

Regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen convened at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, February 18, 2020 in Rm 34, Norwood Memorial Municipal Building, with Pledge of Allegiance, moment of prayer and reflection.

Present: Chairman Paul Bishop, Selectmen William Plasko, Thomas Maloney and David Hajjar. General Manager Tony Mazzucco, Clerk Christina Mulvehill and Assistant Aoife Kelly.

Appointments

7:00 P.M. – (cont'd) Show Cause Hearing, YKLU Food Inc., dba Olivio's Grille & Pizzeria:

Re: Failure to provide the public with the services contemplated by the license. Olivio's Grille & Pizza closed in January 2019. (Continued from August 20, 2019) Attorney Deratzian represented the licensee, and stated they are still trying very hard to find a buyer. She asked for a continuance of six months. Chairman Bishop pointed out that the restaurant has been closed for almost fifteen months. When asked if she is trying to keep the license in the current location, Attorney Deratzian said they would transfer to any suitable transferee and they have not turned anyone down. On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to close the hearing. A motion was made and seconded to cancel and revoke the license. Attorney Deratzian asked that the licensee be given the chance to give the license back. The motion and second were withdrawn. On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Hajjar, voted to table for one week, giving the licensee one week to voluntarily surrender the license. If that is not done in a week the Board will revoke the license. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 4-0.

7:15 P.M. – (P.H.) Ibrahim Eloiseau, Supreme Auto Plug, 145 Broadway:

On motion of Selectman Maloney, seconded by Selectman Hajjar, voted 4-0 to approve the application for Class II Used Auto Dealer License.

7:30 P.M. – Travis Farley, Recreation Department Superintendent:

Mr. Farley gave an overview of the programming going on at the Civic. Registration for spring and summer programs starts tomorrow. The Civic weight room was remodeled and update this week. The Bond Street playground, which is being done over as part of a CPC project, should be ready by the end of March. The Recreation Department is working with Mark Ryan and the DPW on the Lower Balch handicapped ramp, which is the first step of that project. In addition, five ADA swings will be installed at the eight playgrounds in town. Mr. Farley spoke about additional CPC projects, including resurfacing basketball court at Murphy Field, adding ADA parking spots there as well, and creating an accessible path down to the playground and court. There is a pool feasibility study being done right now.

New Business

Sigalle Reiss, Health Department Director:

On motion of Selectman Hajjar, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to approve request to hang a banner from April 27, 2020 to May 11, 2020 advertising Household Hazardous Waste Day and Letter Carriers' Food Drive.

Thomas F. Brannelly, 40 Marlboro Street:

On motion of Selectman Maloney, seconded by Selectman Hajjar, voted to approve request to place a Banner on the poles on Washington Street between Vernon and Day Streets, highlighting the "End Distracted Driving" campaign, from March 30, 2020 to April 10, 2020.

On motion of Selectman Maloney, seconded by Selectman Hajjar, voted to approve the two requests and waive fees:

Kevin Smith, United Church of Norwood, 595 Washington Street:

Application to use the Town Common and Bandstand for an Easter Sunrise Service on Sunday, April 12, 2020 from 6:30 a.m. to 8 a.m.

Maryellen Horgan, Friends of Norwood Center:

Application to use the Town Common to hold a Farmer's Market on Tuesdays from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m., beginning June 16 through October 6, 2020.

Christine Healy, Craft'd Company:

The Chairman made a motion, seconded by Selectman Hajjar, voted to approve application for one day WMB license for Saturday, March 28, 2020 at Norwood Space Center, Event Space (Building 2) for a County Beer Festival from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m. and require a police detail from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Michael P. Bergquist, Massachusetts School Building Authority:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to file as information Feasibility Study Agreement for the Dr. Philip O. Coakley Middle School.

Car Washes:

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

NHS Boys JV Soccer, Saturday, May 16, 2020 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Philmont 2020 Troop 49, Saturday, May 30, 2020 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

NHS Boys Varsity Soccer, Saturday, August 22, 2020 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Cemetery Deeds:

On motion of Selectman Maloney, seconded by Selectman Hajjar, voted to sign:

Elvira Nicolaou, 108 Walpole Street to Lot C3-122

Viola Baboola, Verizon:

On motion of Selectman Hajjar, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to file as information PEG Grant Report, 4th Quarter 2019.

Patrick Moore, Comcast of Massachusetts:

On motion of Selectman Hajjar, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to file as information statement supporting latest quarterly franchise fee payment.

Greg Franks, Senior Manager, Comcast:

On motion of Selectman Maloney, seconded by Selectman Hajjar, voted to file as information Comcast's 2019 Form 500, Annual Complaint Filing.

Supt. James Collins, Norwood Light Department:

On motion of Selectman Maloney, seconded by Selectman Hajjar, voted to file as information notice of 4th Quarter Franchise Fee Payment, made directly to Norwood Community Media.

Charlotte Canelli, Library Director:

On motion of Selectman Maloney, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to file as information notice of open house for new residents on Monday, April 13 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the 2nd floor of the Library. All town departments and officials are welcome.

Draft Liquor Regulations:

Selectman Hajjar spoke about the proposed regulations, which have been reviewed by Town Counsel and the ABCC. Maloney suggested having administrative staff review the document and cross check it with state law. Selectmen can then communicate with them individually and when it comes time, we could have Attorney DeLuca or Chief Brooks come in and wrap the whole thing up. The option of holding a public hearing was discussed. Selectman Hajjar said this would in part be a way to communicate the information to licensees and that the licensees could then not complain to the ABCC that they were not aware of the local regulations. It would also give licensees and opportunity to give feedback and express concerns about the proposed regulations. Chairman Bishop addressed the restriction in the proposed regulations prohibiting drinking on the job or drinking before going to work as being micro management. Selectman Hajjar clarified, stating that restriction would be from drinking on the licensed premises before going to work on that same licensed premises. Selectman Plasko said a hearing might not be necessary. If the Board sets rules

and regulations and ensure that all license holders have them, and give them out every time someone applies for a license, that would be coverage enough. But if there is to be a hearing, he would recommend sometime in the morning as licensees with restaurants are the busiest in the evening. He also spoke about the general philosophy of this and the current draft is much better than the first draft. The regulations would help increase compliance and to clearly state to the licensees what we, the Licensing Authority expect for them to adhere to. Selectman Plasko attended the MMA workshop on local liquor regulations and their model was more minimalist with the sanctions and anything the LLA wants on top of that. Most everything is included in state law or state regulations, and local regulations would not need to include anything but a general reference to them. Selectman Hajjar offered to submit a clean version to Mrs. Mulvehill for her review and if it is helpful, he can highlight the issues Selectman Plasko had. Selectman Maloney suggested letting Selectman Plasko inform Mrs. Mulvehill himself and those things that any one of the Selectmen might have questions or concerns about will be communicated to staff. On motion of Selectman Maloney, seconded by Selectman Hajjar, voted to submit this working document presented by Selectman Hajjar dated February 12, 2020 to our administrative staff for review and then follow up by individual selectmen with their questions, comments, concerns about said document and in the meantime administrative staff will cross reference them with existing state law to find if there are any conflicts, send to Counsel for review, and return with a finished document.

Unfinished Business

Mahesh Pant, Himalayan Lions Club, New England:

On motion of Selectman Hajjar, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to approve application to use the Morse House, every Saturday beginning on March 7, 2020 for the remainder of the calendar year to provide Nepali language practice to children and include \$10 fee per event.

Draft PBCC Bylaw Update:

Selectman Hajjar gave an update on the process, stating his intent is to gain approval from this Board to add to the Special Town Meeting Warrant. Selectman Plasko stated this has gone through a good process, but it may be premature to change the bylaw at this time, as what would be accomplished could be accomplished without a new bylaw. Selectman Plasko said he disagrees with something in the current bylaw related to appointing members. The appointing authority of the PBCC has always been the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, Chairman of the School Committee, and the Town Moderator. Two of those positions will typically change every year and most of the time they have to be told that is part of their responsibilities. The moderator tends to last a little longer, but in theory is a one year term that could also change every year. This creates an appointing authority for PBCC that pays no attention to it. He believes a better system would be to have the Board of Selectmen appoint, or the moderator appoint. Selectman Maloney said the bylaw is well done, noting the new wording regarding appointment of members with specific skills such as architect has been change to reflect the appointing authority will make every effort to meet those requirements. He does not think this has to wait. Selectman Hajjar had shared this with the PBCC and did get feedback from Gerry Hopcroft. On motion of Selectman Hajjar, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to adopt the updated by law for submission at upcoming Special Town Meeting.

Memoranda

Selectmen's Minutes:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to approve as submitted Meeting minutes from December 3 and 10, 2019.

Manager's Update

Pajama drive

The drive is underway now until March 15; drop them off at any School or Town Hall Building. Collected about 2,500 pairs last year and trying to beat that total this year. During winter concert we collected about 100 pairs.

150th Birthday Celebration

Just a reminder we are having a meeting on February 23rd at the Policy Community Room, idea gathering session for the anniversary.

Happy Birthday

Happy 92nd Birthday to John Carroll.

Selectman Maloney

150th Birthday Celebration

The Collective, as we call ourselves have met recently and will be hosting a 148th Birthday celebration for Norwood on February 23rd. Everyone is invited and Mr. Mazzucco assures us there will be cake and coffee.

Saints Lots

Took a walk this weekend with Mr. Greeley and a few friends, had not realized how big that was we could do some nice things down there.

Selectman Plasko

Disturbance last week

Problem with medical device that acted up. Thank you to the paramedics, very professional and reassuring. Also thank you to all the people who have enquired about my wellbeing.

Senior Tax Breaks

I know this came up last October, but would like to add discussion of tax break articles for agenda next week. He will get out information.

Happy Birthday to John Carroll

Great guy and one of the first people to call me when I was in the hospital.

Selectman Hajjar

Son Nicholas

In tough snow mobile accident this past week. He is home and thank you for your well wishes. He is a very lucky young man.

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Chairman Bishop

Great Neighbors

Rory Lake turns 21 today, Happy Birthday.

Circle of hope

Jeff Mahoney fundraiser spaghetti dinner at the Mug n Muffin will be held tomorrow night at 5 p.m. Thank you to Dave and Sheila for putting on this event and for volunteering to help the town.

Adjournment

No other business being presented for consideration, on motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Hajjar, voted to adjourn and the meeting was adjourned accordingly at 8:25 p.m.

A True Record.

ATTEST: _____
Clerk