

Regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen convened at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, February 17, 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, Helen Abdallah Donohue, Paul A. Bishop and Allan D. Howard. Also present General Manager John J. Carroll, Clerk Frances L. Jessoe and Assistant Christina Mulvehill.

Absent: Selectman Allan D. Howard

7:00 P.M. – Gerald Miller, Supt., Recreation Dept.:

Submitting monthly report of department's activities. Mr. Miller gave highlights of the report listing some events from the past month in addition to some that are planned for the future. The department will be hosting Parents' Night Out on March 6 and April 10. A chick with Sticks, the women's floor hockey group, is looking for participants on Wednesday nights. A scavenger hunt has been proposed and Mr. Miller is asking interested people to get in touch with him. The department has added extra activities for the week of February vacation. The Community Calendar of Recreation Department programs are now available. Chairman Lyons asked if the weather has impacted the Recreation Department schedule. Mr. Miller said it has, particularly programs scheduled for Mondays.

7:15 P.M. – P.H., National Grid: - Lyman Place:

Install and maintain approximately 150 feet more or less of 6-inch gas main in Lyman Place. Notice was read by the Clerk. Dennis Regan, Permit Representative for National Grid respectfully requested consent to install the gas main in Lyman Place. This will be reinforcement for the service in the new Public Works building. If it is approved, Mr. Ryan will decide when the construction will take place. A crew can get eighty to one hundred feet of gas main done per day so this project would be approximately one week in duration. Mr. Regan presented the site plan to the Board and explained some details. Selectman Plasko read a letter from the DPW Director supporting the project. Certain stipulations would be attached to the permit and those will be decided by Mr. Ryan. Mr. Regan said that at the preconstruction meeting with Mr. Ryan he will agree to those stipulations. Selectman Donohue inquired about the size of the new gas main. She is glad they will not be digging up a new surface. Selectman Plasko read a letter from Mr. Ryan in support of the National Grid project and listing some of the stipulations. National Grid will coordinate with the Business Manager, the DPW Director and the Recreation Department.

Chairman Lyons asked if anyone from the public would like to comment. Seeing none, on motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted to close the hearing and on motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to approve the permit application.

Selectman Donohue talked about her trip to Florida. Tommy Riolo, who spent eighteen years on this Board and was on the Planning board before that, lives there now. If anyone would like to send a card to 45 Driftwood Circle, his daughter Liza will see that it gets to him.

7:30 P.M. – Bamboo Café, 663 Washington Street:

Submitting memo with information from Town Counsel David DeLuca regarding Keno request. Emily Chen, 491 Nichols Street, Norwood was present to discuss their request for a Keno License. She explained that they would like to get more business in the restaurant and need more customers to come in. It is a restaurant with only beer and wine. Chairman Lyons explained the Special License conditions that state there can be no bar, no amusement devices, no alcohol ads in the window visible on outside and beer and wine must be served with a meal. The Town has imposed these conditions on the license because they are very special and are used to create an atmosphere to bring in a certain type of business. He explained to Mrs. Chen that one of the stipulations she agreed to prohibits automatic amusement devices.

Bamboo Café (cont'd)

This Board has an opinion from Town Counsel that the Keno screen and playing Keno inside the restaurant is an amusement device and goes against her license. Mrs. Chen asked if it was because they only have a beer and wine license. It is because they have a special legislation license. Selectman Donohue asked her if she had an attorney present when she came before the Board for the license and advised her to have the attorney explain the license condition to her. Selectman Donohue pointed out that if they had any other type of liquor or wine and malt beverage license they would not be subject to these restrictions. If she turned in her current license and acquired either a full liquor license or a wine and malt beverage license that is not a special license she would be free to have Keno in the restaurant. Chairman Lyons explained the differences in the licenses and how she could go about getting a full liquor license. On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to send letter of opposition based on license regulations.

New Business

Julio Rotondi, 71 Robinwood Road:

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to refer complaint regarding Veterans Taxi of Newton LLC, dba Norwood Town Taxi that they are not servicing Norwood residents to Officer Murphy.

Richard Shay, Chairman, Norwood Cable Communications Commission:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to schedule a public ascertainment hearing on March 24, 2015 at 7:15 p.m. in the Selectmen's Chambers on a review of the performance of one of the cable television operators, Verizon

Boston Region MPO:

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted to file Trans Report for February/March 2015.

John P. Flynn, Esquire, Murphy, Hesse, Toomey & Lehane, LLP:

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to file opinion regarding process of appeal in recent appeal of Hackney License denial. When Board of Selectmen makes a decision on appeal, there is no legal right to second appeal.

Frank W. Foss, Senior Manager, Comcast:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to accept per the contract and forward to NPATV for said purposes, check in amount of \$43,088.76 based on the period of October 1, 2014 through October 31, 2014 in accordance with the Norwood Cable Television Renewal License, dated February 2, 2014. This payment is provided pursuant to License Section 6.4 (a)-(d)-Annual Support for PEG access.

Unfinished Business

Clerk, Board of Selectmen:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to file information that 777, Inc., dba American Executive Taxi has returned their taxi licenses to the Selectmen's Office that were revoked on February 3, 2015.

Memoranda

Selectmen's Meeting:

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to accept as presented the Board minutes of January 29, 2015.

Chief Anthony J. Greeley, NFD:

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted to file copy of thank you letter to Staff Sergeant Cook, 164<sup>th</sup> Transportation Battalion for the efforts of the soldiers who assisted the town in snow removal; Sgt. First Class Shamus M. LaFrance, Sgt. William P. Almeida, Specialist Clark E. Cespedes, Private First Class Kevin Yank. Selectman Plasko recognized the great effort that has been made by many people to shovel out fire hydrants and asked the public for assistance in that effort.

Selectmen's Addenda

Selectman Bishop

Inquiring whether the Town has an asphalt hot box. The Manager said the Town does.

Selectman Donohue

Snow

Thanks to the Public Works department and contractors who are plowing. These are unusual circumstances. She was out of state last week and the first thing on the national news every day was weather conditions in New England.

Tom Riolo

He lives in Florida and sends his best wishes.

Longevity

Meeting Thursday, February 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm - Personnel Board proposal to change the existing policy. They will present to the Finance Commission.

Mr. Carroll

Thank you for all your great service to the Town. Happy Birthday

Chairman Lyons

Snowstorms

This shared experience that we are all going through is making us hardier. He inquired about the narrow streets. The Manager said they are shaving the snow banks now and will spend time on sidewalks and widening of streets tomorrow. Chairman Lyons said patience is required now for the simplest tasks, which have become very hard and very dangerous. He urged people to go slow and be courteous.

Manager's Agenda

FYI Public Hearing notice for Design of Prospect/Washington Intersection.

The Manager announced the time and date of meeting. The money for this design is coming from Campanelli. They still have to go through the process for the Department of Transportation Rules and Regulations. Selectman Plasko said this is great news. Selectman Bishop mentioned there was a similar meeting a couple of years back on the same project and asked when it will be done. The Manager had no answer, as he does not know when the funding from the State will come.

For the Board's signature, letter to Atty. General Healy re: Westwood curb cut by-law and Benchmark

The Manager spoke about the project abutting Clapboardtree Street. The Town of Westwood has passed an onerous by-law to prohibit Benchmark from gaining access to Clapboardtree Street for the Assisted Living Complex in Norwood. On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to sign the letter.

Executive Session:

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

Adjournment

No other business being presented for consideration, on motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to adjourn and the meeting was adjourned accordingly at 7:45 p.m.

A True Record.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Assistant

