

Regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen convened at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, September 5, 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 Asst. General Manager Bernard Cooper, Clerk Frances L. Jessoe and Assistant Christina Mulvehill

Appointments

7:00 P.M. – Chief William G. Brooks III, NPD:

Chief Brooks presented the highlights of the department's monthly activities. A gentleman died in his pool on Albemarle Street this week, possibly from a heart attack. Westwood Police were called by a woman on Oak Street and the Norwood Police followed. In another incident, a storeowner in South Norwood interrupted a scam involving a senior citizen who came in with a large amount of cash and wanted to wire it. The storeowner asked this gentleman some questions and the gentleman said he thought his grandson had been arrested and was being held in another country. The storeowner prevented that gentleman from losing his money. Recently there have been three incidences of landscapers having their equipment and tools stolen. Other landscape businesses have offered rewards for information. In one case, the trailer was in a fenced in area when equipment was stolen. The department is planning for Norwood Day and Lt. Benedetti will be in command that day. Chief spoke about an arrest at Norwood Hospital that got physical and one officer received a concussion. He also spoke briefly about the situation in Salt Lake City where an officer arrested a nurse who refused to draw blood from an unconscious person, and went on the say that the Norwood Police Department has a wonderful relationship with the nurses and staff of the Emergency Room. It is very positive. The Chief also reported that session two of the Youth Academy was run in August and it was a very positive experience. He reminded people that school starts tomorrow and Officer Paul Murphy is responsible for the High School and Jaime Mahoney is responsible for the Middle School. All of the street crossings will be staff and some of the Command staff will be in early tomorrow morning to help out. Selectman Howard spoke about the high number of deaths in this country from opioid overdose. Chief Brooks said there was a fatal overdose on Friday, which was the fifth fatal of this year. He added that across the state Norwood is behind the pace of where they were last year but he is seeing more and more of the synthetic drug fentanyl.

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

Chief Greeley presented the highlights of the department's monthly activities. He said the current report reflects the hard work of the department emergency medical service. The months of July and August were practically identical. The new ambulance is scheduled to be delivered between the 11th and the 25th of September. The department will now focus on EMS re-certification and accreditations. The Chief said that on Norwood Day the department will be on detail in South Norwood from the time the fireworks arrive until one hour after the show. The dispatch next generation 911 equipment has been installed and the dispatchers can now hear the 911 calls in real time. Thomas Starr and Richard Breen concluded outstanding careers and retired on August 31, 2017.

The Chief spoke of his own recent retirement announcement, stating he has decided not to retire at this time. It is hard to leave the life of public safety. He loves it and he wants to see his department through the change of General Manager, and he received positive feedback from staff. He would like to work out the remainder of his contract, which is sixteen months. Selectman Bishop told the Chief he has done an excellent job. Selectman Howard asked about the new 911 system. Chief Greeley explained that if someone dials 911 from a cell phone, it still goes to the State Police but there is no delay in them hearing that in real time. Selectman Howard asked about work related injuries, and at this time, there is none. Selectman Maloney asked if the Selectmen have anything to do with the Chief's decision not to retire. Chairman Plasko said the appointing authority makes that call and Mr. Carroll has done so. He told the

Chief he knows he thought his decision to come back through. As far as coming back indefinitely, which the Manager states in his letter, the Chief will stay through his contract and it will be up to the next General Manager at the end of that contract. On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to ratify Mr. Carroll's decision. The Chief added that he is a pretty strong minded person, but he is also human, and human beings change their minds sometimes for reasons they can't explain. He said he did have that on his mind and he went to Mr. Carroll's house and sat for two plus hours and talked about everything, not just that. At the end of the conversation he asked Mr. Carroll for guidance.

7:40 P.M. (P.H.) –Yamato Hibachi & Sushi Bar, Inc. 1200 Boston Prov. Tnpk., Zhen Kui Tien, Manager. Application for transfer of a restaurant All Alcoholic Beverages license, alteration of premises, change of manager, and pledge of license, from Fuji Hibachi Restaurant, Inc., 1200 Boston Providence Turnpike to Yamato Hibachi & Sushi Bar, Inc., 1200 Boston Providence Turnpike, Unit 1. They are also applying for a Common Victualer license.

Notice was read and public hearing was declared open on application made to the Licensing Board of the Town of Norwood for the transfer of the Restaurant All Alcohol Beverage License from Fuji Hibachi Restaurant, Inc., 1200 Boston Providence Turnpike to Yamato Hibachi & Sushi Bar, Inc., 1200 Boston Providence Turnpike, Unit 1, Zhen Kui Tian, Manager, of the license 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 1200 Boston Providence Turnpike, Norwood, Massachusetts. Description of the premises is as follows: Approximately 7,962 sq. ft. housing a 195 seat full service restaurant with bar service. Premises are on the first floor with one entrance/exit for the public, one entrance/exit for deliveries to the kitchen and one emergency exit. Alcohol will be stored behind the bar. License is being pledged to 1200 Providence Highway, LLC.

Attorney Macchi explained the concept of the restaurant. There will be hibachi tables and there will not be a buffet. Mr. Tien has managed a restaurant in Brockton and has an unblemished record regarding alcohol and safety. Mr. Tien gave some background of his experience and stated they are looking for more high-end restaurant. Selectman Bishop asked if they had an experienced sushi chef. Selectman Howard asked that management enforce safe alcohol service. Hours of operation will be standard. On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to close the hearing. On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Howard voted to approve Liquor License and Common Victualer.

New Business

2018 License Fees:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to table for one week discussion about raising license fees for 2018. Fees were increased 9/22/15. Pouring Permit fee was set on 12/6/16.

Special Town Meeting:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to schedule Special Town Meeting to begin Monday, November 6, 2017, to close the warrant on October 3, 2017, and sign the warrant October 10, 2017.

Ryan Gorman, 62 Sturtevant Ave.:

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to file Talent Bank form.

Patricia Hodges, 665 Brook Street, Clinton:

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to approve request to use the Bandstand for a wedding on August 18, 2018 from 6 to 7 p.m.

Martha Goldsmith, Director Office of Leasing, Commonwealth of Mass.:

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to file notice of RFP seeking to lease space in Norwood as well as surrounding communities.

Brian Fagan, Club Manager, Norwood Elks Lodge 1124:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to approve and waive the fee for a One Day WMB License for a fundraiser for Sunday, September 10, 2017 from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the ball field for the Red and Blue Barbecue to honor the men and women of the Police and Fire Department. This area will be roped off from the public and will be monitored.

Judy & David Miley, Oak Road Block Party Committee:

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted to approve and forward to Police, Fire, and DPW, request to have their annual neighborhood block party on Sat. Sept. 23, 2017 (rain date Sunday, September 24) from 12 noon to 5 p.m. and request that Oak Road from Nichols Street to Crescent Avenue be closed to traffic during the event.

Cardinal O'Malley, Archbishop of Boston:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to file invitation to attend a special Mass in thanksgiving for all the men and women who serve as public safety personnel on Sunday, Oct. 1, 2017 at noon at St. Theresa of Avila Parish, West Roxbury.

Thomas J. McQuaid, Town Clerk & Accountant:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Bishop to file notification that the additions to the Norwood Town By-Laws and the Norwood Zoning Bylaws (Marijuana Establishments and Marijuana Establishments Prohibited) that were voted at the Special Town Meeting on May 8, 2017 were approved by the Attorney General on August 28, 2017. They have been posted in 11 places in town on August 30, 2017 and a legal notice will be printed in the Norwood Record on September 7, 2017 and September 14, 2017.

Kevin Pentowski, 35 Plimpton Ave.:

Submitting request for a public hearing to close lower Rock Street where it abuts the current Plimpton Press. Chairman Plasko explained that Rock Street and portions of Lenox Street were already abandoned at Town Meeting in January 1961. In regard to a Dead End sign, the street is not a dead end because you can turn left onto Andrews Street and it is posted Not a Thruway. He said to address the concerns of the neighbors they could consider putting a block at the end of the road but there is already a fence there and the driveway to 28 Rock Street is right up against that fence now. On motion of Selectman Maloney, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to refer the matter to the Manager and notify Mr. Pentowski that there is no need for a hearing and send him the information again from the Engineering Department.

Patricia Oginski, Casey Street:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to approve request to hold block party Saturday, September 30, 2017 and close Casey Street from #68 to # 86.

Boston Regional MPO:

On motion of Selectman Maloney, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to file notification that MPO meetings Thursday, September 7th and Thursday, September 21st are cancelled. MOP staff will not hold office hours on September 7th and next MPO meeting is October 5, 2017 at 10 a.m.

Andrew J. Eckhardt, Project Manager, Boston Environmental Corporation:

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to file Release Notification and Permanent Solution with no Conditions on House Lot, 8 Plymouth Drive.

Unfinished Business

Flight Level Aviation, 125 Access Road:

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to file Certificates of Insurance regarding use of the parking lot at 136 Access Road for their event on September 6, 2017. Mr. Cooper and Supt. Collins have reviewed and approved.

James Quaglia, Supt./Director Blue Hills Regional Technical School:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to file notice that the MSBA voted to approve the proposed building renovations for Blue Hills. There will be an informational meeting with community leaders at 9 a.m. September 14 to review project scope.

Judith Langone:

Submitting copy of flyer regarding parking on Rock Street that was sent to the residents.

Residents of Rock Street area:

Submitting copies of e-mails from residents opposed to no parking.

Selectmen's Addenda

Selectman Bishop

Sumner Street

Inquired about the Manager's progress on the heavy truck traffic complaint on Sumner Street. Mr. Cooper has talked to CertainTeed and they are not doing anything differently. He will measure truck traffic on the street. The state will not allow a ban on trucks on a street unless there is a certain percentage of vehicle traffic by heavy trucks. The Manager will ask the Building Inspector to measure the noise.

School Opening

Keep your eyes open and watch out for the young people .

Selectman Donohue

Town Hall renovations

There have been regular meetings and a lot of planning goes into effect. Departments have been culling files etc.

School Opening

Good luck to all the students starting school tomorrow and thank you to all the people who made a peaceful wonderful summer.

Selectman Howard

Civic Center

There are quite a few mothers who bring young children for programs at the civic and they park in the lot across Nahatan Street. Sometimes they have trouble crossing the street as no one lets them go. There is a light in the middle of the street at this time. He suggests a pedestrian signal on both sides of the street. The Manager will check with Light Supt. James Collins and DPW Director Mark Ryan as to how much it will cost.

Selectman Maloney

School Opening

Welcome to the new principals in the schools and the new superintendent.

Chairman Plasko

Norwood Day

Just a reminder about Norwood Day Saturday, September 9, 2017.

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Executive Session

DPW Litigation

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Maloney, and on roll call vote of Selectmen Donohue, Bishop, and Chairman Plasko, voted to enter Executive Session to discuss strategy and return to regular session to adjourn.

Manager's Agenda

Fire Chief postponing the retirement

This was discussed during Chief Greeley's presentation.

Civic Center early closing on September 8th

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to approve the early closing of the Civic Center on September 8, 2017.

Rock Street parking issues

The Manager said he met with what he thought was a representative group of that neighborhood. The parking trial is now halfway through and he suggests letting this run out and setting up a meeting with anyone in the whole area who wants to participate in order to discuss alternatives. On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to follow Manager's recommendation. Selectman Bishop informed the Manager that he would like to be involved in the next meeting.

Adjournment

Returning to open session and no further business being presented for consideration, on motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to adjourn and the meeting was adjourned accordingly at 8:05 p.m.

A True Record.

ATTEST: _____
Assistant