

Regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen convened at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 26, 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, Selectman William J. Plasko, 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.

Appointments

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

Submitting monthly report of department's activities. DPW Project Update and Brian Jarvis of Compass. Bryan Jarvis gave project update for DPW. He handed pictures to the Board. Building one which is the Administration Building; they are into interior finishes. This should be completed in late June and they will begin testing all systems in July-on schedule. They are working on the exterior. Building 2- vehicle storage – structural steel finished, lower masonry at garage openings and all slabs have been poured as of today. He said that they have started mechanical and electrical roughs. They will now do the roof panels and they should finish at the end of August. Building three – salt shed – framing started today, structure throughout this month. Things are moving along well. They are working now on interior furniture, technology, etc. and working with DPW and Engineering on this. On schedule and on budget.

Selectman Howard asked who will clean the space. Mr. Ryan said Public Works will clean the building. He commented it is a great looking building and rich looking.

Selectman Plasko said that the report schedule and budget are going well. He inquired about aesthetics. He referred to the salt shed which is most obvious to the public. Can anything be done to make it more attractive. Mr. Jarvis said they will finish with a sort of barn look and you won't see nearly as much foundation-it will look like a New England style barn with a cupola and they will screen that building with plantings.

Chairman Bishop asked about the Winter Street building and the fencing around it and is it on schedule for June. Mr. Ryan said it is still on schedule for the fencing and are in agreement with the neighbors next door.

Selectman Lyons brought up a resident complaint on the cemetery and he did see Supt. Ryan's response. It is a three page letter of concern. He knew that it was read and forwarded it to the cemetery crew. Selectman Lyons inquired what is the plan to address this complaint. Mr. Ryan said he has spoken with Paul Ranalli the Supt. at the Cemetery daily about how things are accomplished. He is in fourth year and he does a good job of trying to beautify the cemetery. It has never looked better in his opinion. Lots of flowers, new trash barrels, hanging plants, from street signs. Supt. Ryan said that they will keep trying to do better and better each year. Selectman Lyons asked to check on the specific bullet points in the complaint and double check this. He felt that it looked good to him, but was glad he was on top of the situation for the residents.

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

Submitting monthly report of department's activities, Darryl Hanson, Broadband.

Mr. Collins referred to the update on the 115 KV transmission line replacement project which is moving along. They received certification from the Department of Environmental Protection. The public comment period went through with the Army Corp and they expect to hear from them in a week.

Selectman Howard asked when construction will start. Mr. Collins said it will start in the fall, they will put out bids over the summer and award at the end of the summer. Some of the tree work has to be done under frozen conditions to limit impact on the wetlands. They expect the entire project to take eighteen months.

Supt. James Collins, Light Department (cont'd)

Supt. Collins referred to the 3 double pole lists; the first is remove (103) poles. Chairman Bishop inquired about when he said new poles; are those the ones singular or are they being put next to the old poles. Mr. Collins said that they are being put next to the old poles-the new poles are being installed either PR or R-PR is priority reject and r is for reject. They are doing very well. They also have 14 additional poles that will be able to be removed.

Darryl Hansen discussed Broadband. He stated that he noticed during town meeting the discussion about the telephone service. He said they are talking to all departments in town about using our service. The School Department has been using it for the past 3 or 4 years and the DPW when they come back on line will be using the Town's service. This will be VOIP. Mr. Hansen said they will be able to save the School Department quite a bit of money. He referred to the Town Hall and once the wiring is done here the Town Hall can use the Broadband phone service. Mr. Hansen said that this will benefit the town.

Selectman Howard inquired about the double poles and asked where is the dividing line between Verizon's poles and the town's poles. Mr. Collins said generally speaking it is the railroad tracks. He said that there are some isolated areas on the other side of Route 1 such as Vanderbilt Ave. where Verizon chose to go underground. Norwood Light maintains this side of the tracks and Verizon does the other side of the tracks. Selectman Howard inquired if we have a target date when the majority of the double poles will be taken care of. Mr. Collins said that the problem from our prospective is that we keep setting poles-our General Foreman Mr. Curran has been very aggressive with Comcast and Verizon. They put their forces where the squeaky wheel is. Selectman Howard said that the problem is switching over the service from old pole to new pole. Mr. Collins said this past year he has seen the most cooperation he has seen in his time. Mr. Collins said Mr. Hajjar has also been very helpful as he works for Verizon.

Selectman Lyons asked why we are doing more sales in some months than others. Mr. Hansen said it is tough in winter time because we can't go door to door; economy, vacation schedules, affect business. January and February after the holidays are slow, but the rate is steady. The numbers have been going up.

Selectman Plasko inquired about door to door. Mr. Hansen said we don't do much door to door anymore because other companies are doing it and people don't want to see you. They sign people up through walk ins and calls as a result of advertising we do. Mr. Grossman goes door to door in the business community. They have every business on Endicott Street.

Chairman Bishop stated that he is a huge proponent of VOIP. He said that with Verizon we have outages due to water in this building and we are hostage to them as far as getting things done about it. If we had VOIP it would be much better.

7:35 P.M. – Show Cause Hearing, DAC LLC, dba Southside Pub and Grill, Donna Grant, Owner.

Failure to provide the public with the services contemplated by the license under MGL Chap. 138, Sections 12 and 77.

- a. Submitting copy of Board's letter, dated Nov. 19, 2014 allowing six month period from the date of the previous hearing on November 18, 2014 for the licensee to use or seek transfer of this license.
- b. Submitting copy of Board's letter dated April 1, 2015, asking if any progress has been made to date and Ms. Grant's response
- c. Copy of Show Cause Hearing Notice
- d. Submitting copy of letter dated May 21 from Donna Grant and copy of binding agreement of sale of her license to the Bamboo Restaurant on Washington Street. All parties will appear at the meeting.
- e. Memo with Town Counsel's recommendations.

Show Cause Hearing (cont'd)

The following notice was read: As owner of the license DAC LLC, dba Southside Pub and Grill, the Board of Selectmen, acting as Local Licensing Authority, has voted to schedule a Show Cause Hearing on Tuesday, May 26, 2015 at 7:35 p.m. in the Selectmen's Chambers under Chapter 138 of the Mass. General Laws, to consider whether your license to sell All Alcoholic Beverages should be suspended, limited, or revoked, for failure to provide the public with the services contemplated by the license as required under MGL, Chapter 138, Sections 12 and 77. This hearing is being scheduled at this time as the Board had voted to allow you a six month period from November 18, 2014 to the present to seek to transfer this license.

Present was Donna Grant and the owners of the Bamboo Café in Norwood. Chairman Bishop stated the Board had given her 6 months to transfer the license or sell or there would be possible revocation and he inquired what has happened.

Ms. Grant said that she forwarded a letter to the Board with a copy of the signed agreement that the license has been sold to the Bamboo Café and the P & S is being drawn up as we speak and her copy is going to the lawyers.

Selectman Plasko inquired if it is the two lawyers for both parties. Ms. Grant said yes and everything is on its way to being closed.

Emily from Bamboo and Peter Mullin from the Bamboo Café were present. Chairman Bishop stated that a Certificate of Good Standing from the DOR has to be part of the package for the transfer and inquired if Ms. Grant had such a copy. Ms. Grant stated that the DOR site is down right now and her lawyer is working on it. She has a letter of Good Standing from the Secretary of State that everything has been fulfilled and she expects the person from the DOR will get it to her within a few days. She said that the Purchase and Sales was done today.

Selectman Plasko stated that "it was signed today"? Ms. Grant said the P & S was shipped to Bamboo yesterday and she has done her part. Selectman Plasko inquired when the Board would have the application. Emily from Bamboo Café stated that so far they had not received anything until today.

Chairman Bishop explained how the transfer application would be done and he said he would give a copy to the applicants with the instructions for application for transfer. He inquired how long they thought this might take. Ms. Grant said she felt by the end of this week if everything goes well.

Selectman Plasko said we need to receive the application from the Bamboo and then the Board has 30 days to act on that. Then we would have to wait for the ABCC to finalize it. Speaking for himself seeing both parties here tonight and seeing an earnest effort, then the Board could give a reasonable time, but if he didn't see that happening then he would be revoking the license. He didn't want to be revoking the license if we have a chance for this to happen so he is looking at the time frame and is going to make a motion to continue the hearing. He didn't want to dissolve this hearing.

Selectman Donohue inquired of the person that was with Emily from Bamboo Café. He said that his name is Peter Mullen and he is a friend of Emily from the Bamboo Café, the applicant. Selectman Donohue inquired if they have agreed to a price and Emily stated yes. Selectman Donohue said the summer is starting and we should continue the hearing for one month and that would give everyone a chance to get this done.

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted to continue the hearing until July 7th. This transfer hearing could be held faster if the paperwork is done. The vote was 4-1. Selectman Lyons opposed.

Chairman Bishop handed the application information to Ms. Grant.

Show Cause Hearing (cont'd)

Emily inquired if after they get the full liquor license can they extend their business hours longer. The Chairman said that can be addressed at that time. Selectman Donohue said they should put the hours they want on the application. Put the new hours on the application.

Selectman Lyons referred to the Beer and Wine License that they have now. Upon approval of the transfer from the Board and the ABCC the Wine & Malt Beverage license will be turned into the Town. Selectman Donohue stated that the Board can approve the transfer. This would be conditional upon the approval of the ABCC so there would not be a lapse in their alcohol license.

New Business

Lt. Paul Butters, Fire Prevention, Norwood Fire Department:

On motion of Selectman Lyons, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to revoke the following:

- a. tanks at 100 Broadway were removed on February 5, 2015 and VIF License S0004 should be revoked.
- b. National Grid is no longer storing 50,000 gallons of LPG at 127 Dean Street and VIF License C0004 should be revoked.

Angela Popalo-Norwood Junior Women's Club:

Submitting for the Board information a list of free children's concerts on Tuesday evening from 7 to 8 p.m. on July 14th, July 21st, July 28th, August 4th and August 11th. (List attached) She is also requesting August 18 and August 25 for possible make up concerts in the event of rain. On motion of Selectman Lyons, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to approve as submitted.

James Collins, Supt. Norwood Light Department:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted to accept and forward to NPATV for its purpose Quarterly Franchise Fee as required to comply with section 6.4 of the Cable Television Final License and in accordance with article 7. 1 Peg Access Group in the amount of \$44,761.

Paul Halkiotis, Director of Planning and Economic Development:

On motion of Selectman Lyons, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to file notice of Major Site Plan Approval for the Norwood Ice Arena. A pre application meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, May 27, 2015 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 12, Norwood Town Hall.

Revocation of Junk Dealers' Licenses:

On motion of Selectman Lyons, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to revoke the following license which has not renewed and their license expired on April 30, 2015:
Lilac Treasures, dba Lilac Cottage, 61 Endicott Street.

Bill Fleming, Race Director, Abundant Table:

On motion of Selectman Lyons, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to approve and file notification that the Abundant Table Road Race has changed from an adult road race to a dog walking event. The date will be the same-September 12, 2015. The walk would go for 2 miles beginning at the First Baptist Church proceeding to the Cleveland School turning around and back to the Church. The participants would gather at 8:30 a.m. and begin at 9 a.m. and would be completed by 11 a.m.

LaMarche Associates, 54 Hartford Street, Westwood:

On motion of Selectman Lyons, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to file notice of casualty loss to building at 66 Lane Drive, Norwood.

Kevin Saccone, Lunch Box Deli, 859 Boston Providence Turnpike:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted to approve request to increase seating in the Lunch Box Deli establishment to thirty-six seats from current seating capacity of twenty-four. Building Inspector Mark Chubet has signed off.

Michele Perrotti, Norwood Cultural Council:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Lyons, voted to approve request to insert Community Input Survey in October Light bill.

Linda Rau, 140 Walnut Ave.

On motion of Selectman Lyons, seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted to file e-mail regarding condition of Highland Cemetery with response from Supt. Mark Ryan as this was discussed with Supt. Ryan during his appointment.

Paul Halkiotis, Director of Planning & Economic Development:

On motion of Selectman Lyons, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to file notice of Major Site Plan Approval for Compete Strength & Conditioning to build a 24,970 s.f. building for athletic training at 568,580, 580A Pleasant Street. Meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, May 27, 2015 at 9 a.m. in Room 12, Norwood Town Hall.

Cemetery Deeds:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to approve and sign the following:

- Mary Ellen Horgan, 12 Inverness Road to Lot C-1832;
- Mary Lehto, 15 Congress Street, Walpole to Lot C-1835
- Ramon S. Lopez, 60 Allendale Parkway to Lot C-1848

Memoranda

Selectmen's Meetings:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to approve as presented Board minutes from May 11, 2015 and May 12, 2015.

Personnel Board:

On motion of Selectman Lyons, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to file correspondence to Robert J. Marsh, Treasurer & Collector regarding a review of position description.

Selectmen's Addenda

Selectman Howard:

Bay State Animal Cooperative:

On motion of Selectman Howard, Seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted to change the hours back to the original hours requested from 10-2.

314 Dean Street

House looks like they don't care about appearance but that is not the case. The fence is damaged and it is the towns fault. He said that he brought this to manager's attention two months ago. Snow plowing damage. Please take care of that. Manager said he has 15-20 problems with damaged fences. He will pay particular attention to this one.

Chairman Bishop

Beverly DeFlaminies

She has passed away – was a town hall employee, 12 years in the Assessor's Office. Mother of 7 and grandmother of 17. Her husband Sam was a Norwood Firefighter and he passed away about ten weeks ago. They were loving and caring people. He offered prayers to the entire family on their loss. Selectman Donohue said that she was also the sister of Dolores Elias.

Selectman Donohue

Memorial Day

thank you to everyone who participated in the parade and to all the people who came out. Biggest crowd in maybe ten years. Weather was perfect. Good tribute to our veterans and all those we remember.

Selectman Plasko:

Memorial Day

Selectman Howard did an excellent job and he thanked him for his speech. The Board thanked Selectman Howard for representing the Board so well.

Manager's Agenda

Appointments of Kevin Shaughnessy and Daniel Morrissey to Assistant Superintendents Electric Light Department.

Manager has appointed them. Both have electrical engineering bachelors and masters in business administration. He will begin the process of hiring an electrical engineer to bring the Department to full strength. Selectman Lyons and Plasko congratulations-both great qualified candidates.

Manager's Executive Session

The following item was presented to the Board for Executive Session but was handled in open session.

19 Vernon Street

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

Adjournment

No other business being presented for consideration, on motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to adjourn and the meeting was adjourned accordingly at 7:45 p.m.

A True Record.

ATTEST: _____
Clerk