

Regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen convened at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 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 Paul A. Bishop, Selectmen William J. Plasko, Michael J. Lyons 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. -Chief William G. Brooks III, NPD/Lt. Kevin McDonough representing the Chief:

Lt. McDonough submitted the monthly report of department's activities. He announced that the first non-civil service police exam was given at the beginning of April. Sixty-five Norwood residents passed. The Chief will begin interviews this week with background and psychological testing to follow. He hopes to have three candidates for the August academy. New Officer Justin Hitchcock has finished his field training and will now be assigned a shift. Several Officers and a detective from the department assisted at this year's Marathon. Mary Lou Scott retired after twenty-nine years of service. Selectman Howard commented that according to this report, drug activity is still high. Lt. McDonough said it is an epidemic hitting hard and it is no different here than in other towns. Norwood has done well discouraging drug dealers from doing business in Town. Chairman Bishop said the Norwood Police Department is unique in how they handle the drug issue. They try to work on rehab and getting people back into society. He inquired about the candidate pool. Lt. McDonough said they got a good group of candidates. There will be another round of interviews and then three people will be selected for the academy. Chairman Bishop pointed out this method of hiring is much better. Selectmen Plasko asked if there were any women and Lt. McDonough said there were at least six women interviewed this past week.

7:15 P.M. (P.H.) Neponset River LLC, dba Sheraton Four Points-Norwood, 1151 Boston Providence Turnpike:

Application for alteration of premises to install a pavilion on an existing outdoor garden area adjacent to the ballroom and patio area. The Clerk read the notice as follows: Application has been made to the Licensing Board of the Town of Norwood for alteration of premises of Neponset River LLC dba Sheraton Four Points Norwood, 1151 Boston Providence Turnpike, Kevin E. Casey, Manager, of the license under Section 12, Chapter 138 and Chapter 140 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended, for the sale of All Alcoholic Beverages to be drunk on the premises of 1151 Boston Providence Turnpike, Norwood Massachusetts. Description of premises is as follows: Two floor conference/training center connecting to a 5 floor hotel. Beverages served in all spaces within & adjacent to Lounges, guest rooms, function space & all dining areas and/or restaurant & patios as set forth in diagram "A" of same premises as pertinent & contiguous to & in conjunction with Conference Center and hotel. 10 a.m. Sunday Opening Approved. New Description will add a pavilion on an existing outdoor garden area adjacent to the ballroom and patio area.

Kevin Gammons and Ray Pescatano were in attendance. Mr. Gammons explained the request to alter the premises. The plan is to add a pavilion adjacent to the function rooms in an area that is currently all grass. He made it clear they will not be changing any of the seating or the capacity, and the parking and liquor license will not change either. Selectman Lyons asked if they would be merely enclosing an existing area. Mr. Pescatano said it is more of an enhancement of the landscape. Selectman Plasko added that they are just adding the pavilion as the patio is already there. Selectman Howard said it will be a nice addition and he looks forward to it. Chairman Bishop clarified that the proposed site is totally separate from the restaurant. On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Lyons, voted to close the hearing and on motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Lyons, voted to approve the application for alteration of premises.

New Business

Outdoor Dining Permits:

On motion of Selectman Lyons, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to authorize Chair to sign outdoor dining permits for Express Pizza, 119 Central Street and Vincent's A Touch of Italia, 524 Washington Street.

Eric and Kimberly Sprung, 24 Lancaster Lane:

On motion of Selectman Lyons, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to approve request to block off street for neighborhood block party on Sat., Aug. 1 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., with a rain date of Sun., Aug. 2. Police and fire to be notified.

Chipotle Mexican Grill of Colorado, LLC, 1415 Boston Prov. Turnpike:

On motion of Selectman Lyons, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to approve application for approval of change of manager from Jonathan Drew to Bryan Davis II.

Comcast Cable Communications, LLC:

On motion of Selectman Lyons, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to file CTV Form 200, 300 and 400 for fiscal year ended 12/31/14.

Michael Klau, 104 Pleasant St. #2, Brookline:

On motion of Selectman Lyons, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to approve citation on retirement of Norwood resident S. T. as Director of program in Milton.

Marie Tobio, 14 Mayfair Circle, Norwood High Gymnastics Team:

On motion of Selectman Lyons, seconded by Howard, voted to approve request to hold car wash for Gymnastics Team on Sat., Oct. 24, 2015 from 9 to 2 p.m.

David Hern, Jr., Cheney & Hern, 470 Washington St.:

On motion of Selectman Lyons, seconded by Howard, voted set appointment for meeting of May 19th to discuss restrictions on VIF with request they be removed.

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

- a. On motion of Selectman Lyons, seconded by Howard, voted to approve request for permit for annual Memorial Day Parade to be held Monday, May 25, 2015.
- b. On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Lyons, voted to file invitation to march at the head of the Memorial Day Parade, Monday, May 25th.

Angela Popalo, President, Norwood Junior Woman's Club:

Submitting request to meet with Board to discuss using the Town Common to coordinate Outdoor Family Concerts series in conjunction with Norwood Recreation Department. Ms. Popalo and Recreation Dept. Asst. Linda Berger were present to answer questions. Ms. Popalo outlined the proposed program, which would offer concerts on Tuesdays from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. during July and August. Ms. Berger said the concert music would be geared toward younger children, under the age of twelve. Selectman Plasko complimented the Norwood Junior Women's Club for working hard to get events going. On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Lyons, voted unanimously to approve the request, waive the electricity fee and have Ms. Popalo report back to the Board when schedule and arrangements have been finalized.

Mark Rano, 40 Third Street:

Submitting request to meet with the Board to discuss the possibility of bringing a dog park to Town. Five sites have been identified, with the help of Mark Ryan and Gerry Miller. On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Lyons, voted to invite Mr. Rano, Mr. Ryan and Mr. Miller to come in.

Lee Kennedy, Norwood Circle of Hope Foundation:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Lyons, voted to approve request to insert flyers in the November Light Bills. She has spoken with Mrs. LeRoy.

Martha Goldsmith, Director, Office of Leasing and State Office Planning:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, Seconded by Selectman Lyons, voted to file and forward to Town Planner notification that the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance has issued RFP seeking to lease space in the community for a state agency.

David Hajjar, 20 Chatham Road:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Lyons, voted to approve request for commendation for his son Matthew on achieving Eagle Scout.

Cemetery Deeds:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Lyons, voted to sign deeds:
Marta Horbaczewski, 45 Churchhill Drive to Lot C-1831
Janet Lightizer, 102 Carpenter Road, Walpole to Lot G6-87
Robert Macaulay, 115 Eden Park Drive, N. Attleboro to Lot C-1849

Unfinished Business

Rolf Richter, Burgermeister, Stadt Bensheim, Germany:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Lyons, voted to file thank you letter for Proclamation declaring Mar. 26, 2015 Town of Bensheim Day.

Memoranda

Andrew C. Murphy, Asst. Town Engineer:

On motion of Selectman Lyons, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to file copy of communication to Gardner Bent, U.S. Geological Survey.

Selectmen's Meetings:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Lyons, voted to approve as submitted, minutes from meetings of April 14 and 21, 2015.

Thomas Maloney, Chairman, Capital Outlay Committee:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Lyons, voted to file correspondence to Town Counsel asking whether ex-officio members of the Committee could be converted to voting member positions. Selectman Plasko said they can be voting positions by going to Town Meeting and amending bylaw.

Selectmen's Addenda

Selectman Howard

NHS Sports

Tom Cummings was talking on his show about Boys and girls ball teams not being in the Sunday Globe top twenty. Today's ranking had softball as tenth in the state. Baseball team is 5 and 2.

Special Town Meeting

This board has not taken positions on the town meeting articles yet. Manager handed out a spreadsheet listing the articles.

On motion of Selectman Lyons, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to support Articles 1-7.

Special Town Meeting (cont'd)

On motion of Selectman Lyons, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to take no position as of now on Articles 8, 9, and 10.

On motion of Selectman Lyons, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to support Articles 11,12,13.

On motion of Selectman Lyons, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to support Articles 14, 15, 16.

On motion of Selectman Lyons, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted indefinite postponement on Articles 17, 18, 19, 20 as there is no need to go to Town Meeting with these.

On motion of Selectman Lyons, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to support Articles 21, 22, 23, 24, and 25.

Selectman Howard pointed out that the Board has not received any information yet on the \$300,000 Mr. Carroll requested for Town Hall renovations. Mr. Carroll said he still has to wrap that up and it is very difficult. Selectman Plasko asked him how he had a dollar amount if he didn't have a plan. Selectman Howard told the Manager he would not approve the funds if he does not see a plan. Chairman Bishop said the Board would verify the number. Selectman Howard said the Finance Commission did not approve the renovations to Hawes Bathhouse. Mr. Carroll said it will be postponed due to rink construction. Selectman Plasko stated he did not have a list of the Capital Outlay projects, but the total came to \$3.0 million. This Board has not seen any information or plans and has not taken a position on any of the items. The bathhouse is something that needs to get done, and the sooner the better. Selectman Plasko said there should be no problem coordinating this with anything else that is going on, including the rink and the Board should move forward on this. On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Lyons, voted to include the Hawes Pool Bathhouse on Town Meeting. On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted indefinite postponement on the Manager's request for \$300,000 for Town Hall renovations, until this Board has the plans. Selectman Plasko asked where the dollar amount came from. Mr. Carroll said it came from the consultant. Selectman Plasko suggested waiting for November Town Meeting and the Manager was in agreement. The DPW won't be vacating the Civic until October. Selectman Plasko clarified the \$300,000 was in the Capital Outlay Article for Town Meeting so this Board will be offering two motions to amend – one to add \$800,000 and one to strike \$300,000.

Selectman Bishop
Concession Stand

He received a complaint from someone from the bagel shop in South Norwood who had written a letter to the Manager about the possibility of activity at the future skating rink, possibly selling bagels complained that they wrote a letter about concession stand. Mr. Carroll said he has responded to that letter.

Ridgewood/Access

The sidewalks were blocked with debris – Manager will see that it gets cleaned up.

Hazardous Waste Day is Saturday, May 9, 2015 from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

National Letter Carriers Food Drive is Saturday, May 9, 2015

Manager's Agenda

Letter to Prescott Principal Brienne Killion

The Manager reported that a sidewalk will be installed on Cranmore and Selectman Howard concurred that Cranmore is the main problem. On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Lyons, voted to file correspondence.

Recommending the Board amortize the Town snow and ice debt.

The Finance Commission voted to take \$ 1,068,000 from Free Cash and amortize \$543,375 in FY '16 and amortize \$543,375 in FY '17. On motion of Selectman Lyons, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to approve Manager's recommendation to amortize.

Annual Report of Electric Light Dept. to DPU

Selectman Howard said he reviewed the report in detail and even called the accounting firm with questions. He is satisfied. On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Lyons, voted to sign. Selectman Howard read net profit amounts for the public; Electric Light Department had net income of \$ 4,288 and Cable had net profit of \$501,000.

Yellow Sheet

The Manager explained this is draft Yellow Sheet. He and Selectman Plasko have discussed Article 8 language. Mr. Halkiotis and Selectman Plasko agreed he put too much emphasis on the 1.5 aspect. The Manager said he will modify that before the Yellow Sheet goes out. This has nothing to do with the safe harbor.

Selectman Plasko clarified that there are problems with Articles 8, 9, and 10. He has concerns about the article talking about land being subtracted. It also talks about the Town purchasing residential units and that is incorrect. The proposal would be the Town acquiring deed restrictions on existing pieces of property. Selectman Plasko will work with the Manager on Articles 8, 9, and 10.

Municipal Relief Transfers – General Government

Mr. Cooper and Mr. McQuaid have identified a number of accounts that will have balances at end of year. They recommend moving indefinite postponement and not burden Town Meeting with these items. A vote of this Board could authorize transfers, which would be interdepartmental. On motion of Selectman Lyons, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to approve Manager's recommendation.

Municipal Relief Transfers – Fire Dept.

The Manager said this will probably have to go to Town Meeting. Selectman Lyons asked the Manager for his recommendation. Mr. Carroll said he would like authorization for Municipal Relief Transfer of \$22,000 for the Fire Department. On motion of Selectman Lyons, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to approve Manager's recommendation.

Elliot Field Lights

On motion of Selectman Lyons, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to approve Manager's recommendation to take down all the poles. Selectman Lyons clarified with the Manager that this vote is to take the poles down – it is not for funds to replace the lights. The softball field cannot be used until the poles are down.

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 8:04 p.m.

A True Record.

ATTEST: _____
Assistant