

Regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen convened at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, February 24, 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.

Appointments

7:00 P.M. – Mark Ryan, Supt., DPW/Town Engineer:

Reference was made to monthly report of department's activities. Present was Supt. Mark Ryan, PBCC Chairman Ed McKenna and Brian Jarvis of Compass. Chairman thanks Mr. Ryan and staff of the DPW on the amazing job they have done during the terrible snowstorms. These have been historical storms and Norwood has done very well. Selectman Bishop thanked Mr. Ryan for the Ridgewood Drive area.

Mr. Ryan introduced Bryan Jarvis of Compass. Mr. Jarvis passed out photos of the project and stated that the Winter Street facility has been operational since November for winter operations, salt and snowplow operations are running out of that building. He said that they are finishing up punch list items there. Lyman Street has been impacted by snow but crews have been working. He went over pictures of the administration building, Building 1. It is weather tight to keep cold out and is temporarily heated. Masonry work is being done also. They are making progress. Inside the building most of the rough in work is done; they have all their inspections and are boarding up walls with dry wall. Interior work is continuing, and windows are expected on sight next week. Building should be enclosed first week of April with an expected completion date in July. The steel has arrived for building 2. He said they have done the water and sewer lines, and underground utilities while pushing through the weather. Overall Lyman site should be done in August. They plan on Labor Day opening of that site. Expenditures are in line. Progress has been good; they have done a nice job of maintaining momentum and are on track.

Selectman Donohue asked Mr. Ryan if during design there was consideration given to storage area for public works supplies. Mr. Ryan said there are two bays at Winter Street where Water-Sewer equipment is kept such as pipes, meters, etc. Lenox Street will be used for storage. There will also be storage in the Lyman Place building. Selectman Donohue said that Mr. Carroll had a meeting on Friday regarding changing the use of Town Hall as a result of Engineering leaving the building, and one of the issues was storage space and she took a look after the meeting at the Old jail. Selectman Donohue said that currently there are voting booths and ballot boxes and she was wondering if there would be another place in the new Public Works facility where all these things could be put. Mr. Ryan said will have to wait and see. Selectman Donohue said there was talk of offices that need windows and privacy but this office could be fixed up and the reason that Mr. Carroll is reluctant to get involved is because it is used for the storage of the voting booths. She said now is the time. She referred to the high ceiling on Lenox Street and asked if the Light Department trucks would be fixed there. Mr. Ryan said the mechanics will be back at Lyman Street and these trucks could be fixed but it is not planned for because they have specialists that work on those vehicles. Selectman Donohue suggested a platform could be built for the voting booths, etc. This would free up the old jail. Mr. Ryan said they would have to wait and see and then take a look.

Selectman Howard asked again if these photos could be made available to the public for these meetings and please send an e-mail to Jack Tolman or to him so the public can see this on screen. Selectman Plasko thanked them for the update. Everyone is working so hard.

7:20 P.M. – James Collins Supt., Light Dept. /Broadband:

Submitting monthly report of department's activities. Also present was Darryl Hanson, Broadband Mr. Collins reported on the 115 kV transmission line project which is moving along. He said that the Walker property is on track and has been rescheduled for the passing. Army corps permits have been filed and we are halfway through the waiting period. On Ellis Avenue, the transformer is back on line.

Light Dept. (cont'd)

Supt. Collins said that with the multiple snowstorms he might be back before the end of the year for overtime. Selectman Plasko asked how these storms have affected his overtime. Supt. Collins said the storm warning means they bring people in before the storm for outages because once the storm starts they cannot get back in. He said the fire on Endicott Street took quite a long time. They had to kill power to the entire complex and then get it back on so the pipes would not freeze. The transformer work was seven days a week.

Mr. Hanson said they raised \$4500 for the Food Pantry with the last promotion. He said the new promotion is March Madness Giveaway and they will be raffling prizes in March. New customers are automatically entered and existing customers can sign up by sending e-mail to March Madness at Norwood Light.com. They are now offering two new packages; double play and new triple play. He said double is \$99.99 and the triple is \$119 and they are looking at additional speed increases in the next year. People are watching more programs on the internet. They have added over a dozen new channels. Selectman Donohue inquired how a person without a computer would enter March Madness. Mr. Hanson said they can call the Light Department 781-948-1150.

Selectman Bishop thanked the Light Department on behalf of the Food Pantry Group. Selectman Bishop also inquired about streamer technology such as Apple TV, etc. and where does he think the future will be. Mr. Hansen hopes the cable television services as offered would go away because the prices will put themselves out of business. This other service is very attractive. Selectman Bishop said you could buy a streamer box for \$99 and watch programs for free.

Chairman Lyons discussed the weather and when he went into his bakery Sunday and the phone was not working. He called service at Norwood Light, talked through some things, and could not figure it out and they sent someone out on a Sunday and checked some things; went on roof and found the crew cleaning the roof had done a clean cut through the cable. Norwood Light fixed it and he was able to do business. He saw the Verizon truck pull up today to help their customers two days later. You see it all the time. Local service is amazing.

New Business

Supt. James Collins, Norwood Light Department/Broadband:

- a. Submitting Franchise Fee for 4th Quarter of \$38,802.75 to comply with section 6.4 of the Cable License for Peg Access Group in accordance with Article 7.1 of the license
- b. Submitting check for \$2043.00 based on \$.50 per subscriber.
On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to accept \$38,802.75 in accordance with the terms of the contract and forward to NPA for said purposes and the other \$2043 to the general fund as stated.

Workmen's Hall of Norwood, Inc., 99 1/2 Wilson Street:

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted to file list of Officers and Board of Directors in accordance with MGL, Chap. 138.

Commonwealth Of Mass/Exec. Office for Administration & Finance:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to file notice that the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance has issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) seeking to lease space in your community for a state agency.

Robert J. Marsh, Treasurer & Collector:

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted to sign bond and related documents for the MWRA/I/I Local Financial Assistance Sewer Manhole Rehabilitation project. Total cost of the project is \$148,100 of which the Town will receive a grant for \$66,645 and the balance interest free loan for \$81,455. Town Meeting approved this project at the STM of May 12, 2014. The vote is as follows:

Robert J. Marsh, Treasurer (cont'd)

I, the Clerk of the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Norwood, Massachusetts, certify that at a meeting of the board held February 24, 2015, of which meeting all members of the board were duly notified and at which a quorum was present, the following votes were unanimously passed, all of which appear upon the official record of the board in my custody:

Voted: that the sale of the \$81,455 Sewer Bond of the Town dated March 2, 2015, to the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (the "Authority") is hereby approved and the Town Treasurer or other appropriate Town official is authorized to execute on behalf of the Town a Loan Agreement and a Financial Assistance Agreement with the Authority with respect to the bond. The bond shall be payable without interest on February 15 of the years and in the principal amounts as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Installment</u>
2016	\$16,291
2017	16,291
2018	16,291
2019	16,291
2020	16,291

Further Voted: that each member of the Board of Selectmen, the Town Clerk and the Town Treasurer be and hereby are, authorized to take any and all such actions, and execute and deliver such certificates, receipts or other documents as may be determined by them, or any of them, to be necessary or convenient to carry into effect the provisions of the foregoing vote.

I further certify that the votes were taken at a meeting open to the public, that no vote was taken by secret ballot, that a notice stating the place, date, time and agenda for the meeting (which agenda included the adoption of the above votes) was filed with the Town Clerk and a copy thereof posted in a manner conspicuously visible to the public at all hours in or on the municipal building that the office of the Town Clerk is located or, if applicable, in accordance with an alternative method of notice prescribed or approved by the Attorney General as set forth in 940 CMR 29.03(2)(b), at least 48 hours, not including Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays, prior to the time of the meeting and remained so posted at the time of the meeting, that no deliberations or decision in connection with the sale of the bond were taken in executive session, all in accordance with G.L. c.30A, §§18-25 as amended. Dated: February 24, 2015

Alan D. Slater, Chairman, Norwood Finance Commission:

Submitting request of the Finance Commission that Town Clerk & Accountant Suite located on the second floor of Town Hall be renamed Robert M. Thornton Town Clerk and Accountant Suite and that a plaque be prepared and installed for that purpose. Selectman Plasko, while delighted to honor Mr. Thornton's service, would prefer a conference room such as Room 24 downstairs. Selectman Howard said he feels the same way and the Town Clerk and Accountant suite is two or more offices. He does not see the purpose of going to that location. Room 24 where Mr. Thornton has spent so much time would be appropriate. Selectman Bishop would like to go with the original request because Mr. McQuaid, present Town Clerk and Accountant recommended it with the approval of the Finance Commission. Selectman Donohue said she would be happy to honor Mr. Thornton. Selectman Bishop made a motion for the second floor suite to be named after Mr. Thornton. The motion failed for lack of a second. On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to dedicate Room 24 as the Robert M. Thornton Conference Room. The vote was 4-1. Selectman Bishop opposed.

Kevin Pentowski, District 7 Town Meeting Member:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to file e-mail requesting a public hearing on 1.5% Task Force efforts. Also requesting public hearing to discuss Norwood's 1.5% initiative strategies. Selectman Plasko stated that he personally believes this is

Kevin Pentowski (cont'd)

premature at this point. A committee is working and we just got a report and the Board will have to study this as it is quite complete and detailed but there is work to be done. This is a living document that has to be continually reviewed and checked on. Chairman Lyons referred to the report that was given to the Board prior to tonight's meeting and inquired if this report from the Task Force is actionable. Selectman Plasko stated there are a few things he would discuss but the Board will need to review and study the others and think about how they want to proceed. There are a few things that can be talked about immediately. Selectman Plasko stated that this is an initial report and there is some additional work they would like to do. He also pointed out that this is a hot issue. People had disagreements that this group, including citizen input, determined that prior to the last Town Meeting the town did fall short of the 1.5%. He also stated they have recommended that the Town has reached the 1.5% with the actions of the last Town Meeting with the purchase of the Walker property-which is scheduled for closing in March, and the St. George property, which the Town now owns. With the addition of that property, the Town has reached 1.5%. However, the margin is so thin that if any number was to change or be challenged, we could lose our 1.5%. The Town should stay aggressive in trying to acquire as much as 200 acres of land for recreation or conservation that will help add to the safety zone. In addition, Selectman Plasko stated that some of the data should be re-verified and checked, particularly water bodies and roads. This should be done through GIS and he recommended hiring a firm to do that. The cost is likely to be between \$8,000 and \$10,000. On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to authorize the General Manager to work with the Town's Assistant Engineer to finalize that budget, find it within the current FY's budget, and move forward to get that work done. Selectman Plasko said the only other thing to do now before the Board studies the report is to try to buy up land, which can start now. There is something on the agenda that is related, so this is something that staff can work on. Selectman Plasko suggested that the Board have the Manager and the Town Planner work aggressively to follow up on this report as far as the list of lands that the Town should look at pursuing. They should talk to property owners. They should speak to Cathy Carney about what kind of advertising and procedure might be needed so the process can start now and no more time will be wasted. On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to authorize and direct the General Manager to pursue the purchase of recreation and open space land or any other space that looks like it might be of value to the Town and to start that process as soon as possible. Selectman Plasko said this Committee has worked extremely hard and they are a very dedicated group They have put in a lot of time and there is a lot of information for the Board to look over and then the Board can discuss this next week. Selectman Donohue referred to the second parcel-Map 21-Cofsky property and asking who owns the portion of land where it says Interstate 95 on the map. Selectman Plasko did not know, as he was not present for the last meeting.

Selectman Howard spoke about the True property on Endicott Avenue, which was recently sold. He suggested trying to convince the buyer to build over fifty-five housing and then make it moderate income. The problem with multi-family units is they bring more schoolchildren and jam up the schools. He has heard many people craving an over fifty-five complex so they can stay in Norwood. Selectman Plasko spoke to the Planner this morning about that parcel. The purchaser is not interested in over fifty-five or affordable. He suggested a deed rider program to the Planner that some other towns have. The Town buys the deed restriction so the units are affordable. He suggested asking the purchaser if they would be interested in that program. Selectman Howard agreed, stating there may be something the Town could do to convince them of the need for these over fifty-five units. Selectman Plasko volunteered to approach the owner.

Selectman Bishop brought up the concept of Plimpton Park. Putting over fifty-five units in that allocation would be good and would generate activity in the uptown area. He also knows many people who would like to downsize. Selectman Bishop will contact the owner of the Plimpton property. Both properties will be discussed at the next meeting. The Chairman said the Board should take a week to review the report and prepare to discuss it next Tuesday.

Cheryl Golden, Secretary/Treasurer, AFSCME, Local 1451:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to approve request to use Memorial Hall on March 18, 2015 to hold a union meeting at 4 p.m.

William Egan, General Counsel, Mass. State Lottery:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to file notice that extension of time to hold a hearing re Bamboo Café's request for Keno was granted. Letter of the Board's opposition to the license was sent to the General Counsel on February 18, 2015.

Chairman Lyons stated the Lottery could still issue her a Keno license regardless of how this Board feels about it, but if she accepts, she becomes in violation of her license. Selectman Plasko mentioned social media comments that the Board's decision was a mistake and they are hurting business. Chairman Lyons commented on the conversation about Bamboo stating the Board is putting undue restrictions on this business owner. He said he is not sure it is understood that these are licenses that came with restrictions. Limey's and other places pay tens of thousands of dollars. The special licenses do have restrictions but those businesses only pay a filing fee to have the license. He is not willing to change the restrictions. These licenses are special and because of that, they come with restrictions. Selectman Bishop added that the licensees agreed to these conditions and it is not this Board's place to change them.

Memoranda

Selectmen's Meeting:

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to approve the Board minutes of February 3, 2015 and February 10, 2015.

Chief Anthony J. Greely, NFD:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to file copy of thank you to James Mannion, MEMA for organizing the Mass. National Guard in assisting Norwood shoveling out fire hydrants with our Fire Department and DPW.

Selectmen's Addenda

Selectman Donohue

Boosters

There will be a White Elephant sale Saturday, February 28th to raise money for a San Diego convention.

Cemetery Chapel

More concerts will be held at St. Gabriel's Chapel through the help of Norwood Neighbors. The next will be Sunday, March 15th featuring Celtic Music.

Martha Colomaria

Mrs. Colomaria was the director of English as Second Language thirty years ago. A book she wrote will be donated to the Morse house

Emily Moses

Today would be her birthday. She was involved in many things including politics and elder affairs. Her mother died young and Emily took care of father and brothers. She worked at Plimpton Press and then for the Veterans' Agent.

Mr. Carroll told a story about Emily coming to him and Bernie about a woman on Pleasant Street with a problem with her pipes. They went to the house and found her husband was sick and there was no food in the house. The bank took over the house and the couple lived temporarily in a motel before moving into public housing.

Selectman Howard

Homeserve

Residents have been receiving literature about this. It is not a product of the Town of Norwood.

Falling Ice

Please be careful when walking under a part of a building, as there could be falling ice.

Selectman Bishop

Snow

Over last few weeks, many people paid to have roofs cleared off. Today was told someone was approached and asked if they wanted roof shoveled. He wanted 3900 and it was an elderly couple.

Selectman Plasko

This Friday celebrates his 45th wedding anniversary. Thanks his wife for staying with him all this time.

Chairman Lyons

Longevity

Received an email from David Hajjar looking for one or two members of the Board of Selectmen to meet with one or two members of the Personnel Board regarding longevity. This Board has voted for them to keep the current practice. Members of this Board have spoken to him about the issue already. The General Manager will send a letter for next week's meeting regarding longevity.

Manager's Agenda

Police Department Entrance Exam scheduled for Saturday, April 4th at the High School.

Town meeting eliminated civil service for police officers. There will be a police exam Saturday, April 4, 2015, at the high school. It will be advertised by Chief Brooks.

Check for \$110,000 from Campanelli for Prospect and Washington Street project.

This is the second of four checks the Town will receive for the design of the intersection. In total, they will pay \$ 300,000. On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to accept under MGL Chapter 44 § 53 and deposit in a special account to be expended for said purposes.

Elliot Field Lights

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

Manager's Executive Session

#9 and #19 Vernon Street

This item is the same as the Executive Session item on the Board's agenda.

Executive Session

Possible purchase of land.

Selectman Plasko stated that this land is on the list from the Committee that this Board has asked Mr. Carroll to look into. There is no reason to go into Executive Session.

Adjournment

Returning to open session and no other business being presented for consideration, on motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to adjourn and the meeting was adjourned accordingly at 8:00 p.m.

A True Record.

ATTEST: _____
Assistant