

Regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen convened at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 22, 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 Thomas F. Maloney Selectmen Helen Abdallah Donohue, Paul A. Bishop, Allan D. Howard, and Thomas F. Maloney. Also present General Manager Tony Mazzucco, Clerk Frances L. Jessoe and Assistant Christina K. Mulvehill.

Absent: Selectman William J. Plasko

Appointments

7:00 P.M. – Ernie Boch Jr.

Re: Public Arts Project; Fundraising for the Arts

Present was Ernie Boch, Michael Clemmey and Jackie Bell for Music Drives us which is a 501 C3 corporation for the last ten years. Mr. Boch explained the project. They would like to place fifteen guitars around town in public spaces and private spaces. They will ask local artists to paint them and then display them, and the guitars will be auctioned off after the display period. Mr. Boch distributed the proposal which includes a timeline. He said that 25 % of the income will go to a Town of Norwood Music organization to be determined by the Selectmen. Ms. Bell answered questions. There will be an ongoing gallery on the website with artist biographies, and guitar locations. The artists will receive stipends for doing the project. Mr. Boch addressed the list of suggested locations. Selectman Howard recommended against the gazebo. Mr. Boch said he believes on putting the music out there and ask for respect. The artists will be solicited on the web site, etc. Mr. Boch asked for contact information for Mr. Dunlay. Ms. Bell said its time to bring a public art initiative across the town. On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to approve and accept program as noted and have the General Manager work on behalf of the Board. The vote was unanimous. Selectman Donohue thanked them for the help to the Norwood music programs.

ELECTRIC LIGHT DEPARTMENT MEETING

7:15 P.M. – P.H. Light Department, Supt. James Collins:

Re: Electric Rate Adjustment. Also present were Asst. Supt. Kevin Shaughnessy and Dan Morrissey and the PLM Consultant.

The Clerk read the notice and the public hearing was declared open.

Supt. Collins said that in any business they try to cover their cost and the cost of power has been increasing. He said that they asked the consultant to look at the rates to see if they were billing the customers in a fair and equitable way and to look at the rates. He said that the Light Department recommends two increases; one for July 1, 2018 of 2.8% to cover the cost of power increases to reduce the amount they take out of stabilization and another ¼ cent per KWH to create a conservation renewable energy fund. He said they have a favorable bond rating. The slide presentation started. The consultant said that they have done a fully cost of services study to make sure the charges are aligned with the cost of serving the customers and they want to maintain a strong credit rating and they have to maintain the size of the rate stabilization fund and they have determined to maintain this a 2.8% increase has to be made. He discussed the conservation renewable energy fund and continued on with the presentation. They discussed the different rates and plans to move Norwood High School to the large industrial rate due to its size. He said they will be gathering data to move many large customers to a new large commercial rate as appropriate. Discussion and the presentation continued. They also discussed the different classes of customers during the presentation. He said Eversource is much higher than Norwood even with the proposed new rates. Discussion and presentation continued.

Commissioner Donohue inquired as to what do they mean by the rate of return. The consultant said the rate of return is the net income that is attributed to each class of customer as a percentage of the total plant

(P.H.) rate increase (cont'd)

in service. It is the profit margin. Commissioner Donohue referred to the chart and asked if the town is losing money on those. The consultant said technically yes. Discussion continued. Presentation continued.

Chairman Maloney said that the high school energy costs would go down. The consultant stated yes.

Presentation continued. The consultant discussed the distribution charges and right now the energy charge contains a significant purchase of power costs. Discussion continued. Presentation continued. The recommendation was made to unbundle the rates and make the other changes to the commercial rates to restructure-these are needed to bring the rates into the 21st century. Commission Donohue stated that from the slide short term rate change is a change in policy. You could do this even if you don't increase the rates. The consultant stated yes. Presentation continued. He said they are proposing to phase out Rate M which is identified as an electric heating rate for non-residential customers about 80% of the usage in this class is by 3 schools. Discussion continued. This under collects distribution costs. They are proposing to phase this problem out overtime.

Chairman Maloney inquired if they have enough time to complete this presentation tonight. Commissioner Donohue said the information that they are giving us is a matter of policy which is decided in the hands of the Light Department and if we have to get a vote. Shouldn't we concentrate on the reason to increase rates. Commissioner Donohue said this information is not what we are about here.

Supt. Collins discussed the rate increase which will help avoid taking as much money out of stabilization and they discussed the creation of our own energy conservation renewable fund. It will stay in Norwood. The state wants this done for more conservation. If there were matching state funds they will be eligible for this.

Commissioner Howard said the energy conservation would open up possible state money in the future. Mr. Collins said yes-it would be matching funds and not grants. Commissioner Howard said a homeowner could save money by putting in energy savings devices. Mr. Collins said yes-this money would come in and go out for these projects.

Chairman Maloney inquired as to the hit to the average residential homeowner. Mr. Collins said that for average customer it would increase approximately \$4. Commissioner Howard inquired about solar. Mr. Collins said we have a solar rate. Discussion continued. Supt. Collins said we need a stabilization fund as this helps with the bond rating. Our bond rating is Stable A. We have \$3.9 million now. The auditors recommend \$10 million. The Manager said that the Light Department has a separate credit rating and it can have a negative or positive impact on the Town.

Commissioner Bishop said some of this is restricting. He came up with about \$4 a month increase and this is good in a lot of ways. We need to build up our accounts and in the long term the customers and the town will be better.

Commissioner Donohue inquired on the cost of the building on Access Road and how much did it cost. Supt. Collins said \$2 million. Commissioner Donohue inquired about renovation. She said we have the finest Light Department in the Commonwealth and she is very proud of how they help other areas and take care of getting our lights back on right away. She said there are two different increases; one 2.8% in the rate and the other is a creation of a new fee that will be on the bill every month. Personally she is against fees. Discussion continued regarding fees. Commissioner Donohue said fees are a bad thing and she represents people who cannot afford the increase. She discussed people who are unable to pay this increase.

Light Department (cont'd)

Slide ten included information on the increase. The bond rating is Stable A right now. Many other light departments operate differently but here all our money goes to the town. Mr. Mazzucco pointed out that the light bond rating is separate from the towns, but can affect the towns negatively, because it is a revenue generator. Selectman Donohue asked about the Access Road property costs. Selectman Donohue expressed her opinion about fees. On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to close the hearing

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Bishop, acting in their capacity as Electric Light Commissioners, voted to approve a 2.8% rate increase for all rates by class as recommended by the Municipal Light Department for all rates effective with all bills rendered after July 1, 2018. The Commissioners also voted to approve a ¼ cent per KWH rate increase for all KWH sold as recommended by the Municipal Light Department for instituting an Energy Conservation and Renewable Energy Fund for the purpose of expanding conservation efforts and promoting renewable energy. The vote was 3-1. Commissioner Donohue opposed.

Selectmen's Meeting

7:45 P.M. – Show Cause Hearing, Cedar Markets, Inc., 13 E. Cottage Street:

MGL C, 138, Section 34-Sale of alcoholic beverages to a person under the age of 21

The clerk read the notice –Selectman Donohue abstained and left the table.

Also present was Detective Richard Giacoppo, ABCC Officer, Norwood Police Department along with Attorney Sammy Bagdaddy who represented Cedar Market and the owners of the Market.

Selectmen Bishop disclosed that his son is a Norwood Police Officer and wrote one of the reports and counsel for Cedar Market had not objection to his participation in the hearing. Detective Giacoppo read the incident report. The discussion continued regarding the violation. The attorney for the owners stated that Ms. Saba was a new employee at the time of the violation. She said she did not ask for an ID and she knows that is a mistake. .

The attorney showed the TIPs Certificates. He said they talked about preventing this from here on. He said that it comes down to education so from now on they are committed to carding everyone who comes in for alcoholic beverages regardless of how old they look. The clerk will be taking a TIPs Course as well. Selectman Bishop asked if any other employees handle alcohol but are not TIPS certified. The attorney stated that Nada, the owner's wife is the one who was here last August and she will be trained in the near future with the other clerk. The attorney said that they will take the course and file the certificates with the Board.

Chairman Maloney inquired if anyone would like to speak in favor or against. Seeing none on motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to close the hearing.

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to suspend their alcohol license for two days on Friday June 1 and Saturday, June 2. The vote was 4-0. Selectman Donohue abstained. They will drop off their license in the Selectmen's Office and they can pick it up on Sunday at the Police Station.

8:20 P.M. –Labor Counsel Interview:

Mirick O'Connell

Attys. Cory Higgins and Demitrios Moschos stated that they practice labor and employment. They specialize in labor employment law and also specialize in public sector law. He listed other experiences such as MCAD, JLMC, MHRC and varying levels of mediation, arbitration around labor issues.

Mr. Higgins said they stress prevention, training and discrimination law. They have a certified HCAD trainer on staff.

Mirick O'Connell (cont'd)

Selectman Howard asked how many attorneys and how many municipalities. Higgins said 65 attorneys and they have 4 communities with light departments, Concord, Hudson, Holden and Shrewsbury. They have dealt with every aspect of labor and AFSCME, DPW, IAFF, IBPO. Atty. Moschos stated that they have dealt with every public sector union.

Selectman Donohue welcome the attorneys. She discussed union bargaining. Atty. Higgins said that they recommend a ten year plan to the town re collective bargaining. They said that you need towns to do comprehensive financial analysis. Selectman Bishop inquired how they would be able to help with OPEB and this was discussed. Further discussion ensued.

The Board thanked them for coming tonight and would get back to them.

New Business

Bertucci's Restaurant Corporation:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to approve change of Manager from Kristin O'Donnell to Christina Fitzgibbon.

Clerk, Board of Selectmen:

The following Junk Dealers licenses have not been renewed and should be revoked:
Gallery 2, Endicott Street
Furnichicks, Endicott Street.
On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to revoke.

Allison Pike, Norwood Junior Woman's Club:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted to approve request to use the Town Common/Gazebo for annual Family Summer Concert Series on the following Tuesdays, July 10, 17, 24, 31, and August 7, 2018 with rain dates on August 14, 21, and 28, 2018.

Chief William G. Brooks, III, NPD:

a. Submitting report of liquor enforcement that took place on Thursday, May 3, 2018. Ten local establishments were checked, 7 passed and Shurfine Market, Minerva Indian Cuisine and Byblos Restaurant failed.

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted due to the substantial number of violations to ask the manager to come up with letter to all establishments – on and off premise to suggest in proper language that all establishments card every patron. The Manager said that he feels awkward asking them to card everyone, maybe send out with renewals yearly. Chairman Maloney said he is opposed to the letter but does not want to keep having these hearings. Selectman Howard asked the Manager to check with counsel and come back with a draft. The vote was 2-1. Chairman Maloney opposed and Selectman Donohue abstained. Howard for manager and counsel to come back with draft asking establishments to draft. Donohue abstained Maloney opposed.

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to have a show cause hearing on Shurfine Market. The vote was 3-0. Selectman Donohue abstained.

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to have a show cause hearing on Minerva and Byblos. The vote was 4-0 in favor.

b. On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to file report of t of liquor incident report for Café Venice. Incident was investigated by Norwood Police and there was no evidence of a violation.

Supt. Sigalle Reiss, Board of Health:

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted to file thank you to Sheriff Bellotti's Community Work Service Program, DPW, Board of Health members, Selectman Bishop and Mike Poirier who volunteered during the Household Hazardous Waste & Recycling Day-375 cars went through the site and the fees collected were \$4,775.

Bertucci's Holdings, Inc.

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to file notice from US Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware. (for perusal)

Kim Weineck, Farmers Market Manager:

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to file notice that Farmer's Market will be held from June 12 to October 16 from 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays. The market will not be held on July 3.

Viola Baboola, Verizon:

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to file both documents.

- a. Submitting e-mail notice of Peg Grant Report 1st quarter of \$59,183.05. Payment will be sent to Norwood Community Media.
- b. Submitting e-mail notice of Peg Grant Capital Funding Quarterly report in the amount of \$2190.75. Payment will be sent to Norwood Community Media.

Sara Winthrop, DPW Administration, Manager:

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Howard, vote to accept under Chapter 44, § 53A, check in the amount of \$100 from Thomas and Eileen Hannon for street trees on Marian Avenue.

Board of Appeal:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to file notice that Patrick J. Mulvehill was elected Chairman on May 1, 2018.

Castle Island Brewing Company, LLC, 31 Astor Avenue:

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to approve petition for pledge of license/stock.

Car Washes:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to approve NHS Girls Soccer, Saturday, September 1, 2018 and NHS Swim Team, Saturday, October 6, 2018.

Revival Church for the Nations, Pastor Cristiano Figueiredo:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to approve request to use Town Common and Gazebo for a church service Saturday, September 15, 2018, 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Travis Farley, Supt. Norwood Recreation:

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to file report of department's monthly activities.

Unfinished Business

Middlesex Integrative Medicine, Inc.:

Submitting two checks and application that was submitting to the Zoning Board of Appeals; one for \$10,000 and the other for \$300 for license to operate as a Registered Marijuana Dispensary in the Town of Norwood. This application requires a Special Permit from the Board of Appeal-hearing will be held on June 19, 2018 at 7:15 p.m. (Tabled from May 8, 2018) On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to table the matter for one week.

Memoranda

Building Inspector Mark Chubet:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to file monthly building report for April, 2018.

AEI Consultants, Boston:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to file notice to Board of Health regarding residential indoor air sampling, 293 Lenox Street.

Selectmen's Addenda

Selectman Donohue

Thursday May 24 there will be a military exhibit at the Senior Center and the Veterans Agent Ted Mulvehill will speak at 10 a.m.

Memorial day celebration

Parade steps off from old cemetery and proceeds to cemetery.

Norwood bank

Thank you for the beautiful statue

Ruth Copponi

85th birthday –

Selectman Howard

Asked that the monument across from the town hall be cleaned and it has not. He would like it gleaming for Memorial Day.

Chairman Maloney

Thanks to the Manager, DPW and Town workers for all they do.

Run for a vet

Diego Silva's event was Saturday
Honored three who died in 1968 in Vietnam.

Manager's Update

Congratulations to Sigalle Reiss for gradation from program

Saturday 9 a to 11 tour of Forbes hill mansion

Adjournment

No other business being presented for consideration, on motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to adjourn and the meeting was adjourned accordingly at 8:50 p.m.

A True Record.

ATTEST: _____
Clerk/Assistant