

Regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen convened at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 1, 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:

Chief Brooks asked for the Board's indulgence for a moment while he and Chief Greeley start off together. Chief Brooks said they are aware that this will be the last time they appear before the Board while Mr. Lyons is a member of the Board and the idea of both Chiefs being here at the same time is really to extend their gratitude for his support for both chiefs. Chief Brooks said it was four years ago that he was appointed to his current position and Mr. Carroll arranged for a meeting with Mr. Lyons. They talked about the priorities of providing service and changing the methods of hiring and promoting, leaving Civil Service and becoming an accredited department and all those goals that were set in that small meeting four years ago. The Chief said it is amazing how far they have come and have accomplished. On behalf of the men and women of the department, he thanked Selectman Lyons for his service. In addition, on a personal level, Chief Brooks thanked Selectman Lyons for his support.

Chief Greeley said he has come before this Board over many years as both Fire Prevention Officer and now Chief and he has always found Selectman Lyons to be well prepared. They have talked about many community sensitive projects in front of the Board. Chief Greeley said he has admired Selectman Lyons at Town Meeting, which is the purest representation of democracy. He told Selectman Lyons he is just so professional and he will miss him as a Board member and wishes him and his wife Julie and the children much luck in their future endeavors and on behalf of the fire department and himself, he wishes Selectman Lyons luck, health and happiness.

Selectman Lyons thanked both Chiefs, stating it is humbling and he really appreciates the nice comments. He told the chiefs it has been an absolute pleasure to work with both of them. He and Selectman Plasko had a lot of dealings with the Fire Department over the years and got to learn the ins and out of the budgeting and the operations there. Selectman Lyons stated he appreciates the professionalism and enthusiasm Chief Greeley has brought to the job since taking over. Selectman Lyons closed by saying to both the chiefs he appreciates the work they do, he appreciates the work the men and women of both departments do, and he thanked them again for their kind words.

Chairman Bishop, on behalf of the entire Board, thanked both chiefs for their kind words.

Chief Brooks added that it is not only that Selectman Lyons is wrapping up his service with the Board, but also we know that he is physically moving away and we won't see him in this venue, and we won't see much of him at all and he thought this was the right thing to do. Selectman Lyons told the Chiefs they are welcome to visit.

Chief Brooks reviewed the monthly report of department activities. There was an armed robbery last night at Rite Aid on Walpole Street during which a man went in, presented a note and showed a weapon, and fled. He did not steal cash, but he stole drugs. No one was hurt and the police are asking for the public's assistance in identifying him. They have very good surveillance pictures of the man, which are posted on the department's Twitter feed. There was also an armed robbery at AJ's Variety Store on Walpole Street. Someone who was completely masked went in waving a knife. The merchant picked up a milk crate, swung it at the assailant and drove him out of the store. The Chief said he does not recommend that, but it was effective in this case.

Chief Brooks-(cont'd):

Chief Brooks spoke about hiring and training, explaining that once an officer is hired, he or she goes to the Police Academy for six months. Two weeks from tomorrow, officers Kevin McDonough and John Rooney will graduate from the Transit Academy, and will be on the street two days after that. The following Monday, a new recruit, Jen Sullivan, will be entering the Transit academy. Ms. Sullivan has a Bachelor's degree in psychology. The Chief and Lt. Benedetti visited the Boston Police Academy last week where they have two recruits; Jen Hoyle and Melanie Whitmore, and were very impressed with what they saw. The Chief hosted a school last week at the station for field training officers. Officers Patrick Bishop and Enid Miller were both in that class; it is important to get Officer Miller in the mix as they are bringing on three new female police officers soon. The Chief, in his role as President of Mass Chiefs Association, met Governor Baker again when he attended a press conference at the state house where they showed a new method of getting rid of prescription opiates, and any prescription drug and they will continue to maintain the kiosk in the lobby of the station. The new procedure, called My Old Meds, is simply dropping the medications into a zip lock bag with coffee grounds and water, mashing up the pills, closing the bag and dropping it in the trash. Chief Brooks reported he had an opportunity to attend a very small forum with the head of the Civil Rights Division with the US Department of Justice, held at the US District Court in Boston and hosted by US Attorney Carmen Ortiz. They talked about community partnerships and community policing.

Selectman Howard mentioned Stoughton police helping with internet purchases on their premises and asked if anyone does that in Norwood. Chief said he is not sure but people are welcome to use the visitor spots to transact business.

Selectman Donohue inquired about the civil rights forum. Chief Brooks said one subject was engaging with immigrant communities and making them more comfortable; explaining to them local police do not enforce immigration law and being pulled over by the police, being a witness to a crime or being a victim of a crime does not trigger any notification to immigration or customs enforcement, and the only way that people get deported through a police contact is if they are actually arrested for a serious crime to the point where they are fingerprinted, then ICE is notified. They also discussed community partnerships and use of force investigations. Most of the information was about different police departments and different communities working together to build trust, having open communications and being transparent. The Chief said he talked to the other members about our Brazilian community and trying to engage with them and Officer Silva has been an important part of the successful communications efforts, as has recent hiring of bilingual officers.

The Chief spoke about a project he managed here with a small working group of police chiefs who got together and talked about the presidents report on 21st century policing and then produced a position paper and hosted a two day chiefs conference at the Four Points as well as requesting more state funding for certain levels of training. The U.S. Attorney actually brought this up and we received recognition for being the only state to do that. Selectman Donohue said that the people in South Norwood are so proud when the police officers are walking around talking with them, as well as the Chief walking around talking with so many of the newer people. It makes for a very good atmosphere. Chief Brooks said it must be difficult to go to a new country, particularly a country where you don't speak the language or you struggle with the language, and then engage with the police. It is very important to make those people feel comfortable and to let them know that the police are approachable, and that is why we have disseminated information on how to contact the police, in both English on one side of the card and Portuguese on the other side, which you see in a lot of the shops in South Norwood. Selectman Donohue added that some of newer people have come from countries where police carry rifles. Chief Brooks agreed, stating many of the countries these people are coming from have national police, or police double as military, and of course, that is not the case here.

Chairman Bishop inquired about the decrease in drug possessions. Chief Brooks said drug enforcement fluctuates. Sometimes there are spikes that are not necessarily explainable. This has been a slow period both in arrests and in overdoses.

Chief Brooks-(cont'd):

The Chief requested the Board's approval to accept a donation from the Norwood Junior Women's Club, who approached the police department offering donations from a fundraiser they have planned. The two programs identified for the donation are and Rape Aggression Defense, a nationally certified self-defense course for women, taught by Sgt. Sarah Lyden, and the youth academy to be held at the Police department. On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Lyons, voted to accept said donation from the Norwood Junior Women's Club under Chapter 44, §53 A, for said purposes.

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

Chief Greeley reviewed his monthly report of department's activities. The month of February was typical with four hundred thirty three incidences, similar to January but without any fires. There was a little more medical activity than last month and they were out of town twenty three times assisting neighboring towns with mutual aid ambulances. He is able to bill those other towns, so it is not a loss. Selectman Plasko asked the Chief if he was aware of any explanation for the increased need for mutual aid. Chief Greeley said it was not based on reduction of service in the other towns; it was just that they were busier than Norwood that month. He said they were in Westwood today for a head on collision on Canton Street, which merited a med flight. They were able to assist with EMS at the scene and with an engine to secure the landing zone in Islington. The Chief announced that all three new recruits are on shift and currently working. All three are fitting in well and have been very well received. There will be a Civil Service exam in April and he has been informed that twenty-six men and women from the town of Norwood have registered. There is good news regarding firefighters injured on duty. The employee out the longest missed sixty-eight shifts and will return to work March 10th. The other two injured on duty were short term and will return to work March 8th.

Selectman Howard inquired about simultaneous medical calls, asking what the second vehicle to go out would be. Chief Greeley said in the case of simultaneous medical calls, there will be protocol in dispatch to determine whether they need a medic or if they can get by with BLS. He said if it were two medic calls, they would send both ambulances, one to each call and call in mutual aid to assist the BLS ambulance if the call is ALS. If they get two BLS calls, they send one unit to each location. If there is a heart attack, stroke, diabetic reaction, etc. the engine will go with one of the ambulances. If it is two heart attacks, two engines, one to each call, will go with the ambulances. If there is only one ambulance available because one is out on a call, he will send one engine right to the call and call for a mutual aid ambulance to meet them. Suppression assists EMS just as EMS assists suppression. Chairman Bishop asked the Chief to explain the difference between BLS and ALS. Chief Greeley explained that BLS stands for Basic Life Support, and those are basic EMTs, and ALS stands for Advanced Life Support who are the paramedics who are highly trained and can do more things in the field, such as IV fluids, intubation, etc.

New Business

Thomas J. McQuaid, Town Clerk:

- a. On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to sign Warrant for Town Election, April 4, 2016.
- b. On motion of Selectman Lyons second by Selectman Plasko, voted 4-0 to allow package stores to remain open Election Day, April 4, 2016, as required under Ch.138. Sel. Donohue abstained.

Timothy J. McDonough, Chairman, Board of Assessors:

The term of James F. Grover will expire on April 1, 2016 and Mr. Grover respectfully requests reappointment to this position for a three-year term to expire on April 1, 2019. On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to reappoint.

David A. Lawson, Norfolk County Mosquito Control:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Lyons, voted to file as information until appointment next week, request to use the Norwood landfill as a loading site for spring aerial larvaecide application with explanation as to why the Norwood Airport is not an ideal option.

Bonnie Wyler & Nancy Ling, Outreach Librarians, Morrill Memorial Library:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Plasko voted to file information about Outreach Home Delivery Service. The library provides this service free of charge to Norwood residents who are unable to come to the library due to special needs, illness or disability.

Lee Kennedy, Norwood Circle of Hope:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to approve request to put insert in the November light bills for annual Luminary Night in December.

Michael Gitten, Division Manager, Environmental Services, ATC Group Services, Woburn:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to file notification of Immediate Response Action at Windsor Gardens.

Supt. James Collins, Norwood Light Department:

- a. On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Lyons, voted to accept in conformance with license and forward to NPATV Franchise Fee for 4th Quarter in amount of \$43,215.57 to comply with section 6.4 of the Cable License for Peg Access Group.
- b. On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Lyons, voted to accept check in the amount of \$2009.50 based on \$.50 per subscriber (this amount is deposited in General Fund)

Diane M. Geraghty Hall, Geraghty Hall & Ready, LLP:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Lyons, voted to approve application for Class II License for C&E Auto Collision North, LLC, 664 Pleasant St. Copy of Special Permit attached to limit number of vehicles for sale (2) and no placement of signage on any vehicles or the site that vehicles are for sale. Mr. Centolo has been in business in Norwood in other locations.

Jane Singh, Organizer, Community Wellness Fair at Norwood High School:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Lyons, voted to approve request to place signs around town advertising the Community Wellness Fair, scheduled to be held at the High School on Saturday, March 12, 2016. Some proposed locations are the traffic islands at Walpole and Chapel Streets, and Washington and Nahatan Streets, the rotary at Prospect Street and Upland Road, and Guild Square. They will remove the signs after the event.

Selectman William J. Plasko:

Submitting request of the Economic Development Committee to adopt the attached charter that would describe the role of this committee. Selectman Plasko stated that the Economic Development Committee is an arm of the Board of Selectmen and should have a charter stating the purpose and goals. On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted to adopt the charter as written. Selectman Lyons commended Selectman Plasko on the charter. It is simple, not excessive and meets all requirements, including a conflict of interest section.

Chief William G. Brooks III, Norwood Police Department:

Submitting notice that the Norwood Junior Woman's Club is proposing to donate funds to the Norwood Police from a fundraiser being held this weekend at CrossFit SBF in Dedham on Sat, March 5 from 7-10 p.m. Chief Brooks is requesting the Board accept this donation to help fund a new Rape Aggression Defense program for women and for the Youth Academy. Chief Brooks will provide the Board with the dollar amount when it becomes available.

Unfinished Business

Scott Ahern, Assistant Legislative Director, Office of the Governor:

Submitting notification that House Bill No. 3684 (Norwood Liquor License) has been signed by Governor Baker. It is now Chapter 44 of the Acts of 2016 to grant 4 additional Wine and Malt Beverage licenses to be drunk on the premises to the establishments located within the town's

Scott Ahern, Assistant Legislative Director-(cont'd):

South Norwood General Business District. Selectman Donohue asked Chairman Bishop to explain the application process. Chairman Bishop advised interested parties to go to the ABCC website for instructions. There are many qualifications for these special licenses and they mirror the uptown licenses. Selectman Plasko said these licenses would be similar to the special uptown licenses. They are not part of the law, so this Board can set reasonable rules and regulations. Interested parties must submit applications to be voted by the Board Selectmen. Selectman Plasko asked if the current rules and regulations should be broadened to include South Norwood special licenses or if they should create a new set for South Norwood. Selectman Lyons concurred the regulations should be looked at. On motion of Selectman Lyons, seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted to appoint Selectmen Plasko and Donohue to review Central Business District W & MB Rules and bring modifications back to this Board for review and approval.

ABCC:

- a. On motion of Selectman Lyons, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to file final approval of transfer of AAB license from Dublin, Inc. dba Shamrock Pub, 175 Railroad Avenue, Mary Gunning Manager to Claddagh House, LLC, dba Shamrock Pub, 175 Railroad Avenue, Michelle Kuietauskas, Manager.
- b. On motion of Selectman Lyons, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to file final approval of change of Manager of Outback Steakhouse from Ryan P. Todd to Jonathan Murgo.

Memoranda

Paul Halkiotis, Director, Planning & Economic Development:

On motion of Selectman Lyons, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to file Application and information regarding Upland Woods Affordable Housing Lottery. For local preference. Plasko recommends contacting Paul Halkiotis with questions.

Managers Agenda

Reserve Fund Transfer:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to approve Reserve Fund transfer for Overtime in Building Department of \$2800.

Guild Street Bridge construction:

There was a meeting this morning that the Manager was not able to attend, so he does not have many details, but the bridge will be replaced around Labor Day Weekend with some inconvenience in the meantime. Selectman Howard pointed out that the parties will be in to one of the Selectmen's meetings with an overview of the project. Selectman Donohue added that they would leave the old granite in place but cover it in new concrete to make it strong.

Selectmen's Addenda

Selectman Plasko

Executive Session

Selectman Plasko would like to go into Executive Session after the Selectmen's Addenda.

Selectman Donohue

March is Women in American History Month and the Freedom Trail Foundation has launched a Freedom Trail Revolutionary Women Tour highlighting the contributions and patriotism of women in eras of American history.

Executive Session:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Howard, and on roll call vote of Chairman Bishop and Selectmen Lyons and Donohue, voted unanimously to enter executive session to discuss pending litigation – Norwood Airport, litigation which has to do with the Forbes Hill 40 B development and also the potential purchase of property, on which the town's position could be potentially adversely affected at this time if we were to have open discussion.

Adjournment

Returning from executive session and no other business being presented, on motion of Selectman Plasko seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to adjourn, and the meeting was adjourned accordingly, at 8:10 p.m.

A True Record.

Attest _____
Assistant