

Regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen convened at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, September 22, 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, Clerk Frances L. Jessoe and Assistant Christina Mulvehill.

Appointments

7:00 P.M. – Gerald Miller, Supt., Recreation Dept.:

Submitting monthly report of department's activities.-Appointment cancelled

7:00 P.M.–Laura DiCenso, Jennifer Sullivan, Erica Young, Lilly & Beau, 61 Endicott Street:

Ms. DiCenso, Ms. Sullivan and Ms. Young submitted an application for Second Hand Dealer's License. They are three moms who decided to open a high-end children's clothing boutique, a business that they see prospering in other towns and on line. Chairman Bishop asked if they were impressed by the mill. Selectman Howard asked if they would be leasing space from another business or taking consignment items. They will not be doing either of those things. To date they have collected their own children's clothes and clothes from friends and family. They might open up to consigning but do not consider themselves a consignment shop. Selectman Lyons asked if they would be selling only clothing. They will not be selling jewelry. On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Plasko voted to approve the application and waive sections two and four through eight inclusive of Junk Dealer's by-law.

7:15 P.M. –Gyro and Kebab House, 1275 Boston Providence Turnpike:

Ms. Akyol was present submitting application for CV license to operate Gyro and Kebab House. She gave an outline of the proposed restaurant. It would be fast food Turkish cuisine, similar to Greek cuisine. Items will not be pricey and she will use only good quality ingredients featuring healthy grilled meats and vegetables. There will be nothing fried or frozen. She would like to be open six days a week from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. They may apply for a beer and wine license in a year, depending on customers and traffic. The restaurant is located in the same mall as Golden Abacus. Selectman Lyons inquired about the kitchen equipment. Ms. Akyol said all the equipment was already there. Menu items will include lamb and chicken kebabs, Turkish tea and coffee. Ms. Akyol has thirteen years of experience in the restaurant business, including working as a GM in a New York City restaurant. Selectman Lyons asked if she was familiar with safe food handling procedures and Ms. Akyol said she was recently re-certified for food safety. In response to Selectman Lyons's questions Ms. Akyol told the Board she was not purchasing the business, she is leasing it from the property owner and she would hire family and others. The Chairman then asked if anyone from the public wished to speak. Seeing none, on motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted to close the hearing. On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to approve the CV license.

7:30 P.M. Exec.Session - Murphy, Hesse, Toomey & Lehane, Attorneys John Flynn Karis North:

Re: Possible pending legal action

New Business

Selectmen's Meetings:

On motion of Selectman Lyons, seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted to meet as proposed in the Holiday schedule—December 1, 8, 15 and take off, December 22 ,29 and resume January 5th.

Julie Amato, Ocean State Job Lot, North Kingston, RI:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Lyons to approve request to be open on Black Friday, November 27, 2015 from midnight to 11 p.m. They have received permission for the past 5 years.

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

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to approve request for one day AAB and Dance Permit for Saturday, Sept. 26, 2015 from 8 p.m. to midnight; Saturday, October 3, 2015 from 1-5 p.m. and Saturday October 17, 2015 from 7 p.m. to midnight.

Codman Road area:

a. Paul Kohisaat, 91 Codman Road:

Submitting e-mail with video describing the increased traffic in the Codman Road area.

b. Barbara Riker, 107 Codman Road:

Submitting additional e-mail regarding traffic issues in the Codman Road area.

Selectman Donohue commented on the efficiency of the video taken of the boy walking along the side of the road. Chairman Bishop described the problem with drivers cutting through neighborhoods to avoid traffic on Everett and Route 1. Town government has become aware of it. We are trying to move traffic along in that area but also protect children. They had a conference call yesterday with state, fire, police, public works, and all involved are concerned about the problem. They will make changes over the next 3-4 weeks. They met with the residents and informed them there will be signs "No entrance 6:30 a.m.- 9:30 a.m. and police will enforce. Selectman Howard said people hoping to avoid traffic on 95 go to Route 1 and those avoiding Route 1 go to Washington, Pleasant, etc. Chairman Bishop said it is being addressed. On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Lyons, voted to approve traffic change in those hours, locations and posting of signs at Madeline and Neponset, Washington and Forbes.

Ivy Maiorino, Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to file notice that the ABCC has issued a Farmer Brewery license for 31 Astor Avenue, Norwood.

Margaret Fox, 67 Ellis Avenue:

Submitting letter in opposition to a dog park in the area behind Ellis Nursing Home. Chairman Bishop explained this site will be withdrawn from the list of possible dog park locations.

Boston Region Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

Submitting Municipal Election to the Boston Region Metropolitan Planning Organization. The Board must nominate the Chairman as the designated representative for the Three Rivers Interlocal Council Sub-Region of the MAPC. The seat is currently held by the Town of Norwood through its Chairman with Tom O'Rourke of the Neponset Valley Chamber of Commerce serving as the Chairman's designee. Does the Board wish to continue as regional representative to the MPO and with Mr. O'Rourke as the designee? On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted to nominate Chairman Bishop as designated representative with Mr. O'Rourke as the designee.

Unfinished Business

2016 License Fees:

- a. Submitting for consideration current license fees for 2015. Does the Board wish to increase any license fees -- Includes Liquor, Entertainment, Automatic Amusement, etc.?
- b. Survey of surrounding towns license fees.

2016 License Fees-(cont'd):

Selectman Plasko stated as difficult as it is to raise fees, it is the obligation of the Board in Town financial policies to keep them up to date. They have not been raised in a few years but the economy is turning around and we should increase fees modestly. On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to increase license fees as follows: AAB Restaurant license fee by \$100 it to \$3100, WMB Restaurant by \$100, AAB Package Store to \$2100, WMB Package to \$1300, Club and Innholders fees to remain the same. Taxi license to increase to \$1000 for first license and \$100 for each additional license with annual renewal fee of \$200. Limo license issuance to \$1000 and renewal to \$200. Fee for liquor license application will be increased to \$200. Selectman Donohue asked if there would be a change to lodging house license. Selectman Plasko clarified lodging house fee would increase to \$100, and there will be no change to Innholder AAB, One Day License, Bowling alley, Comedy, Billiard/Pool, etc. The vote was 3-1 in favor with Chairman Bishop opposing and Selectman Donohue abstaining.

Mark Ryan, Director of Public Works and Town Engineer:

On motion of Selectman Lyons, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to file copy of e-mail sent to the state requesting a meeting with Mary Joe Perry and others who can work with the town to alleviate the traffic problems caused by the recent safety improvements at Route One/University Ave./Everett Street and Washington Street/Everett Street. The issue was addressed earlier and the Town will be kept informed.

Memoranda

Supt. Gerry Miller:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to accept the monthly report of Recreation Department activities. In his report Mr. Miller thanked Norwood Bank, Ellis Nursing Home, UTI, Gillooly, Lustra Cleaners, Central Jeep and others for their support and donations. In addition, he thanked the Police, Light, Fire and Public Works departments.

Thomas J. McQuaid, Town Clerk & Accountant:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to file notification that Joseph Greeley was elected Chair of the Finance Commission.

Selectman Plasko recommended going into executive session with counsel to discuss pending legal matters and also purchase of land that was tabled. Selectman Lyons requested that the Selectmen's addenda be handled prior to that.

Selectmen's Addenda

Selectman Howard

Household Hazardous Waste

Saturday is Hazardous Waste Day at the landfill. It is quicker if you wait until half hour after it starts.

Westover Parkway

On Saturday a resident of Westover Parkway was observed carrying a barrel of yard waste across the street and dump it in the median where the stream is. I have talked to the Manager and Mr. Ryan about this and move to have them put together a letter to be hand delivered to all residences that abut Westover Parkway stating "No yard waste will be put in the median. Many people put pesticides on lawns and the clippings go into the stream. In addition, would include no parking on the median and possibly add signage and have police do more patrolling. Selectman Donohue said it is a good idea but don't know if we have to send letters. Selectman Howard stated the signs will say no dumping. Selectman Lyons liked the idea of letters because some people might not be aware of the problems it causes and he supported the motion. Selectman Plasko added that a letter is the way to go if we the goal is to ask residents to comply. If it were posted, then there would have to be enforcement. Selectman Lyons seconded the motion and the Board voted 4-1 in favor of sending letters to abutting neighbors informing them of the situation and asking them not to dump in the area. Selectman Donohue opposed.

Selectman Donohue

Balch School

Alan Stampfl who went to Balch school is now a famous weather man who loves Norwood so much he brought a TV crew from Philadelphia and filmed there for three hours. Jack Tolman of NPATV interviewed Mr. Stampfl and the children of the Balch School were so happy to have him there. He was very good with the children and talked about his memories of the school.

Selectman Lyons

Sheriff's Office

Sheriff Belotti sent a letter regarding the opiate epidemic in the suburbs. He has requested meeting with this Board to create dialog. Recommend either having him in or meeting with him. On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to ask him in.

Chairman Bishop

Hazardous Waste recycling day.

He read list of items that will be accepted and stated participants must have identification that you are a Norwood resident to take part. Please do not block driveways of residents on Winter Street.

Fundraiser

Donn Dickson of Sir Pugsley and Lady Jules at 1145 Washington Street would like to hold a fundraiser to benefit the Norwood Animal Shelter. They are requesting to block off Weld Avenue from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, October 10th and set up a tent to sell various items. Selectman Donohue asked whether the people in the area had been consulted and if the Board could be informed of how people feel about this. Chairman Bishop asked the Clerk to reach out to the individual who wants to run the event to see if they can make the necessary changes and possible alternative to tent.

Masons

The Masons are holding a donation event to benefit Food Pantry, Project Smile, and Shelter for Homeless Veterans. They would like to put one or two A-frame signs in town before the event. On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to approve the request to place signs.

Executive Session

Possible purchase of land (tabled from Sept. 8, and Sept. 15, 2015)

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Lyons and on roll call vote of Chairman Bishop and Selectmen Donohue and Howard, voted to enter executive session to discuss possible pending legal action and purchase of land.

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 8:46 p.m.

A True Record.

Attest: _____
Assistant