

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 William J. Plasko, Helen Abdallah Donohue, Michael J. Lyons and Allan D. Howard. Also present General Manager John J. Carroll, Acting Clerk Christina Mulvehill.

Appointments

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

The Board had no questions on Mr. Ryan's monthly report of department activities and Mr. Ryan introduced Brian Jarvis to give the DPW Project Update. Mr. Jarvis said there has been a lot of progress now that the good weather is here. Building One is taking shape with windows being installed, the ceramic tile in the locker rooms and bathrooms is in and the subcontractors are doing work above the ceiling. Building Two is substantially complete. The masons are finishing the interior masonry and will soon start the exterior. This building will be similar to the building on Winter Street with the metal panels. They expect the building to be ready in September. Building Three will be framed shortly. Mr. Jarvis said they have held preconstruction meetings regarding furnishings. The Project is on budget and ten change orders have been processed to date, with nothing unusual coming up. Selectman Howard inquired about the usable life of metal structures. Mr. Jarvis said the usable life is fifty years. Selectman Plasko asked about the completion date of the Lenox Street building. Mr. Jarvis said Lenox Street is completed. He said the salt in the salt shed will have no adverse effect because the shed will be paved to keep the salt off the concrete and along the perimeter will be treated plywood push-walls.

Selectman Donohue addressed Mr. Edward McKenna of the PBCC and his statement that the PBCC would not be seeking additional funds for Town Hall leaks because they have contingency. She asked why this was not addressed at the time of the work. Mr. McKenna said none of the monies they are spending now will be recoverable by warrantee. Mr. McKenna introduced new PBCC member Chris Everyl. Mr. Everyl is an AIA registered architect who wrote the RFP to fund the source of the leaking. Thus far, it has not been identified. They had the original architect bring in a specialist to analyze the problem. There is no clear place showing where there might be something that went wrong. Masonry is porous and water always goes into it. He spoke of a few things that might have caused the problem. Selectman Donohue initiated discussion about the windows. Mr. McKenna explained the windows that were put in had to come from England in order to keep the building's historic looks. They believe the problem is in the masonry, not the windows. The question is whether the water is leaking in from outside or leaking down from above. Mr. McKenna said they also do not believe the roof is the problem. He said the problem is with the masonry, not the windows or roof and he reiterated that the PBCC is doing an investigation to find the problem. There is \$95,000 left in the contingency fund after paying \$30,000 for the study and an additional \$95,000 that was supposed to be used for painting and other things that will now be used for this project.

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

James Collins outlined his monthly report and gave an update of the transmission project. The permitting is moving along. The ISO was completed with no problem and will go to Special Town Meeting. He has completed the 10% purchase of power and double pole removal is ongoing. Selectman Howard questioned the double pole removal progress but Mr. Collins assured him a pole was taken down as recently as that day. He said the Light Department is working with their counterparts to take down their poles and he will have his General Foreman contact those other companies. Chairman Bishop attested to the fact that the poles are coming out.

Darryl Hanson gave the Broadband monthly report. On the internet upgrade, the circuit to New York has been completed. They are upgrading to dark fiber circuit on the one that goes to Boston. This will help

James Collins (cont'd)

with redundancy and provide access to Netflix. There will be a connection in Boston, a major hub to send signals and data, which will allow the Town to partner with Shrewsbury and Braintree. The upgrades will help with service quality Selectman Donohue inquired about upgrading the lines. Mr. Hanson explained the line is fiber optic and is leased from carriers between Norwood and Boston. Fiber optic is glass wire that travels over light waves. With dark fiber there is no limit to what can be pushed through.

Selectman Lyons asked about the income statement saying people ask if the Department is losing money. Mr. Hanson said they are not, and at this point in the year the net income on Broadband is \$120,000.

Chairman Bishop referred the Manager's agenda item recommending the Light Dept. having two Assistant Superintendents instead of one. The job description would not change and the number of people in the department would not change. If the Board approves it, the Manager said he would post the openings, the three qualified employees would apply and two of them would be placed in the Asst. Supt. Positions. The plan would be to replace one of the engineers and have the Asst. Supt. Position absorb the work from the third engineer position. There would be two Electrical Engineers and two Assistant superintendents and the assistants would be cross-trained.

Selectman Donohue asked how this idea compares with other town owned electric companies. Mr. Collins explained that currently Norwood runs a very lean operation; there are not a lot of middle managers. Chairman Bishop clarified that the question is whether or not this Board will support two Assistant Superintendents. Selectman Plasko stated that any comparison would not be valid. In this case the workload must be evaluated and Mr. Collins believes this is the best solution. Selectman Donohue agreed. She trusts Mr. Collins entirely and will go with his recommendation. On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Lyons, voted to authorize the General Manager to approve the reorganization as requested.

Selectman Lyons mentioned a letter from a resident regarding solar energy. Mr. Collins outlined the program. The Light Dept. has a rate which is for solar, windmill, etc. They meter the rate and the home, add the two together and credit 7.5 cents for kilowatt hours but bill them 14 cents per kilowatt hour. NStar and National Grid are required to give full credit to customers. The problem is it does not pay for plant and salaries, etc. Mr. Collins said he will look at it again. Selectman Lyons said it frustrates people that NStar gives credits but these people are getting credits. There is an infrastructure cost - even if a home generates all its own energy there still has to be power supplied to that home and there are costs associated. Mr. Collins added that in addition to the plant costs are capacity costs. In the winter, peak hours go to eleven p.m. Selectman Howard asked if there are areas in Norwood to put a solar farm. Mr. Collins said he has looked at that in the past and have ongoing proposals, but so far the numbers are not attractive. Selectman Lyons added that the amount of space required for any profit energy generation is a minimum of nine to eleven acres.

New Business

ABCC

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Lyons, voted to file reminder ABCC hearing is Tuesday, May 5, 2015 at 10 a.m., 239 Causeway Street, 1st Floor regarding Boncaldo.

Knights of Columbus, John Paras:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to approve the following requests for Special One Day AAB Licenses:

- a. Saturday, May 2, 2015, 8:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m.
- b. Saturday, May 9, 2015, 6:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.
- c. Saturday, May 16, 2015, 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
- d. Saturday, May 23, 2015, 7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

Friends of Norwood Field Hockey, Dianne Hayes:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to approve request to hold car wash Saturday, October 17, 2015.

Brianne M. Killion, Principal, C.J. Prescott Elementary School:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted to forward correspondence regarding safety concern of parents in the Cranmore, Prescott and Belnap Road areas as they do not have sidewalks and it is dangerous for the children who walk to the Prescott to the Manager and direct him to report back to the Board on this next week.

Nagle Consulting Associates, Inc. Canton:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to file Release Notification Form for 100 Broadway, Norwood regarding underground tank removal. This was reported to Mass. Dept. of Environmental Protection on Feb. 6.

Bob Sicklick, Committee Chair for Troop 42:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to approve request for a letter of recognition to honor son Jason Dean Sicklick at the Eagle Scout Court of Honor on May 9th and to have him in after the ceremony.

Jill Reddish, Verizon:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Lyons, voted to file notice of change to programming with notice that will be sent to all customers that channel 124 was removed as this channel DoD news stopped distributing to cable.

Bill Fleming, Race Director, Abundant Table:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to approve request to conduct third annual 'Get Off Your Buns and Run' road race Saturday, September 12, 2015 from 8:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. The race will begin and end at the First Baptist Church. The route will be Bond St. to Nichols St., turn around at Knights of Columbus and same route back.

Jill Reddish, Verizon:

Helen bill On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to file CTV Forms 200 and 400 pursuant to M.G.L. c. 166A, § 8, and a copy of Verizon New England's Condensed Financial Statements for 2014.

Gary Wilson, 48 Winfield Street:

Suggesting the Board, as Electric Light Commissioners, consider solar power as an alternative, sustainable source of energy. This was discussed during the Light Department appointment.

Edmund W. Mulvehill, Jr., Director of Veterans' Services:

On motion of Selectman Lyons, seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted to approve request to move Welcome Home Norwood Service Members sign to Washington St. side of Memorial Hall.

DPW Lottery

The Board pulled six names: Jesse Fleming, Mark Ranalli, Andrew Bernazzani, Shaun Callahan, Anthony Perriello, David Caramanica, and two alternates: Robert Wood, Marcus Leonard.

Unfinished Business

Carol O'Reilly, Summit Place:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Lyons, vote to file response that Russ Maguire, Airport Manager has been very helpful and the traffic noise has improved.

Memoranda

Personnel Board:

On motion of Selectman Lyons, seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted to file correspondence to Supt. Mark Ryan regarding position reclassification.

Selectmen's Meeting:

On motion of Selectman Lyons, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to approve Board minutes of April 7, 2015.

Selectmen's Addenda

Selectman Howard

Steward Hospital

Kim Bassett, President of Norton location will be in charge of Norwood.

Donation

Place donations in containers at the schools.

Selectman Donohue

South Norwood Fishing Derby

Thank you Michael Saad and Gerry Miller

Alec Abdallah

Alec would have been 106 today

Manager's Agenda

Memo from the Department of Revenue regarding Snow and Ice Removal deficit.

This allows the Board the option to amortize the deficit over three years. It would allow the Town to be in debt for three years instead of balanced. Discussion ensued. The Manager will come back to the Board with the FinCom's recommendation. The Fin Com voted for all of the Capital Outlay list except Hawes Pool. The major items were the bathhouse at \$800,000, lights at Balch field; \$800,000 and Lights at Coakely; \$300,000. The Manager went on to report that the remaining poles at the Balch were inspected and the verdict is they will all have to be removed. Selectman Lyons asked if there was a verbal opinion by the engineer that the poles have to come down. The Manager said there was and he will get a letter in hand then talk to this Board to get them down as soon as possible.

Report from Superintendent of the Electric Light Department Jim Collins

Re: creating two Assistant Electric Light Superintendents. On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Lyons, voted to authorize Manager to create two Assistant Electric Light Superintendents.

For the Board's information, Martignetti Liquors is building new facility in Taunton.

Chairman Bishop read notice of meeting at Coakley Middle School on Wednesday, May 6, at 7p.m.

Executive Session

Possible Purchase of Land:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Howard and on roll call vote of Chairman Bishop and Selectmen Donohue and Lyons, voted to enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing possible purchase of property.

Adjournment

Upon return to open session and no other business being presented for discussion, on motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to adjourn and the meeting was adjourned accordingly at 8:25 p.m.

A True Record.

ATTEST: _____
Acting Clerk