

Regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen convened at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 31, 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, and Clerk Frances L. Jessoe.

Appointments

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

Reference was made to monthly report of department's activities. Mr. Ryan said they attended a Boston MPO meeting which identifies project recommended by Mass. DOT and we have two projects that we are interested in; one the intersection of Route 1A, Upland Road and Prospect, Fulton and Washington Street. This could go out for bid in a year and the second one is University Avenue and Route 1 and we have been waiting since 1998 and that is in design right now. Along with him was Representative John Rogers Chief of Staff Bill Buckley was there to support the projects. They will vote on it this week or next week, hopefully one of the intersections projects will go forward. He said that Public Works spent time preparing for the South Norwood Fishing Derby-it was a beautiful day. Highway and Parks worked with FM Global on the Aaron Guild Park and donated two trees and they assisted them in planting them. He said that May 20th on the Common was the pre-prom event and it was great and the Common looked wonderful. A lot of construction around town-Dean Street between Pleasant Street and the railroad bridge and the water Dept. is working on this they will be paving Dean Street from Pleasant to the railroad bridge. He said that they also worked on the iron services that had to be repaired before they pave the road and it will be completed very shortly. Engineering Dept. has been working on a traffic count on Railroad Ave. This will be presented shortly. He said that the Cemetery Dept. did a great job maintaining both cemeteries and Highland was the main focus getting it ready for Memorial Day. Mr. Ryan said that Paul Ranelli did a fabulous job and the cemetery looked great, the flowers and the grass-all the work he does is amazing. Paul is a great superintendent and he is supported by crew chief Charlie Walsh and John and Mike Reynolds, etc. He mentioned other members of the Public Works Department that helped out. He said that fortunately the summer students come in and they spend a lot of time up there. They did a great job. He also informed the Board that Tony Scavotto's mother passed away Friday night and Tony worked all weekend to make the cemetery beautiful. Condolences to Tony and a pat on the back for a great job.

Chairman Howard said that Tony Scavotto working right after his mother passing away at such a young age, we wish condolences to this young man. Chairman Howard said the DPW put a new statue up at the Old Parish Cemetery of Aaron Guild. They worked with Ted Mulvehill to do this.

Selectman Donohue inquired about a new platform with wooden railings. Mr. Ryan said DPW constructed this two years ago which is used for the 4th of July. Selectman Donohue said it looked very nice. Mr. Ryan said it is a nice structure and it is very safe. Selectman Donohue said the platform was a much safer and an easier climb. Selectman Donohue said the stain showed all the natural wood and it looked elegant.

Selectman Bishop asked about the security breach at the landfill. Mr. Ryan said this weekend, on Sunday, between 11 and 1 a white pickup and a black truck that has dumping ability came into the landfill twice and dumped a lot of material. They got access to the clicker to get in and the DPW got the police involved. He said that they have pictures of these vehicles on security cameras. They have an address on a prescription and it was a Westwood address. We are very agitated about the breach and we are looking for the two vehicles. They will change the frequencies of the clickers.

Supt. Mark Ryan (cont'd):

Selectman Plasko stated that some residents were concerned about Nahatan and Monroe Island there have been markings in front of the house that say ABC on the corner of Monroe and Nahatan-Rt. 1 side. Do you know what that is indicating. Mr. Ryan said he hasn't seen it-but there is no work planned there. Selectman Plasko said also most of the 4 way intersections we have cross walks – this only has it on 3 sides. Mr. Ryan said they wanted to focus on people crossing on one spot as it is a refuge island. Mr. Ryan explained that it was safer to cross in that way. Selectman Plasko is perplexed about Prospect and University Ave and both are important. A month ago we got copies that we were number 400 on the list and we got moved up to 41, but we are still back, but is this a separate process. Are they going to evaluate this again? Mr. Ryan said yes. They are reasonably priced projects and that is why it made their top tier. Mr. Ryan said it is moving forward and we have Tom O'Rourke, Neponset Valley Chamber of Commerce and Representative Rogers advocating for us. Selectman Plasko said there are many concerns regarding these intersections and he is happy they are advocating for them.

Selectman Maloney said the cemetery looks great. He inquired about the iron services and are you talking about from the main to the houses. Mr. Ryan said these are old services which leak and they want to get them out of there before they pave and this is from the main to the shut off box which is in the sidewalk area.

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

Reference was made to monthly report of department's activities. Present was Jim Collins, Darryl Hanson and Asst. Supt. Dan Morrissey. Mr. Collins spoke about the 110 KV replacement line. Mr. Morrissey brought in a model that explained what has been going on with the new lines which is 3.2 miles. There are 3 lines. Mr. Morrissey explained the progress and the new line is now energized. Right now they are in the process of removing a line all together, so you will see 2 lines. The contractor has done a very good job. We will have new poles, wires, etc. This should help with liability, etc. He explained the process by going over the model. Chairman Howard said it is moving along briskly. Discussion continued.

The Manager said a few years ago we had difficulty trying to make people understand the process so Harry Spence made this model. Mr. Morrissey said that Harry Spence is Chairman of the Future Electrical Power Supply Needs Committee. Mr. Morrissey said Harry has done a great job.

Selectman Donohue inquired if the poles were made of wood. Mr. Morrissey said yes. Selectman Donohue inquired if you can drive on this area. Mr. Morrissey said there is a lot of wetland and you can make a repair by access on the outside and work your way in. To repair you would access on the outside or underneath the lines. Selectman Donohue inquired if there are any structures close to the poles. Mr. Morrissey said some parking lots at the end of Vanderbilt Avenue and some buildings off to the side. We do have some trees. Selectman Donohue said the land behind the apartments by Summer Street how far away. Mr. Collins said about 50 feet off the last building. Chairman Howard said it is a community building. Chairman Howard inquired how tall are the poles. Mr. Morrissey said 65 and 75 feet. Mr. Morrissey said the poles are higher on Rt. 95.

Mr. Collins discussed the power supply and one of the contracts to end at the end of June-Miller Hydro-they negotiated a 5 year extension onto the contract and we are very fortunate to get that. We like to keep a certain portion renewable and they try to keep it around 10%. The cost is very competitive. Mr. Collins discussed the power supply issues. Mr. Morrissey said most of the projects are going well such as Upland Woods and Benchmark is going to be running underground to Upland Road. Endicott Woods two buildings are energized. Building 19 is moving along. The old Roll Land they are setting poles. Chairman Howard felt it was auto repair there. Mr. Collins said it is next to the Gallery Group. Selectman Plasko inquired if the front is staying the same. Mr. Collins said he hasn't seen a plan. FM Global is putting a building in the back. Upland Road they did replace the streets lights on one side they put LED's and the other side will be done next week. Mr. Collins said they will be sending along this summer is information regarding requests for commercial solar customers. Mr. Collins said he is not

Supt. James Collins (cont'd)

against solar and is in favor as long as the Town doesn't subsidize it. He will bring the rate before the Board. Discussion continued. Mr. Collins said the customer would get benefit for anything they use themselves but beyond that it would be pushing it back into our system they would pay the full cost plus or minus. We wouldn't make any money, but we wouldn't lose any money. Mr. Collins said the AMI project is ongoing and they have placed the order for 4,000 meters. They don't plan on replacing any residential meter until after the middle or after September. Some people have received phone calls and the Town has not contacted anyone. We are not doing it, so it is not from the Light Department. Chairman Howard said they can contact the Light Department if they have questions or concerns. Mr. Morrissey said the contractor will have Norwood Light credentials.

Selectman Plasko said we are not calling and don't give out any personal information to anyone. Selectman Maloney asked about the estimated date for the completion on the transmission line project. Mr. Morrissey said calendar year 16. Selectman Bishop said on Item #4 we should vote to sign this now on the Manager's agenda. On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to accept the report and sign the Public Utilities Report as Electric Light Commissioners.

Mr. Hanson stated that they are working on upgrades and they will eliminate analogue channels. This will happen later this summer and the advantage of doing this is that it will make room for the HD channels, this will reduce the heat load and they will be able to add the NPA in HD. They will offer faster speed for the internet. Mr. Hanson said he felt there were about 100 of the old televisions around and they will have to get a set top box. They can get a box free for one year if they still have the tube TV. They will start notifying customers immediately and the July 1st bill will have an official notice. Some customers may have to auto retune their televisions. Customers can call the office if they have questions.

Selectman Maloney thanked both for their reports and regarding the financial report that was submitted the net income calendar year 14 into 15 is down but not much but revenues are up which is good. He said that the biggest expense he noticed is the increase in programming costs which is well over 10% and just 10% would have been an increase in the income. This is something that they can't control too well and will you be looking at 10 to 11% increases per year in programming costs over the next 5 to 7 years? Mr. Hanson stated that it is usually averages around 5%, but every 3 years the retransmission consent bumps it up and it was just renegotiated and some were 10 and 20%. He said more customers go to the internet to get their programming rather than paying high prices for cable tv. Selectman Maloney said even a 5% increase and they would have had a nice increase in debt income. Mr. Hanson said there is a lot of greed in that industry. Selectman Maloney said that the data on customer satisfaction is very favorable. He said the debt was down, it is the programming cost. We want to keep it profitable. Discussion continued.

Selectman Bishop thanked them both for the repair system on his internet system. Steve and Randy both came out and Randy was superb with his knowledge. Selectman Plasko said about 4 this afternoon two people tried to sell Verizon to him and they said it is a hard sell in this Town because people are very loyal. Mr. Collins said that the customers in Norwood are very loyal and he thanked all the customers.

7:30 P.M. – Robert Marsh, Treasurer & Collector:

- a. Bond refunding opportunity
- b. Thomas McQuaid, Town Clerk & Accountant
Submitting information that the Finance Commission voted to support the Treasurer's recommendation.
- c. (See item 5)

Mr. Marsh stated that he is here to talk about 3 topics related to bonding. He said the bond refunding opportunity which are General Obligation Bonds from Jan 09, August 09 and the second one is also in August 09. They want to do some permanent bonding as they have a bond anticipation note coming due in July of this year \$20 million and they want to bond all or part of that. They also have the annual town meeting projects of this past year which are \$3.7 million. He discussed the refunding that has come to

Robert Marsh, Treasurer (cont'd)

their attention. He stated that one of the questions is how and why these come up. He stated that they review the bonds that are outstanding and they look at the opportunities that come up and then he contacts, the Chairman, the Town Manager and Tom McQuaid, Town Accountant. He stated that they discuss it and if they feel they should go further they will bring this on. The other issue is that the interest rates are historically low and the third thing is that they have call provisions. In total it is \$31 million and produces a budgetary savings of \$2.6 million. This savings relates to the High School bond and that was a Prop 2.5 and this would go back to the taxpayers. This would be a reduction in the levy. This gets worked through the rate payer. It is similar to a home mortgage. Discussion continued. The bonds can only be refinanced once, so we have to look at them very carefully. Mr. Marsh referred to his letter to the Board stating that they are all worth doing. Discussion continued. He stated that Mass. Gen Laws state that all refundable bonds must produce a favorable savings. This is a point in time, but we look at it right up to the last minute. There is no way the Town can lose. It is a win, win situation. He said all the savings are net issuance costs. This is the true savings. He said we have a ban coming due for \$20 million in July and Town Meeting \$3.7 for new projects and we want to ban that separately. He said that there are 3 things he wants to do in July. This is all wrapped together. This is the goal. He said there is a lot on the table; the refunding one the town has done before and they are very careful with it; they look at all the pieces and only do it when it is favorable and this one is particularly favorable.

Chairman Howard asked the 3 amounts anticipated as savings. Mr. Marsh stated that one bond for January of 09 for \$535,000 is producing an estimated savings of 30,000, and August 09, \$21,800,000 will product \$2.1 million of estimated savings and August of 09, \$9,000,000 which is savings a little under \$500,000 of estimated savings.

I, the Clerk of the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Norwood, Massachusetts, certify that at a meeting of the board held May 31, 2016, of which meeting all members of the board were duly notified and at which a quorum was present, the following vote was passed, all of which appear upon the official record of the board in my custody: On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted the following: That, in order to save interest costs, the Treasurer is authorized to provide for the sale and issuance of bonds under G.L. c. 44, Section 21A, to refund all or any portion of the remaining principal of and redemption premium and interest on the Town's General Obligation Bonds dated January 15, 2009, General Obligation Bonds (Series A) dated August 15, 2009 and General Obligation Bonds (Series B - taxable) dated August 15, 2009; and that for this purpose the Treasurer is authorized to provide for the preparation and distribution of a Preliminary Official Statement; provided, however, that no bonds shall be issued under this vote unless and until the final interest rates and other terms of the refunding bonds are approved by the Board. As the vote indicates, the refunding is subject to final approval by the Board of Selectmen when the final details of the refunding bonds are determined.

I further certify that the vote was taken at a meeting open to the public, that no vote was taken by secret ballot, that a notice stating the place, date, time and agenda for the meeting (which agenda included the adoption of the above votes) was filed with the Town Clerk and a copy thereof posted in a manner conspicuously visible to the public at all hours in or on the municipal building that the office of the Town Clerk is located or, if applicable, in accordance with an alternative method of notice prescribed or approved by the Attorney General as set forth in 940 CMR 29.03(2)(b), at least 48 hours, not including Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays, prior to the time of the meeting and remained so posted at the time of the meeting, that no deliberations or decision in connection with the sale of the bond were taken in executive session, all in accordance with G.L. c.30A, §§18-25 as amended. _Selectman Donohue inquired the length of the bonds? Mr. Marsh said generally 20 years and over 10 years they are callable. He would have to check on that. This can only be done once. This would be fixed until the end. The lengths of the loans will stay the same.

8:15 P.M. – Executive Session-Town Counsel

Re: Strategy with respect to threatened litigation.

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Donohue and on a roll call vote of Chairman Howard and Selectman Bishop and Maloney, voted to go into Executive Session after the conclusion of business to discuss strategy with respect to threatened litigation, and the Manager's Executive Session discussion of land locked land next to Madden Ford and possible purchase and PEC negotiations.

New Business

Cemetery Deeds:

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

- Viktor Kasparova, 716 Neponset Street to Lot C-1864
- Auroe Marins, 149 Pleasant Street to Lot C-1882
- Leona M. Smith, 69 Rock Street to Lot C-1854
- Laura M. Pendlebury, 64 Westover Parkway to Lot C-1853
- Frank Caviasca, 28 Lynnwood Drive to Lot C-1895
- Leonard Warner, 31 Downing road to Lot U-33
- Frances T. Kasauskas, 294 Lenox Street, Apt #2 to Lot C-1883
- Edmond a. George, 6 Adams Street to Lot SGA-38

Knights of Columbus, Council No. 252, John Paras: Approve D/P

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to approve the One day AAB & dancing for the following:

- Saturday, June 4, 2016 from 6 p.m. to 12 midnight.
- Friday, June 10, 2016 from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, June 14, 2016 from 6 to 10 p.m.
- Saturday, June 18, 2016 from 7 p.m. to midnight
- Thursday, June 25, 2016 from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Paul Halkiotis, Director of Planning & Economic Development:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to file the following: notice of Special Permit/Site Plan Approval for a minor site plan review from CRFI/CQ Norwood Upland LLC d/o Campanelli for lots 2 and 3 Upland Road on Wednesday, June 1, 2016 at 9 a.m. in Room 12, Norwood Town Hall. Selectman Bishop said this is nothing to do with the apartments, it is renovations for office use only.

David Groh, 7 Baker Street:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to file the following: request to include the Americans with Disabilities design standards in any construction at the cemetery. The Manager said we incorporate this in all our construction work and we are just going to seal the road. There will be no change. Selectman Plasko said the Manager could get him interested in the handicapped commission.

Robert J. Marsh, Town Treasurer and Collector:

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to sign Commonwealth of Massachusetts Bond Anticipation Note for interim loan related to the DPW Litigation Costs in the amount of \$60,000 originally authorized at November 16, 2015 Special Town Meeting. Selectman Plasko stated that we are talking about litigation regarding the DPW and he would like to have PBCC or their attorney to give a confidential update on the status of this litigation. On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Maloney so voted.

Rome Reymonde, Sunshine Thrift Shop, 714 Washington Street:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to approve request to re-instate Junk Dealers license as she was out of the country during the renewal period.

Unfinished Business

Board of Selectmen-Town of Norwood:

Submitting Rules & Regulations for Special Legislation-Wine & Malt Beverage License Central Business District and South Norwood Business District. (tabled from 5/17 and 5/24)

Selectman Donohue said that every member has a copy of the new proposals and some of the proposals were outlined with yellow markings. She stated that she discussed the ones in yellow markings with Selectman Bishop and Selectman Plasko and stated that at this time the only change that is proposed in the page number 3 which is in fact the 5th page in the packet. Selectman Donohue said © under Building and site plan, Selectman Bishop would like to eliminate the reference to the booths and the chairs and she understands his concerns. Selectman Donohue said if we eliminate c and then we change that. On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to eliminate c. Selectman Donohue said that other than that she is not aware of any other changes.

Selectman Bishop said he did have a conversation with Selectman Donohue regarding this issue, but he did find one this afternoon that he was remiss in-page 5, first article which is financial information-he referred to the Annual status report with gross sales of food and alcoholic beverages and he would like that part of the paragraph removed. It would be the first sentence ending in beverages. Selectman Maloney said you have to eliminate the second sentence as well. Selectman Bishop said yes and Selectman Plasko said yes as well. Selectman Donohue said when she and Selectman Bishop spoke today, she felt that the only question that he had was the other questions. He said that is what he thought, but he failed to look at the annual financial status. He apologized. On motion of Selectman Maloney, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to approve. The vote was 4-1. Selectman Donohue opposed.

Selectman Maloney thanked Selectman Donohue and Selectman Plasko and how much is new and how much is long standing. Selectman Donohue said mostly all of it is from up town. Selectman Maloney referred to the page under policy statement-to improve the physical appearance of the downtown and add respective districts. Selectman Plasko said yes this should be changed. On motion of Selectman Maloney, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to replace this with respective districts. Selectman Maloney referred to page 4 below item (9) architectural plans and regarding physical layout. Selectman Donohue said all of this is original. Selectman Maloney referred to page 4, but why are we sending referrals to all these different bodies, town planner, board of health, etc. Selectman Donohue said we do all of these people, because the regular procedure calls for abutters and by doing this you are having more input in a public hearing. He inquired how much of this language is new. Selectman Donohue said only the South Norwood Committee is added. Selectman Plasko said the Town Planner was also added, but the other board were on there. Selectman Maloney inquired as to the difference between the South Norwood Committee and the Downtown Steering Committee? Selectman Bishop said the Downtown Steering Committee was selected by the Board of Selectmen and the South Norwood Committee is just a neighborhood advisory committee. Selectman Maloney said we have always sent notice to the Downtown Steering Committee. Selectman Plasko said it was in the regulations, but we didn't always do it. Selectman Maloney said that the South Norwood Committee is not appointed by the Board of Selectmen, but the Downtown Steering Committee is. The Board said yes. Selectman Maloney said he didn't like to include the South Norwood Committee, but if his colleagues want to do it then he will go along. He stated that the other committee has an official standing with the town but the South Norwood Committee does not.

Board of Selectmen-Town of Norwood:

Selectman Maloney made a motion to take out the South Norwood Committee . No second to the motion, the motion did not carry.

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted to accept the new rules and regulations as stated above.

Memoranda

Selectmen's Meetings:

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted to approve as presented minutes of the Board of May 17, May 19 and May 23.

Joseph E. Favaloro, Executive Director, MWRA Advisory Board &

Frederick A. Laskey, Executive Director MWRA:

On motion of Selectman Maloney, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to file copy of correspondence sent to Water Superintendent Mark Ryan outlining MWRA's ongoing efforts to assist member communities in addressing the lead issue in schools.

Selectmen's Addenda

Selectman Maloney:

Memorial Day

Thank Ted Mulvehill, Veterans' Agent and the ceremony went off very well and the dedication for Major Welch was a very moving ceremony. It was a great memorial day. Kudos to all.

Selectman Donohue

Memorial Day

Thank you to all who participated and to all who attended. The cemetery looks well cared for and the flowers and it is a wonderful holiday.

Manager's Agenda

Introduction to Travis Farley, our new Program Director for the Recreation Department.

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted to file. Chairman Howard said that this candidate was the only applicant to get a check mark from all committee members. Selectman Plasko inquired about the item in the letter that said he is going to work 15 nights per year and he thought his shift worked nights. The Manager said no, they did away with this a long time ago.

Recommendation to approve Mr. Cooper's request to allow Cabot, Vermont High School Music Group "The Limes" to perform at the bandstand.

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to approve. Selectman Bishop said it will be from 5 to 6 and no cost to the town at all. This group is also singing at the Berkley School of Music.

A list of specific locations that have been proposed for the Dog Park in the past.

The Manager had a meeting with Mr. Miller and Mr. Ryan and he presented proposed dog park locations. The Manager said they will look at each one again and try and figure out where they want to go. He said that people run their dogs behind the Savage Center and it is unofficial. He said this is a point of information. Selectman Plasko said he wanted to ask the Dog Park Committee to review where they are in the process and he objects to the statement that the Selectmen declined support behind the Ellis. We were apprehensive due to the traffic but did not decline support. He said that Mr. Rano said he would do a survey of the neighborhood and if anyone objected, he would look someplace else, but no one has ever come back to the Board. Selectman Plasko has concerns about the Savage Center and that is being used unofficially now and it is a small group and they just use it around dinner time and a dog park will be used all day and this area is too small. Selectman Bishop inquired if Mr. Rano is involved. The Manager said yes.

2015 Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities Report for your information and for your signatures.

This was signed during the Light Department appointment.

Adjournment

Returning to open session and no other business being presented for consideration, on motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted to adjourn and the meeting was adjourned accordingly at 9:05 p.m.

A True Record.

ATTEST: _____

Clerk