



**BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES
HYBRID MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2023
6:30 PM
HARRY BUTTERS SELECTMEN'S CHAMBERS**

BOARD PRESENT: Matthew Lane, Robert Donnelly, William Plasko, Amanda Grow and Michael Saad

BOARD ABSENT:

RECORDING SECRETARY: Christine Woodward

1. Warrant Signature Update

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

Motion to file

Moved by: William Plasko

Seconded by: Robert Donnelly

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

Carried 5-0

2. Meeting Minutes for approval of the Board

Submitting meeting minutes for November 13, 2023 and November 14, 2023

Motion to approve both sets of minutes

Moved by: Robert Donnelly

Seconded by: William Plasko

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

Carried 5-0

3. Appointments

3.1 6:35pm Age Friendly Community Dementia Pledge

Kerri McCarthy of the Norwood Senior Center presenting information on age friendly communities and seeking the Board's support for Dementia-Friendly initiatives.

Kerri McCarthy, Director of the Norwood Senior Center appeared before the Board to ask the Town's leaders to sign the Dementia Friendly Community Pledge. Ms. McCarthy then spoke of what that means within the community. Individuals, businesses, local government, the library and others commit to increasing dementia awareness, reducing the stigma and offering programs to better assist those with memory loss and their care partners. Discussion ensued between the Board and Ms. McCarthy and great enthusiasm was shown by members to make this pledge a part of the community. Mr. Plasko made note of one specific part of the pledge: 'Basically we are agreeing that every part of our community plays a role and together we can work to take steps to create a dementia friendly culture and facilitate the adoption of dementia friendly practices in all parts of Norwood.'

Motion to support and sign.

Moved by: Robert Donnelly

Seconded by: Amanda Grow

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

Carried 5-0

4. New Business

4.1 Morse House Request

Olga Abdallah on behalf of the South Norwood Committee submitting a request to place a creche on the lawn of the George Morse House for the holiday season.

Motion to approve.

Moved by: William Plasko

Seconded by: Michael Saad

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

Carried 5-0

4.2 LATE AGENDA ITEM: One Day Liquor Permit: Norwood Art Walk

Submitting request for a one day liquor permit for a group art exhibit and gallery hop indoors at two locations: 642 Washington Street and 45 Central Street, on December 1, 2023, from 5:00pm until 8:00pm.

Motion to approve.

Moved by: Robert Donnelly

Seconded by: Michael Saad

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

Carried 5-0

4.3 **LATE AGENDA ITEM: One Day Liquor Permit: Castle Island/Salvage Angel**

Submitting request for a one day liquor permit for Salvage Angel's Holiday Market at 31 Astor Avenue on December 3, 2023, from 12:00pm until 5:00pm.

Motion to approve.

Moved by: Robert Donnelly

Seconded by: Amanda Grow

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

Carried 5-0

4.4 **Cemetery Deeds**

For signature of the Board:

David E. Stewart, 5715 East Cheney Dr., Paradise Valley, AZ for Lot No: C-711

Carlo Venditti, 25 Carpenter Street, for Lot No: C3-237

For signature of the Board

Moved by: Michael Saad

Seconded by: Amanda Grow

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

Carried 5-0

4.5 **FY 2024 Liens**

Norwood Light/Water submitting the list of Water/Sewer, Light and Broadband Liens for FY 2024.

Motion to accept and approve.

Moved by: Amanda Grow

Seconded by: Michael Saad

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

Carried 5-0

4.6 **Public Amusement Device Fees**

For discussion.

Selectman Plasko stated that there are caps that are imposed by both General Law and By-laws. General law notes that not more that \$100.00 can be charged annually per device and according to by-law, they are to have a separate weekday and Sunday charge. Mr. Plasko suggests that the fee be increased to \$75.00 for weekdays and \$25.00 for Sundays. With regard to the motion, Mr. Plasko reiterated from the previous board meeting that the effective date for all existing license holders would be January of 2025.

Motion to amend the fee for amusement licensing.

Moved by: William Plasko

Seconded by: Michael Saad

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

Carried 5-0

4.7 **Extended Day Agreement**

For approval of the Board.

Motion to approve.

Moved by: Robert Donnelly

Seconded by: Michael Saad

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

Carried 5-0

4.8 **Cemetery Fees**

For consideration by the Board.

The Board discussed cemetery fees as well as perpetual care. They would like time to research further before making any changes.

Motion to table.

Moved by: William Plasko

Seconded by: Amanda Grow

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

Carried 5-0

4.9 **FM Global TIF Agreement**

For approval of the Board.

Motion to approve.

Moved by: Amanda Grow
Seconded by: Michael Saad

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

Carried 5-0

5. Memoranda

Motion to file all memoranda 5.1-5.3

Moved by: William Plasko
Seconded by: Robert Donnelly

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

Carried 5-0

5.1 NPD Recognition

For information. Chief William G. Brooks III submitting.

5.2 Verizon

For information. Submitting the most recent PEG Grant Report, 3rd Quarter 2023.

5.3 Comcast

For information. Submitting price changes.

6. Manager's Update

The Board's next meeting is set for December 12th and that will likely be the only meeting in December unless something comes up.

Mr. Mazzucco extended his thanks to the Recreation Department, Police, Fire, DPW, the Light Department and the Neponset Valley Sunrise Rotary for all of their hard work to make the Holiday Extravaganza a fantastic event. Thousands were in attendance.

Mr. Mazzucco also spoke of the fire in South Norwood at a triple decker. Two of the families are currently being housed at a hotel here in town. Internally there is a team continuing to try to secure housing - both long and short term for the residents affected. Mr. Mazzucco gave credit to Paul Ronco and the Norwood firefighters who covered a few nights as well as some residents who donated points so that they could continue to stay at the hotel. The Sheraton Four Points and the Town were able to help out as well. There has been a community wide effort going on to help these folks out. Selectman Saad has also been involved in trying to find permanent housing for the residents who have been displaced.

7. Selectmen's Addenda

Selectmen Saad, on behalf of the Board offered his condolences on the passing of Ernie Paciorkowski's mother, Helen. Mr. Saad also recommended a new restaurant on Washington Street, Little Tony's. He also offered kudos to the girl's field hockey coach, Alison Doliner and her entire staff and team for making it to the state finals.

Selectman Grow offered a reminder about the Impact Norwood Coalition Community Forum on Thursday, November 30th.

Selectman Plasko commented about a special event happening in the community on December 2nd. The 22nd Annual Circle of Hope Luminary Night will take place from 4 PM until 6 PM on the Town Common. Mr. Plasko noted that this is an inspirational event that is also a great fundraiser.

Mr. Plasko also stated that he had spoken with the Town Planner, Sarah Dixon about where the Town stood with regard to zoning changes for the so called 3A issue (MBTA zoning). The Planning Board is already working on it and it's just in draft form. They are planning to come to Town Meeting with it in March. Selectman Plasko suggests that the Selectmen have this item on the agenda for the first meeting in January 2024.

Selectman Donnelly made mention of the proposal for the Morse Hill Park that has been filed with the Community Preservation Committee for consideration for funding next year. A public information session is planned for Wednesday, December 6th at 7 PM at the Coakley Middle School Cafeteria. Mr. Donnelly also noted the Norwood High School

Alumni Association and their sponsorship of the Wreaths Across Highland Cemetery fundraiser.

Chairman Lane offered his thanks to all who helped put Town Meeting together. Mr. Lane noted that a lot got done and he understands everything that goes into making Town Meeting happen with regard to staff at Town Hall and their administrative work.

Motion to adjourn.

Moved by: Robert Donnelly

Seconded by: William Plasko

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

Carried 5-0