

Regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen convened at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 29, 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

Representative John Rogers was in attendance to present a Joint Resolution that was adopted by the House of Representatives and the Senate. He spoke about Calvin Coolidge who, a year after he was president of the United States, was looking for thing to do. He decided to join the White House Press Club and in filling out the application for membership to the club, when he was asked his position, he wrote "Retired, and glad of it." Representative Rogers added that he is sure Selectman Lyon's family will be glad to have him back. He assured Selectman Lyons that this community cherished and loved him. After the acts of hatred and sensitivity of Saturday night, we have had an outpouring of benevolence by members of this community coming together. The people of Norwood are special and he wished Selectman Lyons all the humanity and charity in Hull that we have in Norwood. Representative Rogers said the town will miss Selectman Lyons' service to the people of Norwood and they will miss him. The representative added that Senator Rush could not be present, but he signed this resolution earlier and then he read the resolution. He closed by wishing Selectman Lyons sincere best wished for continued success.

Linda Berger and Gerry Miller were present from the Recreation Department. Mr. Miller announced that Ms. Berger was inducted to be the next president of Mass Parks and Recreation. He also announced that Ms. Berger would be moving on to become the Superintendent of the Sharon Recreation Department, which will be Norwood's loss and Sharon's gain. Ms. Berger thanked him for the opportunity to work at the department. It was her first experience with municipal recreation and the town is supportive. She hopes to take what she learned in Norwood and implement it in Sharon. She added that she will be just a phone call away.

Selectman Lyons said it was a pleasure working with Ms. Berger and watching her grow. She is a whirlwind of activity and serves the town so well and did the town proud.

Selectman Donohue told Ms. Berger she belongs here in Norwood and she hopes to see her back again.

Selectman Plasko said he worked on the committee that selected Ms. Berger and they made the right choice. He thanked Ms. Berger for the service she has given the town and the state and wished her luck.

Selectman Howard said Ms. Berger has been very innovative in her position and has great ideas. He said he considers her a friend and wished her the best in her endeavors outside Norwood.

Chairman Bishop told Ms. Berger that she is the best and he is saddened to see her go to Sharon. The Chairman read the commendation on behalf of the Board. Ms. Berger's last day will be March 31st and there will be a reception in the Willett Room on that day.

Mr. Miller thanked Ms. Berger for her time with the Town. To Selectman Lyons he said he has known him for a long time and has seen him grow as a community organizer. He said Selectman Lyons was an anchor on Norwood Day. Mr. Miller thanked him for his leadership and his direction stating "the bread maker gets it." He said people recognize that Selectman Lyons understands what is going on and they appreciate that.

7:00 P.M. – Mark Ryan, Supt., DPW/Town Engineer:

Mr. Ryan stated that he was scheduled to show a video presentation on the sewer lining project, but that has been postponed until the meeting next month. He gave a report of the department's monthly activities. On St. Patrick's day the DPW hosted an MWRA Board Meeting at the John J. Carroll Administration Building, with Chairman Bishop and Selectman Donohue in attendance. In addition, he, Selectman Bishop, the police department and Mr. Carroll met with business members on University Avenue to discuss the intersection issues there. There was also a preliminary meeting about replacement of the Guild Street bridge, and construction will start in June. Selectman Howard asked what other areas of the cemetery could be developed and Mr. Ryan said he would recommend developing on Belleview Avenue but that is ten or fifteen years out.

Selectman Lyons thanked Mr. Ryan for his service to the town, and told him it has been a pleasure working with him. He is gratified they were finally able to get the DPW into a state of the art facility and he asked that Mr. Lyons convey his admiration to everyone at the DPW.

Selectman Plasko spoke about Assistant Town Engineer Andy Murphy's testimony before the Housing Appeals Committee. He wants Mr. Carroll, the Board, and the public to know that he watched Mr. Murphy for two days testifying and being cross-examined. He was great and we should all be very proud to have him. Mr. Ryan said Mr. Murphy worked so hard on this issue and is so dedicated. He is one of only a few people who are qualified to make these determinations and he got very unfair press. Mr. Murphy knows exactly what is going on and he is a great asset to the town and to the Engineering Department.

Mr. Ryan said he has enjoyed working with Selectman Lyons and thanked him for his dedication to the town. He said Selectman Lyons makes decisions based on facts and is not self-serving. He thanked Selectman Lyons for his support of the DPW and his dedication to the new facility. He wished Selectman Lyons and his wife Julie the best.

7:15 P.M. – Supt. James Collins, Norwood Light Department:

Light Department Superintendent James Collins thanked Selectman Lyons from all of the employees of the Light Department and wished him well. Supt. Collins showed pictures of the transmission line project. The tree work is ninety-nine percent completed. He gave an overview of that project. In addition, the department continues to work on the double poles and replacing the rotted poles and at this time, they have replaced all the rejected poles on the Light Department side. Upland Woods is a continuing project as are Benchmark Senior Housing and Endicott. The automatic meter reading equipment has been ordered and they have a plan in place. Supt. Collins said they will replace the commercial meters with their own personnel and outsource for the residential.

Selectman Howard inquired about meter fees. Supt. Collins said there will be no meter fee as it is built into the electric rate. He spoke briefly about the optional water heater shut off program, which residents can volunteer for and receive either a credit on their light bill or a lower rate.

Darryl Hansen was present to discuss Broadband. Mr. Hansen stated they will be giving away free premium channels on the weekends, and you will need a cable box to get these channels. Mr. Hansen said the department is gaining more commercial sales customers monthly. Norwood Broadband offers competitive rates and service and great local support. Mr. Steve Grossman, Business Liaison, sells service and works with customers all the way through the install and beyond. Mr. Grossman outlined his approach with the business customers. He offers great local service and no business is too small or too large. He works with new businesses moving into town.

Chairman Bishop inquired about Benchmark, asking whether or not it is commercial. Mr. Grossman was not sure but said generally those are bulk deals that are done with a carrier.

7:45 P.M. – P.H. Elena's Café, 1 Edgewater Drive:

Submitting request of Elena Myshqeri for a CV license. The clerk read the notice. Mr. Myshqeri was present on behalf of the applicant. They are the owners of Elena's Café and they have fourteen locations in Braintree and Quincy. Here in Norwood they have a café in Analog and are opening a second on Edgewater Drive, to serve mostly the tenants of that building. The menu will consist of deli sandwiches, wraps, light breakfast, coffee and muffins and the food is freshly prepared. Selectman Lyons congratulated Mr. Myshqeri on his corporate catering success. On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to close the hearing and on motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to approve the license.

New Business

Christopher Giovanni Boy Scout Troop 49 was present and introduced himself to the Board.

Ryan Melville, Licensing Supervisor, ABCC:

Submitting notice that they are seeking municipalities that wish to volunteer for the pilot program regarding the licensing. The Selectmen's staff would like to participate with the approval of the Board. This will be a total of 2-5 days during July and August. On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to approve volunteering for the pilot program.

Selectmen's Meetings and Summer Schedule:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted to approve summer meeting schedule of meeting on May 31st, then on June 14th, and every other Tuesday thereafter, resuming weekly meetings on September 6th, with Department Heads attending during summer.

Car Wash Requests:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Lyons, voted to approve:

- a. Norwood Mustang Hockey Club, Inc., Saturday, October 15, 2016 from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- b. Norwood Hoop Club, Saturday, April 23, 2016 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Knights of Columbus, Council No. 252, John Paras:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted to approve:

- a. Request for one day AAB on Saturday, April 2, 2016 from 7 to 11 p.m.
- b. Request for one day AAB on Saturday, April 16, 2016 from 7 to 11 p.m.

Norwood Planning Board:

- a. On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to file notice of a pre-application meeting for Wednesday, March 30, 2016 at 9 a.m. in Room 12, Norwood Town Hall regarding Major Project/Special Permit for Subaru of New England, 111 Morse Street, and demolition of existing building at 95 Morse Street and construction of a 420 car parking lot.
- b. On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to file notice of pre-application meeting for Wednesday, March 30, 2016 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 12, Norwood Town Hall regarding Site Plan Approval for Flight Level Norwood LLC, 125 Access Road for a hangar facility at Norwood Memorial Airport. Howard will attend.

Jill M. Reddish, FIOS TV-Sr. Staff Consultant, Verizon:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to file notice of price increase for Digital Adapter TV equipment.

Lisa Oberly, Plant Sale Chair, Norwood Evening Garden Club:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to approve with thanks, the request for the use of the gated area around Hawes Pool Park for the annual Plant Sale on Sat. May 7, 2016 from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. and set up on Friday, May 6, 2016 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; place sandwich board signs announcing the sale in front of Town Hall at the 1A end and the island at Prospect and Washington Street from April 22, to May 7; to display smaller signs at Guild Square, Chapel Street and 1A, Nichols Street and Berwick Street, 26 Dean Street, Neponset Street, Nahatan Street at Route 1. All signs will be removed by the end of the day of the sale.

Victor Santana Manager, Community & Customer Management, National Grid:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Lyons, voted to file copy of notice being sent to the abutters regarding work being done at 5 to 38 Sunset Ave which will begin on March 28 and last until April 28.

Personnel Board:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to file Org. Chart.

Kim S. Gainsboro, Esq. Chairman, ABCC:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to file advisory re powdered alcohol. March 14, 2016, Governor Baker signed into law An Act Relative to Substance Use, Treatment, Education and Prevention. This in part updates the Liquor Control Act. Mass. General Laws, Chapter 138. This act prohibits anyone, including all licensees in the Commonwealth, from selling, manufacturing, and/or possessing powdered alcohol.

Selectman William J. Plasko:

Town Wide Budget Committee/5 year Budget Proposal.

Selectman Plasko said the Town Wide Budget Balancing Committee, voted to conduct an exercise to take look at what the community wants to look like in five years and how to provide those services, something Selectman Lyons had called for many years. Selectman Plasko said he wanted this Board to be aware and asked for formal support from the Board. He recommended starting by directing the General Manager to talk to Department heads and have them do five-year budget. Selectman Plasko went on to say there is always a problem balancing the budget, particularly on the School Department side. It is becoming a problem on the General Government side. We don't have the money to hire more people, install sidewalks, etc. and he recommends finding out if there are other levels of service that the department heads think the Town should be offering. On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted to support the concept of a five year budget review study and direct the Manager to coordinate general government participation.

Edward F. McKenna, PBCC:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to accept with regrets Mr. McKenna's notice that he does not wish to be reappointed to another term and thank you to the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, School Committee and Town Moderator for allowing him to serve for the last 15 years, and to invite Mr. McKenna in.

James Gormley, Chairman, Norwood School Committee:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to approve request to place two articles on the Special Town Meeting Warrant: one for long range building study and one for snow removal costs.

Norwood Little League, Mike Kelley, President:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to approve request to hold Opening Day Parade, Sat., April 16 at 10 a.m. with rain date of Saturday, April 23, 2016.

David Teich, 6 Oakland Circle, Wellesley, MA:

Submitting constable complaint. Selectman Plasko said he read emails and talked with the constable and does not believe it is a case that rises to the level of this Board taking action other than placing the complaint in the file. It seems the constable was going a little slower than the customer wanted. On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted to file the complaint.

Norfolk County Commissioners:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted to file Annual Report of the County of Norfolk for the FY 2015.

Mary Jo Perry, District Highway Director:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to file notice that Mass. Highway will begin its spring State Highway sweeping operations, weather permitting, on or about March 28, 2016.

Kevin Pentowski, 35 Plimpton Ave.:

Submitting e-mail request for a Freedom of Information Act request to have an itemized breakdown of all services rendered by Town Counsel as billed to the Town of Norwood for the past 4 years to the date of compliance to this request. Selectman Plasko recommended forwarding this request to the Town Accountant to confer with Counsel for an appropriate response. Someone should first check with Pentowski as to whether his request is as broad as he made it. On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted to forward request to Town Accountant.

Denis Drummey, 98 Croydon Road:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to file e-mail in support of the above FIA request.

Memoranda

Mary Pichetti, Director of Capital Planning:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to file copy of correspondence to the General Manager regarding Construction Change Order Number 1 for the Cornelius M. Callahan Elementary School.

Personnel Board:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted to file correspondence to Asst. General Manager regarding Reclassification Request for the Administrative Assistant to the Assistant General Manager. Selectman Plasko said the Personnel Board wants this Board to fund a study and every week we receive something about reclassifications. It seems as though something else is going on here. Maybe someone got a raise and someone else wants one too.

Additional Memoranda

Town Counsel:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to file copy of letter from Board of Appeal to Norwood Avalon, Inc. and Undersecretary of Housing and Community Development regarding the proposed development of multi-family housing under Chapter 40B stating that the Board of Appeals gives notice that it considers a denial of the Comprehensive Permit application is consistent with local needs on the grounds that the 1.5% Land area Statutory Minima set for has been satisfied. Also requesting that DHCD stay the Avalon Norwood until 60 days after the HAC rules on the pending Davis Marcus matter.

Selectmen's Addenda

Selectman Howard

St Catherine Statue of Mary

Desecrating the statue was a despicable job that someone did and he hopes they get caught and put in jail.

Election

The election is next week and as Selectman Lyons said last year, people need to get out and vote.

Selectman Lyons

I have truly enjoyed being with Selectman Lyons on this board and was impressed the times you were Chairman and as a member. I wish him and Julie the best. Health and happiness.

Selectman Donohue

Selectman Lyons

The best to Mr. Lyons. You know how I feel.

James Foti

A veteran wanted people to know that on May 29 there will be an event in Hyannis honoring veterans. Train will leave from South Station.

MIT

Mark Nardelli spoke about a construction project at MIT .

Annual Fine Arts Festival

Fair will be held April 12th and 13th in the Savage Center gymnasium.

Selectman Plasko

Selectman Lyons

Goodbye and thank you for your service. It has been a gift for me to serve beside you all these years, receiving your counsel, friendship and intellect. Your care and motivation and interest for this community are fabulous and I enjoy having had the opportunity to witness that. You made decisions based on what you felt was right, never what you could get out of it. Your decisions were based on what would be in the best interest of the community. You stuck with it and you never failed to be willing to voice your opinion. Thank you for your willingness to serve and your commitment. Thanks to Julie and your family for sharing you with the community. I wish you the best. I wish for you to get have everything you wanted.

Selectman Bishop

John Hayes

Mr. Hayes is currently in the Ellis Nursing Home.

Elections

There are two races this year; Board of Selectmen and school Committee. Please vote. Many people have died fighting for that right to vote.

Desecration of Statue

Any desecration against any form of religion is disgusting. We have to stand up against it.

Selectman Lyons

I have sat on this Board with him for five years and have admired him from day one. We have two different philosophies and I have learned so much from him. I have been appreciative of Tuesdays with Michael and have learned from him how to respect other people's opinions and do things for the greater good. Mike has a great character and I respect and appreciate him. Thank you. I emulate him and try to

Selectman Bishop-(cont'd):

give dignity and decorum to this position. I look forward to socializing with you and Julie in the future and wish you all the best.

Chairman Bishop read the plaque dedicated to Selectman Lyons. Mr. Carroll said he and Mike had shared a few poignant moments together in his office tonight. He presented a picture of the Town Hall to Selectman Lyons.

Selectman Lyons

Goodbye

Before I came up here tonight, I was downstairs walking through the halls checking out the beautiful building and taking pictures out the window. This picture is amazing. Thank you. It is a little overwhelming and I appreciate more than you know all that has been said. This Board has been an amazing experience. I never aspired to it when I first moved to town. I was talked into it by Bill Plasko and I am glad he did it. While in Norwood I got to coach both sons' baseball teams, and wrestling teams, etc. and all that led eventually getting to the executive board of Norwood. Norwood is a great town and the people who live here know it. It is because of the people and the volunteers and how active and enthusiastic the community is. I was invited in as a business owner and that is what this town does. The volunteer activity is amazing. The Circle of Hope is unique to the Town of Norwood; the good that it does anonymously and the support that it gets. That organization encapsulates the town and its love for the people. And we have this beautiful building that is unique. This amazing picture shows a perfect downtown, which we use as it should be as a gathering place for the community. It is so easy to complain and pick one subject, but is also so easy to take for granted what this town offers. I am moving to a town that has no recycling or trash pickup, no recreation center. There is a light department but no broad band or cable. In Norwood we have the option of Norwood Cable. Hull does not have MWRA – the filtration system needed is staggering. In Norwood you don't have to think about that. In Norwood we have a brand new High School and public works. We get things done and we do it together; all those committees and all those people getting together and sharpening every pencil and working until we came up with the right solution. When this town approved a brand new high school that would cost 80 million dollars and state came to us with this idea – and we hammered out with the state the model school program that is used statewide. And we set the guidelines with the state and decided what the program would look like. We got a great deal on the high school. It is amazing all the advantages of living in this town and how blessed we were to find it by accident. My brother Jimmy called me the lefty carpe-bagger who got elected in a town like Norwood. It is kind of true and I have had such an amazing experience serving the people in this community. And the fact that they embraced me on any level but I was embraced on many levels. It has been a blast and I have enjoyed every minute. There was some discussion or speculation regarding the reasons for me leaving town. There were comments that I saw the writing on the wall or was getting out while the getting is good. This is just simply not true. There was a series of events that happened. Thirteen months ago I was diagnosed with Prostate Cancer. And I am fine and I am going to be fine, but when you hear the word it makes you think about things; it makes you think about priorities and promises made and future plans. And it made me remember the promise I made to my wife, thirty years ago that when we grow old we are going to be sitting on the front porch looking at the ocean in rocking chairs holding hands. And I would love to stay in Norwood but it doesn't have a beach. Things happened fast after that. I needed to move my business. There is a reason for that and most people know why. I'm moving my business and my family and starting completely over. And it is very exciting for me. As Billy said, the quote that encapsulates my tenure is that public service is a gift to those who serve. I want to thank everybody in this town for that gift.

Manager's Agenda

FY 2017 Street paving.

The manager said there is \$971,000 to resurface certain streets and he and Mr. Ryan rated them. They will get the money from the state. Selectman Donohue asked the Manager to contact the state about the

FY 2017 Street Paving (cont'd)

section of Neponset Street near the bridge over Route 95. On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted to approve the list of streets to be paved. Selectman Plasko had suggested tabling the issue until they could look at the streets because there is over \$4 million in repaving needs but we only have \$971,000.

Letter to MWRA regarding lead action in MWRA communities.

The Manager stated that this item should not have been on the agenda

Snow and Ice recap

The Manager said he will need \$150,000 to make the FY 2016 snow and ice budget whole. He explained that they underspent on contractors but used a tremendous amount of salt

Proposed articles for STM

This is a preliminary list of articles the Manager is recommending for the Special Town Meeting.

Gas Line Installation

The gas company will be installing the gas line at Endicott woods this week or next week.

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 8:40p.m.

A True Record.

ATTEST: _____
Assistant