

Regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen convened at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, October 13, 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.- Stanley Gaw-Norwood Freemasons:

RE: Masonic Donation Day and Open House-October 17, 2015. Mr. Gaw introduced District Deputy Grand Master for the 6<sup>th</sup> District Glenn Kubick and Robert Vartanian of the Westwood. Mr. Kubick thanked the Board for their time and discussed the activities of the Masons. He stated that their Lodge predates the revolutionary war. They have been very much a part of the community and some of their community efforts consist of running the TONY awards, Teacher of the Year, donating to the Food Pantry, etc. He said that they also have an Angel Fund that helps youth that have a financial need. These young people are identified through the school systems-they may need a coat or a pair of glasses. The Masons also took part in the Memorial Day Parade. On Sat. Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> they are opening up the doors to the public and asking for donations for Project Smile-of stuffed animals and crayons, etc. These things are given out by the Police and Fire Department when they respond to emergencies where there are young children involved. They are also asking for food donations for the Food Pantry.

Selectman Donohue welcomed them and thanked them. She spoke about Bob Vartanian's father who was in charge of protecting the Pope when he visited years ago. Stan Gaw and his wife are well known in Town. Selectman Donohue stated that the Masons was a secretive or private organization in the past, but that is no longer the case and she told about an opportunity she once had to visit a temple.

Mr. Gaw pointed out that people don't always realize that the Shriners are Masons and the Masons donate the money to keep Shriners Burn Hospitals going. They also provide places for the families of victims to stay. They once airlifted a girl from Nicaragua to bring her here for treatment. He appreciated this opportunity to make the community aware of the organization.

7:05 P.M. – Anthony J. Greeley, Chief, NFD:

Chief Greeley spoke of the Fire department's connection with the Masons and the burn program they have. He then discussed the department's activities. September was typical and there were a couple of fires during that month. On September 23<sup>rd</sup> there was a kitchen fire in one of the twelve unit buildings at Old Derby Village that came in around 6pm. Group 4 worked that fire, led by Captain Mike Costello and Lt. David Hayes and kudos to them for limiting damage and solving life safety issues. There was another small fire at lunchtime at 371 Nahatan Street on a deck that was melting the outside of the home. That fire was handled by Group 2.

The Chief addressed Selectman Howard's question from last month about non-transport calls. Some of those calls are motor vehicle accidents with no injuries. Some were lift assists with elderly who have fallen and need help. Others are public assists if a sick or weak person needs help getting out of the car and into home. Some are third party calls from other agencies who think they need our help. Some are sudden deaths and some are treat and release. By trend the non- transport statistic is always over one hundred. Selectman Howard thanked the Chief for the effort.

This month is fire prevention month. Smoke detectors in homes should be checked twice per year. Their life span is typically ten years. Removing clutter helps, as does keeping passages and exits clear. Evacuation plans are important. Heating systems should be kept clear within the five-foot circumference of the heat source.

Chief Greeley-(cont'd)

Chief Greeley spoke about the open house at the Fire Department last Saturday. He thanked Papa Ginos and Dunkin Donuts for their donations. Centre Auto body donated a car that was used to demonstrate the jaws of life. The even went very well. Selectman Howard said he was at the event and thanked the Chief and the employees for all the demonstrations that day.

Selectman Donohue spoke about two firefighters who lost their lives out west. Chief Greeley said so much can go wrong and they must rely on training and practice.

Selectman Plasko asked the Chief if he was involved in the accident at the George Sullivan Bridge at the Fish and Game Club. The Chief reported there were injuries that were not totally severe but one victim was transported to Boston.

7:15 P.M. – Norwood Public Access Television:

NPA Board President Scott P. Murphy, spoke on behalf of the board. He announced that NPA was chosen as #1 public access station in the country for its size, which is a testament to the staff, Jack Tolman, Mike Maloof, Erika McLaughlin and Meaghan Staffiere. The Board will be getting announcements about the next round of awards. Currently they have some capital projects. They are in the process of getting a new mobile broadcast vehicle and are updating the headend at the high school to HD as well. He has requested that all three cable companies give NPA an HD channel. Mr. Murphy said they are on a five-year major upgrade schedule. He spoke about past technical issues here at Selectmen's Chamber with the Comcast signal. Comcast is almost finished with their upgrade and the signal is good now. Mr. Murphy said he worked closely with Comcast during the difficulties and they were good to work with. He has a good relationship with them.

Gerry Slater talked about the partnership between NPA and Norwood Public Schools and the youth of the town. The studio at the high school is state of the art and NPA supplies equipment in classrooms including the laptops and software the TV students use. In addition, they employ several of the students. NPA offers a youth video club that starts with middle schoolers, and Lights, Camera, Summer is a one-week summer program that had three sessions this past summer and both of these programs are free. Former Norwood High School students have gone on to great broadcasting schools and NPA currently employs three NHS TV graduates. The partnership works and they are happy to collaborate with Norwood youth.

Selectman Howard asked about equipment issues at the studio. Mr. Murphy said one reason for the upgrade now is to eliminate those issues. He stated that when they redid this entire room, it cost \$50,000, and replaced equipment that only cost \$15,000 when they installed it.

Selectman Plasko told Mr. Murphy it is a pleasure to hear what he is doing with the money supplied and in reviewing the financial documents it looks like the operation is healthy. He thanked Mr. Murphy for what he does. Mr. Murphy said his board tries to be conservative and do a lot of long range planning to continue to operate at a high level.

7:35 P.M. – P.H., National Grid - Andrews, Monroe, Plimpton and Rock Streets:

To install and maintain approximately 50 feet more or less of 4" gas main from gas main in Andrews St., easterly for fifty feet foot to intersection of Monroe and Andrews-325 feet southerly from intersection of Monroe and Andrews to the intersection of Monroe and Plimpton from the intersection of Plimpton and Monroe to the existing gas main in Plimpton. Approximately 155 feet more or less of 4 inch gas main in Rock St., from the intersection of Pleasant to the existing gas main at house #69. Clerk read the notice. Dennis Regan presented the plan. In order to cut off low pressure main on Monroe Street, they have to connect the mains on Plimpton and Andrews and Rock and Pleasant to keep pressure consistent. Selectman Plasko asked if this would help create the loop. Mr. Regan said in order to have a two-way feed it is necessary to connect Plimpton and Andrews through Monroe and Pleasant to Rock Street at house # 69.

P.H., National Grid - Andrews, Monroe, Plimpton and Rock Streets-(cont'd):

The Chairman invited interested members of the public to speak. Mark Roche, a resident at 9 Andrews Street recently moved in to town and is looking for gas hookup. He inquired if this would affect him. Mr. Regan told him they would have to contact Marketing and Sales very quickly. He gave Mr. Roche his contact information and will work with him on this.

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Lyons, voted to close the hearing. On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted to approve the request.

7:50 P.M. – P.H., National Grid- Ridge Road:

To install and maintain approximately 175 feet more or less of 2 inch gas main in Ridge Rd., Norwood. From the existing 4 inch gas main at house #16, westerly to house #6 for a new gas service. The Clerk read the notice and Mr. Regan outlined the request. This job would be two to three days to complete.

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted to close the hearing. On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Lyons, voted to approve the request.

New Business

2016 Licenses:

For the review and approval of the Board. The Board's official signatures have been digitally scanned – list of licensees attached at end of agenda:

- Automatic Amusement Device Licenses
- Class I, II, III Motor Vehicle Licenses
- Common Victualer Licenses
- Innholder's Licenses
- Jukebox Licenses for weekdays
- Limousine Licenses
- Lodging Licenses
- Music/Entertainment for Weekdays/Sundays
- Taxi Cab Licenses
- 24-hour permit opening
- Additional hour permit

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Lyons, voted to approve licenses as listed and revoke as requested by Lynne O'Leary, Neponset Auto Parts, 576 Pleasant Street. Selectman Lyons abstained on the vote on CV licenses.

Jim Henry, Race Director, Winged Foot Running/Norwood Turkey Trot:

- a. Submitting request on behalf of the Norwood High School Boosters to have the Norwood Turkey Trot on Sunday, November 22 at 11 a.m. at Norwood High School.
- b. Submitting request to have the 4<sup>th</sup> Back on My Feet 5K on Friday, January 1, 2016 at 10 a.m. Back on My Feet is a national non-profit that promotes self-sufficiency of the homeless-100% of all profits will go to this non-profit. They are working with the Norwood Police on both races.

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Lyons, voted to approve Norwood Turkey Trot-Sunday, November 22, 2015 at 11 a.m. and Back on My Feet-Friday, January 1, 2016 at 10 a.m.

Chief William G. Brook III, NPD

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Lyons, voted to file as information the annual liquor license inspections prepared by the ABCC Officer Detective Richard Giacoppo.

Mass DOT:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to file as information the reminder about winter salting on Railroad Ave. railway crossing. It has been sent to Mark Ryan.

Firefighter/Paramedic Paul Ronco, Norwood Fire Department:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Lyons, voted to approve the request to hold the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Miles for Liam 5K road race/walk on Sunday, October 24, 2015 at 10 a.m. Registration will be held on the day of the race at 9 a.m. at the Knights of Columbus Parking lot. Officer Murphy has approved the attached route.

Louis J. Caccavaro, Jr. Caccavaro & Seifart, 89 Access Road:

- a. On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Lyons, voted to schedule hearing on request for transfer of All Alcoholic Beverage License from Dublin, Inc., dba Shamrock Pub, 175 Railroad Ave., Mary Gunning Manager to Claddagh House, LLC, 175 Railroad Ave.
- b. On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Lyons, voted to schedule hearing on request for transfer of Lodging House operated by Mary Gunning at 175 Railroad Ave. to Claddagh House.

Debra A. Wilkes, Executive Director, Retirement Board:

On motion of Selectman Lyons, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to file copy of correspondence submitted to the police and fire chief regarding approved Military Leave Service.

Dan Carroll, Norwood Youth Lacrosse:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Lyons, voted to approve request to put sandwich board signs to announce registration for Norwood Youth Lacrosse at the high school rotary, the traffic triangle near Conrad's and the traffic triangle at Dean and Neponset Street.

Philip W. Riley, Chairman, Board of Appeal:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to approve request for an article on the Special Town Meeting regarding reclassification of the Senior Administrative Assistant and the extension of operating hours for the Board from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

James Gormley, Chairman, Norwood School Committee:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to approve request to place the following articles on the Special Town Meeting Warrant: one article for a long-range building study for the school system, one article for math and history materials, and one article for student information system.

Kim Bassett, Interim President, Norwood Hospital:

Submitting request to place the same banner on the hospital commemorating Norwood Hospital's recognition by Healthgrades as a hospital of Distinction in the same location that it is now until April 2016.

Selectman Donohue inquired when the present banner was supposed to be taken down. Chairman Bishop said this past July. Selectman Donohue said Town Counsel referred in his letter to a banner over a public way- but this banner is attached to a private building and is not over a public way. Selectman Donohue said that we should have town counsel take a look at that concept because it is just a temporary sign, and if one person or one entity can get away with it, how is that fair to all the other entities in town who are not allowed to get away with it. We have to have Town Counsel take another look. She stated that they said that the driveway is a public way, so she went along with it, but the sign is not over the way. The banners up town are across the main street and that is over a public way-when it goes from one side of the street to the other.

Kim Bassett, Interim President, Norwood Hospital-(cont'd)

This is a flexible sign attached to the building. Chairman Bishop stated he believed that is a public way. Selectman Donohue said it is not over a public way. Selectman Donohue said she would like to make a motion to have town counsel take another look at this. There was no second and the motion failed.

Selectman Howard said with all due respect, they are getting another award for our hospital and he felt it is a great thing and they should brag about it. Yes, they are putting it on the building, but in his opinion, he didn't think it is a bad thing and felt they should be allowed to do it.

Selectman Donohue asked how this Board could make exceptions; we have zoning laws that we have to live by. She stated that if they want to have a temporary sign, they should apply for a temporary sign, but shouldn't try to pass it off as a banner over a public way. They are welcome to go and apply for a temporary sign. She said that everybody has to go by the rules that we have in place.

Chairman Bishop said if they have their way the existing sign will stay in place until next April and it is to recognize excellence in general surgery. He added that the hospital is being recognized as one of the top 5% of the hospitals in the nation for general surgery, which is quite a feat. Selectman Donohue said in that case they should be willing to do it properly and go for a temporary sign as opposed to under a banner over a way.

Selectman Howard made a motion to approve and Chairman Bishop seconded, for discussion only. Chairman Bishop said we are trying to be more user friendly with Norwood Hospital and we expect them to do the same with us and he chooses not to fight them all the way. He stated that this has been in place for two years and most people don't even know it is there.

Selectman Donohue said other businesses around town are not allowed to have flashing signs because it is not in the zoning by-law, and they aren't allowed to have other types of signs, so what right does the Board have to make a distinction – that it is ok to disobey the law. Chairman Bishop said he feels there is a big distinction between that and a flashing sign.

Selectman Plasko stated that he agrees and disagrees with Selectman Donohue and he doesn't believe that the Board needs another opinion from Town Counsel as he made it pretty clear. However, it still lies with the Board whether or not the sign is appropriate, and he doesn't think it is for some of the reasons that Selectman Donohue mentioned-other companies don't get to do it and it is on a continual basis. He said that last year we stopped the continual basis and told them they could do it through July and they never took it down. He didn't think they showed any good will and he disagreed with Selectman Howard, as he doesn't consider it our hospital. It is a for profit business and he didn't see any reason to treat them differently from any other business. Chairman Bishop stated that as far as being our hospital, he feel that it is a Norwood entity and he recognizes it as our hospital whether it is for profit or non-profit. He thinks it is a great entity to have in the town of Norwood and he personally would like to see the sign stay up.

Selectman Howard made the motion, seconded by Chairman Bishop, to keep the sign in place. Selectmen Donohue and Plasko opposed and the motion failed on a 2-2 vote. (Selectman Lyons had excused himself from the meeting at approximately 8 p.m.)

Deborah A. Henry, Treasurer, Friends of the Morrill Memorial Library:

- a. Submitting request to send out membership forms on behalf of the Friends of the Morrill Memorial Library in the December light bills and an apology for not sending them out in September as requested and approved.
- b. Submitting response from Donna LeRoy, Norwood Light Department that they can be accommodated, but they did not receive notice until the Light Department called the Friends of

Friends of the Morrill Memorial Library-(cont'd)

the Library on the day of the September billing. As many organizations request to send out notices, in the future earlier notice should be required for cancellation to accommodate as many organizations as possible.

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to approve as requested but to give notice to the Friends of the Morrill Memorial Library they must comply with the rules of the Light Department.

Sylvia Compito, Gannett Publishing Service, 565 University Ave.:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to file, with regrets, notification that they will be closing their entire operation at 565 University Ave., Norwood. All employees will be terminated on January 31, 2106, or sometime during a 14-day period thereafter and will receive a transition pay plan.

Spectra Energy, Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC, 8 Wilson Way, Westwood:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to file notification of key personnel and area locations as they operate natural gas pipelines in Norwood and requesting a list of emergency numbers for the Town Clerk's Office and Police & Fire. Also asking us to send a copy of this to our Police and Fire Department.

Cheryl Rogers, Chairperson, Conservation Commission:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to approve request to place an article on the next Special Town Meeting for funding for stenography services.

Lynn N. O'Leary, Neponset Auto Parts, 576 Pleasant Street:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to file notice by phone that she has sold the property. Revocation of the license was addressed earlier in this meeting.

Memoranda

Mark Chubet, Building Inspector:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted to file monthly reports for September 2015.

Selectmen's Meetings:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to approve the Board minutes of September 22 and September 29, 2015

Thomas J. McQuaid, Town Clerk & Accountant:

- a. On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to file copy of correspondence to Kevin P. O'Flaherty, Goulston & Storrs, regarding his request for public records related to the 1.5% Task Force and advising him that the records are not kept in the town Clerk's Office but the Office of the Town Planner
- b. Submitting copy of correspondence to Paul Halkiotis, Town Planner advising him of the above.

Selectmen's Addenda

Selectman Plasko

Mike and Julie Lyons

Wished Mike and Julie happy thirtieth wedding anniversary.

Selectman Howard

Intersection at Central and Washington

There is poor visibility turning from Central to Washington – inquired about putting a round mirror on a pole at the end of Central on Washington to see traffic coming from right.

NPA

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted to have NPA in twice yearly.

Selectman Donohue

Charlie Parker

Mr. Parker passed away this past week. He was a teacher at Balch then a guidance counselor at Norwood High School. He was a wonderful baseball player. He helped out with his wife on the last Hurrah celebration and also set up a display for the Balch one hundred-year anniversary. Mr. Parker was a truly wonderful person who helped thousands of kids guiding them. He will be missed.

Concerts

The classical music concerts that had been held at St. Gabriel Chapel will now be held at the Day House beginning this Sunday.

Chairman Bishop

Shamrock transfer of license

Does the Board want to send notice of the hearing to abutters. Selectman Donohue stated the transfer is interfamily so that is not necessary this time and on motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted against notifying abutters.

Flu Clinic

October 17<sup>th</sup> 9-11 run by Board of Health at Senior Center, for residents fourteen years of age and older. Selectman Howard added there is a dental clinic the same day at same time.

Breast Cancer Awareness Month

The pink tie and handkerchief are for breast cancer awareness month. Early detection is key.

Manager's Agenda

New DPW Facility

The Manager spoke about the open house event to be held November 1, 2015 at the DPW Administration building. He will place sandwich boards around town and send out invitations. Selectman Donohue stressed that the public is invited even if they don't receive an invitation and the Manager confirmed that.

Recommending the Board approve Waste Management donation for Recycler of the Month Contest.

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

Report on the chapel at Highland cemetery

The Manager said it is clear to all that we would not get a substantial amount of money from the State Historical Association. We will need initial money for the design and then more to do the work. On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted to approve placement of article on Special Town Meeting Warrant for the chapel at Highland Cemetery.

For your information a list of possible articles for the Special Town Meeting.

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to include Manager's list of articles in addition to those approved by this Board tonight, and to close warrant next Tuesday, October 20, 2015 and hold town meeting November 16, 2015. Selectman Plasko noted that the possible purchase price of Access Road property is \$2.5 million not \$2.6 million.\

Executive Session:

Police Chief Contract

The Manager is looking for two Selectmen to represent the Board in contract negotiations for the Police Chief. Chairman Bishop appointed Selectmen Donohue and Plasko to that negotiation.

Adjournment

No other business being presented for consideration, on motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted to adjourn and the meeting was adjourned accordingly at 8:20 p.m.

A True Record.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Assistant