

Regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen convened at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 21, 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, William J. Plasko, Paul A. Bishop and Thomas F. Maloney. Also present General Manager John J. Carroll, Clerk Frances L. Jessoe and Assistant Christina Mulvehill.

Absent: Selectman Helen Abdallah Donohue

Appointments

7:15 p.m. – Chief Anthony J. Greeley, NFD:

Reference was made to monthly report of department's activities. Chief Greeley stated that the victims of the fire at Norwest Woods are out of the hospital. He thanked the Board for the letters of commendation. Chief stressed the importance of fire prevention. He said that recent fires in Massachusetts have been preventable – improperly disposed cigarette, space heater etc. The EMS Ambulance inspection was done. As discussed at the last appointment, the substitution account is righting itself as it is a seasonal. He has one senior member that needed an operation on his back and he is healing. He will keep the Board updated. Chief Greeley reported two babies were born to members of the Fire Department-Lt. George Bent and Firefighter Chris Griffin. Everyone is doing well. He discussed the EMS receipts.

Chairman Howard asked for Chief's opinion of recreational marijuana. Chief Greeley said that he felt it will affect our public safety. He agrees with Chief Brooks that it has a negative effect on our society. He said that he understands a medical dispensary, but as far as a recreation dispensary in any town or city he feels that our society is distracted enough and this would just add impairment to someone who might be driving. He said they have alcohol measurements but not recreational marijuana. His concern is safety on the road. Selectman Bishop spoke about the state of Colorado and talked about Colorado is looking for a younger market and one of every six teens is addicted to marijuana in Colorado. He asked about HVAC repairs to the system and is an on-going problem. Chief Greeley said it is the community room with the thermostat acting improperly. They have changed this out and the problem is fixed.

Selectman Plasko said he has been trying to speak to the Manager, Asst. Town Manager and Department Heads that we have a town meeting coming up and in the last few years we have had a lot of request for muni relief transfers and he is looking for this to be brought down to a minor number. He is asking the Chief along with other departments to look closely and review with the Manager and if it looks like you are going to do any internal transfers or appropriations we get an article on the town meeting and not as an emergency item at the end of the year. He stated that some things do come up, but he would like people to take a harder look at their budgets and cut down on that. Selectman Maloney said Capital Outlay met last night and the 2007 vehicle will be on the list to be replaced. He asked about the mourning band on the Chief. Chief Greeley spoke about the Watertown Firefighter who died last Friday. Tomorrow a bus leaves from the Fire Department with the honor guard and firefighters for the funeral. The wake is in Randolph and the funeral in Watertown. It is very difficult. The Board expressed their condolences.

7:30 P.M. – P.H., Sunday Opening at 10 a.m.:

Norwood Country Club, 400 Boston Providence Turnpike. The business manager Pat Berger was present as Mr. Kevin Osgood the manager of record on liquor license was unable to be here. Susan Davis was also present. Tournaments are not coming on Sundays so we are losing business and all servers and pro shop are TIPS certified. The Board inquired if anyone would like to speak in favor or against the petition. No one wish to speak, on motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to close the hearing. On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman bishop, voted to change hours on Sunday to 10 a.m.

New Business-March 14, 2017

Chief William G. Brooks III, NPD

- . TIPS' training is being funded by Norfolk District Atty. Michael Morrissey on May 1 at the American Legion Post 18, 155 Eastern Avenue, Dedham for Dedham, Needham, Norwood and Westwood. The Norwood Police Department will have the same training on May 2 at the police station from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. for Norwood Licensees. Employees may attend either training. At the end of the session a 3 year TIPS certification will be provided to participants who pass a short test. (Has been sent to the Licensees from Selectmen's Office).
- b. Submitting copy of notice sent to the licensees from the Norwood Police Department with registration details for the TIPS Training. On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to file items A and B.

Norwood Light Broadband:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to file both

- a. 2016 Annual Complaint Form.
- b. 2016 Billing and Termination Filing

AEI Consultants:

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to file notice of permanent solution statement regarding 293 Lenox Street (Board of Health has been copied)

Knights of Columbus, 572 Nichols Street, John Paras:

On motion of Selectman Maloney, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to request for one day AAB License for Saturday, March 18, 2017, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Robert F. Sullivan Manager Government & Regulatory Affairs, Comcast:

- a. On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to forward to treasurer in accordance with MGL C 1661, Section 9, 2016 license fee payment in the amount of \$1,536.50 which is \$.50 per subscriber for deposit in the General Fund. This reflects 3, 073 subscribers as of December 31, 2016.
- b. On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to file copy of Comcast's policies & procedures, sample subscriber bill, work order and channel line-up information. (for perusal)

Car Wash Requests

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to approve the following:

- a. NHS Boys Lacrosse, Saturday, May 13th
- b. NHS Boys Hockey, Saturday, May 20th

ATC Environmental, Woburn, MA:

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to file Notification of Document Availability & Permanent Solution with Conditions statement re Berkshire at Windsor Gardens.

Edmund W. Mulvehill, Jr. Commander, American Legion Post 70:

On motion of Selectman Maloney, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to approve request for a 2 hour closure of Day Street between Washington Street and Central Street to conduct a "Zero K Road Race" on Sunday, April 9th from 12 noon to 2 p.m. to raise funds for Norwood American Legion Baseball. This is sponsored by Napper Tandy's at 46 Day Street. There is no actual race.

New Business-March 21, 2017

Jill Reddish, Verizon:

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to file notice of channel changes-notice to customers will follow.

Personnel Board:

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to file the following:

- a. notice that the Board of Selectmen and the Personnel Board unanimously adopted a new Travel & Expense Reimbursement Policy.
- b. notice that the Personnel Board adopted the Family Medical Leave Policy.
- c. notice of a hearing on Wednesday, March 29, 2017 at 7:15 p.m. in Room 24 Town Hall regarding Town's Personnel Records Policy.

Colin Henry, Race Wire:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to approve change in date that after conferring with the Police Department they have moved the Greater Boston Brew Fest 5K from Saturday, May 13 to Saturday, June 3.

Verizon:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to forward to Treasurer license fee payment in the amount of \$1,950.50 for General Fund.

Paul Halkiotis, Director of Community Planning & Economic Development:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Bishop to adopt recommendation of Planner re request of the Planning Board that next year, the Board close the Warrant no sooner than 5 weeks prior to Town Meeting.

Matt O'Neil, Logan Communications:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to place on warrant and forward to Planning Board for appropriate action request for a zoning bylaw amendment pertaining to Rt. 1 and digital billboards to be placed on the STM warrant. This was discussed at a Planning Board meeting. One hearing could be held before the warrant closes. (April 11) If the Board chooses to put this on the Special Town Meeting Warrant, the second hearing and recommendation of the Planning Board would take place after the warrant closes.

Unfinished Business-March 14

Kathleen Colleary, Chief Bureau of Municipal Finance Law:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to file acknowledgement of appointment of Timothy J. McDonough to a three-year term on the Board of Assessors.

Memoranda-March 21, 2017

Supt. Gerry Miller, Recreation Department:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to file monthly report.

Paul Halkiotis, Director of Community Planning & Economic Development:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to file copy of letter to MBTA regarding bus stops in Norwood.

Personnel Board:

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to file request for reclassification for Computer Director. Selectman Plasko said he has spoken with the Manager regarding this and that the Board did not have any information regarding this. He has asked the Manager to change the process to notify the Board with requests for reclassifications in Departments under his jurisdiction to make sure the Board is aware of this before it goes on to the Personnel Board.

Selectmen's Addenda

Selectman Maloney

Capital Outlay

He said that they have wrapped up for FY 18 deliberations. He will attend the Fin Com Meeting with Mr. Carroll on Thursday evening.

School Facilities Study Committee

March 14th meeting was rescheduled for tomorrow night at the high school at 6 p.m. at George Usevich Lecture Hall.

Selectman Plasko

Treasurer

Selectman Plasko said he distributed a letter to the Board which is a review of the screening committee on the initial screening. He and Selectman Maloney, Town Clerk and Accountant Mr. McQuaid and former treasurer Robert McGuire are serving on the committee. They have gone through initial screening and have received 34 applications and have narrowed it down to 8 which they will interview. They will then bring it to the Board of Selectmen.

Selectman Bishop

Pleasant and East Cross

There is wire going across maybe phone company and it is very low. This is by Kelley's gas station. Please have the Light Department take a look-Manager will handle.

March 31/Friday

7 pm fund raiser for Jim Ranalli at the Norwood Elks.

Selectman Howard

Council on aging has an opening.

Manager's Agenda

Lease of cell tower space

The Manager discussed the leases on the cell towers. It is a very lucrative arrangement. He said that T Mobile wants to come onto both of those tanks. We have had preliminary discussions and the consultant says there is room on the tank. The Manager said that they ask potential lessee to pay consultant to inspect integrity of tank with a structural analysis. He would like to begin serious negotiations with T Mobile. Selectman Plasko referred to page 2 of the Manager's letter which lays out request for proposals, etc. Selectman Plasko said the Manager will work with T Mobile, lawyers and Ms. Carney and come back with the steps as they develop according to the letter attached. Selectman Plasko said that there is no limit on the lease, but it is his belief that we should have the 20 years. On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to have the Manager move forward and bring back further details as they develop. Selectman Bishop will be the Board's representative to work with Selectman Bishop.

Guild Street Bridge closure

The Manager said it is schedule for final replacement the weekend of April 21-April 24. Track closure will be after the 7:25 train passes around 8:30 pm.

Requesting two articles on Special Town Meeting warrant for MWRA Water and Sewer Grant/Loan Program.

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to approve.

Recommending a Reserve Fund transfer for Wiring Inspector Salary Substitute.

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to approve and do this as quickly as possible.

Recommending a four-way STOP at Monroe and Rock Streets

This does not meet the requirements for a four way stop. There has never been an accident. On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to support Stop sign. Selectman Plasko said that he is opposed to the motion as this is a low travelled intersection and we have standards that tell us what criteria to use. The vote was 2-2. Motion failed.

Light Department Storm Damage Summary.

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

Town Hall Modernization- wiring evaluation

The Manager said this goes back to the Board's meeting of March 1. He said that at that meeting the Board voted to defer the project for one year and the primary discussion had to do with the various components of the electrical system. Selectman Plasko raised that question that night. Since postponement could be detrimental to that project, the Manager said that he took the liberty of talking to a well-known and respected electrical engineer to evaluate the wiring and circuit wiring in the Town Hall and make recommendations. The Manager said that he took this report and asked the Project Architect to review this and both agreed that something should be done if the project goes forward. He said based upon both reports. He recommended that the Board increase the cost of the Town Hall modernization project to \$900,000 this is a \$100,000 increase and proceed with this project this year.

Selectman Maloney said the Capital Outlay Committee met last night and endorsed this project for FY 18 so as not to delay-the sum of \$900,000 and he is satisfied with the report and he thanked Selectman Plasko for raising the issue of the electrical work. He would move forward and reconsider but if the Board would like to wait another week, he would be happy to do that as well.

Selectman Bishop said there is a lot of information and he would like a week to digest it and he was a strong opponent and if the Capital Outlay feels the money is there, he would like one week.

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to table for one week.

Selectman Plasko said each person had a slightly different reason to oppose this on March 1. Since his problem is not about doing the project, as he feels the project should be done, he might have personal preferences that are different then the plan, space can be repurposed. He said electrical was a serious concern and this has been addressed and as long as this project is moving forward with this electrical work is part of the project, he would be in favor of moving it along because it needs to be done. This electrical is so important that if we didn't do anything else we should at least do this. He still feels the \$100,000 is going to be low. We will get the right number as we go out to bid. As long as we are identifying and responding to electrical he is satisfied to move forward.

FY 2018 Proposed Budget 3rd pass

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to accept the budget as the final budget and forward to Town Clerk & Accountant for inclusion in the budget books. Selectman Bishop referred to \$43,500 under Recreation for a behaviorist. Selectman Plasko said it is for the summer camp program at the Recreation Department.

Article on Norwood biotech

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

Executive Session

Avalon Bay and Forbes Hill

By individual poll of the Board, on motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Bishop and Chairman Howard and Maloney, voted to go into Executive Session to discuss litigation on Avalon Bay and Forbes Hill . The Board will return to open session only for the purpose of adjournment.

Adjournment

Returning to open session and no other business being presented for consideration, on motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to adjourn and the meeting was adjourned accordingly at 9:05 p.m.

A True Record.

ATTEST: _____
Clerk