

Regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen convened at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, February 2, 2016 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. – Chief William G. Brooks III, NPD:

Reference was made to monthly report of department's activities. Chief Brooks referred to an incident at the apartments on Dean Street-Stonebridge. He said there were two robberies on the same night. They have identified a juvenile. There was someone who wanted to sell high end sneakers on line. This person met the person at the Stonebridge Apartments to sell the sneakers and was robbed. They have arrested a juvenile. There was also a robbery at Central Market and the Walpole police spotted the vehicle and a chase ensued. This vehicle crashed in Walpole and they have charged the person with armed robbery. Chief Brooks said there was another traffic stop when the officers were trying to arrest a person on outstanding warrants; they have dealt with this person before; a struggle ensued and he was able to get back into the truck and one of the officers was knocked down but he will recover fully. They chased it into Walpole and then back to Norwood and they have arrested 2 of the 4 people. Over the last month they have held two self-defense classes which came from the incident that occurred on Washington Street in the Ward last month as a person was accosted. He said that they were asked by Charles River Running to do this class. Chief Brooks stated that Officer Tony Lopes is the instructor. He did this when he was in the USMC. We were then contacted by a second group of people and did another self-defense class and he is looking into doing more of that. Officer Thomas Annino retired after 25 years of service at the Norwood Police Department. He will be missed. Chief Brooks said the Department was involved in putting together the Mass. Most Wanted web site devoted to the posting of unidentified criminals. It just rolled out today.

Selectman Howard asked about people parking on the sidewalk which often totally obstructs the sidewalk. Chief Brooks said they do enforcement on that all the time and will continue. Selectman Plasko heard the website story on the radio on the way down to the meeting tonight. Chief Brooks said that there was a press conference at the station today regarding this and it was on Fox news.

Chairman Bishop talked about the robbery and mentioned the safety zone at the police department. Chief Brooks talked about that space. People can just use those visitor spots near the Dunkin Donuts parking lot to conduct transactions. The department welcomes that. It is under video surveillance. Chairman Bishop spoke about Vivitrol. Chief Brooks said Vivitrol is an injectable, the drug is called naltrexone which is a drug that takes away the euphoria of opiates. It is offered as a pill which is expensive. The Norfolk Sheriff has been offering naltrexone or Vivitrol injections as the inmates are released on the streets. He said that these are people who have sought substance abuse treatment in jail. Vivitrol is injected and one shot is good for a month and it gives a person a fair shot. They understand that taking opiates would not have any effect on them. Selectman Lyons stated the vivitrol is once a month shot and is about \$7000 per month and not covered by insurance and is extremely effective. The downside is if you are taking vivitrol and you are still an addict and you decide to do heroin it takes a lot more heroin to get the high and a lot more people have over dosed coming off Vivitrol doing heroin as they do more heroin. Chief Brooks said there are downsides to all even Narcan. When they administer Narcan to someone, it knocks the opiates off the receptors, but the opiates are still in the system. You have a person that still has the heroin in their system, but they crave heroin. He referred to a provision in the Governor's opiate bill that is in the conference committee that would address this and would all the police to take people into custody whose drug use is placing them at risk and bring them to a hospital. Chief Brooks said the police chiefs have supported this. Selectman Lyons said there are no easy answers.

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

Reference was made to monthly report of department's activities. Chief Greeley said that January was a busy month for the Department. He said on January 7th there was a grease fire that went to a second alarm at Old Derby Village. The Norwood police gave tremendous assistance: Officer Kyle Cordero, Officer Scott Miller, Officer Enid Miller and Lt. Benedetti. He said that they arrived about 7 p.m. first and were able to identify the building, the floor and the room which gave them a jump start. They contained it to the apartment of origin. They were able to get the people back into the building after a few hours. He said that there was a civilian injury with significant injuries on both hands as he tried to run out of the kitchen with a pot with burning cooking grease. He said that they also respond with the ambulance and they were able to get this person to Mass. General Hospital and eventually to Shriners. He is now out of the hospital and recovering. Chief Greeley said the second fire was on the 22nd of January at Stonebridge Apartments which was a grease fire on the stove that got out of hand. Captain Boyland and the crew kept the fire into the apartment of origin so the rest of the building could be occupied once they got out of there. They had a fire on the 29th of January at the corner of Parkway and Bond and that particular fire was identified by two DPW workers; Tony Bretti and David Bartucca were in a pickup and they identified the fire coming out of a garage door. It was a studio apartment. The Fire Department was able to contain it to the room of origin with no injuries. There were no civilian injuries. Public safety is everybody's business.

Chief Greeley reported the department is continuing to train and two of the three injured firefighters have returned to work. He stated that the receipts for the EMS were strong for January. They only had 380 runs, but this was not a full month.

Selectman Donohue asked about Derby Village – how do you know in a complex like that where the fire is. Chief Greeley said that there is a master box which rings in the fire station and that is usually followed by a call from the resident. When you get to the control panel, it will tell what building to go to. Outside of the building there would be a flashing beacon to notify of the fire. Selectman Donohue asked if the callers give their apartment numbers. Chief Greeley said they do. The alarm box is right on the right hand side. The box at Window Gardens is in the Management Building on the right. Chief Greeley said that dispatch is so vital and getting the information to the captain and individual ladder and engine. Selectman Donohue said Firefighter William Joyce passed away. Chief Greeley said he retired after 37 years of service. He was appointed in 1957 and had 5 children he raised in Norwood. He worked with him the first four years of his career, he was part of Group 2, he was kind, always singing or humming, very quiet, never bothered anyone. He was living in Sunrise Assisted Living and I saw him during my quarterly inspections. He was 91 years old. The eulogy showed he was a dedicated family man.

Selectman Lyons mentioned the dispatchers and that it was nice of you to acknowledge the dispatchers. Chief Greeley said he relies on them so much. First thing in morning and last thing at end of day I check in with dispatch. They really solicit a lot of information to help out on the call. Selectman Lyons asked about the grease fire that the citizen tried to extinguish it themselves. The Chief said at the Old Derby fire they tried to extinguish it with water. The medics knew to take him directly to Boston. Chief Greeley said that the water explodes the grease and creates steam. baking soda is the way to go with grease fire, or get the lid back on the pot. Selectman Lyons said they use milk and cream on grills in restaurants, has done it at two different houses when they had grease fires on the grills. Chief Greeley talked about the reporting system. He referred to Selectman Plasko's granddaughter who had a public service announcement and won an award on grease fires. We gather information post fire and send it along and that is how they launch their campaigns. Selectman Donohue said if you have Ronnie Lanzoni at the desk then the town is safe. He is one of the founders of the Friends of St. Nick. Chief Greeley also recognized Colleen DiBlasi who was on today.

Selectman Bishop said we will attempt to have both chiefs here at the same time every month.

New Business

Thomas J. McQuaid, Town Clerk:

- a. On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Lyons, voted to sign Warrant for Presidential Primary, March 1, 2016.
- b. On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Lyons, voted to approve allowing the package stores to remain open on Presidential Primary Day, March 1, 2016 as required under Chapter 138. The vote was 4-0. Selectman Donohue abstained.

Board of Assessors:

- a. Timothy J. McDonough, Chairman
 - (1) Submitting request to fill the vacancy on the Board of Assessors created by the unexpected death of Paul F. Wanecek.
- b. Submitting resumes: Robert M. Thornton, James F. Grover, and Tracey A. Brown.

The Board will need to appoint two people. One to replace Paul Wanecek whose term would have expired on April 1, 2018 and one to fill Joseph Turner's term as Mr. Turner retired as of December 31, 2015. Mr. Turner's term will expire on April 1, 2016.

Chairman Bishop said the Board will take up the term of April 1, 2016. On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to appoint James Grover to the position to expire on April 1, 2016.

Chairman Bishop said the Board will take up the term of April 1, 2018. On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to nominate Robert M. Thornton.

Selectman Donohue nominated Attorney Tracey A. Brown. There was no second on the nomination.

The vote to appoint Mr. Thornton was made unanimous.

Robin Hanlon & Nancy Murphy, Vintage Thymes Monthly Market, 61 Endicott Street:

On motion of Selectman Lyons, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to file e-mail notification that they will be relocating their business within the next few weeks to 500 Providence Highway, unit 7 and 8.

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

- On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to file the following:
- a. updated address information relative to the notices section of the current cable license.
 - b. municipal emergency reporting procedure. Has been forwarded to the Light Department, NPA, DPW and the Manager's Office.
 - c. pursuant to G.L. Ch. 166A, Section 10 Form 500 for 2015.

Heather Crisafulli, Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 24 Berwick Street:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted to request to use the DAV Park for mid-summer worship followed by barbecue and games on Sunday, July 24th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

On motion of Chairman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted to have them in to present information regarding the Harvest Festival that they plan to have on Saturday, September 24 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. They will have a photo booth, barbershop quartet, band concert, balloon man, etc. The Board does not allow bouncy castles.

Dakota Marrow & Adam Lavallee, 9 Melville Ave, Apt. 3:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to approve with appropriate charges. request to use the Walter J. Dempsey Bandstand for their wedding on July 30, 2016 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Electric power will be needed.

Al Goetz, Conservation Agent:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to file information regarding 70 Endicott Street, Endicott Woods which has an Order of Conditions from the Conservation Commission for this project. If the plan for work in the buffer zone is changed they must apply to the Conservation Commission for a change of plan. If they can move the gas tanks out of the buffer zone, it would not require a hearing. Selectman Howard asked the Manager to speak on this subject.

The Manager stated that he and Mr. Ryan met with the Gas Company yesterday and they agreed that they are going to promptly install a natural gas line at that site so that the propane solution will not be needed. The owners of the property know about it and it is going to happen the way they originally wanted so that there will be no need for a hearing on the propane. He believes that the attorney for the owners of the property will notify people that the hearing will not be held regarding the propane tanks. Selectman Donohue thanked Mr. Carroll and said she was so worried about that; who would think of Norwood as a large trailer camp with propane tanks. She said that would have been a terrible idea. Selectman Howard said we do have propane tanks in Norwood, he said he made the phone call and he spoke to Mr. Hern who will send the letters to the abutters. Selectman Plasko said that the notice has to be sent to the Selectmen's Office as well as the abutters so they don't have to come to the meeting. But for the record it has to come to the Selectmen's Office. We will open and close the hearing. Selectman Howard said that this is not going to go forward so they don't have to come out.

Personnel Board:

- On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to file the following
- a. policy update notice that the Personnel Board has adopted an updated Seasonal/Temporary Employment Policy.
 - b. current list of personnel policies, either adopted, under development or to be developed.
 - c. Hearing Notice on Accelerated Step Increase Policy to be held on Wednesday, February 17, 2016 beginning at 7:10 p. m, in Room 24, Norwood Town Hall.

Loralyn Geggatt, 2 Second Avenue, North Attleboro:

Howard Lyons to approve application to use Town Common Bandstand for a wedding ceremony Sunday, August 7, 2016 from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. No electric power or sound system will be required.

Ankit Patel, 56 Williams Road, Sharon, MA:

On motion of Selectman Lyons, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to file notice that he has purchased Broadway Service, Inc., 145 Broadway, Norwood. The name of the company will be S&H Supreme Norwood Fuel Realty, LLC, Supreme Gas. The Fire Department has been notified and there will be no change in the underground storage of 30,000 gallons of gasoline. The new owner must report to DEP as they have jurisdiction over underground storage tanks as of Jan. 1, 2015. We have notified the Fire Department of the new name and contact information.

Robert Schnibbe, Chief Executive Officer, The Green Harbor Dispensary:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Lyons, voted to invite them in re their request to appear before the Board re: Medical Marijuana Dispensary.

Alan D. Slater, Chairman, Town-Wide Facilities Management Committee:

Final Report of the Town-Wide Facilities Management Committee recommending forming a new Town Facilities Committee with representatives from General Government and School Department who would meet during the year to discuss maintenance, energy, and long-term capital needs and report annually to Town Meeting. Mr. Carroll said Allan Slater is here and was the chairman of the committee, maybe he would like to speak.

Alan Slater addressed the Board. He said that this Committee was created by the Selectmen regarding having the town adopt a town wide facilities management approach as the school department does with Mr. Riccardi. They were asked to look at that and he was the chairman of the committee. He went over the members of the committee. Selectman Plasko was the Board's representative. They held a number of meetings and submitted the report to the Board. They concluded were that the communities they studied really adopted this position based on a particular situation or problem such as inadequate maintenance, etc. He said that the searched in Norwood both on Town and schools side and didn't see a similar situation which is good. One of the big things is that they couldn't quantify any cost savings and with it being a difficult budget year we did not want to recommend something that would require additional funds. Another major issue is potential collective bargaining issues with both town and school personnel. He said that Mr. Carroll proposed a different approach as outline in paragraph one of his report and they would report annually to town meeting and there is no cost. They will look at this on an interim basis and see if this is working. The Committee voted unanimously to accept the Manager's proposal. He said that the members would be the Chair of the School Committee or designee, Chair of the Board of Selectmen or designee, chairman of the Fin Com or designee, school superintendent, town manager. Non-voting would be the Facilities Manager of the School Department, facilities representative from the general government side and the director of the library. They voted to adopt this approach and Mr. Carroll will begin meetings with that committee and hopefully we will get some good results. Selectman Howard said the report was well done and very clearly done. He said that he likes the idea of going with this committee now and taking a look in a year or so. Selectman Plasko said as a member of the committee he would like to thank the other fellow members for all their work on this and it was a unanimous vote to go with this approach. He wished they could have made more progress but he is not discouraged but encouraged that they are going to keep this alive for review and discussion. On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to approve the Manager's recommendation. On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Lyons, voted to dissolve the original committee.

Marie Reen, NHS Hoopster Boost-Hers:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Lyons, voted to approve request to hold car wash Saturday, June 25, 2016 in the municipal parking lot across from the Civic Center.

James Collins, Superintendent, Municipal Light Department:

On motion of Selectman Lyons, seconded by Selectman Howard, Acting in their capacity as Electric Light Commissioners, voted to sign documents pertaining to the purchase of easement for transmission line at River Ridge, which was approved by Town Meeting of November 17, 2014.

Board of Appeal:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Lyons, voted to file notice that the hearing for Norwood Avalon, Inc. had been changed from February 2 to March 8, 2016 per the request of the applicant.

Unfinished business

Town Counsel:

On motion of Selectman Lyons, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to file response to Mary Cassidy, regarding public records request.

Paul F. Ward, 46 Bullard Street:

Submitting correspondence regarding air conditioner noise level at the Library and requesting an update on the options which were to be presented to him by the Manager. Chairman apologized for not meeting with him sooner. The Manager said he thought they had solved the noise problem there and stated that he should have set up a meeting but will be happy to set up a meeting with all the parties involved. Chairman Bishop said one recommendation was to put a supplemental system on the third floor. Selectman Plasko said we discussed this briefly a few months back and pointed out it is not just Mr. Ward complaining. He is representing others from the neighborhood. The Manager will set up a meeting.

ABCC:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to file final approval of transfer from Tuscany Pizzeria & Grill, Inc., Jose Torres, Manager to YKLU Food Inc., Olivio's Grille & Pizzeria, 1210 Boston Providence Turnpike, Kayla Marie Urrio, Manager.

Memoranda

Personnel Board:

- a. Submitting notice of hearing regarding reclassification request for the Light Department.
- b. Submitting notice of hearing regarding reclassification requests for the Town Clerk's office.

Selectman Howard in light of the fact that we might go for a study of all position in general government other than union, he would ask to consider asking the Personnel Board to give us an alternate proposal cost to do the study of the non-union positions and put these reclassifications off for now to be included in that study..

Mr. Hajjar of the Personnel Board stated that none of these positions would be affected if we do a study. These reclassifications are union positions. Selectman Howard asked to have an alternate proposal to cover a study for non-unit employees as the Board of Selectmen makes the final decision. Mr. Hajjar said he would do that.

Selectmen's Meeting:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Lyons, voted to approve as presented to the Board minutes of January 5, 12 and 19.

Selectmen's Addenda

Selectman Donohue

Babel's Parking lot

Selectman Donohue inquired about contractors parking in this lot. The Manager said that contractors working for the town are allowed to park there from time to time. If you have a contractor working for the Town we allow them to park there. He said if you have a contractor working in town they can't move their trucks back to their offices and we don't want them on the street. The Manager will investigate. Selectman Donohue asked the Manager to contact Steve Rudoff on this matter.

Selectman Plasko

School Department & Library building needs:

This is required by the Town Charter, Section 13 and 14 for them to give the Board a report of their building needs. The last couple of years the reports have not come to this board and we haven't seen what the needs might be so the Board can say whether we support them or not. He believes that they are going to the Capital Outlay Committee which is fine but the Board should be getting this information. On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted to request the building repair needs reports from the schools and the library.

Medical Marijuana

Selectman Plasko said we passed both a zoning and general bylaw some time ago. In the general by law it is the first comprehensive general by law that requires a dispensary to submit an application to the Board of Selectman and to get a license to operate. He has been working with Atty. Brandon Moss to draft an application form. He handed it out for the Board to review. The Board will have to determine the fees and he has numbers on the draft. He said the fee would be \$300 and license fee of \$10,000 which is all subject to change. On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted to table.

Chairman Bishop:

Bill Joyce

He was 92 years of age and an Irish immigrant. He was a good and decent man. Raised good family and was a great civil servant. His oldest daughter Mary was in California when he passed and while she was making plans to come back she passed away. Our condolences and prayers to the entire Joyce family.

Manager's Agenda

Amendment to Traffic Rules and Regulations for Chapel Court.

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Lyons, voted to sign.

FYI Student Government Day will be held on Tuesday, April 12th.

Manager's presentation to Facilities Management Committee.

This was handled earlier in the meeting.

FEMA reimbursement for January 2015 snow storm.

The Manager said that Mr. Cooper, Cathy Traiatti and Sarah Winthrop worked very hard to get money for the blizzard of January 2, 2015. The amount is \$407,903 and FEMA will reimburse 70% of this amount. This is welcome news. Selectman Howard inquired if the money could go to snow removal. Selectman Plasko said it goes into the general fund.

Adjournment

No other business being presented for consideration, on motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to adjourn and the meeting was adjourned accordingly at 8:05 p.m.

A True Record.

ATTEST: _____
Clerk