

Meeting of the Board of Selectmen convened at 7 p.m. on Monday, December 12, 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. Town Manager Bernie Cooper, Clerk Frances L. Jessoe and Assistant Christina K. Mulvehill.

#### Appointments

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

Submitting monthly report of department's activities. This month, Detective Tony Lopes was on a detail when a person fell with a cardiac episode. Detective Lopes gave CPR and the victim survived. Package thefts have been occurring around town and the Chief recommends having packages delivered to work or to a neighbor who is home. The adopt-a-cop program is underway with officers having lunch with schoolchildren, etc. Most weekdays a patrol car goes to one of the elementary schools. The Chief talked about an E-citation program, which has computers in patrol cars connected to the registry. Selectman Howard asked about heroin overdoses. So far this year there have been six fatal overdoses in which fentanyl was prevalent, but total overdoses are down to 28. Selectman Bishop referred to a fatal overdose this past month, which led to the arrest of a dealer in Norwood. Detective Tony Lopes is also assisting other towns with their investigations. Selectman Donohue asked about the ages of the people who overdosed. The Chief will check on that. Selectman Maloney spoke about the Chief's appearance on the news about the legal powers of constables. The legislature has never removed the criminal references to the constables' powers, even though ninety-nine percent of constables now serve in civil areas.

##### 7:15 P.M. – Show Cause Hearing, Thai Boo LLC, dba Thai Boo Cuisine, 712 Washington Street:

MGL C, 138, Section 34-Sale of alcoholic beverages to a person under the age of 21. The clerk read the hearing notice. Attorney Lichtblau was representing Thai Boo and Michael Acklund and he made a brief statement. The restaurant is owned by Dr. Aucklund and his wife, whose sister is also employed there. They have a zero tolerance policy for servers. They are TIP certified and the restaurant has changed their policy so no person is served unless they produce valid identification proving they are over twenty-one years old. They have posted this policy inside the restaurant, on the front door, and on every table. Dr. Acklund said they made an unforgivable error and he thanked the police department on the good job they did. On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to close the hearing. On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to give Thai Boo a written warning.

##### 7:40 P.M.- (P.H.) RDNK Subway

Submitting application for CV License to operate Subway at 36 Vanderbilt Avenue. Mr. and Mrs. Patel and the senior Mr. Patel have owned the Subway restaurant at 111 Lenox for three years, and they have one in Mashpee they have been running for 13 years. Selectman Bishop asked about Board of Health and Light Department sign offs. Mr. Patel said the Light bill has been cleared up and they are waiting for sign off from Board of Health. With no members of the public wishing to speak, on motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to close the hearing. On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to approve the CV License based on Light Department receipt and sign off from the Board of Health.

##### 7:50 P.M. –Supt. Travis Farley, Recreation Department:

Submitting monthly report of department's activities. Mr. Farley gave highlights of the holiday celebration the Saturday after Thanksgiving and thanked all those involved. He spoke about some of the upcoming programs the Recreation Department will be offering. Selectman Maloney spoke about the masonry and the floor of the Civic building, which both need work. Mr. Farley said the feedback he got from the businesses for Shop Small Saturday was all positive.

Supt. Travis Farley-(cont'd):

Chairman Plasko spoke about a financial review done by the Finance Commission, in which fee increases were recommended, with some substantial increases over time. This has to do with changing how we view the operation and it being self-sustaining. He has some concerns about some of the conclusions and if fees are changed dramatically, there should be good solid justification. He spoke briefly about the revolving fund. The Chairman suggested tabling some of this until Mr. Mazzucco, the new Manager, gets on board. He recommended increasing the building maintenance fee on each participant in each program by \$5.50. Mr. Farley agreed both with the suggested fee increase and that Mr. Mazzucco should be involved in other fees and the revolving fund. He said play camp and summer programs are at the lower end but he does not want to jump on that in the next few weeks. On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to increase the registration fee by \$5.50 per registrant per program.

New Business

Clerk/Board of Selectmen:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to schedule budget hearings for January 23, 2018 at 5 p.m.

Petros Vasiliadis, Broadway Pizza and Grill, 75 Cottage Street, East:

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to schedule a public hearing regarding application for a Common Victualer license to operate Broadway Pizza and Grill, 75 Cottage Street, East.

Grass Roots Cultural Center, 61 Endicott Street, William Hurley:

On motion of Selectman Howard Maloney application for One Day Wine and Malt Beverage License for Sunday, December 17, 2017 from 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Malcolm Sim, Jam Time LLC, 111 Lenox Street:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to approve application for CV License to operate Jam Time, 111 Lenox Street. (P.H.)

Sean M. Cavanaugh, 21 Greenleaf Road:

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to table request to purchase a small lot of land, which borders the left side of his property. (has been referred to the Asst. Town Manager at his request)

Mass. DOT:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to file notice regarding road salt and to refrain from salting the area in the immediate vicinity of the tracks at Railroad Ave. (has been sent to the DPW)

James B. Nutter & Company, Waltham:

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to send to treasurer notice of intent to foreclose.

GZAEnvironmental:

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to file notice to Board and the Board of Health regarding Release Abatement Measure Plan, regarding MBTA Norwood Central Station, 239 Lenox Street

Mass. Historical Commission:

On motion of Selectman Maloney, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to forward to historical society notice of Round 24 of the Mass. Preservation Project Fund grant program-deadline March 23, 2018.

New Business-(cont'd):

Norwood Knights of Columbus, 572 Nichols Street, John Paras:

On motion of Selectman Maloney, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to approve request for Special One Day AAB License for Saturday, December 16, 2017 from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Mark Good, Treasurer & Collector:

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to file Standard and Poor's Rating Report.

Atty. Stuart Ravech for Gallery Automotive Group, LLC:

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to approve notice that Manager of Gallery Automotive Group has been changed from Kevin Misanko to Yuki Uchara. This will include Volkswagen, BMW and Mazda-all other information remains the same.

Unfinished Business

Sewer Service Cleaning Charge

Mr. Ryan explained the process of clearing sewer services and that per the town regulations, sewer service is responsibility of the homeowner. DPW does about 150 per year and some are after hours, in which case the homeowner is responsible for \$400 charge to cover overtime. He is recommending charging the homeowners \$300. The alternative is a private company charging \$800-\$1200 and they would not get the service that public works provides, which is a comprehensive service. They are looking to raise revenue for the town. The sewer department is a three-member crew and they have a lot of other work to be doing every day. Mr. Ryan said he believes this charge is reasonable. Other towns would not even go into the house or onto the property and instead instruct homeowners to call a service. Selectman Donohue asked about the map of residences that have been serviced by DPW and Mr. Ryan showed it. Selectman Donohue said many calls seem to be from old parts of town where the sewer lines are older. She inquired about the sewer truck. Mr. Ryan said it is a \$375,000 truck, which performs many functions. Selectman Donohue stated that sewer charges are now larger than water charges. The sewers in South Norwood are old and on dead end streets and have railroad embankments on both sides. Selectman Bishop said he is concerned about elderly residents who may not have funding and asked if there would be leeway for them. Mr. Ryan said they have never piled on the residents when there is need and they work with them. Selectman Bishop said residents get better service from the DPW than from outside services. Selectman Maloney asked where the money would go. Mr. Ryan said it would go to the general fund. Chairman Plasko expressed his support adding that the Town's financing policies state these things should be supported. In this case, we are stopping our operations to solve one person's issue and would be giving them service at a lower rate at a faster response and not charging the other taxpayers that cost. Selectman Howard also expressed support of this fee. On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted 4-1 to adopt the fee. Selectman Donohue opposed.

Matt Walsh, Asst. Building Inspector, Sealer of Weights & Measures:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to file information requested by Selectman Donohue regarding seals on the gas pumps.

ABCC:

On motion on Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to file notice that the Commission finds no violation of Limey's Norwood, 659 Washington Street as per their investigation.

Verizon:

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to accept (1) fully executed original Cable TV Renewal of License.

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Memoranda

Selectmen's Meetings:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to approve the Board minutes of November 4 and November 7, 2017.

Mark Chubet, Building Inspector:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to approve Monthly Building Report for November, 2017.

Selectmen's Addenda

Selectman Maloney

Jazz concert

The concert was held at the Day House last weekend and there are more this weekend.

Advent festival at St. Catherine

He attended the festival on Sunday.

Happy Hanukah

John J. Carroll

Mr. Carroll has been devoted to public service for years. It has been a pleasure to serve with him. God bless you and happy trails.

Selectman Donohue

Jazz concert

Concerts at the Day House are at 3 p.m. and are free.

Morse House

Dale Day said it will be open on December 30<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Carroll

There will be a reception for Mr. Carroll Thursday 12-14 from 1-3 in Memorial Hall.

Happy Hanukah

Selectman Howard

Happy Hanukah

John Carroll

He interacted on both Finance Commission and this Board with Mr. Carroll.

Selectman Bishop

Happy Hanukah

Chairman Plasko

John Carroll

There will be a reception on the December 14<sup>th</sup> for Mr. Carroll.

New Manager

Tony Mazzucco will be sworn in Monday the 18<sup>th</sup>.

Happy Hanukah and Merry Christmas

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Chairman Plasko-(cont'd):

Happy Hanukah and Merry Christmas

John Carroll

I had hoped to see Mr. Carroll tonight and it is too bad that he is iIt is a difficult time to say goodbye. This would have been his last official meeting with the Board. Just coming to these meetings, he has easily come to 1800 or 1900. And it has been an incredible thirty-nine years. He has been of personal assistance and a mentor professionally and personally and he has been a close friend. He was always there in times of need. His integrity , leadership, devotion to town were unmatched. It is hard to put into words. He will be missed.

Manager's Agenda

Traffic on Neponset Street

The traffic light consultant did some studies and the signals were out of kilter, which is usually caused by lightning, and they have been adjusted.

Waste Management Contract

Mr. Cooper gave an outline and Mark Ryan was present to provide the details. They recommend extending the contract to 2023. The Board has been provided with copies. The negotiating team was Selectman Maloney, Selectman Howard, Mr. Carroll, Mr. Cooper, Mark Ryan, Sara Winthrop and Cathy Carney. Nine of the ten services the town is charged for will remain the same. Pickup remains the same. The annual increase will be 2%. Our costs compare very favorably with Newton, Westwood, and Franklin. The biggest change is single stream recycling. In the past, this was a lump sum but now there is collection cost and disposal cost. Collection cost will stay the same but disposal cost will vary month to month. Eventually the materials get sold and those prices change. They recommend single stream recycling and disposal cost of \$171.00 per ton. FY 2019 refuse budget request will increase by 3.7%. Selectman Howard added a few points. Solid waste is 70% of our trash and recyclables are 30%. The recycling process has gotten very involved for Waste Management to process this themselves, and when they sell it, the buyers are picky. Selectman Donohue agreed. Selectman Bishop asked what would be done in the future with glass and plastic. Mr. Ryan said with single stream recycling glass is a negative. It would be more valuable if they were separate. Selectman Donohue said there is a documentary about all the waste with plastics, etc. Selectman Maloney said the most interesting thing is the Chinese instituting a new policy by which they will accept only the purest of materials that none of the U.S. can keep up with. Chairman Plasko asked about the size of barrels, etc. On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to support the new five-year contract with Waste Management.

Adjournment

On motion of Selectmen Bishop, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to adjourn and the meeting was adjourned according at 8:40 p.m.

A True Record.

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