

Regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen convened at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, February 10, 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: Chairman Michael J. Lyons, Selectmen William J. Plasko, Paul A. Bishop and Allan D. Howard. Also present General Manager John J. Carroll, Clerk Frances L. Jessoe and Assistant Christina Mulvehill.

Absent: Selectman Helen Abdallah Donohue

Appointments

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

Chief Greeley reviewed the department's activities. This has been a very busy time. January was one of the busiest months since he began keeping statistics. Over five hundred medical calls, twenty-two mutual aid calls, and then all the snow. Late in January, the Department was in Dedham on a fire, and in Walpole twice on fires. Norwood had a two-alarm fire on Endicott Street last week. It came in just before lunch Thursday and personnel were there until Friday morning. Seven towns assisted. Extreme weather creates tremendous challenges, with blizzard conditions included. Last Thursday one of the challenges was frozen fire hydrants and access problems. When the firefighters arrived at the site there was heavy smoke and they had trouble establishing a water supply. Deputy Maggio helped tremendously with that. The temperature dropped about twenty degrees during that fire. Chief Greeley gave a hat's off to his department on a job well done. Building 46, the building next to the one with the fire had to be protected so the fire would not spread. The fire was contained in the one building. Multiple fire fighters including the Chief, were treated for smoke inhalation. There were some elevated carbon monoxide levels. No civilians sustained injuries and firefighter injuries were limited to smoke inhalation. Selectman Howard said he is very happy everyone came out in good health and asked if, compared to recent years, there have been more working fires in last six months. Chief Greeley said there has been an uptake. Selectman Howard said to folks at home if they are in reasonably good health please help clearing out fire hydrants. Chief Greeley said he drives neighborhoods and was pleasantly surprised at how many residential hydrants have been dug out. The problem is there has been storm after storm. The neighborhood hydrant is key to the safety of everyone. Chairman Lyons stated that when he digs out the hydrant he leaves snow on the street and creates a well around the hydrant to protect it from when the plows come. Chief Greeley cautioned that besides the hydrants, people need to be aware of their exhaust vents in their homes, cars, etc. The weekend will be extremely cold and space heaters become an issue. He urged residents to please follow instructions and keep space heaters at least three feet away from anything. Selectman Plasko referred to the Norwood Commerce fire. The smoke was even thick on Washington Street in South Norwood. Chief Greeley said an excavator was brought in and Coakley Middle school was evacuated because of the smoke. Hat's off to everyone who worked that day and to all Towns that came in to support them. Selectman Plasko commented on the difficulty getting apparatus to the site. It is a wake-up call to the community that there are old buildings that don't have sprinklers, etc. Chief Greeley added that when old buildings are redone for commercial or residential use, they are brought up to date with sprinklers, wiring, etc. Selectman Bishop thanked the Chief and his department. The Manager mentioned that the hydrants were not Town hydrants, they were private property.

New Business

Dennis Regan, Permit Rep. National Grid:

On motion of Selectmen Plasko, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to schedule a public hearing re petition to install and maintain approximately 150 feet of 6 inch gas main in Lyman Place. (P.H. required)

ABCC:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to file advisory re amendment of MGL C 138 Section 14A to include the sale of malt beverages and distilled spirits at auction, effective April 6, 2015.

Paul F. Wanecek, Chairman Board of Assessors:

On notice of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to file notice that at their meeting of February 4, 2015 the Board of Assessors voted to appoint Timothy J. McDonough as the full-time Chairman effective April 1, 2015. Mr. Wanecek will be assuming the role as part-time assessor on that date.

Cemetery Deeds:

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to sign:
Rosetta Servello, 16 Plymouth Drive to Lot C-1819
Francis J. Ward, 15 Dorset Street to Lot C-1806

Darryl Hanson, Broadband Division Manager, Norwood Light Dept.:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to file 2014 Annual Complaint Form 500.

Supt. Sigalle Reiss, Board of Health:

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to approve request to hang banner over Washington Street advertising Household Hazardous Waste/Recycling Day from Monday, April 27 to Monday, May 4th. The event will be held on May 9, 2015.

William L. Discepolo, Committee Chairman, Post Office Food Drive:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to approve request to hang banner over Washington Street advertising Letter Carrier's Food Drive on behalf of Ecumenical Community Food Pantry from May 4 to May 9, 2015. The food drive is Saturday, May 9, 2015.

Jill Reddish, Verizon, FIOS TV:

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to file both the annual complaint filing-Form 500 and the statistical information concerning telephone availability and on time performance for prior quarter submitted under Section 7 of Cable TV License and treat the latter as proprietary information.

Frank Foss, Senior Manager, Comcast:

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to file 2014 Form 500.

Personnel Board:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to file the following:

- a. Notice of updated Equal Employment Opportunity Policy.
- b. Request that the Board reconsider their decision regarding longevity after hearing a presentation the Personnel Board will make to the Fin Com.
- c. Copy of the Board's letter to the Personnel Board re longevity.

James Hayden, Supt. of Schools:

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to approve request to submit Statement of Interest for replacement of the HVAC system at the Coakley Middle School. The MSBA requires that the SOI be updated to reflect any changes in the application, etc.

Knights of Columbus, 572 Nichols Street, John Paras:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to approve the following two requests for one day AAB and dance permits:

- a. Saturday, February 21, 2015 from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.
- b. Saturday, February 28, 2015, from 7 p.m. to midnight.

Unfinished Business

Arthur Buckley, Mass. State Lottery Commission:

a. Application for a Keno license has been received from Bamboo Café, 663 Washington St. If the Town objects, a hearing before the Commission must be received within 21

Mass State Lottery Commission (cont'd):

- days. (tabled from January 20) (copy of the Rules and Regulations for Central Business District-Wine & Malt Beverage attached)
- b. copy of letter sent to Lottery Commission asking for an extension of time until March 5, 2015 for the Board to hold a hearing. On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to carry forward and have Bamboo in for a hearing.

Memoranda

Judith Howard, Chairman, Norwood Historical Commission:

Submitting copy of correspondence to Thomas Maloney, Chairman of the Capital Outlay Committee to reinstate \$100,000 to the Norwood Pumping Station budget. Selectman Plasko said he has no opposition to the Historical Commission pushing the project if it has value but this \$100,000 was put into the budget at one point to make repairs to a roof when the building was being used for storage. An architect looked at it and said it was not worth it. A Structural Engineer or Architect could be hired to assess what it would take to restore the building but the \$100,000 was appropriated for a completely different reason. The Manager said he is against doing anything because it is an extremely complicated building. It is a treatment plant with no historical significance. Selectman Howard visited the site with Mark Ryan who thought the building was in terrible shape. Chairman Lyons said he does not think Ms. Howard is looking for something from this Board, but asked if the Board should correspond with Mr. Maloney and let him know they are not in favor. He said Ms. Howard was at the Capital Outlay meeting and brought this up. It was explained to her at that time that the building is beyond repair. Selectman Bishop said the building is lacking structural integrity, the roof could collapse and the walls are buckling. He cannot support this. On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to send a letter to Capital Outlay informing them that this Board is not in favor of reinstating the \$100,000.

Mark Chubet, Building Inspector:

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to file Monthly Building Report for January 2015. Chairman Lyons inquired about his scope of influence in town and whether he has the authority to tell businesses to clean off their roofs. The Manager said he thinks it is left up to the individual. The Chairman was curious because he sees some owners taking care of it and some not.

Selectmen's Meeting:

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to approve the Board minutes of January 20, 2015.

Selectmen's Addenda

Selectman Plasko

There will be a Town Meeting page on the Town website. Toni Eosco had asked that emails be listed there but that was difficult and not appropriate. With the help of IT, Sandy Vokes the page is now live. There is a link from the Town web page in the departments list to Town Meeting. There is also a link from the Clerk's page for postings. A letter was sent to Town Meeting members to notify them that their email addresses can be published if they so choose.

Selectman Howard

Discarded Items

Some items that come to the landfill are in pretty good shape. Craig's list has a free site and people can advertise items there to be picked up by interested parties free of charge. It would save the Town money and help people acquire items without a cost.

NPATV Programming

Table Talk and Inside Norwood programs are now available on NPATV on demand.

Selectman Howard (cont'd)

Public Works Department

Thank you to the Public Works people, the Police Department, Fire Department and Electric Light Department.

Happy Valentine's Day

Chairman Lyons

March Meetings

Last week this Board was presented with the fact that there are five Tuesdays in the month of March and voted to hold meetings on all five but he would like a motion to reconsider. On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to cancel meeting on March 17, 2015.

Manager's Agenda

For the Chairman's signature. Deed for Walker property.

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to sign.

DPW vehicle replacement plan.

The Selectmen requested this from the Manager last week. Selectman Plasko thanked the Manager.

Letter of congratulations to Greeley, Chief Brooks and Mary Ryan regarding fire on Endicott Street.

The Manager wanted to congratulate the Fire, Police, and Electric Light Departments who were on the scene all night.

Broadband

Broadband net income was \$55,000. The Manager will be discussing it with Fin Com tomorrow night.

Executive Session

Town Counsel:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to file Boston Executive Helicopters, LLC.

Adjournment

No other business being presented for consideration, on motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to adjourn and the meeting was adjourned accordingly at 7:46 p.m.

A True Record.

Attest: _____
Assistant