

Regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen convened at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 21, 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 Paul Bishop, Selectmen Helen Abdallah Donohue, Michael J. Lyons and Allan D. Howard. Also present General Manager John J. Carroll, Clerk Frances L. Jessoe and Assistant Christina Mulvehill.

Absent: Selectman William J. Plasko

Appointments

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

Reference was made to monthly report of department's activities. Mr. Miller discussed the past month events. He discussed the Easter Egg Hunt on March 28th at the Jean Brown Field. They had the babysitting class at the Civic and the basketball clinic was held today from 9-12 and there will be a multi-sport program starting tomorrow for grades 1-5. The South Norwood Fishing Derby and the Rubber Ducky race for ages 15 and under on April 25th from 3 to 5 which is held at Hawes Pool Park and it is stocked with fish and hot dogs and drinks provided by the South Norwood Committee. The cost is \$5 per child for the Fishing Derby. The ducks are \$5 per duck. He stated that they had such a good return on Father Daughter Dance that Linda Berger suggested Mother and sons special night and it is semi-formal May 1st at \$15 per couple. They will have the Mother Daughter Princess Tea coming up in early May. He said the Norwood Sportsmen Fishing Derby is on May 16th at Ellis Pond. Touch a Truck will be held on May 17th in the municipal parking lot across from the Civic. The 30th Annual Dance recital will be held on May 16th at the High School. Ms. Paula invites all the Selectmen to attend. He said that the playing fields are open and ready to be used except for Balch softball field. The DPW did a great job considering all the snow. Summer registration is ongoing. Mr. Miller requested to go into summer hours at the Civic-they will be open from 6 a.m. to 6:45 p.m. and closed on Saturday, effective May 18th. On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted to approve summer hours effective May 18th.

Chairman Bishop thanked Mr. Miller for the babysitting training and it really teaches all the children what to do to take care of young children.

7:15 P.M. – Chief Anthony J. Greeley, Norwood Fire Department:

Reference was made to monthly report of department's activities. Chief Greeley stated that he was in Washington DC last week at a Chief's Conference. He said they spoke with Senator Elizabeth Warren, Senator Markey, Congressman Lynch and US Representative Joe Kennedy. They discussed their concerns and they spoke about the national opiate crisis addition and the cost of Naloxone and some communities cannot afford to stock their ambulances or police cars. It is a national problem. It was comforting to know that we have this in the Fire and Police Departments. Chief Brooks was one of the first Police Chief's to put this in the police cars in the state.

Selectman Lyons inquired about the price hike of Narcan. Chief Greeley said yes, it is hitting other parts of the country right now.

Chief Greeley referred to SAFER grants to fully staff fire departments and it is important to continue that program to help some of the less fortunate communities and AFD grants that help with equipment needs. Chief Greeley said the Board, General Manager and Fin Com have made decisions that have helped the Norwood Fire Department. They also discussed Homeland Security Funding which Mr. Cooper and Civil Defense helped them and then got a new generator light plant through Homeland Security. They want to keep these kinds of funding coming. They appreciate their support. Chief Greeley said that in his opinion we are very fortunate in Norwood who supports them at the public safety building. Chief Greeley

Chief Greeley (cont'd)

discussed the 911 call on April 9 from a first time Mom and Dad stuck in the Saver's parking lot on their way to Newton Wellesley Hospital to have a baby. They rolled out highly trained Firefighter paramedics and one was a registered nurse-Steve McDonough. The others were FF paramedics George Burton, Scott St Cyr and Firefighter EMT Ed Fitzgerald and they delivered a baby girl. He is very proud of them.

Selectman Lyons asked about finances and felt that we are in good shape. The field birth is a great story. Thank you to your men. Chief Greeley said he had 24 hours to do something nice for that group before they came back to work, so he had a stork with a date and a pink pouch made and put on the ambulance.

Selectman Howard said it was a great story with a happy ending. Thank you for your participation in Circle of Hope Dancing with the Stars. This is a great charity. You took time out of your busy schedule to participate, thank you.

Selectman Donohue said the thank you really belongs to the taxpayers. She too feels proud of how we are able to go along and even through the terrible economic times, we continued on. Public safety is very important. She asked about an old Norwood vehicle being used. Chief Greeley said when we bought new ladder truck a year and a half ago we traded the old one in and it got reconditioned and they are sold worldwide through the vendor. The ladder truck ended up in Chile. They sent a video of rebirth of ladder truck. It took twenty seven days to get to Chile. He will talk to NPA and share those next month. Selectman Donohue said it is better to use things and there is always a need. Chief said it still says Norwood on the side of the truck. The purchasers are so grateful because they could not afford the truck any another way.

Chairman Bishop congratulated the Chief on the financials – they look good. We are so lucky to have so many paramedics and a registered nurse on an ambulance.

7:30 P.M. – Barb Marshall, Teddy n Me, 61 Endicott Street, Bld. 24:

Application for Second Hand Dealer's License and waive req. of sections 2 and 4 through 8 inclusive of junk dealers by-law.

The applicants mother Virginia spoke for her daughter. She stated that she owned a gift shop in Anchorage Alaska for 5 years and it has closed down when she retired and she moved to Massachusetts to work with her daughter. They will sell refinished furniture, reclaimed wood, and inventory from store in Anchorage that has been shipped down.

Selectman Howard inquired about jewelry. The applicant stated that they will have no jewelry or precious metals. He mentioned that there are quite a few dealers up there at the Mill and they do very well. Selectman Howard wished them good luck.

Selectman Donohue asked if a person wants a piece of furniture refinished can they go to them. The applicant stated that she does not want to get involved with other peoples things. Ms. Marshall makes things from pieces of wood starting from the stripped down wood.

Selectman Lyons said that this is a straight forward application. On motion of Selectman Lyons, seconded by Selectman Donohue voted to approve and waive the requirements.

The Board wished them well.

New Business

Special Town Meeting Warrant:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Lyons, voted to sign Special Warrant for May 11, 2015

Chairman Bishop spoke about the controversy last week regarding putting two articles on the warrant. He said that they felt were right and the Board felt they were wrong. He said on the prospective articles; one contained 13 signatures and the second 16 and the requirement was 100 signatures. Chairman Bishop read the information from Town Counsel which stated that the proposed article was received on April 14, 2015 purportedly signed by 13 Town Meeting Members. The Annual Town Meeting Warrant closed on March 27, 2015, and was signed by the Board of Selectmen on April 7, 2015. Thus the proposed article is untimely for the Annual Town Meeting Warrant regardless of the numbers of voters signed onto the article. The Special Town Meeting warrant was closed on April 14, 2015 and is scheduled to be signed tonight April 21, 2015. While the proposed article was timely received for consideration on the Special Town Meeting Warrant, the Selectmen at that time declined to include the article. Although timely received the proposed article is signed by fewer than the required number of registered voters (100) and therefore it cannot be compelled to be included on the Special Town Meeting Warrant. Town Counsel stated that he has reviewed the Norwood Town Charter and the Norwood General Bylaws and there is no exception or substitution of one Town Meeting Member signature to account for 10 (or 100) registered voters. There was an accusation if 10 Town Meeting members signed then that would count for 100 and that is not true.

Sarah Quinn, Vice President, Norwood Little League, P. O. Box 601, Norwood:

On motion of Selectman Lyons, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to approve to approve request to hold Little League Parade on Sat., Apr. 25, 2015 leaving the Elk's parking lot at 10 a.m. and proceed down Walnut Ave. to Washington St. to Kelly Field, with a police and fire escort.

Kenneth Spicer, 604 Norwest Drive, Norwood:

Submitting application for position of Constable. Currently there are 10 elected constables. Applicant did not provide 5 letters of reference because he is a new resident.

The applicant did not submit letters of recommendation or letter from attorney. He is already a constable in another county. On motion of Selectman Lyons, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to appoint.

Safety Officer Paul Murphy, NPD:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted to approve recommendation of HP parking space on Central St. at the post office.

Stephen Ryan, New England Convenience Store Assoc., Coalition of Responsible Retailing, et al:

On motion of Selectman Lyons, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to and forward to Board of Health communication re implementing regulations to effectively reduce minors' access to tobacco.

Al Goetz, Conservation Agent:

On motion of Selectman Lyons, seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted to file request for the Board to consider purchasing the land on which Workmen's Hall sits. Land abuts wetlands at Ellis Pond and would make a wonderful conservation and recreational area. Selectman Donohue stated that they are working on this.

American Coffee House, Inc., dba Perk's, 685 Washington St.:

On motion of Selectman Lyons, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to authorize chairman to sign. outdoor dining license.

Unfinished Business

Donna S. Grant, DAC LLC, dba Southside Pub & Grill:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to file response to the Board's letter regarding the liquor license and that she will keep the Board apprised of her progress. The six month extension to transfer this license will be over in May. Clerk stated that the show cause hearing will be held on May 26.

Russ Maguire, Norwood Airport Manager:

Submitting response to Board's letter re aircraft noise and flight tracks at Summit Place. Also attached e-mails between Mr. Maguire and Carol O'Reilly.

Selectman Lyons asked the Manager if Mrs. O'Reilly is working with Manager of Airport. Selectman Lyons stated that Mr. Maguire has been communicating with her and it seems they are talking about issues. He wants to make sure nothing unusual is happening with her. On motion of Selectman Lyons, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to table for one week to get more information.

Selectmen's Addenda

Selectman Howard

Boston Marathon:

Selectman Howard stated that his son Steve ran the Marathon for the fifth year to raise money for Dana Farber as well as our Joe Mawn from the Fire Department. Selectman Howard's son has raised over \$100,000 for Dana Farber.

Selectman Donohue

Rink Committee:

She said the plan was in the local paper and will that plan require exemptions from state building code? The Manager said no. Selectman Donohue said the side of the rink that faces the Jr. High, since the grade up above is ten feet and the grade down below is 24 feet will that whole side not have any windows or doors. The Manager said that is correct. Selectman Donohue referred to the state building code and asked if that complied. The Manager said yes. Selectman Donohue said they will only be able to exit from 3 sides. Selectman Donohue inquired why this would be that way. The Manager said many skating rinks are like this. Selectman Lyons said the rinks he has been in don't have any windows. The Manager said on the side totally visible-the Hawes Pool side there are no windows except the concession window. Selectman Howard said he has spent many hours in hockey rinks as two of his sons played and there are no windows in most hockey rinks-if they have an office there might be one. Selectman Donohue said more than the concern of the windows, her concern is access and egress.

Hannah Haskell:

Her son and her sister's daughter have a lemonade stand at the beginning of the Marathon and all the money they raise goes to Dana Farber. They are just young children and Channel 4 put the two children on nation-wide news. Congratulations for teaching the kids to do the right thing.

South Norwood Fishing Derby:

Please come don't worry about the \$5.

Selectman Lyons

Pot Holes

There are many problems with the streets and people can call the Dept. of Public Works-413. There is a lot of work to be done.

The Manager said that he and Mr. Ryan have driven over many streets and they will try to do short sections of streets; the lower end of Prospect is bad and a section of Nahatan leading up to Pleasant. They are trying to spread the money out as best they can. They went to Union Street today-there is 100' stretch they will try to do.

Boston Marathon:

Congratulations to Selectman Howard's son, Joe Mawn and all that ran and raised money for great causes. There is great determination and drive and you can see it when they make the turn onto Boylston Street. Congratulations to all who ran.

Chairman Bishop

Food Pantry:

Richard McGowan owner of the Colonial and Carolyn Murphy of Murphs put on a dance at the Norwood Elks this past Saturday Night and raised over \$5400 for the Food Pantry and he also filled a truck with food. There is a need and it is a difficult time of the year in the summer and this coming May 9th the National Letter Carriers drive will take place and you can put nonperishable items outside and they will pick it up. He said that according to Jack Curran who is one of the letter carriers, 7.5 tons of food were collected. They need backed beans, spam, tuna, etc. you can go to www.norwoodpantry.org for information. Selectman Howard said you can also contribute money to the Food Pantry.

Administrative Professional Day:

Chairman Bishop thanked Mrs. Jessoe and Mrs. Mulvehill for all the work they do.

Manager's Agenda

Capital Improvement Plan:

The Manager provided summary of Capital Improvement Plan which was adopted by the Capital Outlay Committee last week. Selectman Howard said this is a summary and he would ask the Board to consider adding the \$32,000 under the 3rd section for the workout room at the Recreation Center. He said that in 2014 there was 10,483 people that used that room and it gets quite warm in there and we could air condition this it would be comfortable for everyone. Selectman Lyons inquired if he had a source of funding. Selectman Howard felt that it would be borrowing. Selectman Howard said we were working with many items and he missed this one. The Manager said this is a small amount of money to be borrowed and he will find a place in the operation budget if the Board chooses. On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted to have the Manager find this money in the operational budget.

Selectman Donohue referred to Playground Maintenance, the request to install lights at Coakley Field for \$280,000. Mr. Miller stated that the original request was to redo Field 1 at the Coakley Field close to the Concession Stand-they were looking to do a new turf field there with lights for \$1.3 million and in the past few years they have been taking a field off line to retrofit because of the use. Each one of the 3 fields have over 1000 uses per year so that is why they recommended a turf field. He stated that in the process of going through the Capital Outlay, it didn't look like it was going to go so they came up with an alternative to light field 3 which is close to the schools. That way they would still have the ability to gain another field because they would have lights. He said every field lit is like having two fields. Every year they lose one field. Discussion

Capital Improvement Plan (cont'd)

continued. Selectman Donohue inquired if where the lights are proposed, are there lights there now? Mr. Miller said no. Selectman Donohue inquired if they have spoken with the abutters. Mr. Miller said no. They have used that field with temporary lights. These lights would be lower than the existing lights. He didn't think the impact would be much. Selectman Donohue inquired if they will be having meetings. Mr. Miller said he was sure they would be having meetings. He said he and Mr. Carroll will have open meetings. Selectman Donohue referred to same section \$850,000 to replace Elliot Field Lighting and in another section of the Manager's Agenda it said that the 8 poles around the field are down and an additional pole of the 8 has a severe crack in it. The Manager said one of the 8. Selectman Donohue said two fell down since the beginning of the year; one fell down in January and one in February and one was still standing with a crack in it and she said that the other 5 poles that they just took down, were any of those poles cracked or damaged. The Manager said no-to the best of his knowledge. Selectman Donohue said if we had left the other 5 poles up uncracked and undamaged then we would only have to replace 3 poles. The Manager said no-the poles that hang down fractured at the base so no consultant in the world would write a letter saying the other poles could stay up. He said after two poles installed the same way, the same day 35 years ago fell down without any indication they were weakened and they rusted out at the base and it is impossible to see. The other pole had a crack around it 35 to 40 feet up and it could have snapped and killed someone. The Manager said it would not be right to leave up the rest of the poles. Selectman Donohue inquired how much the town paid the consultant to examine the poles. The Manager said the consultant never examined the 8 poles because two of them fell down and he went to the Board and the Board voted to do this. Selectman Donohue said the Board voted to have the poles tested. The Manager said the Board voted to take them down. Selectman Donohue inquired didn't the Board vote before that. Selectman Donohue said didn't the Board vote to have them tested. Selectman Lyons stated that the Board voted to take down the 8 poles around the baseball field and have the other poles tested before they came down. Selectman Donohue said that was in February and in January, the Board voted to have them tested. The Manager said yes, but then another pole fell down-the second pole fell down and he came to the Board and said that it didn't make any sense to test the rest of these poles as 25% fell down. Selectman Donohue said she thought we were still going to proceed with the testing when the weather got better. The Manager said no, the Board voted. Chairman Bishop said the testing at the softball field will be coming up. The Manager said one is leaning and he has a feeling we will have bad news when they are tested. The Manager said Paul Riccardi told him today that a pole at the Savage Center basketball court fell over this weekend. The Manager said the poles are fragile and they are falling down. We are going to test the ones at the softball field starting next week, but his guess would be that we will get bad news. Selectman Donohue referred to the \$800,000 for the bath house and how can we rebuild the bath house at the same time we are building a skating rink. The Manager said that the town would not build the bath house until next year and they have thought about how they will be built and it will be worked out. Selectman Donohue inquired if the town will still be able to use the pool. The Manager stated absolutely.

Updated list of articles:

The Special Town Meeting warrant was signed.

Balch Field lights:

This was just discussed.

DPW Reserve Fund Transfer request:

On motion of Selectman Lyons, seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted to support Mark Ryan in his efforts with the Fin Com regarding his request for overtime for the DPW.

Town Hall leaks:

The Manager said this is informational and the PBCC is proceeding to take care of the leaks. Selectman Donohue inquired when the Town did the major reconstruction how much was spent. The Manager said he thought it was around \$2 million. Selectman Donohue said after spending \$2 million why do we still have leaks and why isn't it covered by some kind of warranty for the work. The Manager said the Board would have to ask the PBCC. On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to write to the PBCC if any of these costs are covered by the \$2 million we just spent. Selectman Howard inquired if they did the roof. The Manager said they did part of the roof. Selectman Howard said he can't believe we have this long list of leakage after all the work that has been done. It just doesn't seem right that we have all this leakage with all the work that was done and he would like to inquire in depth. Chairman Bishop read a letter from the PBCC to the Manager saying they believe that they have sufficient funds as they have contingency funds from the Tower work and they don't think they will be asking for more unless there is more damage than they have anticipated. Selectman Donohue said in the letter she didn't want them to spend one cent as this should be covered by warranty. Selectman Lyons said he was opposed to this. Selectman Donohue's motion, seconded by Selectman Howard as stated regarding not to spend any monies was carried 3-1. Selectman Lyons opposed.

Manager's Executive Session

The following item was presented to the Board for Executive Session, but was handled in Open Session

PEC:

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

Adjournment

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

A True Record.

ATTEST: _____
Clerk