

Regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen convened at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, September 27, 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 K. Mulvehill.

Appointments

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

Mr. Ryan gave an overview of his monthly report. He gave kudos to the crew for the work they do for the Norwood Day event each year, prior to during and after the event. He said that Mike Driscoll, the Highway and Parks supervisor has a great system. They also clean up after the fireworks and it is a great day. Highway and parks has many projects. One is crack-sealing project and they have done six this year. This is part of pavement maintenance. They replaced eight street trees along Washington Street. Last year Norwood Bank donated \$50,000 for trees in Norwood and DPW is slowly adding them. They installed 18 various types of Sugar Maples at the athletic fields to provide large shade trees at ball fields: ten at Coakely, six at Oldham and Willett ballfields. Mr. Ryan said they are hoping to put trees up at all the ball fields. This was a great donation by Norwood Bank. The highway and parks department participates in recycling day and Sigalle Reiss does a great job. He said leaf and brush drop off is not allowed during this event. Selectman Bishop said we announced that two weeks in a row and it is very difficult to deal with them when they show up. Mr. Ryan said there is a struggle getting around town this year. National Grid is doing work and cleaning and lining is ongoing. The \$2.7 million sewer project is winding down in the Meadowbrook system. Mr. Ryan said there is only one more sewer project scheduled for 2020 and they will reevaluate at that time. Water mains are 68 % lined and that is a long-term project. Mr. Ryan spoke about roadway resurfacing which is also ongoing. Currently they are working on Prospect Avenue. The Engineering Department has been doing the sidewalk-resurfacing project. 6.5 miles of sidewalks are involved. They are following up with a lot of loaming and seeding to dress it up. The manager said they would get a report with photos on this. Mr. Ryan said the cemetery has been challenging because of the drought but Mr. Ranalli has done a great job. They resurfaced over a mile of the 3.5 miles of roadway at the cemetery. Selectman Donohue asked about the original amount of money that was allocated to do the roads. Mr. Ryan said it was \$60,000. She asked what resurfacing entails. Mr. Ryan said they level the roads, cut back the grass and overgrowth and crack sealing all the cracks. Selectman Donohue asked if our cemetery department does the whole job. Mr. Ryan said they provide the labor along with DPW. A private company is hired to do the crack sealing. Chip sealing is 100% contracted out. Selectman Donohue said it looks better already. Drain work was done on Dean Street near the railroad bridge.

Selectman Bishop said a great job is being done on Prospect Avenue regarding the water services in addition to the roadwork. He thanked Norwood Bank for the donation for those trees.

Selectman Maloney asked about the bulk disposal program. Mr. Ryan said when we first started automated pick up system residents were allowed to put out three bulk items per week for removal at town's expense. He proposed to open the landfill. The option is to pay \$25 to have items picked up or use the landfill for free. This is much more cost effective than the curbside pickup. He explained the two options to get rid of a large item. Call public works and get sticker for \$25 or go to the landfill on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Selectman Maloney asked about the Walk Norwood program. Mr. Ryan said Sigalle Reiss got a grant to help seniors get out and walk. Andy Murphy is designing routes that are safe and with good sidewalks. It will be October 14, 2016. Selectman Maloney asked about the work on Bird Road. Mr. Ryan said it has been a problem for years that the railroad tracks create. The draining discharges on Bird Road and we are going to make the connection so that goes directly into the drain system. Design is done – not sure about construction.

Mark Ryan, Supt., DPW-(cont'd):

Selectman Plasko asked about cemetery resurfacing. Mr. Ryan said the chip-sealed area was crack sealed prior and the new section was crack sealed on its own. Selectman Plasko referred to his report and asked for update on irrigation at Coakley Middle School. Mr. Ryan said they used millings from an asphalt job. The irrigation was part of town meeting to do the lights and irrigation at lower Coakley baseball field. We installed electrical service. The walkway (warning track) is the same millings they used for the track around the upper fields. Selectman Plasko said above seems like gravel not asphalt. Selectman Plasko asked if the problem they have at Shattuck would happen at Coakley. Mr. Ryan said no they have smaller rocks. There will be a permanent fence put up and the walking track will be behind the fence. Selectman Plasko said he is concerned about the irrigation because he does not remember talking about it during the budget process at all. There was \$660,000 for Coakley #1 and 2 and nothing about the baseball fields. Selectman Donohue said they added it at the Capital Outlay meeting at the end. Selectman Plasko said it would have been nice to know about it here and it is not part of the town meeting vote. Selectman Maloney asked if it is meant for cars to go there and watch or park. Mr. Ryan said not behind the ballfield. Selectman Maloney asked if it would still be acceptable for cross-country team. Mr. Ryan said they worked with John Longley to work out a nice patch. The Manager said they took bids on lights that came in too high so they are trying to modify that to get it under \$650,000. Selectman Plasko asked if they will redo the grass on the field and Mr. Ryan said yes they would be aerating, etc.

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

Superintendent Collins gave an overview of the department's monthly activities. He mentioned an incident at 7:15 this morning where a tree came down on Elliot and Stearns. It damaged several electric services, took down two poles and knocked out service. The tree is on a Town lot. He thanked the Police and Fire Departments and Pathfinder Tree Service and Lucas Carr. He also thanked Norwood Light personnel. No one was hurt and the Police and Fire were keeping the students clear of the live wires. Mr. Collins said he has no idea why it came down.

Mr. Collins introduced Asst. Supt Dan Morrissey. Mr. Collins spoke about 115 kV Transmission Line Project. They postponed the job that was scheduled for this weekend and it will be rescheduled. Double poles are being worked on and he will have a report for next meeting. Selectman Plasko referenced the Governor's package and asked Mr. Collins knew anything the poles in that package. Mr. Collins said he would look into it.

Assistant Superintendent Daniel Morrissey spoke about the installation of a new feed on Lenox Street near Washington Street to create more capacity on Route 1 and Vanderbilt Avenue, which should be done by next Friday. Upland woods, Benchmark and the other projects on the list are ongoing, including 83 Morse Street. Mr. Morrissey said they are ready for the advanced metering infrastructure and the October bills will have information about this. The meters will be installed the first week of November by True Check Utility Meters. Selectman Plasko asked if there would be notifications closer to the time the work will be done. Mr. Morrissey said they would send out notification to those customers two weeks prior to going out there. There will be a door hanger with a check mark after work is done. The Contractor will leave a door hanger if they cannot access the meter and those customers will have to call the light department. Mr. Morrissey said they will not be calling people and he cautions residents not to let people into their homes.

Mr. Collins referred to Broadband report, stating that Darryl Hansen was unavailable this evening. He reported that the Analog changeover has been completed but if subscribers have problems they should call the office for help. It might be a matter of reprogramming. Selectman Bishop said there was an overabundance of tube televisions deposited at the landfill on Saturday.

Chairman Howard said a Broadband customer emailed him that the NASA channel was deleted with the Analog changeover and he wanted to know if it would be brought back. Mr. Collins said he would find out but he does not think any channels were lost. He asked that customers with questions or issues call the office.

Supt. James Collins, Norwood Light Department-(cont'd):

Selectman Maloney mentioned Broadband net income is up. Mr. Collins said he is cautiously optimistic. Things are looking very good and they are fortunate to have the marketing they have. The man selling commercial accounts is doing great. Mr. Morrissey said there is work being done on one of the other buildings at Upland Woods. He is working with the engineer looking at the commercial building there (Moderna) and they got rid of the power plant there. Chairman Howard said he goes to most site meetings and Mr. Morrissey does one heck of a job. Mr. Collins concluded by stating he is very lucky to have the employees he has.

New Business

Selectmen's Meetings:

Holiday schedule—does the Board wish to meet December 6, 13, and take off December 20 and 27 and resume January 3, 2017. On motion of Selectman Maloney, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted the schedule above.

Sarah E. Sullivan, Business Manager, Norwood Public Access Television:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted to file minutes from the Public Access Board of Directors meeting.

Bahig F. Bishay:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to file copy of e-mails between himself and Chairman of the Airport Commission.

Marybeth Cox, St. Catherine of Siena School:

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted to approve request for one day Wine and Malt Beverage license for Alumni event on Saturday, October 15, 2016 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Cemetery Deeds:

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

Pelikseni Prifti, 10 Adams Street to Lot C-1880;
Joanne M. Loveitt, 96 Mechanic Street, Foxboro to lot C-1889;
Bryanna Houston Lydon, 717 Norwest Drive to Lot U-21

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.

Brian Fagan, Club Manager, Norwood Elks Lodge 1124:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to approve request for One Day AAB License for a fundraiser for Veterans Saturday, October 8, 2016, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. to be confined to an area outside the building roped off from the public. The vote was 4-0. Selectman Plasko abstained.

Francis J. Hopcroft, Chairman, PBCC:

Submitting correspondence regarding St. Gabriel's Chapel. Chairman Howard said PBCC is seeking input and they would like to get three estimates. One to make structure safe and secure, another based on minimal improvements, and a third for full rehab to bring up to code. The cost would be up to \$1.7 million or more. Chairman Howard recommends supporting them to get the three estimates to be ready for town meeting in spring. The Manager said it would have to be an estimate. On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted to approve obtaining three quotes and send a letter from this Board to PBCC inviting them in.

Chairman Howard:

Submitting request for article to be placed on the Special Town Meeting warrant to change the bylaws of the Town of Norwood Article XVIII, Council on Aging; they would like the restriction taken off that they cannot serve for more than four consecutive years. Selectman Plasko said this was discussed at the articles meeting and his understanding is the full council is behind this. This would make it more liberal as to the amount of time a person can serve and seems necessary. On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to support the placement of the article on STM Warrant.

James F. Gormley, Chairman, Norwood School Committee:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to add to the Special Town Meeting Warrant an article "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a placeholder of funds not to exceed \$300,000 to be used for increased out of district special education costs due to additional placements or take any other action in the matter" Selectman Maloney said once the School Department has appropriated the funds, they can do with them as they wish.

Memoranda

Selectmen's Meeting:

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to accept as written the Board minutes of September 6, 2016

Selectmen's Addenda

Selectman Bishop

Rosh Hashanah

Wishing happy holiday to those celebrating the holiday.

Selectman Plasko

VFW

October 8th at 6 p.m. there will be a fundraiser for VFW and maintenance of the facility.

Town Meeting Articles

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to approve a placeholder article for an acceptance stature regarding Peg Access. Selectman Plasko has consulted with NPATV President Scott Murphy and Town Counsel Brandon Moss.

Skating Rink Update

There was a recent meeting last Thursday that I was invited to but the whole Board should be brought up to date. Mr. Carroll had said at one point the project was dead and we were shocked. I have been pushing Senator Rush and Rep. Rogers for status and they said it was not dead. Rep. Rogers' office invited me to a meeting with DCAM and DCR regarding the site of the rink. The project as we knew it is dead and now they are looking at feasibility study of rink location in this area- including Norwood. There will be public hearings down the road. Does the Board wish to pursue this with the state? It would be different from anything we have talked about in the past. Selectman Donohue asked about 1315 Washington Street. Selectman Plasko said that is the site we looked at. The manager pointed out that the consultant is being asked to study three scenarios, none of which is what we discussed. We talked about town owned and town operated. Selectman Plasko agreed. Selectman Maloney said he was also invited to the meeting by Representative Rogers and Matt Brown was there for support. They are looking to do two sheets of ice somewhere in this region. The manager said the Skating Club of Boston is still in the picture and they are looking at land on University Avenue.

Chairman Howard

Norwood High marching band

Received First place award in competition

Committee on Town Clerk and Accountant

The committee members will be Selectman Plasko, Finance Commission Chair Judy Langone, former Town Clerk and Accountant Robert Thornton, and Town Meeting Members Michael Sheehan and Edward Duggan.

PBCC

This committee needs two members. Anyone who is interested is asked to attend one or two meetings and if still interested, send a letter or interest to the Office of the Board of Selectmen.

Manager's Agenda

Requesting your approval of the Purchasing Department's written procedures for the disposal of surplus supplies, material and equipment.

The Manager said this is succinct and careful. The items would be listed on the town website and in local paper. Chairman Howard stated he would like to think about it more. This is \$10,000 item, one person will be making the decision on how it is disposed, and he would like the Selectmen to have a say. Selectman Plasko pointed out that it is written procedures that are customary in Municipalities with guidelines of the Inspector General's Office considered. The Board will have final approval. On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to approve the written procedures.

Town Facilities Committee-it is time to form the committee and begin its work.

The Manager would like to begin that procedure. Selectman Maloney will work with the Manager to get a meeting set up.

Requesting an article for the Special Town Meeting to replace one of the roof top units at the Public Safety Building.

This will cost \$125,000 to replace, not the \$50, 00 originally proposed. It has to be replaced or there will be no air conditioning in top floor of the Fire Department. It has been carefully maintained but is falling apart. Selectman Plasko said this is already on the list with new price. On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to continue to support this article.

Executive Session

Possible litigation-Norwood Light Department

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Bishop and on individual poll of the Board, voted to go into Executive Session as Electric Light Commissioners.

Adjournment

Returning to open session and no other business being presented for consideration, on motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to adjourn and the meeting was adjourned accordingly at 8:35 p.m.

A True Record.

ATTEST: _____

Assistant