

Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen convened at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 20, 2018 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, Selectmen Paul A. Bishop, Allan D. Howard and Thomas F. Maloney. Also present General Manager Tony Mazzucco, Clerk Frances L. Jessoe and Assistant Christina Mulvehill.

Appointments

7:00 P.M. – Supt. Travis Farley, Recreation Dept.

Reference was made to monthly report of department's activities. Mr. Farley discussed a generous donation from the Junior Women's Club that has benefited many families. This was for families that might not be able to participate financially. This has made a positive impact on the community.

Mr. Farley gave many of the highlights of the department monthly activities. He discussed the upcoming programs-Easter Egg this weekend, please bring boots with all the snow. There are over 100 registered. It will be a fun day. He discussed all the April events.

Selectman Howard asked about the shower renovations. Mr. Farley said there would be one handicap accessible shower and four individual showers in the men's locker room. This project will start on Monday April 23rd. It will be a 4 week program.

Selectman Maloney asked about Viking Sports half day. Mr. Farley described that program. The Board thanked Mr. Farley for his report. Mr. Maloney asked about field user fees. He inquired about the cost. Mr. Farley stated that the field permits are on line under forms on the Recreation page or come to the civic and fill it out. There are different breakdowns as far as usage goes. A private group is \$20. They try to have residents use it as much as they can. Any other parties go before the Board.

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

Reference was made to monthly report of department's activities. Chief Greeley brought Alex Rose a new firefighter with him. Chief Greeley spoke about some of the ongoing projects in the department. Sandy Moore and Andy Jurewich helped with the program. There is one firefighter on injured on duty who is improving. Over the past month they had an increase in medical transports. Budgetary numbers are in line. Chairman Plasko asked if he is comfortable with the substitution. Chief Greeley said he is where he was last year. Chairman Plasko reminded him to let him know prior to town meeting if he needs money.

Chief Greeley went over items not contained in his monthly report. The four wheel drive ambulances are able to get to wherever they need to go. The loading systems are well received and working properly. He said that Firefighter Joe Mawn left yesterday for nine month deployment at Guantanamo Bay. Chief Greeley introduced the new firefighter Alex Rose, who is a firefighter paramedic formerly from the Lexington Fire Department. The other new firefighter is from Walpole. Firefighter Rose expressed thanks for this opportunity and Selectman Bishop wished him well. Chief Greeley sent a shout out to his father in the hospital after hip surgery. Selectman Donohue asked about the fire engine he was going to check for the replacement rules. Chief said he did speak to the company and after 20 years an engine is not safe. It is their engine of last resort. They discussed having the engine checked by the manufacturer-Selectman Donohue felt that it would still be a good idea to do this. Selectman Donohue asked about Firefighter Mawn's absence for nine months. How will he be replaced? Chief said during that time the United States government pays 80-82% of his salary. He discussed getting the military sub list from HR where someone could come in for 9 months and then leave after the person serving returns. The pool of paramedics is dry now. There was only one person who signed up. Chief Greeley discussed the ALS and BLS ambulances and the staffing. Selectman Donohue spoke about the town getting an award for being supportive of military. Selectman Maloney welcomed firefighter Rose to Norwood and wished Joe Mawn God speed. He asked about transports and how often simultaneous transports are done.

Chief Greeley (cont'd)

Chief said it happens quite a bit. The vehicles are in motion all the time. Chief said they can now pair up two ALS ambulances at the same time. Chairman said the goal is to eventually get to all ALS which was part of a study we did. Chief explained the distinction between ALS and BLS.

7:30 P.M. – Asst. Town Planner Patrick Deschenes:

CPA Assessment Needs, Also present Travis Farley, Supt. Of Recreation Dept. and Joseph Greeley of the CPA Committee.

Mr. Deschenes spoke to the Board in their capacity as Parks Commissioners. They are conducting a needs assessment with Conservation Commission, Historical Commission, etc. He asked them to think about issues that may not have been addressed or covered and get back to them with goals within a month if possible. He said they are trying to find a common ground. Chairman Plasko said Selectman Donohue represents the Board on the CPA. Mr. Farley has been working with Mr. Deschenes and Mr. Halkiotis through the entire process. He will work with Mr. Mazzucco and Mrs. Donohue. Selectman Donohue welcomed Mr. Greeley and Mrs. Doyle and thanked Mr. Deschenes and Mr. Farley. She said the 2009 plan they all looked at was great and a lot of the plans have been enacted and brought forth in the town such as the Tot lot on Bond Street, etc. Now there is a new plan in the making thanks to a grant. We have the Upland Woods concept to take a look at. Discussion continued. She discussed the land along the Neponset River. Now we can ask the citizens of the town. There is a subcommittee and she asked Mr. Greeley to speak about this. Mr. Greeley said that he appreciated Selectman Donohue's wisdom at the table. There have been three public outreach sub-committee meeting to better educate the public such as potential projects. They are looking for concepts, not necessarily projects such as making parks more ADA compliant. People will submit projects and the committee will prioritize and link them together. Selectman Donohue said we must reach out to the public. He said that they will have a presentation at the end of April at the Civic or the Senior Center and they will invite the public to this. They will introduce the program to the community. There will be another one in the fall. He said the window to present specific projects will be somewhere around November. They will try and prioritize projects and get the biggest bang for the buck. Selectman Donohue said we have to reach out to the public. Their goal is to make these funds spent with the people who live here and are paying for it. Selectman Maloney welcomed all and he discussed rehabbing recreational land. You can use CPA money to restore and make ADA compliance. Mr. Deschenes said yes. He said it is not for supporting, but rehabilitation purpose-take an asset you already have and it is a great way to use funds to make it ADA accessible. Discussion continued. Selectman Maloney asked about community housing. The Manager commented on this and Mr. Greeley said you could form a regional data bank of available housing and it is not just a physical improvement, it is making access to the housing more accessible. Mr. Deschenes said they are currently updating the open space and recreation plan. It is key to have Mr. Farley involved in this.

Chairman Plasko said if we want to put the stamp of support behind a project or two that we would like the CPC to consider what is time frame. Mr. Deschenes said hope for needs assessment by late summer and proposals for late fall. Mr. Greeley said we want to channel the money and steer the money into what the public wants. In May of 2019 the CPC will present to annual town meeting. Selectman Donohue said the legislation is intricate. Chairman Plasko said ultimately town meeting will decide.

New Business-March 13

Jack Tolman, Executive Director, Norwood Public Access:

On motion of Selectmen Donohue, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to approve request to meet with the Board on April 3, 2018 to discuss upcoming changes.

Philip Boire, Skyline Motors, 19 Kettering Road:

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to revoke Class II dealership as of March 5, 2018.

Mark Ryan:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to table for April appointments to the Norwood Airport Commission. His term expires May 1.

Cemetery Deeds:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to sign:
Marguerita A. Camozzi, 293 Walpole Street to Lot C3-41
Martha A. Buckley, 381 Old Post Road, Walpole to Lot C3-28
Joan Marie Roman, 5 Great Rocks Place, Wilton Ct. to Lot G6-96
Ann M. Porazzo, 259 Dean Street to Lot C3-43

ABCC:

- a. On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to file approval of Change of Manager, pledge of collateral, issuance/transfer of stock Application for Norwood Hotel Operator LLC/Hampton Inn to Mary Margaret O'Mahoney.
- b. Selectmen's Office has received notification that the applicant has withdrawn this application. Information will be submitted to the ABCC. Clerk will handle with the ABCC

March 20, 2018-New Business

Paul Halkiotis, Director of Community Planning & Economic Development

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to place the following on the Special Town Meeting warrant.

- a. 3 Planning Board articles for the Special Town Meeting and requesting that they be placed on the Special Town Meeting Warrant. The Public Hearings have been scheduled for 3/26/18. (should be referred back to the Planning Board for action)
- b. On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to schedule a joint meeting between the Planning Board and the Board of Selectmen to appoint new Planning Board member.

Connor & Hilliard, P.C.:

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to approve an application for pledge of liquor license, stock & inventory for Yankee Spirits, Inc. to Citizens Bank. The vote was 4-0 Selectman Donohue abstained.

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

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to file in accordance with Mass. Cable Regulations copy of Comcast's policies and procedures, sample subscriber bill, work order and rate and channel line-up. (for perusal)

Niall Connors, Verizon, Fios Franchise Service Manager:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to file in accordance with Mass. Cable Regulations copy of Channel Guide, Rate Card and Sample Customer bill. (for perusal)

Richard Cann, secretary, Norwood Art Association, 11 Stanford Drive, Westwood:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Maloney voted to approve request to use the Town Common on Saturday, June 9 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. for the Norwood Art Association Art in the Park with a rain date of June 10th. They are also requesting that the DPW deliver panels to the common on Sat. June 9 at 8 a.m. with a pick up time of 3:30 p.m. and the same hours on the rain date.

Mass. State Lottery:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to approve with stipulation no chairs. notification that the lottery is offering KENO to Go to Yankee Spirits, 942 Boston Providence Turnpike, if the Board objects, you must do so in writing within twenty-one days of receipt of this letter. The Board has approved in the past as long as they do not have tables and chairs. 4-0 Donohue abstained.

John Aprea, 35 Austin Street:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to approve application. Submitting request on behalf of Progress Norwood to use the Town Common and Bandstand for Earth Day on Sunday, April 22, 2018 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. They have reviewed the plans with General Manager Tony Mazzucco and Supt. Travis Farley. Mr. Mazzucco said they are putting up some tables to gather after the clean-up at the parks.

Carlos Estevez, Portuguese Club of Norwood:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to approve request for Special One Day WMB license for Saturday, March 24, 2018 from 2 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Grass Roots Cultural and Performing Arts Center, William Hurley:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to approve requests for Special One Day WMB Licenses:

- a. Saturday, March 24, 2018 from 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
- b. Thursday, March 29, 2018 from 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
- c. Monday, April 2, 2018 from 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Car Wash:

On motion of Selectman Maloney, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to approve NHS Girls Ice Hockey submitting request to hold car wash Saturday, July 28, 2018.

Susan Barton-Bunker, 403 Railroad Ave.:

On motion of Selectman Bishop seconded by Selectman Howard voted to approve request to use Murphy Field on Friday, March 30 at 6 p.m. for approximately one half hour for a golf ball drop from NFD ladder truck to benefit Norwood Circle of Hope. She did this in 2014 and Chief Greeley did it in 2015. This year's event is being held by Norwood Police Officer Richard McGowan one of the 2018 Norwood Dancing with the stars contestants. She has received Chief Greeley's approval.

Unfinished Business

Mary Lou Folan, Asst. Town Clerk:

Submitting (3) petitions submitted to Town Clerk's Office on March 1, 2018 for a Zoning Article to be placed on the Special Town Meeting. Twenty-one (21) signatures have been certified for zoning map amendment to change zoning district designation from manufacturing to general residence for parcels identified on Norwood Assessors Map as 9-7B-102 and 9-7C-115. (tabled from March 6, 2018 agenda) This was filed and referred to information from Michael Saad.

Kathleen Colleary, Chief, Bureau of Municipal Finance Law, Dept. of Revenue:

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to file acknowledgement of reappointment of Robert M. Thornton.

March 20, 2018-Unfinished Business

Michael Saad:

Submitting article to amend the Zoning Map to change the Zoning District from Manufacturing to General Residence. (should be referred back to the Planning Board for action). Correction to above article. On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted to approve putting on warrant.

Memoranda

Selectmen's Meeting:

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to approve minutes of February 27, 2018.

March 20, 2018-Memoranda

Chief William G. Brooks, III, Norwood Police Department:

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to file copy of commendation to Officer Diego Silva.

Selectmen's Addenda

Selectman Maloney

Coach Jim Reen

Congratulations on winning -6th grade division one girls who won the metro west post season championship. They are part of the Norwood Basketball Association. They are the premier basketball family in Town.

League of Women's Voters

He enjoyed watching the forum last night. Especially interested in comments of Ernie Paciorkowski and he would like to spend some time discussing the prospect of continued new growth in town with public forums. He said that Mr. Paciorkowski made a good point. He was optimistic and he talked about although the town is built out, there is plenty of capacity for the town to redevelop by building in. He said he referred to Maxwell Ave. development and the razing of unused commercial building on route one which is being replaced by Wendy's and BJ's gas station. He appreciates his optimism. Long term practice is important. Meals Tax, CPA, increase ambulance receipts have been done. Planning is important and the practice is important and we have to live within our means. Non-utility revenue has increased 4.2% per year. In 2011 we used 5.1 million to balance the budget and in 2018 4.6 million and we are headed in the right direction. We are keeping our debt level low.

Selectman Donohue

2008 revision of financial statements. The town wide budget balancing committee referenced town bylaws in regard to threshold for funding capital outlay projects. She said that Selectmen Maloney provided her with helpful information in regarding to her deliberations of capital request. Another look by the new Manager will be a good thing. Monday night is budget balancing meeting. Tuesday night one week from tonight at 5:30 there will be another capital outlay meeting and they are open to the public.

St Patrick's Day at Senior Center

Wonderful event. Thank you for being there.

Chairman Plasko

Forbes Hill Task force has public forum for residents this Thursday to share thoughts and ideas as they go forward with their work. Willett room at civic center at 7 p.m.

Manager's Update

Fiscal five year projection-he said Tom McQuaid is working on this regarding structural deficits and next week on agenda there will be reappointments to Conservation Commission. He sits with candidates before reappointing.

Executive Session

Litigation-Recreation Dept.
Negotiations-Fire Union

By individual poll of the Board on motion of Selectman Maloney seconded by Selectman Bishop and by roll call vote, to enter executive session after Selectmen's agendas to discuss the above items.

Adjournment

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

A True Record.

ATTEST: _____
Clerk