for Town Meeting.

*Moved by:* Robert Donnelly

*Seconded by:* Matthew Lane

**Carried**

4.6 **One Day Liquor License -Norwood Portuguese Club**

Submitting request for a one day liquor license (WMB) for two separate events. A) A party to be held on April 15, 2023 from 6 PM until 11:30 PM and B) A party to be held on April 22, 2023 from 6 PM until 11:00 PM.

Motion to approve.

*Moved by:* Helen Abdallah-Donohue

*Seconded by:* Amanda Grow

**Carried**

4.7 **Economic Development Committee Appointments**

For discussion and vote of the Board:

Alan Slater for reappointment to the Economic Development Committee

Robert Thornton recommended for appointment to the Economic Development Committee

Motion to reappoint Mr. Slater and appoint Mr. Thornton at the conclusion of the current terms.

*Moved by:* Helen Abdallah-Donohue

*Seconded by:* Amanda Grow

**Carried**

4.8 **Board of Assessors Reappointment**

For Discussion and vote of the Board:

Timothy McDonough for reappointment to the Board of Assessors

Motion to reappoint

*Moved by:* Helen Abdallah-Donohue

*Seconded by:* Robert Donnelly

**Carried**

4.9 **Letters of Support for Additional School Aide**

For review of the Board, letter written by Selectman Donnelly on behalf of the Board to the State regarding additional School aide.

Motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the letter drafted by Selectman Donnelly and send to the Governor, Senator and Representative.

*Moved by:* Helen Abdallah-Donohue

*Seconded by:* Amanda Grow

**Carried**

Selectman Donnelly detailed the situation and shared his letter with the Board.

- 4.10 MassDOT Grant Assurances  
For approval of the Board  
Motion to approve

*Moved by:* Robert Donnelly  
*Seconded by:* Matthew Lane

**Carried**

- 4.11 Cemetery Deeds  
For Signature of the Board  
Margaret Hickey-O'Donovan of 14 Curran Ave for Lot C3-231  
Penelope Carroll of 178 Pleasant Street, Milton, for Lot C-954A  
Motion to sign

*Moved by:* Helen Abdallah-Donohue  
*Seconded by:* Amanda Grow

**Carried**

- 4.12 **Annual Town Meeting Warrant**  
For signature of the Board  
Motion to Sign

*Moved by:* Helen Abdallah-Donohue  
*Seconded by:* Amanda Grow

**Carried**

- 4.13 **Special Town Meeting Articles: Boston Providence Highway District**  
For Discussion  
Motion to put these items on the Special Town Meeting Warrant and forward to the Planning Board

*Moved by:* Amanda Grow  
*Seconded by:* Robert Donnelly

**Carried**

4.14 **FY24 General Government, Water/Sewer and Facilities Budgets**

For approval of the Board

Motion to approve

*Moved by:* Robert Donnelly

*Seconded by:* Matthew Lane

**Carried**

**5. Memoranda**

Motion to File all

*Moved by:* Matthew Lane

*Seconded by:* Robert Donnelly

**Carried**

5.1 **XFinity: License Fee Payment**

Submitting Information and payment

5.2 **Comcast: Programming Change**

Submitting Information

5.3 **Verizon: License Fee Payment**

Submitting Information and payment

5.4 DPW Work on Town Common Flower Beds

Submitting Information

5.5 Norwood Police Department

Liquor Violation Notice

**6. Manager's Update**

The two properties the Town purchased at a previous town meeting will both be in the Town's possession by the end of the week.

With the budget process near completion, Town Meeting Information sessions are upcoming.



## **7. Selectmen's Addenda**

Selectman Grow updated the Board on the status of the Search Panel for the new Fire Chief. She also spoke about the search for a Project Manager for Energy Management. She thanked Selectman Donohue for her service.

Selectman Donnelly also spoke about the Fire Chief search. He thanked Selectman Donohue for her service and spoke about her history. He spoke about the work of the Stormwater Committee and their intention to come before the Board in April.

Selectman Lane spoke about his own history with Selectman Donohue and how much he appreciated working with her for the three years of their term. He also thanked the senior center staff and Ms. McCarthy

Selectman Donohue expressed condolences to Mark Ryan and his family for the loss of his mother. She spoke about the importance of Town Meeting Members and that there are vacancies in every district, and reminded people they can be written in even if they did not get signatures to get on the ballot.

She thanked everyone who came to support her upon her last meeting, and thanked the Town of Norwood for letting her serve for these 21 years.

Chairman Plasko said they will take no action on the posted executive session. He wished his wife a happy birthday. He thanked Selectman Lane for his first term. He spoke very highly about Selectman Donohue and thanked her for her service, presenting her with a framed picture representative of her involvement with the Town as well as an engraved chair.

Motion to adjourn

*Moved by:* Matthew Lane

*Seconded by:* Amanda Grow

## **8. Executive Session**

At the conclusion of other business

## 8.1 Collective Bargaining: Dispatch

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

The executive session was cancelled.