

Regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen convened at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 7, 2017 in Room 34, the Harry B. Butters Chambers, Norwood Memorial Municipal Building, with the Pledge of Allegiance, and a silent moment of prayer and reflection. Meeting is Recorded.

Present: Chairman Allan D. Howard, Selectmen William J. Plasko, Helen Abdallah Donohue, Paul A. Bishop and Thomas F. Maloney. Also present General Manager John J. Carroll, Clerk Frances L. Jessoe and Assistant Christina Mulvehill

Appointments

7:00 P.M. – Chief William Brooks III, Norwood Police Department:

Reference was made to monthly report of department's activities.

Chief explained that two man units will be seen in the three months after the three new officers finish the academy. Chief Brooks introduced two new officers. He said that Officer David MacEachern, Norwood native became a police officer in Jacksonville then transferred to Norwood. The other officer Justin McKinney is also from Massachusetts. He served 10 years in the US Marines and then the Las Vegas Police Department. They both bring great training and experience to the Department. Chief Brooks said the next entrance exam will be Saturday, April 15 at Norwood High School. You can sign up by going to Norwood Police.com and fill out an on line application. Chief Brook referred to an item that was brought up by Selectman Plasko the clothing sale at Willow and Lenox and the parking issue. They will be having a detail and the chief inquired about parking.

Chief Brooks said that they have had 9 drug overdoses this year and 4 fatal and the most recent a week ago yesterday. He said officers are taking courses on addiction, etc. Chief Brooks continued to discuss the training of members of the police department. He said last week was the Read across America. He said that he had a session with some South American people about the immigration issue and what role do the police play. This was about two hours and more are scheduled to be held. Officer Diego Silva assisted the Chief and is fluent in Portuguese and is a native of Brazil and he was able to translate. He attended the ribbon cutting office for the new FBI Office in Chelsea and signups are now open through the Recreation Department for the Youth Academy.

Chairman Howard said that he heard the youth academy two sessions have waiting lists already. He inquired if they can add another session. Chief Brooks said that they are coordinated by the school resource officers Officer Paul Murphy and Officer Jamey Mahoney. Chairman Howard also asked the Chief about the heroin epidemic. Chairman Howard inquired as to what someone can do with a friend or family member in trouble. Chief Brooks said that they can call the police and they will help or Riverside Community Care who they partner with. He said that getting into detox is not the problem as much as the follow up to prevent relapse. The Department does follow up on fatal and non-fatal overdoses.

Selectman Bishop welcomed the two new police officers and wished them the best.

Selectman Maloney asked about fentanyl. Chief Brooks said it is an opioid which is a synthetic. Heroin is part of the poppy plant. It has been around and was used in operating rooms. They would see if from time to time. He said that the Chinese have learned how to make fentanyl and ship it to the United States and also through the drug trade in Mexico. It will sometimes come across the border with the fentanyl in it. In most cases the people buying it think they are buying heroin. Discussion continued. It is highly potent and synthetic. The Chinese government has taken steps to ramp down the production of fentanyl. In spite of all the work being done on this, overdoses went up and the rate at which crime labs receive heroin with fentanyl in it is going through the roof. Discussion continued.

Selectman Donohue said that it is great to have Officers in South Norwood.

Chief Brooks (cont'd)

Selectman Plasko welcomed the officers. He asked about the police test and if applicants have to take the test again if they took it already but didn't get selected. Chief Brooks said yes. Selectman Plasko said he was contacted by people in the area of Willow and Lenox regarding the sale and the complaints were that people parked on both sides of the street and made it difficult to get into and out of their own driveways. This street gets pretty congested. He didn't know if it was posted. It is a general concern of his so whatever can be done-there is a concern for the neighbors.

Chairman Howard then wanted to talk about medical marijuana on the ballot. Chief Brooks explained that if you want to prohibit pot shops in Norwood you have to vote yes. He thinks it would detrimental to the Town. Selectman Plasko said the law allows for recreational use of marijuana but the language gives communities the right to opt out with retail establishments in the community.

7:30 P.M. – Show Cause Hearing, Limeys Norwood, Inc., dba Limeys Pub, 659 Washington Street:

MGL C, 138, Section 69-Hearing permitting disturbance or illegality

MGL C. 138, Section 12, Hearing public need to amend hours of operation.

Incidents of November 27 and December 4, 2016

Atty. Stuart Ravech was present for Limey's. He requested to continue the hearing as he received many documents from Town counsel and he needs more research to prepare the case. The Board so voted and scheduled the hearing for Tuesday, April 4, at 7:45 p.m.

New Business

Licenses for 2017/2018:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to approve and authorize the Clerk to affix their signatures to the following:

Public Amusement:

Norwood Sport Center, Inc., 65 Cottage St. East

Bowling Alley & Pool Tables:

Norwood Lodge B.P.O. Elks #1124, 152 Winslow Avenue

Norwood Sport Center, Inc., 65 Cottage St. East

Workmen's Hall of Norwood, Inc., 99 1/2 Wilson St.

Veterans of Foreign Wars Bldg. Assoc., dba Norwood Post 2452, 193 Dean St.

Antique/Second Hand Dealers/Junk Collector's License:

Boston Core Supply, 273 Lenox Street

Pascale Chelala, Chelala Jewelry & Gifts, 696 Washington St.

Command Zone Games, 61 Endicott Street, Bldg. 25

Kappy's Coins & Stamps, 534 Washington St.

Keegan's Norwood Jewelers, 1135 Washington St.

Newbury Comics Inc., 859 Boston Prov. Turnpike

Debra Hayward, dba Gallery 2, 61 Endicott St.

Diggin' Daisy's, 61 Endicott St.

Furnichicks, 61 Endicott Street

Lilly & Beau, 61 Endicott St.

Ramblin Rose, 61 Endicott St.

Remarkable Cleanouts, LLC, 61 Endicott St.

Rock and Redress, 702 Washington St.

Salvage Angel, 61 Endicott St.

Savers, 560 Boston Prov. Tnpk.

Teddy n Me, 61 Endicott St.

The Vintage Peacock, 61 Endicott St.

Vintage Thymes Monthly Market, 61 Endicott St.

Woodstuff, 674 Washington Street

Residents of Millpond Lane:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to refer to the Manager petition from residents of Millpond Lane requesting repair/resurface of their street for the spring/summer pavement projects in 2017. The Manager said he knows that Millpond needs work and they will take a serious look at it.

Personnel Board:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to file notice of hearing on Wednesday, March 15, 2017 at 7:15 p.m. re proposed updates to the FMLA Policy-Room 24, Town Hall.

Outback Steakhouse of Florida, LLC, 1210 Boston Prov. Tnpk.:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to approve application for change of manager from Jonathan Murgo to Samantha Cusack.

Thomas J. McQuaid, Town Clerk:

- a. On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to sign Warrant for Town Election, April 3, 2017.
- b. On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to allow package stores to remain open on Election Day, April 3, 2017, as required under Chapter 138. Donohue abstained.

Kevin F. Osgood, Manager, Norwood Country Club, 400 Boston Prov. Tnpk.:

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted to hold public hearing request for 10 a.m. opening on Sundays.

Patricia Fanning, 145 Walpole Street:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to file information regarding the Chapel of St. Gabriel the Archangel at Highland Cemetery. Selectman Donohue thanked Ms. Fanning for all the information.

Car Washes

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to approve NHS Girls Ice Hockey, Saturday, July 15, 2017 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Diego Silva, Race Director, Run for a Vet:

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to approve request to hold 2nd Annual Run for a Vet 5 mile road race on Saturday, May 13 at 9 a.m. All pre and post activity will take place at Norwood High School-he is coordinating with the Norwood Police.

Supt. James Collins, Norwood Light Department & Broadband:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to file notice that in accordance with the Cable Television Renewal License they have paid the 5% quarterly franchise fee to NPA as required for the 3rd quarter to comply with section 6.4 of the license in the amount of \$46,539.

Francis Hopcroft, Chairman PBCC:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted to put this on Capital Outlay list for the Annual Town Meeting.

Unfinished Business

Personnel Board:

On motion of Selectman Maloney, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to sign final version of Travel and Expense Reimbursement Policy.

Paul Halkiotis, Director of Community Planning & Economic Development:

On motion of Selectman Plasko seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to approve revised version of the Community Preservation act (CPA) Bylaw and include on the warrant for the May STM.

Capital Outlay Requests:

For discussion.

Selectman Donohue inquired if the Board should wait until the Capital Outlay Committee meets again. Selectman Plasko said that the Selectmen make recommendations to Capital Outlay and the Capital outlay and Finance discuss how those projects would be funded and recommend how those projects would be funded. Selectman Donohue inquired as to how it has been done in the past. Selectman Plasko said pretty much we have supported everything so it just was passed along. Selectman Maloney said Capital Outlay acts independently on the matter and they will meet later this month and they will take a look at the requests by the Town and School side and each Board could act independently if they wish.

Board's recommendation regarding capital projects. Regarding Building Repairs/Renovations-delete \$800,000 for the Town Hall Modernization; everything else under building repairs and renovations was approved by the Board on motion of Selectman Maloney, seconded by Selectman Plasko; VEHICLES-approved all of the items for a total of \$856,000, On motion of Selectman Maloney, seconded by Selectman Plasko, vote 4-1. Selectman Donohue opposed; ROADS/HIGHWAY-voted to cut the \$600,000 and put into the DPW budget the \$243,000 for that purpose for the roads-this was found at the Town Wide Budget meeting last night; on motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Donohue, so voted;. It would be in the operating budget of the DPW ; PLAYGROUNDS-Voted to approve \$130,000, on motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to approve; Chairman Howard said he wanted the tennis courts but the hockey rink is still on the table and he inquired as to how we can go forward with the tennis courts. This vote was conditional, if we get the hockey rink the town will not do the tennis courts. Selectman Plasko said that we could get the appropriation internally and not spend it until we are convinced we should-motion was amended and seconded. EQUIPMENT-On motion of Selectman Maloney, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to approve \$75,000 for Voting Machines; voted regarding the equipment for the Water Department, to approve the Chlorine Circulator for Water Tank-of \$120,000 and this will be appropriated as recommended by the Capital Outlay and Fin Com-this will be recovered by rates and will be borrowed. Selectman Donohue inquired about the voting machines and she asked if it could be in a regular budget. Selectman Plasko said we don't have any more money to do that as we have taken \$243,000 out for roads. Selectman Plasko said the motion was to take it from rates on the Chlorine Circulator, but we will appropriate it from whatever source recommended by the Finance Commission but it will be recovered through rates. It is not rates but this money will affect the tax rate, we will add it into our calculations for the water rates, but it will be appropriated out of taxable receipts. Selectman Maloney amended his motion with a second from Selectman Bishop.

The Manager said there is a consensus on FinCom that a lot of these capital items should be taken out of free cash and he strongly recommends against this. Discussion continued. Money is cheap now to borrow. He felt we should be borrowing a lot of these items as we don't have a lot of debt.

Capital Outlay (cont'd)

Selectman Plasko said the general laws tell you what and how long you can borrow for so some of these items are short term and those you might consider free cash but the Town Hall when that comes about that is something that should be borrowed. Selectman Maloney said the Chapel will be borrowing. Selectman Plasko said we voted to put the Chapel on the Capital List and make sure the vote reflects that we send this to the Capital Outlay Committee and offer an opinion to the Fin Com that the shorter term borrowing items according to MGL should be paid for with free cash and longer term be considered for borrowing. The Board so voted.

Transfer of AAB License from Irish Heaven, Inc., dba Concannon's Village to Charminar Spice, LLC, dba Paradise Biryani Pointe, 1200 Boston Providence:

- a. ABCC
Returned application with no action taken-both LLC managing members are not citizens and the majority of LLC Managing members must be citizens.
- b. Philip H. Macchi, Macchi & Macchi, LLC:
After discussion with the ABCC, he is submitting information that Charminar Spice LLC is being reorganized-will not cause any material change to the restaurant, its ownership or the operation. Also, enclosing a draft LLC vote which if the Board approves will be sent to the ABCC for reconsideration.
- c. Philip H. Macchi, Macchi & Macchi, LLC:
Submitting signed amendment to Charminar Spice, LLC as per instructions of the ABCC as well as Lease Modification made during the ABCC investigation that removed the name of a third party who is not affiliated with the LLC. All signed information will be sent to the ABCC for reconsideration.
On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to approve.

MemorandaPaul Halkiotis, Director of Community Planning & Economic Development:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to place on the warrant.re copy of correspondence to Planning Board regarding (3) zoning by-law amendments.

Building Inspector Mark Chubet:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to file monthly building reports for February, 2017.

Mark G. Chubet, Inspector of Buildings:

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to file notice to William Duffey of Building Permit Extension for 129 Guild Street.

Paul Halkiotis, Director of Community Planning & Economic Development:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to forward to Mr. Mastandrea and to the Upland Woods Management copy of correspondence from Mass. Department of Transportation regarding possible elimination of bus stops: Upland Woods and Washington St. opposite Rockhill Street. If there are any factors regarding this, please contact them prior to April 18, 2017.

Selectmen's Addenda

Selectman Maloney

School Facilities Study Committee-meeting next Tuesday, March 14 at 6 p.m. public is invited.

March 8

His wife's birthday-also the anniversary of championship fight between Ali and Joe Frazier -46 years ago tomorrow.

Selectman Donohue

Tuesday March 14 is Student Government Day.

Selectman Plasko

Thanked wife of 47 years-their anniversary was last week.

Selectman Bishop

He said that there is trash from the municipal lot in the backyard of a house on Nahatan Street. Manager will handle.

Chairman Howard

83 Morse Street

Several of the business is completed. This is called the Norwood Space Center. On April 29 and 30 will hold grand opening celebration.

VFW Post

Party On St. Patrick's Day.

Manager's Agenda

Snow & Ice Update

Deficit of 60,000. The Manager said it isn't going to snow any more.

FY 2017 and FY 2018 Health Insurance Budgets

Projected surplus in health insurance based on action by the GIC. Budget balancing voted to give it to the School Department. On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted to support town wide recommendation. .

For your information-letter to Central Transportation Planning Staff from Mark Ryan to increase the priority status of the improvements we're planning to make at Prospect and Washington Streets.

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to file.

MANAGER'S EXECUTIVE SESSION

IAFF Firefighter's negotiations

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to file.

Response from Chief Brooks on complaint.

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to file

Adjournment

No other business being presented for consideration, on motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to adjourn and the meeting was adjourned accordingly at 8:20 p.m. Donohue Maloney to adjourn.

A True Record.

ATTEST: _____
Clerk