

Regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen convened at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, January 13, 2015 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: Selectmen William J. Plasko, Helen Abdallah Donohue, Paul A. Bishop and Allan D. Howard. Also present Asst. General Manager Bernard Cooper and Clerk Frances L. Jessoe.

Absent: Chairman Michael J. Lyons/Selectman Plasko-Acting Chairman
Appointments

7:00 P.M. – Anthony J. Greeley, Chief, NFD:

Chief Greeley discussed his monthly report of department activities. Two thousand fourteen was a challenging year with multiple fire alarms and EMT calls. During the calendar year, services were delivered on time and on budget. In December, three injured members of the department returned to work. He is awaiting the return of Firefighter Lazzaro who was injured in a fall in November. The blasting in the Oldham School area is complete and the permit has expired. There were no injuries involved with that blasting. There is a possibility of a short three day blasting project in the future to bring in a natural gas line for residences. If that happens, the contractor will go through the permitting process again. In December there was a significant fire on Prospect Street. It was accidental with no injuries. December was the busiest month on the EMS side and was another example of the versatility of the Department. On Thursday, February 12th the Fire Department will be sponsoring a blood drive at the Senior Center from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. There were three recent additions to the Fire Department family; one girl and two boys were born to three first time fathers and they are healthy and doing well.

Selectman Howard offered congratulations to the three new fathers. He spoke about the CPR course that he attended the previous Saturday, which was organized by Firefighter John Shea and Police Lt. Michael Benedetti. He encourages people to sign up for the course. Performing CPR can give a person a much better chance of survival. Chief Greeley added that Firefighters Shea and Downy and Police Lt. Benedetti came to him with this program to encourage the community to learn CPR. They get a lot of EMS direction from their advisor Dr. Galvin. The current method being used is compression only. The compressions act as the heart and deliver blood to all vital organs, specifically the brain. The save rate with the adopted compression only program is higher than others. The departments will continue to run the class during the winter months and through May.

7:15 P.M. – Concerts on the Common Winter Concerts:

The Concerts on the Common Committee was present to announce the winter concert schedule of every Sunday in February. Chairman Paul Eysie acknowledged the committee members and donors. Assistant General Manager Bernard Cooper added that if there is inclement weather resulting in dangerous driving conditions, concert cancellations will be posted on the website. Selectman Howard said he enjoys the concerts and attends all of them. It is nice to get out of the cold in the winter and enjoy some big band music. Selectman Bishop thanked Mr. Eysie for all he does, and Barbara Kinter who puts her heart and soul into it. Dolores Elias added that concerts are free. Hot chocolate and cookies are offered.

New Business

Selectmen's Report:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to approve the Selectmen's report for 2014.

Paul F. Wanecek, Chairman, Board of Assessors:

Submitting notice that he will be retiring as the full time member of the Board of Assessors effective April 1, 2015. He will be willing to continue to serve as a part time member and requests reappointment as such. On motion of Selectmen Donohue, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to reappoint Mr. Wanecek to the board of Assessors, effective April 1, 2015.

David Hern, Esquire, Cheney & Hern, LLC 470 Washington Street:

Submitting request on behalf of his client Norwood Gulf, 707 Neponset Street to delete the attached conditions that were added in 1967 and 1981 as none of these conditions pertain to safe storage and dispensing of gasoline or diesel fuel. Selectman Donohue said this is a serious request and is not interpreted properly. Gasoline is being sold there but some of these seven items are out of date, while others are important. She recommended the Board consider each of the seven items individually. Originally, this was a small station in a residential zone that was allowed to expand. On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted 3-1 in favor to remove conditions 1,2,5,&7 from the license and leave conditions 3 (no storage of junk), 4 (no sale of autos), and 6 (fence to be rebuilt or updated). Acting Chairman Plasko opposed.

Reminder-MMA Trade Show-Jan. 22, 23, 24.

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

Kerri McCarthy, Executive Director, Norwood Council on Aging/Senior Center:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to approve request to accept under MGL Chap. 44, Sec. 53A, and donations for \$4,558 including a \$2,500 grant from the Simoni Foundation for the Senior Center, donations in memory of one of the members, a \$500 check was given to assist in the purchase of a shed.

Request for Car Washes:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to approve as requested car washes for the following groups:

- a. Norwood High Boys Basketball
- b. Norwood High School Football
- c. Norwood High School Girls Ice Hockey
- d. Norwood High School Girls Volleyball
- e. Norwood High School Cheerleading
- f. Norwood High School Boys Track
- g. Norwood High School Parents Music Association
- h. Norwood High School Boys Hockey
- i. Norwood High School Boys Soccer

Robert Marsh, Treasurer & Collector:

- a. Submitting letter from Claudia Matzko, Edwards Wildman re: issuance of bonds by the Town.
- b. Submitting suggested wording from Edwards Wildman the Town's financial advisor regarding #9 on the above letter and asking that this wording be put on Selectmen's letterhead and be signed by Chair or representative member of the Board.

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to accept the recommendation of Edwards Wildman and change the wording and the letterhead.

Pamela N. Goldstein, Asst. General Counsel, Verizon:

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to file franchise renewal notice requesting commencement of formal renewal proceedings under Section 626 of the Communications Act, for their cable television license. (expires August 20, 2017).

Martha E. Colamaria, Norwood Rotary Club:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to approve request to reserve the Police/Fire Community Room on Tuesday, February 3, 2015 from 5 to 9:30 p.m. for a Leadership Training Area Meeting.

Unfinished Business

Town Counsel, John P. Flynn, Esquire:

Submitting legal opinion regarding abandonment, transfer, and sale of 5,565 square feet of land within the layout of East Hoyle Street. On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted to forward the opinion to Attorney James Hilliard.

Memoranda

Mark Chubet, Building Inspector:

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to approve and accept monthly building report for December 2014.

Personnel Board:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to file correspondence to John J. Carroll, General Manager regarding longevity policy and payments.

Sigalle Reiss, Supt. Director/Board of Health:

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted to file correspondence that they will be contacting the Finance Commission directly with the request for New Equipment as advised by Mr. Thornton.

Executive Session

The following item was presented to the Board for Executive Session but was handled in open session:

Town Counsel-Boston Executive Helicopters

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to file information.

Selectmen's Addenda

Selectman Howard

Route 1A

The right lane heading north bound near Hannaford should be right turn only into the shopping center. Motion made and seconded by Selectman Bishop to authorize the Manager to write to Mass Highway with this request.

Double pole issue progress

Assistant General Manager Bernie Cooper was present in the Manager's absence. He said he would check with the Light Department and direct the Manager to notify the Light Dept. to be ready to discuss double poles at their next appointment with this Board.

Town Clerk & Accountant Recommended Consulting Agreement – Robert M. Thornton

Selectman Howard explained that after Mr. Thornton's departure, the department will need help with the transition and he has agreed to assist as a consultant to familiarize the New Town Clerk & Accountant with the systems, etc. The rate is considerably lower than the going rate for these services. Mr. Thornton has been a credit to the Town for many years. Selectman Donohue stated it is an excellent agreement. Acting Chairman Plasko commented that it covers what the Town wants clearly and precisely. On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted to use the agreement with Mr. Thornton for assistance as a consultant after February 6th and authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement.

Manager's Agenda

Nahatan Street Sewer Work.

Assistant Manager Bernard Cooper said there is still work to be done in the area. Some services are going to be excavated as during the cleaning and lining a number of services could not be lined because of the poor condition they were in. The project will be funded through the MWRA Infiltration and Inflow program. Approximately six services have been identified for replacement. Services are 15 ft. back from the street but the street will have to be dug up to get to the main. In

some cases the pipe is so deteriorated it has to be replaced instead of lined. Mr. Cooper stated that his office did not anticipate this situation. Selectman Bishop asked why this was not done
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Nahatan Street Sewer Work (cont'd)

when the contractor was in town previously. Mr. Cooper said there were several projects going in several areas and this situation was not anticipated. Acting Chairman Plasko suggested learning from this and projecting ahead if these situations come up.

Comcast Street Opening Permit

Mr. Cooper explained that Comcast will be installing a line from East Cottage Street and Mr. Ryan has issued the permit. On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to file.

Balch light pole

A light pole at the rear of Elliot field fell over into the woods towards the river. The poles were installed in 1988. The fallen pole has been secured and structural engineering services will be engaged to check the integrity of the steel of the other poles at the field.

Increase in Chapter 90 Highway Funds.

The first act of the new Governor, Charlie Baker, was to restore Chapter 90 appropriation to the full amount authorized by legislature. Last year the Governor has sequestered a portion of it and refused to authorize distribution to the cities and towns. Chapter 90 funding to Norwood will go from \$ 921,000 to \$ 1,380,000 for an increase of \$ 460,000. The Town cannot spend the money until it is appropriated at a Town Meeting. Selectman Donohue suggested Representative John Rogers had something to do with helping the Town out.

Manager's Executive Session

Firefighters' M.O.A.

Public Safety M.O.A.

The items for executive session do not require immediate action and as the Chairman and the Manager are both absent, Acting Chairman Plasko recommended tabling the items. On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to table the executive session items until the next meeting.

Adjournment

No other business being presented for consideration, on motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to adjourn and the meeting was adjourned accordingly at 7:50 p.m.

A True Record.

ATTEST: _____
Assistant