

Regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen convened at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, July 12, 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 introduced two new officers of the department; Officer Kevin McDonough Jr. and John Rooney. He said that they have completed police academy and three months of field training and are on their own. They are lifelong residents of Norwood. Chief Brooks stated that they had two officers graduate from the Boston Police Academy; they are trainees Jennifer Hoyle and Melanie Wigmore which will bring the total of female officers to 4. On June 6th and 7th the Police Department underwent an accreditation assessment which has been an ongoing project and they passed with flying colors and on Sept. 14th, they will become fully accredited-due to the hard work of Officer Padden. Chief Brooks stated that Lt. Peter Kelly will become the first Deputy Chief in Norwood and Officer Padden was promoted to Sergeant and Sgt. Beckham to Lieutenant. Those promotions are effective on Thursday. They have an annual event when all the retired members of the force come in and it gives him a chance to run by them some of the things that have been going on at the Department and solicit their input. They have about 500 years of police experience in the room. The school resource officers have been busy and did a bike safety day at the Balch and bike repairs were done free of charge by the Bike Depot, parts were provided by Norwood Bank and helmets were provided by Atty. David White of Westwood. They also did a Youth Academy last year and will be doing it again this year-funding provided by the Norwood Young Women's Club. This month they did in house training and it happened before the events of Dallas, Baton Rouge and Minnesota. This involves classroom training on use of force and protocol-they used Concannon's and laid out scenarios that the offices had to navigate. Further discussion ensued. This has been a busy month for the Department.

Selectman Plasko spoke to the new officers and wished them well. He said it is a tough time now being a police officer but we have the deepest respect for the job they do and he spoke to Officer McDonough who is following in the footsteps of his father that he will show that back to the residents and the public. He hoped they have a long career.

Chairman Howard said they are fine examples of police officers and it is exciting to see that they will be protecting our town. He is proud of our entire police force.

Selectman Donohue referred to Officer McDonough who talks to everyone on the street and is very visible and he communicates with everyone and that is community policing. Chief Brooks said when he talks with the officers they know the merchants by name.

Selectman Maloney welcomed both officers to the department. He told Chief Brooks the promotions are great men and the two new women in the department are very good. Chief Brooks talked about the two officers stopping to play basketball with little children and they know the officers by name. Selectman Maloney said it is a department on the rise.

7:15 p.m. – Mark Rano

Re: Discussion regarding Dog Park. Also present was Supt. Mark Ryan, DPW/Town Engineer.

Mark Rano of 40 Third Street explained they are looking to get a dog park built and mostly funded 90% by Stanton foundation. When there is a site identified and approved by the Board the Stanton Foundation

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will provide money for a feasibility study and once approved they will pay 90% of the cost of the building of the Park. They need a site. The two proposals after discussion with Gerry Miller, Mark Ryan and Mr. Carroll they have gone through many sites throughout the town. They prefer the site near the Ellis Nursing Home and the 3 people who objected were mostly about traffic. He referred to the Ellis and they propose that they put the Dog Park with the gates facing Route 1. Entry off the end of Ellis and Route 1 and encourage people to use that parking area. Discussion continued. He said that Dog Parks have people come at different times. He referred to the Coakley area and the unused track would be ok. They envisioned it would be up by the public garden and an entry off Mylod Street. The Coakley off Mylod is a fine location and they are willing to listen to other sites.

Chairman Howard said this is the first time he has heard 90%-10% comes from the Town. Mr. Rano said that is true. Mr. Rano said they will provide full funding for the feasibility study upon award of location by the Selectmen. Chairman Howard said they had a discussion today and the thought came to mind that these two sites, that maybe we could do a trial which could be a study. Mr. Ryan said he could come up with temporary fencing to operate the dog park on trial basis. Mr. Rano said he had not heard of this before now. He would not object to that arrangement but the foundation needs the site and paperwork by the middle of September or it gets bumped to next year. He said that they have plans to approach businesses to see if they would help with funding which could be applied to temporary fencing. Chairman Howard said he didn't see the temporary fencing as a big expense. You could try one area and then the other to see which works out. Chairman Howard stated that he walked the neighborhood and said that there were 12 in favor and 2 against, but 15 were not home. He said we have to be courteous to the abutters.

The Manager said that both Mark Ryan and Mark Rano have been looking at various sites. Mark Ryan and he looked at this again and discussed it with the Chairman and they recommend doing a 30 day trial at Ellis first with temporary fencing which is not expensive. The Manager said it would be less than \$200 and they will keep accurate track of traffic etc. and they would like to put a counter on Ellis now and then how many go to the Dog park. He felt this would be the first step.

Chairman Howard asked the dog park committee how the trial sounds. Mark Rano said they want a dog park and have a foundation to pay 90% and are aware and sympathetic to neighbors but no matter where it goes there will be issues. However in fairness to the dogs 600 feet is not enough. He would also be willing to put up some money for additional fencing.

Mark Ryan said Ellis is 50,000 sq. ft. and the perimeter would be 600 feet and it would fit in nicely and he felt it was ample size. There would not be a lot of area left. It would be 15,000 sq. feet and Arlington did a study of 6 sites and they average 15,000 sq. ft.

Selectman Donohue inquired of Mr. Rano what he felt the average square feet of a dog park should be. He said that the Stanton parks are 6,000 in Boston and one down the cape is 50,000 sq. ft. Mr. Rano said for a trial run 15,000 should be adequate. Selectman Maloney said it is a third of an acre. Selectman Plasko said that is the size of his front lawn. Mr. Rano said it would be just for the trial, he would prefer to go larger. Discussion continued and the Board reviewed the photos. Selectman Maloney inquired about the cost. Mr. Rano said the costs range from about \$10,000 to \$220,000 depending upon what you want to do and the Foundation would pay up to \$250,000. Selectman Maloney inquired about the biggest cost. Mr. Rano said the fencing is the biggest cost. He said that Dedham uses wood chips as surface material and they take Christmas trees and chew them up and use at dog parks. Stanton Foundation does require a water supply to the area. It varies widely and that is where the feasibility study comes in.

Selectman Bishop inquired about the 30 day trial and would it cut too close to the deadline for Stanton Foundation. Mr. Rano said yes. To get on a build list for next spring, the deadline is in September-mid or late September. Selectman Bishop said they would prefer not to miss the window of opportunity and if the Board did decide for Ellis, he cannot vote for it in good conscience as he has spoken to neighbors who are opposed to it.

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He does like the idea of the Coakley Middle School as it is a recreational area and the entire family will come out and they could attend a game and someone could walk the dog.

Selectman Plasko said he initially gravitated to Ellis and he thinks that is the minimum size and he felt a minimum of 1.5 acre for the park. The problem he has with Ellis is the traffic and a lot of neighbors are in favor, but he is concerned about the traffic as they will all use Ellis Ave which is narrow and already heavily traveled. He does like the Coakley area. It is used now. Selectman Plasko said he is not keen on the track – that is too small. Over near the public garden, the Conservation Commission is somewhat willing to have a dog park there and it could be larger and this offers the most potential. Further discussion ensued. He said this is a beautiful setting over by the garden area rather than the track area. Mr. Ryan said the track square footage-is 27,000 including the entire track. Mr. Rano said he would like to have a larger area. Mr. Ryan said that Gerry Miller discussed the dog park on the conservation land and they gave him approval, but they couldn't get an ok to use the parking at the Coakley Middle School. You would have to approach the Conservation Commission on this. Selectman Donohue asked if they looked at the area around the pumping station. Mark Ryan said it was one of the initial thoughts but the access to route one made it too dangerous. Selectman Donohue said the traffic is controlled there and there is a parking lot nearby. The question is there is there enough square footage there. Selectman Plasko said people find that difficult to use with the divided highway etc.

Selectman Donohue said the land around the cemetery near the Willett is another site. Mr. Ryan said that it is not usable land, a lot is wetland. Selectman Donohue asked what they are doing with the piles of stones and mulch near the back of the cemetery. Mr. Ryan said that is Cemetery expansion. Selectman Donohue inquired what department has jurisdiction. Mr. Ryan said that is cemetery land.

Mr. Carroll said there is a problem, if we are going to use the track, we have to go to the School Committee to cut across their property. There was a committee formed but I wasn't on it for some reason. The one that is most prominent is the Ellis. If you authorize a trial and direct Mr. Ryan and Mr. Carroll to do it we will make it happen. Mr. Carroll said they will have a hearing with the neighbors and he also said that going on and off Route 1 is dangerous.

Selectman Donahue asked about the dog park at Endicott street. Mr. Rano said it is a doggy day care.

On motion of Selectman Maloney, seconded by Chairman Howard, voted to do a 30 day trial at Ellis. Selectman Plasko said he is unwilling to do Ellis but would be favorable to do a trial at the track at the Coakley. Selectman Donohue agreed with Selectman Plasko and Selectman Maloney stated that he would happy to amend his motion to change from Ellis to the Coakley. This motion was seconded by Selectman Donohue. Selectman Bishop asked to have this move along quickly so we don't miss the window for the grant. Mr. Carroll said he can't promise as we have to go to the School Department and they will have ideas and concerns on their part, but he would do his best. The vote was unanimous on the trial at the Coakley. Selectman Plasko said it is up to them to get the word out. Mr. Rano said he would take care of that and they have to have rules and regulations. Chairman Howard said there should be some sort of supervision so it goes smoothly and there has to be signage. The Manager inquired if it would be the track. The Board said yes. Mr. Rano inquired about the lot off of Mylod Street and the Board mentioned the Conservation Commission. The Chairman will contact the Conservation Commission about the land off Mylod Street. Mr. Rano introduced his wife Ellen Rano and Donna Driscoll who runs the website who were also in attendance at the meeting.

8:00 P.M. – Executive Session-Town Counsel Brandon Moss & Atty. John Davis:

Re: Litigation-Airport On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Plasko and on a roll call vote of Chairman Howard and Selectman Bishop and Maloney, voted to enter executive session after the business of the regular meeting.

New Business

Boch awards-2016

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to accept recommendations of the Chairman and the list of awards will be on the Town's website.

Amy Campbell, Craft Affair at Norwood:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to approve request to hang a banner announcing the 2016 Craft fair to be held October 15, 2016. The banner would hang on Washington Street at Guild Square from Monday, October 3, 2016 until the day of the event. The Masons have been approved for that period but the craft Affair could have from the third to the tenth. Staff will notify the Craft Affair.

James Collins, Superintendent, Norwood Municipal Light Department:

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to approve request to declare antiquated phone equipment as surplus so they can dispose of it.

Greg Franks, Sr. Manager, Comcast:

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to file updates to their Triple Play Bundle offerings.

Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission:

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to file approval of Special Legislation Wine and Malt Beverage License for Minas Café, 1241-1243 Washington Street, Manager Manoel Isaac da Silva Neto.

Norwood Knights of Columbus:

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted to approve request for One Day WMB License for Saturday, July 16, 2016.

Gerald F. Miller, Supt., Norwood Recreation Department:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to approve request to hold Trunk or Treat in Municipal Lot Saturday, October 29, 2016, 2-6 pm.

Cemetery Deeds:

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

Judith M. Dixon, 51 Geraldine Drive to Lot C-1885.

Mary J. McNamara, 4 Sycamore Place, Plainville, MA to Lot C-1884.

William J. Callahan, 64 Lenox Avenue to Lot C-1877.

Selectman Bishop said he has received complaints of family of the deceased and they find it difficult to hear the names read again at the Selectmen's Meeting and asked the Chair to not read the names in the future. The Board so voted.

John Pepin, 1014 E. Minnezona Avenue, Phoenix, AZ:

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to file complaint against Antique Roadhouse for alleged deceptive business practice.

Nada Shawol, 462 Nahatan Street:

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to approve request for letter to Massachusetts Port Authority stating Norwood has no objection to her operating livery vehicle within its boundaries.

Morrill Memorial Library:

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to file list of library programs for adults this summer. Chairman Howard said that the information is on line.

Joseph M. Welch, 10 Barberry Lane:

Request to install bench at his son's grave site, Lot C-650, and to use flush markers in the front section if it is ever needed for development.

Mark Ryan stated as custodian of graves, which you appoint him each year, he would like the Board to defer to him and Mr. Carroll to work with Mr. Welch as they have two locations for the bench and he would rather do it in private with Mr. Carroll and Mr. Welch and any members of the Board that would like to attend. Mr. Ryan stated that they have two locations that they would recommend for the bench which would be very appropriate for the duties that Mark Welch did for the United States, so he would ask for the support to defer this to him and Mr. Carroll to work with Mr. Welch.

Selectman Bishop stated that from what he understands there has been conversations between Joseph Welch and the General Manager and Mr. Ryan and apparently Mr. Welch was not satisfied with the outcome of those discussions; this is why this letter was sent here asking the Board to take action on this tonight, so he would rather not continue this until another date, he would rather sort this out tonight.

Selectman Donohue would like to ask the Board if we could please continue this for another time and it is ironic as it is not because of Mr. Bishop's comments or because of Mr. Ryan's comments, it is because this important question about the use of the area of the cemetery around where the bench is proposed is a very important decision and this was just added on to the additional agenda which we received tonight. Selectman Donohue stated that years ago there were graves laid out at that site (around that area), they haven't been sold and they have been used as a decorative site, entrance way to the cemetery. She would like to concentrate on the future look of the entrance of the cemetery as well as we want the bench and he certainly earned more than that, but we have to do this thing carefully so that the whole outlook of the cemetery can be thought of. She would like to postpone this so that the entire Board could have some input about further development of the cemetery. Chairman Howard stated that Selectman Donohue has a motion on the floor and asked for a second. Selectman Maloney seconded the motion for discussion.

Selectman Plasko said he can go along with tabling it so the Board can get further familiar with the issue, but the Board as Cemetery Commissioners is going to need to resolve this as there is already clearly some problems between the other parties mentioned earlier and he felt that the Board has to resolve it once they have had time to get the facts so that we have it clear in the Board's minds. He stated that ultimately it has to be a Board decision. Selectman Plasko said it seems to him that it is more than an issue of just a bench. He would like to take the time to get the facts, so the Board feels comfortable with the facts and then the Board as Cemetery Commissioners will make the decision at a future meeting.

Selectman Maloney stated that he agreed with Selectman Donohue and it seems to be a little more complicated than it appears at first and he would like to have more time to study it and he didn't

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feel that he knew enough about it and he said the Town Manager and a Department Head are asking the Board to table it and we should do that.

Chairman Howard inquired when this is going to be tabled to. The Manager asked it to be tabled for one month as he is going on vacation. Selectman Maloney inquired of the Manager if August 9th would be ok. The Manager stated it would.

On motion of Selectman Maloney, seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted to table the request until August 9th to allow the Board as Cemetery Commissioners to look into the request in order to make a decision. The vote was 3-2. Chairman Howard and Selectman Bishop opposed.

Richard Shay, Chair, Norwood Cable Commission:

- a. On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to approve request for the Board's signature of the Comcast revision regarding wireless solution for transmitting PEG access video and audio from the Town Common. NPA will have control of the equipment.
- b. On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Bishop, voted to set a public hearing be scheduled for August 9th regarding contract between the Town of Norwood and Verizon.

Unfinished Business

John P. Flynn, Esquire, Murphy, Hesse, Toomey & Lehane, LLP:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted to sign and approve the (2) copies of Town Counsel Services, Workers' Compensation services, and Labor Counsel services for the Town of Norwood for Fiscal Year 2017, July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. (tabled from June 14, 2016 and June 28, 2016.)

Russ Maguire, Manager, Norwood Memorial Airport:

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted to authorize the Chairman to sign two copies of MassDOT grant assurances which pertain to a \$30,146 state grant which will update Norwood Airport's security camera system for signature of the Chairman. The vote was 4-1. Selectman Plasko opposed.

Memoranda

Anthony J. Greeley, Chief, Norwood Fire Department:

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to file monthly report of the department's activities for the month of June, 2016.

Mark Chubet, Building Inspector:

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to file report of the department's activities for the month of June, 2016.

Paul Halkiotis, Director of Community Planning & Economic Development:

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to file copy of correspondence to Down town Steering Committee re: downtown vacancies.

Personnel Board:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to file the following

- a. copy of correspondence to Library Trustees.
- b. copies of correspondence (2) to General Manager.
- c. copy of correspondence to Norwood Light Department Superintendent.
- d. copy of correspondence to Town Clerk & Accountant.

Selectmen's Addenda

Selectman Bishop

Sumner Street:

Selectman Bishop referred pictures to the Manager regarding car parking on the street. Manager will take care of.

Winter Street

Selectman Bishop referred to the fence on Winter Street that was to be extended to the street. To date nothing has been done. Supt. Ryan said he will get that done.

Selectman Plasko

Economic Development:

Moderna is interested and excited to come to Norwood. He has spoken to the Chairman and they have put them on the agenda on July 26 and look forward to extending an invitation to the Finance Commission and Planning Board. The Economic Development Committee will have a recommendation.

Selectman Donohue

July 4th.

Thank you to all who participated in fourth of July parade. People say it was best parade ever in town of Norwood.

Bill McCoy:

Last Saturday was his eightieth birthday. Has done so much creating the Friends of the Council on Aging. They have raised money to help with the Senior center and bought a bus for the senior center. When he lived in South Norwood he helped there as well.

Selectman Maloney

Rich Cormier

Fond farewell to basketball coach from high school he is leaving to take AD position in Foxboro

Chairman Howard

Norwood Commerce Center Committee

Toni Eosco has stepped forward to volunteer on that committee. Need two more volunteers . Please contact the Selectmen's Office.

Manager's agenda

Report from Chief Brooks regarding parking in Norwood Center.

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to refer to the Downtown Steering Committee.

Summarization of solid waste and recycling efforts for FY 2016

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to file.

Muni relief transfers

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to approve. The Manager has already been to the Finance Commission.

Letter from National Grid regarding possible contingency plans if contract negotiations reach an impasse.

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to file.

Notice to residents regarding cleaning and lining of water main on Nichols and Winter Street:

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to file.

Check from Campanelli for \$25,000 for Upland Road and Prospect Street Project.

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to accept donation under Chapter 44, section 53A, for said purposes.

Manager's Executive Session

PEC

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to file.

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 8:45 p.m.

A True Record

ATTEST: _____
Clerk