

Regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen convened at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, December 1, 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 Michael J. Lyons and Allan D. Howard. Also present General Manager John J. Carroll, Clerk Frances L. Jessoe and Assistant Christina Mulvehill.

Absent: Selectman William J. Plasko & Selectman Helen Abdallah Donohue

Appointments

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

Chief Greeley referred to his monthly report of department's activities and apologized for it being late. He stated that the month ended in line with his expectations. It was an average month with 455 separate incidents and it has slowed down. Currently two employees have injuries and are under doctors' care. He will keep the Board apprised. The Chief spoke about safety precaution. It is important to be vigilant in our community and if you see something, say something. Lend a hand by keeping fire hydrants clear and checking in with elderly neighbors before an approaching storm. He mentioned Firefighters Paul Ronco and Brian Donohue who received awards from the state on November 23rd for assisting in the rescue of a young woman in Westwood who had taken a hard fall. Chief Greeley was happy to report that Santa and the reindeer are back up on top of the building. The old ones had gotten tattered and broken and the guys worked for a year to build this new set. Each figure was hand- made and all the work was done by firefighter volunteers to send holiday cheer from the Fire Department and Public Safety Building.

Chairman Bishop congratulated the two firefighters who won firefighter of the year, of one hundred honored overall in Massachusetts, two of them were ours. He spoke about safety, reminding people to watch for packages being delivered to homes and make arrangements if you cannot be there to receive them. He asked Chief Greeley for Christmas safety tips. The Chief said blow out candles when you leave the house, unplug space heaters, keep trees watered and be careful with the use of extension cords.

Selectman Lyons asked about chimneys that haven't been used for a while. The chief advised having the fireplace or woodstove inspected by a chimney sweep before using them. Selectman Lyons stressed if you see something say something and be aware of your surroundings. Have a plan and an awareness of what you would do if certain things happened. Selectman Howard complimented the two firefighters who received awards and said it shines on them and the entire Department.

Chief Greeley said 2015 has been a very busy year and the Department is going in the right direction.

7:15 P.M. – Norwood Historical Society

Bryan Burns was present to talk about the Holiday House Tour. The Historical Society is in the process of finalizing the plans for the event, which will be held Sunday, December 6th. The event begins with a tour of five properties all of which have been decorated, including the Morse House. The Day House has been decorated with a historical theme. This is the tenth annual holiday house tour and is the major fundraiser to support the Day House. There will be a reception at the Mason's Lodge after the tour featuring food and a raffle.

New Business

New Year's Eve:

On motion of Selectmen Lyons, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted the extension of hours on New Year's Eve Thursday, December 31, 2015 to 2 a.m. Friday, January 1, 2016 and notify all on premises licensees.

Lorraine Rochon:

On motion of Selectman Lyons, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to forward to the Norwood Day Committee e-mail complaint regarding Barn Babies at Norwood Day event.

Personnel Board:

Submitting notice if any Boards need to reclassify new or existing positions they should be submitted as soon as possible. Also included on tonight's agenda is a notice from the PB of public hearing but no location is listed on the notice.

Gyro and Kebab House, 1275 Boston Providence Turnpike:

On motion of Selectman Lyons, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to approve change in hours of operation from Mon- Sat. 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. to Mon.- Sun. 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Greg Franks, Sr. Manager, Comcast:

On motion of Selectman Lyons, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to file notice of changes.

Jill Reddish, Verizon:

On motion of Selectman Lyons, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to file notice of price changes and programming changes.

Boston Region Metropolitan Planning Organization:

On motion of Selectman Lyons, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to file notice of Development Process and Milestones FFY's 2017-21 TIP. Current TIP contact for Norwood is Mark Ryan, if this information is not accurate, please notify TIP manager.

Norwood Historical Society, Bryan Burns:

On motion of Selectman Lyons, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to approve request for one day Wine and Malt beverage license for Sunday, December 6, 2015 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at 76 Day Street, Norwood Masons Lodge.

Personnel Board:

Submitting notice of public hearing, Dec. 14, 2015 at 7:15 p.m., requesting feedback on Step Increase policy. This item was dealt with earlier in the meeting.

Memoranda

Personnel Board:

- a. Submitting copy of correspondence to Supt. Mark Ryan, DPW and Town Engineer regarding Civil Engineer position.
- b. Submitting copy of correspondence to Supt. James Collins, Norwood Light Department regarding position descriptions of Telephone Network Engineer, Technical Operations Supervisor and Network Operations Supervisor.

On motion of Selectman Lyons, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to file the two New Business items and the two Memoranda from Personnel Board.

Executive Session

Town Counsel Brandon Moss:

On motion of Selectman Lyons, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to file, as it is information only at this time.

Selectmen's Addenda

Selectman Howard

Leaf Bags

This is the last week for leaf bag pickup.

Luminary Night

Saturday, December 5th at 5pm on Town Common. A delightful thing to see with thousands of candles.

Chairman Bishop

Rotary Club- substance abuse info

This Thursday night the Rotary Club will sponsor a substance abuse and prevention informational meeting at the Police Department. Chief Brooks and Sigalle Reiss will have program information. The meeting will be from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. and is open to the public.

Video Projects

Friday night at 6:30 p.m. there will be a film festival featuring films by seventh and eighth grade students in the Norwood High School Auditorium at 6:30 p.m. The event is open to the public and is a good way to support the children in the program.

Christmas Extravaganza

Sunday, November 29th was the Holiday Tree lighting, with book readings, Mr. and Mrs. Claus, hayrides, etc. There were many sponsors including Norwood Bank, Norwood Women's Club, Friends of Norwood Center, Council on Aging and David Cutty was the MC. Brandon Randall and Michael Allen helped and ran the sound system. Student volunteers from the high school helped too.

Manager's Agenda

Mr. Carroll said Federal Task Force executed a search warrant at an address on lower Washington Street. There were no Norwood victims in the federal case related to the search warrant. There was no evidence of terrorism or weapons but they did discover evidence of drugs.

FYI-the relighting is complete at the Balch and Coakley fields.

The project at both fields came out beautiful, with almost no light outside the field. The lights are turned on by cell phone and the company knows when a light is on or goes out.

Asking for approval of Chief Brooks' request for funds to replace his video surveillance system.

Mr. Carroll explained that this item was presented at the Special Town Meeting and was voted indefinite postponement. At about that time in November, the video surveillance at the station failed and we were unable to reproduce video of a particular incident. On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Lyons, voted to authorize Chief Brooks and the Manager to go to Finance Commission for money to replace video surveillance system. Selectman Lyons asked where the equipment failure was occurring. The manager was not sure but will check with Chief Brooks.

Adjournment

No other business being presented for consideration, on motion of Selectmen Howard, seconded by Selectman Lyons, voted to adjourn and the meeting was adjourned accordingly at 7:35 p.m.

A True Record.

ATTEST: _____

Assistant