

Regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen convened at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, August 4, 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. – Chief William G. Brooks III, NPD:

Chief Brooks discussed his monthly report of the department's activities. He introduced Officer Derek Wennerstrand who is a field training officer was recently honored, along with Sergeant Christopher Flanagan for lifesaving efforts to save a man on Christmas night. The Chief then introduced newly appointed Officer Enid Miller from Broward County in Florida. She is an Iraqi war veteran who served with the military police and is fluent in Spanish. Chief Brooks recently hired Sue Morse, a civilian, to take the place of Cindy Keady who moved up to the Chief's secretary position. Detective Gover investigated a sexual assault on a young boy and subsequently placed a Norfolk Agricultural School teacher under arrest. The Chief mentioned that currently there are three police officers in the Academy; Rick McGowan, Brendan Green, and Kyle Cordeiro and added that if he were still hiring under Civil Service he would not have been able to hire Officer Miller.

Chairman Bishop welcomed the new officer and congratulated her on her background. Selectman Plasko thanked Officer Miller and said her past is impressive. Selectman Donohue asked Officer Miller if she knew of two Norwood brothers on the Broward County Police Force. Officer Miller stated she knew of one of them. Selectman Howard welcomed Officer Miller. Chairman Bishop closed by telling the Chief that good leadership brings about good results.

7:15 P.M. – Anthony J. Greeley, Chief, NFD:

Chief Greeley discussed his monthly report of department activity and thanked the Board for excusing his absence from the meeting last month. His father has been very ill. There was a two-alarm fire on Belleview Avenue on June 30 that took considerable time to get control over. Surrounding towns provided mutual aid during that event. The fire originated in the wiring of the house. In June, members of the department were deployed to Webster, MA as a part of District Four Structural Task Force. The state fire mobilization plan is very seldom used but in this case, it was to assist with a mill fire that burned for fifty-three hours. The Chief spoke about Tommy Collins, a retired firefighter who passed away recently. Mr. Collins was a caring man who loved the Town of Norwood and the Chief offered the condolences of his department. Selectman Donohue talked about Tommy Collins and his work on the veteran's memorial corners in town. Mr. Collins did the research and provided programs for the ceremonies. He will be remembered in the history of the town. Chief Greeley reported that long-term firefighter Lazzaro, who fell off a roof in November, returned to full duty on August 2nd. Selectman Howard inquired about Firefighter Lazzaro, who was injured when he fell twenty-five feet, and wished him the best.

Selectman Lyons stated he saw the feature on Firefighter Lazzaro on TV and on Facebook. It is amazing that Firefighter Lazzaro got back so quickly. He inquired about the fire in Webster that NFD assisted with. Chief Greeley read the letter of thanks he received from the Webster department. He said three chiefs attended. The last time this group was activated was for the tornado in Brimfield. He stated it is pre-determined who goes and when. Participation does not leave the department short as the Chief back-fills with the overtime account. If a department is in dire straits, they can opt out of participating. The program is managed through MEMA.

Selectman Plasko inquired as to whether one of Norwood's engines is still in Canton. The Chief said it is there but just in reserve; he is letting them hold it for seven to ten days, which saves money for Norwood and helps Canton.

Chief Anthony Greely – (cont'd):

Chairman Bishop said he was thankful that Firefighter Lazzaro is back in action. He spoke briefly about Tommy Collins and John Gorman, both former Norwood firefighters who passed away recently. They were shining examples and will be missed.

7:30 P.M – ARL Healthcare, Inc., Marimed Advisors, Robert Fireman:

Robert Fireman, President of Marimed Advisors, which is an advisor of ARL introduced himself. Chris Riley, an advisor to ARL Healthcare and Raymond White, Chief Operating Officer of the Thomas C. Slater Compassion Center in Providence introduced themselves. Mr. Fireman expressed appreciation to the Board for hearing them. He explained that the State of Massachusetts has reopened the applications for the filing of medical marijuana facilities and that presents the opportunity for individuals and non-profits and the towns that put so much effort into this almost two years ago to get the benefit of a facility and to serve the patients of its town. They are seeking the support of this Board on behalf of the Town.

Mr. Riley began his presentation, saying the state has embarked on a new process for licensure of registered medical marijuana dispensaries, which affords organizations like ARL Healthcare to demonstrate their intent to apply for a license to operate. The Department of Public Health is undertaking this three-stage process. First is a letter indicating intent to apply. If they are invited to apply, the DPH will ask for an overview of management and operations procedures. The final step of the DPH review process involves the site where the dispensary will be located. DPH is asking that applicants receive from the town in which they want to locate, a letter of support or non-opposition to the proposal to see that the facility conforms to local zoning rules. Their organization is interested in opening in Norwood because they are local to Massachusetts and understands the needs of a community such as Norwood. In addition, they have a great deal of experience in the industry, demonstrated by a facility they are aligned with in Providence Rhode Island. They are health care driven; with a mission to help patients receive medicine their doctor's say can help their condition. Security is the final piece of what they do, which is vitally important. ARL is proposing to operate at 625 University Avenue, providing retail sale of medicine to licensed patients of the state along with cultivation of organic medicine at the facility. They feel they could be a tremendous resource for the people in this area in addition to being a good neighbor. This location is good for a number of reasons. In Norfolk County, the State DPH will open only two facilities, one in Brookline and one in Quincy so there is a need in this area for a facility. Mr. Riley then spoke about the team he is working with. Their president Ken Housman, a Newton resident, is president of ARL and a member of the board. His family's business, Armitron, which is based in Malden, has been operating for ninety-five years. Gerald McGraw is the COO of Thomas C. Slater Compassion Center in Providence, which has been in operation since April of 2013. John Levine is ARL CFO and has worked in commercial real estate in Norwood for years. Elizabeth Doss, a registered nurse, will be COO. She is a resident of Taunton and has vast experience in hospice care. Timothy Shaw will be the Director of Cultivation. Ray White will be the Director of Security. He currently serves at the Slater facility in Providence. Prior to that, he served twenty-five years with the Rhode Island State Police. This will be a secure facility for patients to access medicine and the community can feel comfortable. Mr. White said he has a good relationship with law enforcement in the area of the Slater House and has had no issues due to proper planning, cameras, and security. Mr. Riley said the organization is local, sensitive to community and has demonstrated experience in the industry. He invited the Board to tour the Providence facility.

Selectman Howard asked Mr. Fireman if he had made a previous presentation to this Board. Mr. Fireman said he had but under the new law, in compliance with the Baker administration, nothing done in the past matters and they are starting fresh. Selectman Lyons asked how many towns they are applying to. Mr. Fireman said they have made inquiries in Middleboro. Selectman Lyons asked if cultivation had been part of their last presentation and Mr. Fireman confirmed it had. He inquired about the strain of marijuana that is helpful to children with seizures and asked if ARL would be cultivating that product here. Mr. Fireman said that would definitely be one of the types they would be cultivating. Selectman Plasko inquired about the corporation being new and Mr. Riley explained that the only new member is Mr. Housman, who is the president of the non-profit organization applying for the license. This is a

ARL Healthcare, Inc.,-(cont'd):

different corporation because the principal of the last corporation is no longer applying. Selectman Plasko inquired about the relationship between the dispensary and cultivation. Mr. Fireman said licensees are allowed to have a cultivation location in a separate town from the dispensary; it is good security to have it all in one spot. The law provides for one cultivation facility to service three sites, so ARL Healthcare could apply for three dispensary sites and have one cultivation site to service all three. Although this is non-profit in Massachusetts, they will not apply for tax benefits under non-profits. They would look to the Board for guidance in offering support to local events, causes, sports teams, etc.

Selectman Donohue asked what the next step would be. Mr. Riley stated the first stage in the application process is to submit notice of intent to apply. The second phase you have to be invited into to provide an overview of the operations and management team. The Department of Public Health then reviews the information then the process goes to the third phase, which is the siting phase. The applicant has to tell DPH where the facility will be located and provide documents from the town showing that zoning requirements are met. Mr. Fireman explained they want to be prepared and will make sure they are in compliance with zoning and regulations. Upon Selectman Donohue's request, he invited the Norwood Board of Health to tour the Rhode Island facility. When asked about cultivating product in Norwood and dispensing to other entities Mr. Fireman that could only be done with approval from the State but that is not their intent today. The Board can limit and direct them in that regard.

Selectman Lyons made a motion, seconded by Selectman Donohue, to offer a letter of non-opposition to ARL. He stated this process has been delayed too long already and hopefully this will work out. Selectman Plasko stated he would vote against this motion tonight on the grounds of timing, as the Board has not yet heard from the other company presenting tonight. Chairman Bishop concurred. Selectman Lyons, seconded by Selectman Donohue voted 2-3 to offer a letter of non-opposition for a medical marijuana license for cultivation and dispensary. Selectmen Howard, Plasko, and Chairman Bishop opposed and the motion failed.

7:50 P.M. – Massachusetts Patient Foundation, Inc., Daniel Kartin, COO:

Joseph Lekach, Mass. Patient Foundation, Valerio Romano, VGR Law presenting information regarding applying for a Medical Marijuana Dispensary. Present were Joseph Lekach, Advisor to MPF, Valerio Armano, and Attorney for the foundation. Daniel Kartin, Chief Operating Officer. Attorney Armano addressed the Board, explaining that he has been doing this for the past several years with some success. He has put together a model of how to work with local communities while going through process of applying for a license for Medical Marijuana Dispensary and stated this has been the focus of his law practice for the last few years. Attorney Armano said he has worked with this foundation and done background checks on every single member of the foundation. It is important for the Town to take a close look at who is coming in. The permitting process affords towns the opportunity to scrutinize applicants' plans. He explained that the Town is not restricted to offering only one letter of non-opposition. He spoke about security, stating that MPF is working with Lantel, a Norwood based communications and security company. The representative from Lantel was unable to attend the meeting this evening. Attorney Armano said the MPF does not plan to cultivate in Norwood but wants to have a world-class retail facility. Opening a facility will eliminate hardship cultivation registrations, which a patient can get if a dispensary is out of product. He stated the foundation is non-profit but not a charitable organization, meaning they are held to charitable organization standards but they do not have the tax benefits. Part of the foundation's proposal is recommendation for a roaming substance abuse counsellor, and helping out law enforcement. They are willing to work with the town on excise tax on the sale of marijuana.

Mr. Lekach introduced himself and gave an overview of his background. He attended Babson College and started a business with his brother. He was involved in a family owned perfume business that was very successful. Other members of the team are Daniel Kartin, COO, Andrew Mark Young and Michael Thompson, who will do the cultivation. In addition, they have a diverse Board of Directors. They are looking to purchase one of two potential facilities in Norwood. Selectman Lyons inquired about the cultivation process. Mr. Lekach said Mr. Thompson will be in this area some of the time but will also be

Massachusetts Patient Foundation, Inc., (cont'd)

able to remotely control the process from Colorado. Selectman Lyons then asked if this organization had every worked in a dispensary and they said they had not. He asked about the Chief of security. Mr. Lekach said they are working the LanTel team and they have worked with other Registered Marijuana Dispensaries. He states that home delivery is very important to them. Selectman Donohue addressed Attorney Romano asking if he was a member of the Massachusetts Bar. Selectman Donohue told Attorney Romano that when he spoke of host community packages and mitigation, she felt he didn't think his concept could stand on its own. They should be able to convince this Board of the product being worthy without making some kind of offer. She would rather hear more that it is a medical facility, and they should be stressing the fact that they would be providing medicine to sick people.

Attorney Romano tried to explain his attitude during his presentation. His organization would be amendable to any way they could be responsible citizens. The two locations they are looking at are 51 Morgan Drive and 244 Vanderbilt Avenue. Selectman Donohue inquired about the proximity to children, etc. and asked how this Board could give a letter if they don't have a location. Selectman Lyons stated no motion is necessary as this presentation is information only.

8:10 P.M. –P.H. Town Pizza, 20 Broadway:

Ms. Tseklenis addressed the Board regarding application for a CV License, stating she sees this as a great opportunity to open a pizza place. She has thirty-two years experience in the pizza business. Chairman Bishop asked where former business was located. Ms. Tseklenis said Dracut, MA. She will be working with her husband, son, daughter, and son-in-law. She plans eventually to move a little closer to Norwood. Selectman Lyons inquired about the beer and wine license formerly associated with that location. It is no longer held there. Chairman Bishop told the applicant her paperwork was in order. On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to close the public hearing and on motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to approve the CV license application.

New Business

North East Grid League/Crossfit Automile, Melissa McManus:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Lyons, voted to approve request for One Day Malt Beverage License for August 15, 2015.

Joseph Gleason Right of Way agent Verizon New England and Norwood Light Department:

On motion of Selectman Lyons, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to set a public hearing on pole relocation petition on Pleasant Street.

MAPC:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Lyons, voted to file information regarding municipal elections to the Boston Region Metropolitan Planning Organization.

Janelle Kelleher, Norwood High School, Lemelson-MIT Inven Team Project:

On motion of Selectman Lyons, seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted to send a letter of endorsement and support from the Board on behalf of the citizens of Norwood as they move forward to becoming one of the Final 15 with their invention design. In March they were notified that the design proposed by Norwood High School Engineering and Robotics students has advanced to the National Finalist round of Lemelson-MIT's InvenTeams competition. Selectman Howard noted that this program is run by Dr. Crowley and he has brought engineering and robotics forward at the High school. Selectman Donohue pointed out that Janelle Kelleher is former Selectman Gerry Kelleher's daughter. Chairman Bishop gave some background on the project, which is a retractable awning.

Norwood Knights of Columbus, Council No. 252, John Paras:

On motion of Selectman Donohue seconded by Selectman Lyons, voted to approve request for one day AAB and Dance Permit for Saturday, August 8, 2015 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday August 15, 2015 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

MWRA Advisory Board:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Lyons, voted to file itinerary for Annual Field Trip on Thursday, August 20, 2015.

LaMarche Associates, 54 Hartford Street, Westwood:

On motion of Selectman Lyons, seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted to file notice of casualty loss at 500 Providence Highway and 7-11 Beacon Ave.

Frank Fullerton, 20 Longwood Terrace:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Lyons, voted to file correspondence regarding privacy fence between his property and the Riverside property.

Robert J. Marsh, Treasurer & Collector:

On motion of Selectman Lyons, seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted to sign notice that the Board will receive paperwork for their signature for the MWRA bond offering for \$500,000, which was voted at the STM of May 11, 2015 under Article #23. This is for the MWRA local water system assistance program related to rehabilitation and replacement of water mains and water system improvements.

Marybeth Waite:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Lyons, voted to file request to sell raffle tickets at Summerfest for Journey to Parenthood as the request has been withdrawn.

Cemetery Deeds:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted to approve Russell Ayoug, 45 Dean Street to Lot C-1146.

Jill Reddish, Verizon, FIOS TV:

On motion of Selectman Lyons, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to file information under Section 7 of Cable TV License statistical information concerning telephone availability and on time performance for prior quarter and treat the information as proprietary.

Peter M. Costello, 106 East Cross Street:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted to approve application and appoint Mr. Costello a Constable. Mr. Costello applied previously in 2012 and all letters of reference are in his first application with additional updated information.

Boch Awards-2015

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to approve list as submitted by the Chair. Award information to be available on Town website Thursday afternoon.

Trish Monahan, Hessco Elder Services:

On motion of Selectman Lyons, seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted to approve request to use the community room at the police station Wednesday, October 14, 2015 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. to hold monthly SHINE meeting.

Sharon Elias Weiskerger, 10 Angela Drive, Foxboro, MA:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted to allow sandwich boards at Prospect and Washington and Walnut and Washington to promote Class of '70 reunion.

Madhusudhan Gaddam, 21 Atlantic Court, East Walpole:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Lyons, voted to set up public hearing on request for CV License to operate Paradise Biryani Pointe, 1200 Boston Providence Turnpike.

Unfinished Business

Planning Board:

Submitting memorandum that the majority of the Planning Board believes the Selectmen should consider dissolving the 1.5% Task Force for the attached reasons. The Planning Board also requests that the Selectmen allow the Town Planner Paul Halkiotis to step down from the Task Force. Selectman Plasko pointed out that all the points made by the Planning Board in their letter are correct. The committee did what it was asked to do and then some. Chairman Bishop read a memo from Town Counsel expressing concern for confidentiality for the Town's appeal. On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Lyons, voted to dissolve the 1.5% Task Force. Selectman Howard commended the members.

Chairman Bishop commended Asst. Town Engineer Andrew Murphy, and Town Planner Paul Halkiotis, for their work on the task force. He thanked Planning Board Chair Joseph Sheehan.

ABCC:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Lyons, voted to file final approval of transfer of license from Norwood Wines & Liquors, Inc. – Anthony Fruci, to Shree Yamunama, Inc. with pledge of license to Rockland Trust.

Memoranda

Norfolk County Commissioners:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted to send Treasurer the Assessors notice of tax for fiscal year, July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 for \$218,462.76.

Mark G. Chubet, Inspector of Buildings:

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

- a. Copy of correspondence to Charles Wright, 26 Orleans Road regarding 41, 45 and 47 Wilson Street Group Homes.
- b. Copy of the "A Legal Guide to the Siting of Community-based Social Service Programs and Special Needs Schools.

Selectmen's Meeting:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Lyons, voted to approve as written of the Board minutes of July 7 and July 14, 21, 2015.

Selectmen's Addenda

Selectman Lyons

Donna LeRoy

Mrs. LeRoy is retiring from her position as Business Manager and will be leaving a huge hole. She did a better job than anyone could. On motion of Selectman Lyons, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to send Mrs. LeRoy a letter of commendation for her service.

Medical Marijuana Dispensary

His motion was to try to move the process forward. He was well aware of ARL and comfortable with both their operation in Providence and their experience. The motion was not to issue a license or rubber stamp the application because they have to meet state and town criteria. He wanted to move the process because it has been stalled in this state and it needs to happen. Over seventy percent of the voters of this town support this. People are suffering and it is criminal to keep it in limbo as long as we have.

Medical Marijuana Dispensary –(cont'd):

Selectman Plasko said that he has had enough time now to decide. Selectman Howard said two years ago he was against a dispensary in town but since then has been in contact with people with debilitating illness looking for assistance through medical items that did not help them at all. They need medical marijuana. He now believes we need a dispensary in Norwood and supports going forward and approving ARL application for a dispensary. Chairman Bishop agreed saying there is a need to ease the pain of those who are suffering.

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to reconsider Selectman Lyons's former motion and provide a letter of non-opposition to ARL. On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to send Massachusetts Patient Foundation a letter advising them that the Board has chosen not to offer a letter of support or of non-opposition.

Selectman Donohue

Washington at George Street

Directed the Manager to have Mr. Ryan look at Washington Street near George Street as it has bad surfaces. There was work done there and the road was not repaired properly.

Longwood Terrace.

He received a letter from resident that it has never been repaired and asked manager to look at area.

Selectman Howard

Dean and Washington

He was told the repairs to the intersection of Dean and Washington Streets would be done at the end of August. That is unreasonable since the gas company work in that area is complete, and someone should fix it as soon as possible.

Elections

There is concern about the turnout for elections. On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to authorize Chairman to appoint a committee to look into this.

Ice bucket challenge

Selectman Bishop and he took the challenge hoping general government employees would contribute to ALS. The donations will be sent to ALS Massachusetts office at Norwood Park South. Selectman Howard challenged the Chiefs Brooks and Greeley and Chairman Bishop challenged Linda Berger.

Chairman Bishop

Noise complaints at Lorusso

Informed Manager he received two additional complaints about noise. One was about O'Brien Paving at 10 p.m. and the other was close to midnight. He directed the Manager to speak with Mr. Lorusso as soon as possible about the noise.

East Cross Street.

A gentleman from East Cross Street had plow damage to his fence this past winter. He made a formal request on April 2nd to the Manager's Office and on April 15th he received a letter stating this request would be put on the list and would get done. He has yet to hear anything. He also sent emails to DPW with no reply. He got tired of waiting and replaced the fence on his own. Mr. Carroll said the gentleman should forward the bill to the Manager's Office.

Pops Night

Chairman read letter from an out of town attendee of Pops Night expressing thanks.

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to forward the letter to the Concerts on the Common Committee.

Manager's Agenda

FYI the proposed work for the replacement of the Guild Street Bridge in September 2016.

Manager's Executive Session

Undeveloped land off Deerfield Road / Neponset River:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Plasko and roll call vote of Chairman Bishop and Selectmen Lyons and Howard, voted unanimously to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing purchase of land as discussion in open session could be detrimental to the Town's position.

Adjournment

Upon returning to open session and no other matters being presented for discussion, on motion of Selectman Lyons, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to adjourn and the meeting was adjourned accordingly at 9:40 p.m.

A True Record.

ATTEST: _____
Assistant