

Regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen convened at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, June 13, 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 William J. Plasko, Helen Abdallah Donohue, Paul A. Bishop, Allan D. Howard and Thomas F. Maloney. Also present General Manager John J. Carroll, Clerk Frances L. Jessoe and Assistant Christina Mulvehill.

### Appointments

#### 7:00 P.M. –4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee:

Bernie Cooper introduced Maria Henry, who introduced the members of the committee. Some members were unable to attend. This year's Grand Marshall will be Bob Griffin. The theme of this year's parade is An Old Fashioned Fourth. Mrs. Henry gave an outline of the schedule of events. Mr. Cooper continued the presentation. Central Motors will be the main sponsor of the parade. Thank you to Mr. Catanese. Mr. Cooper read the complete list of sponsors to date. Selectman Howard thanked the committee members for their hard work and dedication. Selectman Maloney said the committee does a great job and asked if the Cycling Murrays would be at the parade. Selectman Donohue told Maria Henry she did a fabulous job announcing in the past. Selectman Bishop thanked Mrs. Henry and the organization for everything they do every year. He said he enjoys the Doll Carriage Parade the most. Thank you to the Catanese family and all the other donors. Chairman Plasko said these activities and efforts are what make Norwood a community.

#### 7:15 P.M. – Chief Anthony J. Greeley, NFD:

Chief Greeley was in attendance to present the monthly report of department's activities. He said May was a typical month and the department participated in extensive training. The Chief gave an update of the statistics and reported that all of the on duty injuries are back on duty. He said he enjoyed Career Day at Norwood High School in addition to Town Meeting. He thanked Town Meeting for their support of the department. The Chief also thanked the Manager, the Town Accountant and the Board of Selectmen for support during the budget season.

An award ceremony was held May 23<sup>rd</sup> and two Norwood Firefighters, Joshua Gunschel and Michael Downing received EMS Stewards of the Community awards.

Firefighter Phil Morrison, a 34-year veteran, will retire at the end of this month. He is extremely reliable and will be missed. Chief Greeley said he would miss Phil personally, as he is a good friend. Charles King has been hired and will begin on the department on July 5<sup>th</sup>. Mr. King scored top marks on his exam and persevered. Selectman Maloney thanked Chief Greeley for his report and also thanked Firefighters Gunschel and Downing for their service. He offered congratulations to Charles King.

Selectman Bishop asked about the striker mechanized loading system. The Chief said this would protect against many back injuries. He explained the equipment in more detail. Selectman Bishop inquired about the air conditioning in the station. The Chief said they had problem yesterday because one of the condensers on the third floor is gone. Selectman Bishop gave personal congratulations to Phil Morrison and Charles King. Selectman Howard asked if two people could be transported in an ambulance. The Chief said yes, they could. Selectman Howard offered his congratulations.

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to give Firefighter Phil Morrison a plaque for his retirement.

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to approve Municipal Relieve request for \$5,000 for Fire Department medical bills. Mr. Cooper has identified excess funds to use.

7:30 P.M. – Supt. Travis Farley, Recreation Department:

Mr. Farley presented the monthly report of department's activities. He introduced Katie Sebstedt, the new Program Director. He spoke about Norwood Day, which will be held Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup>. Anyone interested in volunteering should inquire at the Civic Center. Mr. Farley said they are working to get both pools ready right now and he thanked Howie Weinstein for his assistance. He added that it gets harder to staff the pools through Labor Day. The Recreation Department is now taking registrations for all summer programs. There will be a Day of Hope Carnival for the Circle of Hope on July 28<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Farley thanked DPW Director/Town Engineer Mark Ryan, Foreman Michael Driscoll, and staff for getting the ballfields and playgrounds ready.

Selectman Donohue asked about an opening ceremony for new bathhouse at Hawes Pool. Mr. Farley said there is no date yet, but when they have a completion date and keys to the building, they will make an announcement. Selectman Howard told Mr. Farley he earned this position, and he welcomed Ms. Sebstedt to Norwood.

Chairman Plasko said the installation of lights at Coakley Middle School destroyed the field and asked when that will be fixed. Mr. Farley said he would follow up with Mr. Ryan and get back to the Board.

7:45 P.M. – Supt. James Collins, Norwood Light Department:

Mr. Collins presented the monthly report of department's activities. The environmental work related to the transmission line will be going on for a couple of growing seasons. The meter replacement is ongoing and nearing completion and the LED street light project is underway.

Darryl Hansen gave an update on Broadband. Tonight after midnight, they will be migrating to another platform and all channels will go out for thirty minutes. He reminded subscribers to auto tune weekly and definitely next weekend. Selectman Donohue asked if there is a written explanation of auto tune. Mr. Hansen said the TV Manual tells how and there is a generic version on the Broadband website. Subscribers can also call the office and speak with a Customer Service Representative.

Chairman Plasko asked about 136 Access Road. The next step is to contract with Weston and Sampson, get more information and bring in an Owner's Project Manager. On motion of Selectman Maloney, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to support the Light Department continuing with the study.

Mr. Collins spoke briefly about the outage on Route 1 when a wire came down on a metal bracket and took lines down. The outage lasted about one hour.

New Business

Lucas Environmental, LLC, Quincy, MA:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to file Environmental Notification Form for Wendy's Restaurant and BJ's Gas Station. Selectman Howard said all the Town Departments are represented at these meetings and they bring out many good points.

Marie A. McHugh, Norwood Arts Council:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to file notice of the 37<sup>th</sup> year of Summerfest, which will begin on Wednesday, July 5 at 7 p.m. at the Gazebo and will continue for the next seven Wednesday evenings in July and August. Thank you to the Board for their support.

Sean P. Cardinal O'Malley, Archbishop of Boston:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to file notification of Mass for Public Safety Personnel and Families to be held on Sunday, October 1, 2017 at 12 p.m. at Saint Theresa of Avila, West Roxbury. All are welcome.

Moesha Orelus, 34 Day Street:

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to approve request to have a birthday party at Town Common with church members July 15, 2017 from 4 p.m.-7 p.m.

Greg Franks, Senior Manager, Government & Regulatory Affairs, Comcast:

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to file notification that, in accordance with Norwood Cable Television Renewal License dated Feb. 2, 2014 submitting check for \$15,000 payable to the Town of Norwood under Cable License Section 6.5-PEG Access Funding. This payment is one installment of ten equal payments made on July 1 of each year of the license. Comcast will be contacted, as this check should go directly to NPA.

Mass. State Lottery Commission:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to approve Central Market, 1199 Washington Street for KENO to Go and include caveats on letter to Lottery The Board's past policy is there will be no tables or chairs.

Superintendent James Collins, Norwood Light Broadband:

On motion of Selectman Maloney, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to approve request the Board declare damaged and unrepairable cable boxes, remotes, and modems as surplus equipment so they made proceed, with the assistance of the purchasing department, to dispose of it.

Supt. Sigalle Reiss, Board of Health:

Submitting request to place a banner on the poles on Washington Street between Vernon and Day Streets from September 11, 2017 through 25, 2017 to advertise Household Hazardous Waste Day.

Cemetery Deed:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to sign: Serge Lourole, 54 Hill Street to Lot C3-3.

Maura Smith, Great Northern Film:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to approve request to shoot scenes for upcoming film in and around the Common and Gazebo in August.

Katie Cavaca, 124 Clear Pond Drive, Walpole:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to approve application to use Town Common for wedding Wed., June 21, 2017 from 12 p.m.- 2 p.m. with 50 guests.

Ally Pike, Norwood Junior Women's Club:

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted to approve application to hold concerts for children on the Town Common/Gazebo on the following Tuesdays from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. – July 11, 18, 25 and August 1, 8, with rain dates of August 15 and 22.

Antoinette Eosco, 14 Endicott Street:

Submitting request to be considered for appointment to the Community Preservation Committee.

Chief William G. Brooks, III, NPD:

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted 4-0 to accept Liquor Compliance Grant under Chapter 44, §53A and authorize the Chief to expend the funds. Selectman Donohue abstained.

Unfinished Business

Boch Fund:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to set application deadline of Thursday, July 6, 2017 and to vote the awards Tuesday, July 11, 2017.

Michelle Pizzi, Human Resources Director:

Submitting recommendations for nonunion benefits. Items 5 and 7 were tabled at last meeting.

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted 4-1 to deny the option of creating an account for education reimbursement up to \$10,000 for nonunion management personnel for college coursework. Selectman Bishop opposed.

When speaking about the second item, which is closing Town Hall on the day after Thanksgiving, Mr. Carroll said the clerical union, through negotiation, got the day after Thanksgiving off and the intention at the time was for just the clerical union group. He believes if the Board approves something tonight to give other people, who are nonunion people, the day after Thanksgiving off, you will end up shutting down Town Hall and if that is your intent, that is a different story. He does not think it is wise to do that. Selectman Bishop said he could not see the sense in dividing the personnel in the building. On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted unanimously in favor of closing the Town Hall building the day after Thanksgiving. Selectman Donohue told Mr. Carroll if he feels that strongly about it, it should have been negotiated better so as not to divide the personnel in the building. She said to divide the personnel is unfair and she supports Selectman Bishop's motion. Chairman Plasko stated he agrees with closing the building and said if the Board does not treat the non-union personnel appropriately, they will form another union.

Community Preservation Committee:

Applicants are as follows:

Robert M. Thornton  
John Hall  
Gerry Miller  
Michael Bergeron  
Joe Greeley  
Peter McFarland

Selectman Maloney made a motion, seconded by Selectman Bishop, to appoint Peter McFarland to an initial one year term, to be followed by a three year term, Joseph Greeley to an initial two year term, to be followed by a three year term, and Robert Thornton and John Hall to three year terms. Selectman Donohue nominated Antoinette Eosco in place of John Hall

On motion of Selectman Maloney, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to appoint Selectman Donohue to this committee. Selectman Donohue had nominated Antoinette Eosco

Memoranda

Building Inspector Mark Chubet:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to file May Building Permits.

Chief William G. Brooks, III, NPD:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to file Submitting monthly report of department activity.

Paul Halkiotis, Director of Community Planning

On motion of Selectman Maloney, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to file copy of correspondence to the General Manager regarding Retirement payout and request for municipal relief transfer.

Selectmen's Addenda

Selectman Bishop

Speeding on Nahatan Street

There have been complaints about speeding on Nahatan Street, coming into town from Westwood and he directs the Manager to have the Police Chief pay attention to that.

Flag Day

Continental army was founded in 1775 by George Washington on June 14<sup>th</sup>, which is tomorrow. Tomorrow is Flag Day. Please make every attempt to fly our flag proudly. Thank you to Veteran's Agent Edmund Mulvehill.

NPATV

NPATV was recently awarded first place in the Alliance for Community Media programming category. Congratulations to Jack Tolman, Meghan Corbett, Sarah Sullivan, Mike Maloof, Erika McLaughlin, and Danny LaCross and all the others who helped get to this place. In addition, the LEAD Program, which is programming for individuals with physical and developmental challenges in the category for Underserved Voices, and they won first place across the country in their programming. Congratulations to them.

Selectman Howard

John McDonagh

We have had casual conversations among each other and with Mr. Carroll about having an appropriate plaque in the building for the man who kept the building running; John McDonagh who passed away recently. At one time there was leaking into the building, and in this very room, there was leading above the Clerk. At that time, Mr. McDonagh put on a harness, and a crane lifted him onto the roof of the building, to put black goop on the holes in the roof. That is just one of the many things Mr. McDonagh did to keep the building clean and secure. On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted to direct the Manager to find a location for a plaque for Mr. McDonagh, and to bring the family in for a presentation.

Selectman Donohue

Norwood Elks

Thank you for performing flag ceremony Monday at the Senior Center and doing another one tomorrow at the Elks. If anyone has an old flag, please bring it to the Elks for disposal.

Selectman Maloney

Luke Andrews Glass Blowing

He visited this business at 416 Lenox Street Saturday during a glass blowing class. There is also a retail shop there, where he bought earrings for his daughter.

School Facilities Study Committee

The committee met a week and a half ago, and they are moving forward with certain recommendations that will be presented to the School Committee August 16, 2017.

Chairman Plasko

Luke Andrews

The Chairman's wife once saw a beautiful piece of glass work in a catalog she wanted to order, but he just went to Lenox Street because it was Mr. Andrews' work being sold in that catalog.

Personnel Board

There is a vacancy on the Personnel Board. Anyone with time and some exposure or expertise in the personnel area please apply.

Manager's Agenda

Municipal Relief Transfers

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to approve Municipal Relief for Municipal Building and Fire Department

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to approve Municipal Relief for Planning Board.

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to approve Municipal Relief for Police Department. Chairman Plasko said some of these payouts were known in advance and could have gone to Town Meeting. It is not a problem that they went over, but they should have been aware that they would.

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to approve Municipal Relief for Veterans Office.

On motion of Selectman Maloney, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to approve Municipal Relief for the Recreation Department. Selectman Bishop said Mr. Miller made it clear at least a year ago that he was going to retire, so this should have gone to Town Meeting. The Manager agreed.

Route One power outage 6-1-17

Donation – Police Bike Safety Day

On motion of Selectman Maloney, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to accept \$500 donation for Police Annual Bike Safety Day.

Bad Debt

Mr. Carroll recommended the Board vote as Electric Light Commissioners to right off as uncollectible, bad debt of \$41,697.40 for cable and \$100,695.28 for electric. He assured the Board that the Light Department has very aggressive program for collecting debt. Chairman Plasko pointed out that these are accounts that have been worked diligently on since 2009 and 2010. They are all very old accounts. Selectman Maloney pointed out that this kind of thing can devastate your credit score. Selectman Bishop said this is good housekeeping to clear the books. On motion of Selectman Maloney, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted as Electric Light Commissioners to write off bad debt.

Manager's Executive Session

Police litigation

Chairman Plasko recommended the Board members read this as it came in late, but there is no action to be taken tonight.

Adjournment

No other business being presented for consideration, on motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted to adjourn and the meeting was adjourned accordingly at 8:30 p.m.

A True Record.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Assistant