

Regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen convened at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, December 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, 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.

Absent: Helen Abdallah Donohue

#### Appointments

#### 7:00 P.M. – (P.H.) ILC Ventures, LLC, dba Little Bird Events, 83 Morse Street:

Submitting application for a Wine and Malt Beverage and CV License for ILC Ventures, LLC, Angela Marengi, Manager. The Clerk read the notice.

Application has been made to the Licensing Board of the Town of Norwood for a Restaurant Wine and Malt Beverage License for ILC Ventures, LLC, dba Little Bird Events, Angela Marengi, Manager of the license under Section 12, Chap. 138 and Chap. 140 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended, for the sale of Wine and Malt Beverages to be drunk on the premises having an address of 83 Morse Street, Building 4, Unit F, Norwood, Massachusetts. Description of the premises is as follows: 2600 square feet, one floor, 4 rooms, (1) entrance, (3) exits; proposed seating capacity 80.

Angela Marengi is opening a business at 83 Morse Street and asking for a license for Beer and Wine and Common Victualer to hold birthday parties, showers, and corporate events. The events would last 2-3 hours each with 20-40 people attending. Chairman Plasko asked about the ZBA. Ms. Marengi explained it was to determine whether food would be allowed. It was not a formal hearing but they submitted a letter giving approval of the purpose. Ms. Marengi gave her work history. She is currently an events manager for a private client in Brookline and previously was an events manager. She is TIP certified; serve safe, allergen awareness as well. Selectman Howard asked about staff. Ms. Marengi plans on one full time administrative staff and part time helpers for events. Anyone serving alcohol will be TIPs certified. Selectman Maloney asked about the workshops. She stated that she will be doing personal and professional workshops geared toward women but also resume writing, wine tasting, photography, floral arranging. She hopes to highlight some of the town's business owners who do not have a place to host something like this. Chairman asked if the beer and wine would be used at every event. Ms. Marengi will not be open if there is not a booked event unless it is to show the space to prospective clients. Chairman asked about a license not being used. Selectman Maloney said if things go well, how many days a week would you hold functions. She hopes to be closed two days. Would be open most Saturdays and Sundays and the workshops would be planned from 6-8 pm. The website is littlebirdevents.net.

Thomas Kraus, owns property on corner of Morse, Short and Short extension. When he talked to Dave Duprese they showed a parking lot which would be improved and he said the intended use of that lot would be employee parking. He wants to confirm that the intended parking and entrance is from within the core of 83 Morse as opposed to the short street extension side. Chairman Plasko asked for clarification. Ms. Marengi said the only place for customer entrance is the curio market and her main door will be on the inner side; it is not intended for people to enter from the rear.

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to close the hearing.

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to approve the liquor license and the common victualer license. The vote was unanimous.

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

Submitting monthly report of department's activities. Chief Greeley said in budgetary matters, everything is solid and trending the way he wants it to be. On November 21 they had a number of

Chief Greeley (cont'd)

firefighters recognized in Worcester for firefighter of the year. Governor Baker was on hand. Meritorious conduct for six members who were on mutual aid. Firefighters Hayes, Burton, Donohue, Fuller, Maloney, Murphy. Two others received the Medal of Valor; Lt. Jeff Campilio and Firefighter/paramedic George Burton who rescued two victims from a fire in February. Chief gave a couple of fire prevention tips regarding candles and cooking stoves and advised not to put cords under rugs or furniture.

Chief Greeley said that this is his last meeting with his boss, John Carroll. When the charter changed in 2012 and Mr. Carroll became the appointing authority, he put a lot of trust into him and he is grateful and thanked him for the endless times he got advice and was pointed in the right direction. He thanked the Manager.

Selectman Maloney said the Chief has justified Mr. Carroll's trust and congratulated the Firefighters that were honored in Worcester. Chairman Plasko said it is good to know we have such good people working on our behalf. Selectman Bishop wished a Merry Christmas to the entire department.

7:30 P.M. – P.H., Tax Rate for FY 2018:

The Board of Selectmen has scheduled a public hearing on Tuesday, December 5, 2017 at 7:30 p.m., in the Harry B. Butters Chambers, Room 34, Norwood Town Hall, 566 Washington Street, Norwood, concerning the percentages of the FY 2018 local tax levy to be borne by each class of property in accordance with Chapter 40 Section 56, as amended by Chapter 369 of the Acts of 1982, and Chapter 79 of the Acts of 1983.

Chairman of the Board of Assessors Timothy McDonough thanked John Carroll and wish him a long and healthy retirement. Mr. McDonough said the property values have been reviewed by outside vendors for the Department of Revenue. Most single family residences increased in assessed value by 4%. Commercial had very few changes in values. New assessed values are based on sales of property that sold in 2016. The Chairman of the Assessors presented a power point presentation. Tax levy is divided by property values to get to tax rate. Total residential value including condos and multifamily has increased by 7%. Assessor Robert Thornton added that the simple equation used to set the tax rate and each of the components in the equation is consistent from year to year. Chairman Plasko asked about the commercial tax base. They pay 45% of the taxes in the town. Chairman said he likes the shift of 1.57% because it reduces residential but only increases commercial by 1 cent. He thinks this is very consistent and fair and we can't avoid an increase as property values have gone up. Selectman Bishop said he feels the same way as we have an obligation to take care of residential tax payers but don't want to discourage commercial. Selectman Maloney agreed with the presentation and the philosophy and the consistency. Mr. Thornton said the assessor's role is not to recommend a rate that is the Board of Selectman that has to do that.

On motion of Selectmen Howard, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to close the hearing. On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to go with the 1.57%. the vote was unanimous.

New Business

Clerk/Board of Selectmen:

Submitting for the Board's approval Renewal Affidavits for 2018 and attestation that each licensee has renewed; a valid certificate of inspection issued by Building Inspector and signed by Fire Department, and certificate of liquor liability insurance. All establishments have been inspected by Fire Dept. and Bldg. Dept. and have a liquor liability insurance certificate on file. Royal Pizza license was revoked at their request. On motion of Selectman seconded by Selectman, voted to approve.

Chairman William J. Plasko:

On motion of Selectman Howard seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to sign new Manager's contract.

Cemetery Deeds:

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

Robert J. LeBlanc, 1255 Adams Street, Dorchester to lot C3-23.

Deborah A. Frangioso, 3 Douglas Circle to lot C3-50.

Joseph M. Gardner, 418 Nahatan Street to lot C3-39.

Karen Bomollo, 39 Irving Street to lot C3-27

Franco DiPietro, 60 Prospect Street to lot C3-38

Selectmen's Budget:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to approve budget as presented with understanding that an amount will be entered for negotiations.

Verizon:

On motion of Selectman Bishop seconded by Selectman Howard voted to file two checks sent directly to Norwood Public Access; one for \$7,500 and \$2,249.05 as per the new contract. (attached)

Launch Trampoline Park (AR Jump LLC), Matt Silverstein, 570 Boston Prov. Tnpk:

On motion of Selectman Bishop seconded by Selectman Howard voted to approve request for one day wine permit for January 18, 2018 from 8 to 10 p.m. for a PTO Fundraiser.

Laurie Shea, Norwood Scholarship Foundation:

On motion of Selectman Maloney seconded by Selectman Howard voted to approve request to place a flyer in the town light bills in February. Light Department has this month available.

Paul Halkiotis, Director of Community Planning & Economic Development:

On motion of Selectman Bishop seconded by Selectman Maloney voted file notice that the Lt. Governor Polito would like to come to Norwood on Thursday, Dec. 21 to sign the Community Compact Agreement with the Town. Please RSVP to Mr. Halkiotis so that he can advise the Lt. Governor's office.

Attorney Karis North, Murphy Hesse Toomey & Lehane:

On motion of Selectman Howard seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to sign two Requests for Authorization relative to the Davis Marcus transaction:

- a. Authorization to allow the Chairman or, in the alternative, if the Chairman is unavailable, Mr. Thomas Maloney, to sign any necessary documents to move forward with the purchase.
- b. Authorization to allow Murphy Hesse Toomey & Lehane to contract for title insurance on behalf of the Town of Norwood. This will cost \$20,000. The Chairman did speak with counsel about taking the land by eminent domain to gain clear title. That would negate the need for this authorization. Howard bishop to approve title insurance if needed.

Michael Clemmey, Music Drives Us:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to approve request to use the Municipal Light Department parking lot on Access Road for event parking on Friday, December 15, 2017. They have spoken with Airport Commission Chairman Mark Ryan and Airport Manager Russ Maguire. In addition, they will staff the parking lot and hire details and private security for the event.

Francis J. Hopcroft, Chairman, PBCC:

Submitting notice that Susan Kreusch is resigning from the PBCC effective January 15, 2018. PBCC requests that Stephen O'Connor, 108 Mylod Street be appointed to replace Ms. Kreusch, effective January 16. This appointment is made by Chairman of Board of Selectmen, Chairman of the School Committee and Town Moderator. Chairman Plasko will contact the other two to fill that vacancy. He notes that this went to PBCC and was forwarded to us but not to the Town Clerk. On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Maloney to forward to Town Clerk for official action.

Lisa Koplowitz:

Submitting e-mail regarding problems at intersection at Nahatan and Lenox. Mr. Carroll asked that this be forwarded to him to look at with a traffic consultant. On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to forward to Manager.

Unfinished Business

Sewer Service Cleaning Charge

(tabled from last week)

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

Memoranda

PERAC:

On motion of Selectman Maloney seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to file copy of notice sent to the Norwood Retirement Board of the amount to be appropriated for the retirement system for Fiscal Year 2019, which commences July 1, 2018 in the amount of \$5,031,819.

Patrick Deschenes, Assistant Planner:

On motion of Selectmen Bishop, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to file notice that the Lt. Governor will be in Memorial Hall on Thursday, December 21, 2017 at 11:30 a.m. to sign with the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen the Community Compact agreement.

Selectmen's Addenda

Selectman Bishop

Pearl Harbor Day

Thursday, December 7, 2017 seventy sixth anniversary of Pearl Harbor Attack. This is a difficult time. All flags should be flown at half-staff on that day. It is not a federal holiday, but it is important to note that we lost over 2400 military and civilian personnel that day. It is important that we remember our past. Please fly the flag at half-staff on that day.

Selectman Howard

Neponset Street Lights

Selectman Howard said on Neponset Street, we have two lights and these lights were set to change to red on Neponset Street periodically and he was asked if we could consider going back to that situation. They say it is very difficult getting out on the street. It is obvious this street is a cut through. Manager explained these lights are time base coordinated but he will have the traffic consultant to look at it anyway.

Trash contract

The problem is going to be recycling. We want to encourage people to recycle. Four times per year have an insert in the light bills to emphasis with the public. The Board so voted to have the

DPW work on a quarterly flyer. Please put it in the light bills on a quarterly basis- reminder to recycle.

Selectmen's Meeting-Addenda (cont'd)

December 5, 2017

Selectman Maloney

Pearl Harbor Day

Selectman Maloney said there are 3 dates that our parents' generation and older will recall where they were when they heard of the attack on Pearl Harbor, the assassination of President Kennedy and the attack on 911. He said that the signatory to treaty on battleship Missouri was Admiral Wainright who had been a prisoner of the Japanese during the war. He signed on behalf of the United States.

Diamond Club

Thanking DPW and Recreation Department for their work on the scheduling for the fall baseball league and the DPW for the maintenance of the fields. They had a great season.

Chairman Plasko

Town Clerk and Accountant Contract

This expires on July 1, 2018. The contract calls to let him know in 180 days if we intend to renew his contract. Town meeting acted to amend the charter and separate the positions, which has not happened yet but it has passed the house and is sitting in the senate. On motion of Selectman Maloney, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to notify Mr. McQuaid that the Board intends to renew his contract as Town Clerk & Accountant if not acted on by state by July 1 and if state does separate we would prepare new contract to keep him on as town accountant. Maloney bishop.

Personnel Board

Vacancy – interested parties can contact the Selectmen's Office.

Manager's Agenda

For the Board's approval Water/Sewer, Cable and Electric lien list.

The amount of customers being liened is a small percentage of the customers. On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to forward to Assessor for collection. Chairman pointed out these bills are several years old.

Airport Revenue

This report came from Mr. Ryan and the Manager said it looks like the airport is self-supporting. Chairman Plasko said this was done by Mr. Donnelly of the Finance Commission. Chairman Plasko said that it was also at the request of the town's budget committee to see if the Airport was being a financial burden on the town, etc. They are very close whether they make money or not. They may be a slight financial burden on the town, but it is really close, but they are not hurting us significantly. They do have some ideas to increase their revenues. Selectman Maloney said the state instituted a decrease in jet fuel tax.

Recommending the Town go out to bid for lease space on Water tanks.

Every year the Town collects money from AT&T and Sprint and the 20 year lease with ATT expires on March 1<sup>st</sup> and it has been suggested we ask for bids for 20 year lease with minimum of \$90,000. On motion of Selectman Howard seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted manager's recommendation. The Manager said there is a problem with space up there. Selectman Bishop said he met with Mr. Haskell and the Manager about another vendor but Manager said nothing has happened with that.

Memo from Mark Ryan regarding Norwood Center Holiday decorations.

Kissing balls have been installed uptown for the holidays. On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to file.

Complaint from resident regarding trucks on Sumner Street.

The e-mail came from Cheryl Rogers and Chief Brooks has the midnight shift checking on this area. Selectman Maloney said coming from the Pleasant Street side there are 3 signs up there letting them know-the notification is clear. Selectman Bishop said it comes down to enforcement.

Adjournment

On motion of Selectmen Bishop, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to adjourn and the meeting was adjourned according at 8:30 p.m.

A True Record.

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