

Regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen convened at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 3, 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 Allan D. Howard, Selectmen William J. Plasko, Helen Abdallah Donohue, Paul A. Bishop and Thomas F. Maloney. 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 says the month was not very eventful. On Saturday a car driving in the cemetery hit two gravestones. He said the officers from the 4-12 shift checked body shops and Officer McGowan found the car. He had the car towed back to the police station and the operator came in to the station and will be charged with leaving the scene. He stated that distracted driving has been a focus this month and the enforcement of it is difficult. He said that they work this in pairs and they received funding from the state and they did enforcement during the month. He referred to the Cyber Crime Conference at the Sheraton and hosted by the Attorney General of Mass. and over 600 police officers from all over the country were in attendance. He also stated that Verizon went on strike on April 13th and they are staffing the Access Road location which is paid details by Verizon. The striking workers are cordial and respectful. He referred to a drug raid on 462 Nahatan Street. He said Officer Tony Lopes who is temporarily assigned to the Detective squad as Detective Eysie has been out conducted this investigation which consisted of an undercover purchase of crack cocaine and this resulted in one man being arrested for distribution of crack cocaine and possession with intent to distribute. Chief Brooks also mentioned the program at the High School that is being coordinated by Impact Norwood called Hidden in Plain Sight which looks into drug paraphernalia that is being hidden in a mock teenager's bedroom and this is an interactive event that helps parents ask questions. They will have an address from a young man who was addicted.

Selectman Maloney thanked the Chief for his report. He asked about the four reported overdoses in the month of April. Chief Brooks said it is on track with our numbers; our totals are a little lower than last year. The fatalities have tracked upwards in Massachusetts, but we are a little bit lower than last year. It is unfortunate that they see some repeaters. The department does try to reach out and help the users and the people that overdose. They work to get them a bed in a detox unit.

Selectman Plasko asked how they determine how many police officers are necessary on a strike like that. Chief Brooks said they had previously drawn up an operations plan. They check traffic and use information from Verizon as to the number of strikers. They have a command level officer in charge and some times the number of strikers will dissipate, and sometimes they move on to retail stores, etc. They work with the company on the plan. Selectman Plasko said it makes it tough on the department staffing. The Chief agreed.

Selectman Bishop said it is important that we have the retirees available. Chief Brooks said yes they are really a god send. They are fully trained former Norwood police officers. They represent the department and the town well. They offer the details to the regular officers first and then to the retired officers. Selectman Bishop said it is a win win for the town and the officers. He said drug overdoses are up statewide. Selectman Bishop thanked Officer McGowan for the great work that he did. It is a problem when you see any kind of desecration. Glad to find out it was accidental.

Chairman Howard thanked Officer McGowan as well for the great police work.

New Business

Cemetery Deeds:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Donohue voted to approve the following:

Joseph Denisi, 96 Padelford Street, Berkley, MA to Lot G6-94

Patricia A. Macadam, 64 Devon Road to Lot C-1869

Evelyn J. Narbut, 76 Wedgewood Drive to Lot C-1851

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

On motion of Selectman Bishop seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted to approve request for one day AAB license and dancing for Saturday, May 14, 2016 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Norwood Portuguese Club, 1090-1094 Washington Street:

On motion of Selectman Bishop seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted to approve request for one day Wine and Malt Beverage license and dancing for Saturday, May 7, 2016 from noon to midnight, Saturday, June 4, 2016 from noon to midnight and Saturday, July 2, 2016 from noon to midnight.

Above the Clouds, Martha Oberstan:

On motion of Selectman Bishop seconded by Selectman Donohue , voted to approve request for one day Wine and Malt Beverage license for Sunday, June 5, 2016 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. for Disabled Children at the Radley Hangar at Norwood Airport. Has been approved by the Airport Commission.

Pioneer Company, Bruce Comenitz, 84 Morse Street:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to file notification of change of mailing address regarding their VIF License # C0016 to P.O. Box 3160, Fall River, MA 02722.

Comcast:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted to file CTV Form 200, 300 and 400 for the FY year ended December 31, 2015.

Personnel Board:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to file information regarding qualifications for replacement for Anne Haley on the Personnel Board. Selectman Plasko said that the Selectmen don't per se appoint the personnel board, but we would like to announce that there is a vacancy on this and the PBCC. Chairman Howard stated that we do not have any applicants thus far. Selectman Bishop said as far as the Personnel Board, the applicants should have labor or HR experience..

Debra A. Wilkes, Executive Director, Retirement Board:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted to support and forward to the Fin Com the request to process a Reserve Fund Transfer in the amount of \$8,500 or to make relief available from another source to fund the Non-Contributory Retiree Account through June 30, 2016 and the following:.. Also as FY 17 needs to be funded and was not included on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant they request that the Board vote to amend the Fiscal 2017 budget by \$40,000 to fund the Non-Contributory Retiree payroll through June 30, 2017 or make relief available from another source. Selectman Maloney said he believes the Fin Com has done the latter. Selectman Plasko stated that they ask for the Board's input as well.

Paul Halkiotis, Director of Planning and Economic Development:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to file notice of Special Permit/Site Plan Approval pre-application meeting which has been scheduled for Wednesday, May 11, 2016 at 9 a.m. in Room 12, Norwood Town Hall for Friendly's Restaurant, 1469 Boston Providence Turnpike. They propose to install a drive through window, drive lane, drive through sign, clearance bar, menu board and canopy to the existing restaurant.

James P. Quaglia, Supt. Director, Blue Hills Regional Technical School District:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to file notification that their School Committee voted to increase the school's 2015-2016 operating budget by \$926,277 for funding a MSBA feasibility and design study for the renovation of the building. The source of the funds are the District's Excess and Deficiency account-no additional assessment will be asked for from any member district for the FY 16 budget. No action needs to be taken as they are using internal funds.

Jill M. Reddish, Franchise Operations Management, Verizon:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to file under Section 7 of Cable TV Final License statistical information concerning telephone availability and on time performance for prior quarter. Request this information be treated as proprietary information.

Unfinished Business

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

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Plasko, vote to file e-mail regarding Verizon's Cable franchise agreement with the Town which expires on 8/20/2017. They are proposing a meeting between Verizon and representatives of the Town. (has been sent to Richard Shay, Chairman of the Cable Commission). (tabled from April 12) Chairman Shay stated that the Commission is aware of this and Verizon has been unable to attend the last two meetings and due to the strike the meetings have been postponed. Chairman Howard spoke with Mr. Shay.

Greg Franks, Senior Manager, Government & Regulatory Affairs, Comcast:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to file proposal for a wireless solution for transmitting PEG access video and audio from the Town Common and request for the Board's signature. This proposal, if accepted, would avoid disruption to the downtown area associated with pulling fiber. (has been forwarded to Cable Commission) (tabled from April 12) Chairman Shay stated that they are in negotiations with Comcast regarding the above.

ABCC:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to file final approval of change of Manager from Steven J. Kelley to Brian P. Fagan, Norwood Lodge B.P.O. Elks #1124, 152 Winslow Avenue.

Memoranda

Personnel Board:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to file correspondence to the Chairman of the Board of Assessors regarding reclassification request of the Assessors Administrative Assistant.

Paul D. Halkiotis, Director, Planning & Economic Development:

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to file copy of letter to Town Clerk with a list of Planning Board members for 2016-2017. Ms. Holmwood has been elected Chairman . Selectman Maloney congratulated Ms. Holmwood on her election to chair.

Selectmen's Addenda

Selectman Bishop:

Aaron Guild Park

Thank you to the people who cleaned up this park. The Manager said Mike Driscoll and Paul McCarthy of the DPW did a great job.

Signage on town property

Selectman Bishop stated that there are signs on Town property advertising landscapers or employment opportunities. He said that the Board approves some such as the Plant Sale coming up but he has seen signs on the Upland Road area and the grassy berm on Prospect Avenue. He asked to have the DPW remove them on Town property.

Selectman Donohue stated that those signs even on private property are a violation of the Town of Norwood Zoning By-law so it is the Building Inspector's responsibility to enforce the zoning by-law. If the Building Inspector informs the Public Works Department, they have the right to remove them off private property as well. Selectman Bishop said he wanted to get them removed. Chairman Howard said a candidate for congress is advertising a sign on a vacant store in Norwood Center. Selectman Donohue said there is a sign on private property and public property by the railroad bridge going on from Washington Street to old Washington Street.

Hazardous waste recycle day is Saturday.

8am to 11 am., please bring proof of residency and no leaves or brush.

Selectman Plasko

Evening garden club

Saturday at the Hawes Pool area there is the plant sale.

Selectman Donohue

Fishing Derby

Thank you to Mike Saad and his entire committee for providing a wonderful fishing derby and one person caught a six pounder.

Law Day

At Norfolk Superior Court they celebrated Law Day-it was very impressive and the subject was the Miranda Rights. Mary Hickey first Assistant Clerk of Courts was there and Billy O'Donnell the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds was also there.

Teacher of the Year Celebration

This Friday evening the public is invited at the Masons Hall for \$20 .

Happy Mother's Day

Selectman Maloney

Norwood jazz bands

Tomorrow night the middle and high school will be playing at Sheraton four points at 7 pm. It is a great night of music.

Selectman Maloney (cont'd)

Town meeting 101

Will be held at Norwood High School at 7 p.m. the Moderator David Hern will host.

Town Meeting-Next Monday Night for the Special and Annual

Chairman Howard

VFW post 2452

They are requesting the Poppy Drive on May 11, 12, 13, 14-On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to approve.

Happy Mother's day

No meeting next Tuesday

Manager's Agenda

Final Yellow Sheet.

The Manager said that it was mailed out today to all town meeting members. Selectman Plasko said the Yellow Sheet gives information to Town Meeting members regarding the articles and he made some comments on the Community Preservation Article regarding whether or not the town would be able to move forward on that article because it didn't mention a committee which is mentioned by law. He spoke to DOR and they recommend that the by-law be created at the same time, but they do not require it. Towns have in fact created the by-law subsequent to voting on the CPA and there is no reason they wouldn't do that in Norwood. Therefore, there should be no technical issues there. He wanted to clear this up.

Letter to Mass DOT regarding the intersection of Route One and University Avenue.

The Manager discussed the letter and one suggestion made was the new configuration as it stands today there is only one lane. He said they have written suggesting that the configuration be changed to allow two lanes of traffic to make a left turn at the same time. On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to file. Chairman Howard said it has improved.

Recommending the Board accept from Campanelli Company a check for \$23,633.59 for I/I

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to accept under MGL, Chapter 44, section 53 A the check as stated above for I/I. Selectman Donohue inquired if half the project is done. The Manager said yes.

Recommending an additional \$40,000 from Free Cash to repair the Tennis Courts.

The Manager said he apologizes to the Board as he should have brought this issue to the Board sooner. The Manager said that in his letter he was trying to compare this to the funding of the non-contributory retirement and do what the Fin Com suggested. He will speak to the Fin Com. Chairman Howard said he understands we are still planning on a hockey rink. Manager said it is not going to be built and he announced that some time ago. The Manager said we are not going to get that money. Selectman Plasko asked about the timing of this work. The Manager is saying it is not likely the courts will be moved for a rink, but we are talking about the Community Preservation Act to do this. The Manager said we wouldn't get money to do this for over a year. Selectman Plasko stated that is true. The Manager said it is in bad shape. Selectman Maloney referred to the hockey rink. The Manager said we have no money. Selectman Maloney inquired if the project is part of the Governor's capital plan. The Manager said no. Selectman Plasko said that is what we are waiting to hear about. We have not heard anything back yet. Mr. Carroll said our only hope is the Skating Club of Boston which is tenuous. Selectman Maloney said if we are certain that hockey funding is never coming through we should fix the tennis courts but wait for

Tennis Courts (cont'd)

the current budget. The Manager said this would still have to be put into the governor's capital spending plan. They don't seem to be at all interested (Secretary of Environmental Affairs) in funding the rink. The Manager he said if we get the \$40,000 in the next month or two there was an indication the money would come for the rink we wouldn't repair the courts. Selectman Plasko asked how long it will take to do the work. Mr. Carroll said a couple of weeks. Selectman Plasko said if we are going to close down the courts, why not delay until the Fall Town meeting. Selectman Donohue suggested that often when a project like this is started there are delays. Mr. Carroll said it can be done in a week – just paving no grading and it is very easy. Selectman Donohue said there are children around the playground and pool area. The Manager said they won't know they are there and the fence will stay up. Selectman Maloney inquired if we were voting to recommend something to the Finance Commission. Selectman Plasko said to put it back in the budget and from currently available from free cash just like retirement-FY 17. The Manager said that he would speak to the Finance Commission. On motion of Selectman Maloney, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to approve the Manager's request.

Executive Session

The following item was presented to the Board for Executive Session, but was handled in open session.

Town Counsel

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted to to file Litigation-Boston Executive.

Adjournment

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to adjourn and the meeting was adjourned accordingly at 7:50 p.m.

A True Record.

ATTEST: _____
Clerk