

Regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen convened at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, November 10, 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, Michael J. Lyons and Allan D. Howard. Also present General Manager John J. Carroll, Clerk Frances L. Jessoe and Assistant Christina Mulvehill.

Absent: Selectman Helen Abdallah Donohue

### Appointments

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

Chief Greeley commented on the monthly report of department's activities. The month of October was busy. The Chief spoke about the trend in the number of monthly incidences. There were five hundred twenty two incidences during the month of October and he has no idea why that number rises except that Norwood is a busy town. The Fire Department has responded well and the Chief said he will continue to monitor the situation. Last month, Chief Greeley went to the Senior Center for a triad meeting where they talked about safety for the winter, including careful use of space heaters and maintenance of smoke detectors. Chief Greeley announced Firefighters Paul Ronco and Brian Donohue will be recognized as part of a group for the Firefighter of the Year award on November 23, 2015 at 9 a.m. by Governor Baker. Ffs. Ronco and Donohue responded to a call in Westwood where a woman had fallen 30 to 40 feet in a remote location and they worked very hard and saved this woman's life. The Chief explained this was a mutual aid call for Norwood. Chief Greeley congratulated Mr. Carroll on the dedication of the DPW Administration building in his name. He wished the entire DPW the best of luck in the new building. He told Mr. Carroll he couldn't visit him the day before because he didn't want to give away the secret.

Selectman Plasko complimented the firefighters on their recognition and the work they do all the time.

Chairman Bishop commended Lt. Butters for his help on the fire suppression system in a local pub.

#### 7:15 P.M. – Norwood Circle of Hope Foundation. Luminary Night:

Timothy McDonough spoke on behalf of the Circle of Hope. He thanked the Board for inviting them in. Mr. McDonough said the Circle of Hope is getting ready for their 15<sup>th</sup> annual Luminary Night, to be held Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, with a rain date of Sunday, December 5, 2015. Mr. McDonough introduced Lee Kennedy, who began the Circle of Hope Foundation seventeen years ago in memory of her daughter Michelle. Also present were Ro Riley and Carol Capuccio. Mr. McDonough went on to explain that the Circle of Hope has raised \$562,300 and helped hundreds of families. This group of volunteers has raised over a half-million dollars and that is a tribute to the organization and the Town of Norwood. The cost of the luminary bags on Luminary Night will be \$5 each and can be used to remember someone you have lost or to thank someone. The Alumni Chorus and the Colonial Boys will perform at the event and Mr. McDonough thanked the people of Norwood for coming out in support. He thanked Selectman Lyons especially for his support on this night and his service on the Board. Mrs. Riley added that those people and families who are helped by the Circle of Hope remain anonymous and that means a lot to people.

Selectman Howard said when he goes to their events he seems to get more than he gives. Mr. McDonough said he would love to see it spread even farther than it is now. Last year they raised over \$1000 at this event.

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to close the street as requested and support the function.

Selectman Lyons said this is a wonderful way to start the season with the holidays coming up. He stated the Circle of Hope has always been his favorite charity and he is proud to support it.

Circle of Hope (cont'd)

Selectman Plasko said this is a special night remembering Michelle Kennedy and other lost loved ones. The crowd has grown over the years and it is a nice thing to attend. He thanked the Circle of Hope board for all the work they do.

Chairman Bishop said many of us are blessed with good luck and fortune and many are not. Those who are not are the ones who need help and support. He asked that people please come out if they can. Mr. McDonough said even if you can't or don't want to buy a bag, please come down.

7:30 P.M. (P.H) – ARJump LLC, dba Launch Trampoline Park, 570 Boston Providence Turnpike:

Submitting request for CV License and Automatic Amusement Device License. The clerk read the notice. Present were Matt Silverstein, Vijay Sharma and Rob Arnold. Mr. Silverstein said he and Mr. Sharma are purchasing the business from Mr. Arnold. They want to make a positive impact on the community. Selectman Lyons asked Mr. Silverstein if he had experience with food. Mr. Silverstein said he has held several positions in food service including managing a Breuggers Bagels.

This is an existing business with management in place. If that management decides to leave, Mr. Silverstein will step in as manager. They are working with the landlord on plans to expand the amusement part and add another party room, but at this time there will be no change in operations. In response to Mr. Silverstein's inquiry about changing hours of operation, the Clerk advised him to write a letter to the Board.

Selectman Howard inquired about the operation. Mr. Silverstein said they have a cafe and there are a lot of birthday parties and parents with children. They also have dodge ball, basketball hoops, an area for small children and an arcade.

Chairman Bishop said his only concern is the security of the children and asked what security measures are in place. There is a court monitor in every section, which is corporate policy. The monitors are trained for each court and are sort of like lifeguards at the beach. The areas are very closely monitored and there are security cameras throughout the building on all the courts, and on the outside and the inside of the building. They have numerous safety measures in place; the facility is inspected every month by the corporate office and the staff does daily inspections of the equipment.

Seeing no one from the public wishing to speak, on motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Lyons voted to close the hearing. On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Lyons, voted to approve application for CV and Automatic Amusement Devices Licenses. At the request of the applicants, the current license will be revoked after the parties pass papers.

7:40 P.M. –Bamboo Café, 663 Washington Street:

Owner Emily Chen was present on the application for an entertainment license. They are requesting this license in order to have live jazz music on the weekends and karaoke. In addition they plan to have a ping pong table and dart board in a separate room. They have applied and been approved for Keno. On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Lyons, voted to approve the entertainment license.

New Business

James Collins, Supt. Norwood Light Dept. /Broadband:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Lyons, voted to accept and forward to NPA for said practices check in the amount of \$44, 523.00 for Franchise Fee Peg Access in accordance with article 7.1 of the license.

Greg Franks, Sr. Manager, Government & Regulatory Affairs Comcast:

On motion of Sel. Howard, seconded by Selectman Lyons, voted to file rate increase notice.

Marilyn Hilliard, Risk Analysis Branch Chief, FEMA:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Lyons to file notice of discovery meetings regarding flood hazards and mapping needs. Mr. Murphy is handling.

Special Town Meeting Warrant:

On motion of Selectman Lyons, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted as per the summary of Articles for the Special Town Meeting-support Articles 1, 2, 3, 9, 10, 11, 13, and 19; indefinite postponement Articles 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, and 18.

Cemetery Deeds:

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

Diane M. Carroll, 42 Glendale Road, Norwood to Lot U-20

Lisa J. Egerly, 5 High Street, Norwood to Lot U-32

Linda T. Curran, 28 Heather Drive, Norwood to Lot C-1861

Evelyn M. Kuphal, 11 Quincy Avenue, Norwood to Lot C-1860

Margaret A. Curran, 11 Cleveland Street, Norwood to Lot C-1852

Jean B. Mennino, 27 Glen Meadow Road, Franklin to Lot C-1843

William J. Hickey, Jr., 8 McKinley Avenue, Walpole to Lot C-1866

Concettal A. Fraone, 30 Margaret Street, Norwood to Lot C-1871

Paul J. Sampson, 130 Monroe Street, Norwood to Lot C-1865

Mary T. Norton, 39 Whitewood Circle, Norwood to Lot C-1838

Nancy J. LeBlanc, 1379 Washington Street, Norwood to Lot G6-84

Albino Dias, 29 Lyndon Road, Sharon to Lot C-1867

Sarah Sullivan, Business Manager, Norwood Public Access Television:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Lyons, voted to file minutes from the NPATV Board of Director's Meeting.

Jill Reddish, Verizon, FIOS TV:

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

Paul Halkiotis, Director Planning & Economic Development:

Submitting Avalon Bay Project Eligibility Comments. This is attached to unfinished business.

Christina Macey, Comcast:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Lyons, voted to forward to NPA for Peg Access in accordance with the Norwood Cable Television Renewal License, dated Feb. 2, 2014 a check in the amount of \$44,159.59 pursuant to License Section 6.4 (a)-(d)-Annual Support for PEG access based on the period July 1, 2015 through September 30, 2015. This payment fulfills their obligation under the aforementioned license section and payment accounting period.

Unfinished Business

Selectman Allan Howard:

Submitting Report of Voter Turnout Committee

The members of the Committee are Selectman Howard, Assistant Town Clerk, Mary Lou Folan, Town Clerk and Accountant Thomas J. McQuaid, and former Town Clerk & Accountant Robert M. Thornton. Their recommendation is to keep the election date in Norwood on the first Monday in April. Selectman Howard read some of the information about the work they did and the research they found. Moving Election Day to Tuesday would require a vote of Town Meeting

Voter Turnout Committee-(cont'd)

One conclusion of this committee is that what is on the ballot in contested races determines the number of voters. Nothing is to be gained by changing to a Tuesday or Saturday election.

Chairman Bishop thanked the Committee for their efforts. On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Lyons, voted to take no further action, thank the committee members, and disband the committee.

Brian Hardiman, 40 Westdale Road, Westwood:

- a. Submitting correspondence requesting that he be reimbursed for the cost directly associated with the DDS Group Home case (\$3500) and suggesting that the Board utilize Attorney Dan Hill. Selectman Plasko explained this is the case of an individual resident taking matters into his own hands then asking the Town for reimbursement. The town would be setting a poor precedent by complying. On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Lyons, voted to deny Mr. Hardiman's request for reimbursement.
- b. Submitting copy of correspondence from Atty. Daniel C. Hill to Brian Hardiman re. Hardiman v. Mass. Dept. of Developmental Services, et. al. stating that Atty. Hill has e-mailed Town Counsel Karis North regarding presenting oral arguments on Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>. (Tabled from Nov.3, 2015). Selectman Plasko mentioned information from Attorney Karis North about this, stating if there is a need to talk about it in detail it could affect pending litigation with Forbes Hill and should be done in Executive Session. On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Lyons, voted against pursuing matter of Hardiman v. Mass. Dept. of Developmental Services, et.al.

Richard A. Mason, Deputy Director of Lending, Mass. Housing Partnership, 160 Federal St., Boston:

Submitting notice that Mass. Housing has received a request for determination of Project Eligibility from Norwood Avalon, Inc., c/o AvalonBay Communities, Inc. for 119-165 Lenox Street. They are requesting written comments regarding the proposed development within 30 days. The official site visit will be conducted on Wednesday, October 21, 2015 at 9 a.m. (tabled from October 20)

Selectman Plasko stated that the letter from the Town Planner pertains to this also and the Planning Board is recommending that there be a position against the development getting its initial letter of eligibility for a comprehensive permit because the Town has already reached the 1.5%. On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to send a letter of opposition on the project.

Kevin Pentowski, 35 Plimpton Avenue:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Lyons, voted to file request for AvalonBay Communities, Inc. application to MHP and response to request with fee schedule.

Memoranda

Cheryl Rogers, Conservation Chairperson:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to file for now copy of correspondence to Joseph P. Greeley, Chairman of the Finance Commission re FY 16 Conservation Commission Budget.

Mark Chubet, Building Inspector:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to file monthly building report for October, 2015.

Selectmen's Meeting:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to approve as submitted the Board minutes of October 20, 2015.

Memoranda-(cont'd)

Paul Halkiotis, Director Planning & Economic Development

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to file copy of e-mail to David Hajjar regarding Mary Cassidy's request to Mr. Halkiotis to inspect his paper file for the 1.5% Task Force.

David E. Hajjar, Chairman, 1.5% Task Force:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to file copy of letter and e-mails to be sent to Town Counsel Karis North regarding his response to Mary Cassidy's public records request. Has been sent to Town Counsel and returned to Mr. Hajjar as he requested. (for perusal)

7:50 P.M. Executive Session- PBCC:

Re: Possible litigation; PBCC-Additional information

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Lyons, and on roll call vote of Chairman Bishop and Selectman Howard, voted to go into Executive Session to discuss possible litigation.

The Selectmen returned to open session at 9:10 p.m.

Selectmen's Addenda

Selectman Plasko

Executive Session Vote

The Board voted in Executive Session to support the PBCC request for litigation funding.

Veterans' Day

Tomorrow is Veterans' Day and it is important to pay respect to Veterans.

Selectman Howard

Veterans' Day Parade

Veterans' Day Parade has been cancelled for tomorrow but there will be a Mass at 8 a.m. at St. Catherine of Siena Church and a ceremony at 11 a.m. in Memorial Hall.

Chairman Bishop

Reminded Mr. Carroll about Pleasant Street

All Night Parking

The All night parking ban starts this weekend. Cars cannot be parked on the street for more than two consecutive hours between the hours of 12 a.m. and 6 a.m.

Marine Corps

The Corps is celebrating its 240<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and November is Marine Corps Month in Norwood.

Adjournment

No other business being presented for consideration, on motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to adjourn and the meeting was adjourned accordingly at 9:15 p.m.

A True Record.

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

Assistant