

Regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen convened at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 12, 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, 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.

### Appointments

#### 7:00 P.M. – Anthony J. Greeley, Chief, NFD:

Chief Greeley referred to monthly report of department's activities. The month of April was typical with 412 responses; mutual aid four times over the month and he is glad to be back under five hundred response months. He is looking to finish the budget year strong. He discussed the two injured firefighters. One fell off the roof and is recovering and another is getting ready to come back after a back injury. Chief Greeley spoke about the ladder truck from Norwood that ended up in Chile. He showed a video of the city in Chile where that truck is now. It is a city of 92,000 and has a large oil refinery. The video showed the inauguration of the ladder truck. It took 27 days by barge to get the truck to Chile and was repaired and put into service. A company in Chile tries to locate used fire apparatus. The inauguration parade included dignitaries and other important people. This company relocates fire trucks throughout the world. The Chief received a letter from a citizen telling him how proud they are of this truck. All the firefighters in the city are volunteers and they pay a fee into a fund for equipment. The celebration this city held for the fire truck was a day-long event.

Chairman Bishop said it is sad that a city of 92,000 with an oil refinery cannot afford to purchase the equipment they need. Chief Greeley pointed out that the refinery is right outside of the city.

Selectman Donohue said that is a beautiful piece of equipment and it is so much better than wasting things. She thanked the Chief for his efforts. Chief Greeley said the truck still says Norwood on it.

#### 7:15 P.M. – Commendation:

##### Jason Sicklick & Matthew Hajjar-Eagle Scouts

Mr. Sicklick gave a background on what is involved in earning an Eagle Scout. He said that the percentage of scouts earning eagle is only five percent. It shows determination and they have to do it before the age of eighteen. He said that he hoped they will carry this forward throughout their lives. Chairman Bishop pointed out that Mr. Sicklick has another son who achieved this rank.

Selectman Plasko read the commendation for Matthew Hajjar who built a walking trail for his project. Chairman Bishop read the commendation for Jason Sicklick.

Selectman Howard addressed the young men and congratulated them for attaining this highest award. Fifty nine years ago he was a member of the same troop. He told a story about the hall near the library where this troop used to be located. He told the young men he is very proud of them. Good job.

Selectman Donohue spoke about Ed Maloof and George Ruboy who were scout leaders. She talked about the Girl Scout equivalent of the award which is the Gold Award. She understands the amount of work that goes into the Eagle Scout award. Those extra years of work help you achieve this great goal. This is your foundation and guidelines for the future. Congratulations, she hoped that they will help us out here in Norwood in the future. Selectman Lyons congratulated them and told them it is a great achievement. Selectman Plasko told them they know what they did and it shapes what you are today and wished them all the luck in the future. Chairman Bishop said this is a building block of the foundation and they will build greatness and they have leadership potential to become great leaders.

New Business

John Badger, Chair, Norwood School Committee:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Lyons, voted to file notice that the School Committee withdrew Article 16 from the May 11, 2015 Special Town Meeting warrant which requests \$291,133 to be used to purchase 2 Math programs.

Jill M. Reddish, Franchise Operations Management, Verizon:

On motion of Selectman Lyons, seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted to file under Section 7 of Cable TV Final License statistical information concerning telephone availability and on time performance for prior quarter. Request this information be treated as proprietary information.

Gerald Buckley, Director, Government & Regulatory Affairs, Comcast:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Plasko, to file and forward to Cable Commission notice that Frank Foss, Senior Government Relations Manager has retired and Cathy Maloney Sr. Government Relations Manager will be assuming responsibility for Norwood until a permanent replacement for Mr. Foss has been put in place.

Pastor Jean Jackson Luma, Norwood Church of God, 234 Walpole Street:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to approve request to use the Chapel Street Park on Sunday, May 31 from 3 to 5 p.m. for the conclusion of a Haitian Mother's Day celebration with families for light refreshments. They accept full responsibility for clean-up. There will be no music.

Maria Gomes, Our Lady of Fatima Festival Committee/Norwood Portuguese Club:

- a. Submitting request for one day AAB and Dance permit for Saturday, May 23, 2015 from 5 p.m. to midnight and WMB and Dance permit for Sunday May 24, 2015 from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- b. Submitting request to have the Festival without a police detail due to the cost. Chairman Bishop pointed out that this year the festival will not be in street, it will be in their parking lot. On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to approve all requests.

Laurie Shea, Farmer's Market Manager:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Chairman Bishop, voted 4-0 to approve holding the Farmer's Market on the Common on Tuesdays from June 16, 2015 to October 6, 2015 from noon to 5:30 p.m. and to hang Farmers Market Banners around the Common from the beginning of June and removed by the end of October. Selectman Lyons abstained.

Robert Donnelly, 47 Mylod Street:

Submitting e-mail regarding proposal to add lights to the field directly behind the Coakley and asking for consideration to place lights at the High School as the Morse Hill area has numerous lights. Chairman Bishop said he wrote to him and said before the board does anything they will get input from the neighborhood. Selectman Plasko should follow through with manager to make sure the dialogue stays open. Chairman Bishop said we represent the people and we will get information on all sides before anything is done.

Paul W. Eysie, Chairman, Sunday Concerts on the Common:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Lyons, voted to have them in on to discuss the upcoming Summer Program on Tuesday, June 23, 2015.

Revocation of Licenses:

On motion of Selectman Lyons, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to revoke the licenses of  
The following Junk Collectors Licensees have failed to renew:  
Posh, 61 Endicott Street  
Spotlight Treasurers, LLC, 61 Endicott Street.

James F. Collins, Jr. Supt. Norwood Light Department:

Submitting correspondence regarding billing complaints from customers and the contributing factors that caused these higher than normal bills (a) extremely high amount of snow, the electric meter readers were not able to gain access-the bills were estimates for two consecutive billing cycles, (b) Calculation formula used for estimating bills (c) For customers comparing their bills to previous years, in October 2014 there was a 3.2% increase. The Light Department plans to include automatic meter reading which would eliminate the need for estimates-this would be phased in over the next 3 to 4 years. If any customer is having trouble paying their electric bill, the billing department is willing to work out a payment plan. Chairman Bishop explained that the main reason is the estimation for the previous two months. He said if you have trouble paying to call light department to work out a payment plan. Selectman Howard spoke about the units of measure which was estimated but he has an issue that they raised the units for use one or two points from the prior year and felt this was an unfair presumption if we are estimating-it should be no more than the same units of the prior year. This is his suggestion. Selectman Lyons is working with Supt. Collins on some specific bills to understand how they are estimated. His bakery went from \$250 to \$540. It comes at the worst time of the year around Christmas. It is a hard time to get such a spike in bill. He said the way bills are estimated right now is that they take 3 prior months from the bill and then they go 3 months from the year before and unless the weather is extremely similar you end up with a bad estimate. That is what is happening. We got bad estimates and it is a computer program and he is working with Mr. Collins on this to get a better understanding.

National Grid:

Copies of notices going to residents and commercial properties regarding gas company work at 72-114 Ridgewood Drive, 141 to 174 Ridgewood Drive, 1 to 76 Access Road, 477 to 534 Washington Street, 10 to 13 Howard Street. Expect construction in those areas. This will begin May 18 to August 27 and residents will be notified.

Memoranda

Mark Chubet, Building Inspector:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by selectman Lyons, voted to file. monthly report for April 2015.

Selectmen's Addenda

Selectman Lyons

Town Meeting

Many new members. It was nice to see so many people in the room. He was very encouraged.

Selectman Plasko

Town Meeting

Very comforting to see the high participation. The numbers and interest are very encouraging.

Selectman Donohue:

Concerts this Sunday at the Chapel of St. Gabriel at Highland Cemetery at 3 p.m.

Trip to Europe:

They had to take a van to the airport in Istanbul. They met a couple from California. The man's family was from Norwood, MA. The grandfather had moved from Norwood to California during the depression. They had lived at 23 Everett Avenue. They have not been in the area since 1996

Selectman Howard.

Dance Recital:

Ms. Paula's dance recital at the high school this Saturday-tickets available at the Recreation center.

Norwood Sportsmen Fishing Derby-Nichols Street next to Knights of Columbus-Sat. from 9 to 11 a.m. It is a wonderful event.

Chairman Bishop

Police officers memorial week is this week and Friday is the Memorial Day.. This year 143 names will be added to the monument in Washington DC. Acknowledge a police officer on Friday – let them know you appreciate what they do. We should support officers around the country for doing what they do. Selectman Donohue said that Lt. Brian Murphy decorates all current and former officers' graves at the cemetery. We in Norwood honor our own. Chairman Bishop said that there are over 19,000 names on the wall in Washington, DC.

Letter Carriers Food drive

May 9<sup>th</sup> thank you to all who participated. You can donate to the Food Pantry in Norwood.

Change of welcome home military board to Washington Street side of building:

This was done because we have so many signs on the lawn and this should stand alone.

Cpl. Charles King:

The Board and the town would like to welcome home Cpl. Charles King , enlisted in 2010 in the US Marine Corp. His responsibility was to keep the helicopters flying. He was originally sent over to Iran and served there in Operation Enduring Freedom and in 2013 he was with the support squadron MWSS 371“Sand Sharks” and finished up his career in San Diego. He came back on May 2. His mother and father are very proud. His mother works here and she is part of the Town Hall Family and his father is retired Lt. Charles

Manager's Agenda

FYI – Reply to Gary Wilson Regarding Solar Energy.

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to file.

Bad Debt List, Aged Cable and Electric Accounts.

Some of these are businesses that went into bankruptcy and have been deemed uncollectible. Some are no longer resident of Norwood. They are all seven years or older. On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to the bad debts for cable and electric.

Municipal Relief Act Transfer for DPW for \$41,400.

Mr. Cooper said that most of these come out of water breaks in the late winter and within last month. Mr. Ryan initially thought he would get through without transfers but that did not happen. He would like to transfer money from public works overtime, water maintenance, and general foreman. On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted approval. Municipal relief has to be after May 1.

Subject to Board's approval, appointment of Mark Negron and John Gear to the Conservation Commission.

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to approve both appointments. Mark Negron, 74 Norton Drive and John Gear of 8 George Willett Parkway.

Manager's Executive Session

19 Vernon Street:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Lyons, voted to table for one week until the Manager is at the meeting.

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 7:50 p.m.

A True Record.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk