

Regular meeting of the Board of Selectman convened at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 28, 2019 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.

Present: Chairman Paul A. Bishop, Selectmen William J. Plasko, Allan D. Howard, Thomas F. Maloney, and David E. Hajjar. Also present General Manager Tony Mazzucco, and Clerk Christina K. Mulvehill, and Assistant Aoife K. Kelly.

Appointments

7:00 P.M. – (P.H.) Siena Engineering Group LLC:

Submitting petition for approval to install two telecommunication conduits at the intersection of Nahatan and Pleasant Street, creating a direct underground path between existing utility poles. Ryan Miller and Hayleigh Walker project coordinator. The proposal is to install two new four inch PVC conduits that would be used to house fiber optic cables owned by TC Systems. There is a critical cable running on utility poles on Pleasant Street, and they are now building another critical cable on utility poles down Nahatan Street. The issue is where the two lines cross at the intersection. If something were to happen there they would lose both cables. The proposal is to install new utility conduits from one utility pole to the next to create separation in the event of an emergency. Selectman Howard asked how long they would be working at the intersection of Nahatan and Pleasant Street. Mr. Miller estimated the work at one or one and one half days at that intersection. Selectman Hajjar inquired about the traffic management plan and confirmed it would be approved by Mr. Ryan. Mr. Miller estimates the project will take about two weeks to complete. There was discussion of the backfill recommendation by Mr. Ryan. Seeing no members of the public wishing to comment, on motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to close the hearing. On motion of Selectman Hajjar, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to approve with the recommendations of Mr. Ryan and with a change from 'recommended' to 'required' on item five.

7:20 P.M. – Show Cause Hearing, Jake n JOES, 475 Boston Providence Turnpike:

MGL C, 138, Section 34-Sale of alcoholic beverages to a person under the age of 21. Sonia Ramos and Gerry Fuggiero present on behalf of Jake and Joes. Chairman Bishop disclosed his son, a Norwood Police Officer, was involved in the operation. Detective Greene gave an overview of the compliance check. Ms. Ramos expressed her embarrassment, as in all of their nine years they have never had anything like this happen. The employee did not follow procedure of scanning the ID and have the Manager look at it too. Mr. Fuggiero explained the employee no longer works for him. They do not want to serve underage people or have people get intoxicated. They regret what happened and will make sure it never happens again. All employees are TIPS certified. His mistake was this employee was leaving and was in her two week notice period and was a liability. She was let go immediately after this incident. Ms. Ramos explained they have meetings before lunch and dinner and discuss procedure, preventing over serving, etc. Seeing no member of the public wishing to speak, on motion of Selectman Maloney, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to close the hearing. On motion of Selectman Maloney, seconded by Selectman Hajjar, and after brief discussion, voted 3-2 to issue a verbal warning. Selectmen Plasko and Howard opposed.

7:35 P.M. – (P.H.) Barbara Kelleher, Permit Rep. National Grid:

Submitting petition to install and maintain approx. 246ft. more or less of 4 inch gas main in Pleasant St. from the existing 60 psig gas main at Sunset Ave., southerly to Morse St. and approximately 1200 ft. more or less of 4 inch gas main in Morse St. from the intersection of Pleasant St., westerly to bldg. #83. For the purpose of providing four gas services in The Norwood Industrial Park. Barbara Kelleher, Permit Engineer, and Tom Bloom, Construction supervisor, were present on behalf of National Grid. Seeing no member of the public wishing to comment, on motion of Selectman Hajjar, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to close the public hearing. On motion of Selectman Hajjar, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to approve provided they follow the conditions set forth by Mr. Ryan in his letter dated June 4, 2019.

8:00 P.M. – (P.H.) – Mohamed Elalfy, 60 Winslow Avenue:

Submitting application for Class II Used Auto Dealer License.

Hauda and Mohamed Elalfy were present at the hearing and gave an overview. Selectman Hajjar inquired as to where the vehicles would be parked. Ms. Elalfy explained there will be no cars on the premises at 60 Winslow Avenue. She also explained they need the license to go to the auction and acquire cars. They will buy a vehicle and leave it at the auction and then sell it online or transfer it to Egypt. They would never bring cars home. Selectman Plasko stated for the record that he always votes against these applications to be located in residential areas. Liz DiBenedetto, a direct abutter, was present at the hearing and spoke on the matter. She stated the property at 60 Winslow Avenue is owned by John Shalbey and these applicants along with two other families rent apartments in the house. Mary Alice and Carl Walter are out of the country but she submitted on their behalf a letter of objection. Katy DiBenedetto, direct abutter, was present at the hearing. Selectman Howard addressed members of the public explaining the applicants have assured the Board that no vehicles will be on the premises and from prior knowledge of other licensees, everything is done on the internet. Liz DiBenedetto said they are concerned with the integrity of the street and Kathy DiBenedetto asked what assurance she would be given that cars would not be parked there. Selectman Howard said there have been no problems with the other licensees who conduct this same business. Selectman Hajjar explained this is a home office and the Building Inspector has already said no onsite property parking for vehicles for sale. This would just be operating within the walls of their space and if they move, the license is null and void. On motion of Selectman Maloney, seconded by Selectman Hajjar, voted to close the hearing. On motion of Selectman Maloney, seconded by Selectman Hajjar, voted 4-1 to approve the license. Selectman Plasko opposed.

8:15 P.M. – Greg Bunn, Executive Director, MassHire Metro South/West Workforce Board

Mr. Bunn gave an overview of the services administered by his Board. He wanted to Selectmen to be aware of the services the impact Norwood. Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act provides funding for most of what they do. One of their services is retraining for people who have lost jobs or are otherwise in need of jobs. They also provide guidance via the One Stop Career Centers. The funding for these programs is tied to the unemployment rate. Mr. Bunn pointed out that the Metro South/West branch covers forty three cities and towns. In addition to providing training, the center has job postings from area employers. A lot of what his board does is work with businesses who are interested in training grants. They also provide support and training to youth who are still in school by offering career exploration and job readiness training. Mr. Bunn spoke briefly about the close relationship his board has with the Neponset Valley Chamber of Commerce. Selectman Howard asked if people who are not low income could use the services. Mr. Bunn said they can pay for training up to \$8,000 for anyone who is unemployed. They also have workshops on resume writing, etc. that are available free of charge to any Massachusetts resident. Selectman Hajjar commended Mr. Bunn on his organization's outreach to Norwood High School students. Selectman Plasko said the Town has a long relationship with MassHire and made reference to a letter from the President of the Chamber of Commerce strongly recommending that the Town continue its involvement with the whole process.

New Business

Ronald Varney, Norwood Center Pizza & Grille:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to approve application for C.V. license to operate at 514 Washington Street.

New England Authentic Eats LLC., dba Papa Gino's & D'Angelo:

On motion of Selectman Maloney, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to approve application for C.V. license and Automatic Amusement Device license to operate at 134 Nahatan Street.

Mary Lou Folan, Town Clerk:

On motion of Selectman Maloney, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to approve request for Municipal Relief Act Transfers.

Robert F. Sullivan, Sr. Manager, Xfinity:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to file as information notice regarding changes to TiVo Customers accessing Xfinity On Demand App.

Niall Connors, Franchise Service Manager, Verion:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Hajjar, voted to file as information notice regarding an upcoming Fios® TV price change.

Cemetery Deeds:

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

Mary Jackson, 40 Clapboardtree Street #330 to Lot C3-97

Thomas D. Lloyd, 172 Nichols Street to Lot C3-93

Rina Compagnone, 7 Berkeley Drive, Walpole to Lot C3-90

Maristela Rapo, Giving the Glam:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to approve application for Special One Day WMB License for Sunday, September 8, 2019 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. at 83 Morse Street, Unit 4E for a social event.

Bernie Cooper, Assistant General Manager:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to approve the following Municipal Relief Act Transfers:

- a. \$15,000 from Light Salary & Wages Account P2507-19 to Light Overtime –Account P2700-19
- b. \$ 10,000 from Fire Substitution Account P0367-19 to Police/Fire Bldg. Electricity Account P0400-19
- c. \$5,000 from Fire Substitution Account P0367-19 to Police/Fire Bldg.-Equip. Repair- Acct. P0405-19
- d. \$8,000 from Library Salaries to Building Inspector Salaries

Mark Good, Treasurer & Collector:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Hajjar, voted to approve authorization for Treasurer to borrow \$ 629,000 from MWRA at no interest for rehabilitation and replacement of water mains and other water system improvements. This was approved at April 25, 2019 Special Town Meeting.

Fernanda Fischer, 34 Austin Street :

On motion of Selectman Hajjar, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to approve request to use the Bandstand for a wedding ceremony on Saturday, July 13, 2019 from 10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Peter Morrissey, President, BTN, Inc., dba The Boston Tavern:

On motion of Selectman Maloney, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to set a public hearing on the application for Retail Alcoholic Beverage License and application for C.V. License to operate at 1210 Boston Providence Turnpike, Norwood.

Unfinished Business

Selectman Hajjar:

Selectman Hajjar presented his report on Cemetery Fees and Rules and Regulations, giving a brief overview of the process. He had spent time with Mark Ryan et al to go over this with the goal being making the cemetery operation as self-sustaining as possible. At one point several years ago it was at 100% but that has dropped off. Selectman Hajjar spoke about the Rules and Regulations, stating that most of his recommendations are grammatical changes. One significant change is to require town liners be used in all cases. Selectman Hajjar said he worked on the financials with Tom McQuaid to facilitate making a recommendation for the next three years. By law the Town can only use the interest in the Perpetual Care Account, not the principal and he recommends growing that account for future operational needs. Selectman Howard inquired about restricting vaults to Town only and asked if that was legal. Selectman Maloney asked if there were any substantive

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changes other than requiring purchase of Town liner, adding the changes are probably good but there is administrative staff to help with that. Selectman Plasko stated the goal was to be more self-sustaining but this is going for 100 % self-sustaining. Fees are set to recover costs, not to make money. Mr. Mazzucco elaborated on the financial aspect of the cemetery, and agreed with the idea of building the perpetual care fund.

Chairman Bishop asked if the Board members feel they are in any position to make any formal decisions on the Rules and Regulations and the Fees tonight. Selectman Plasko asked about prices related to memorial monuments. Rules and Regulations change to allow people to purchase where they choose to purchase, which means leaving the language the way it originally read. Selectman Hajjar agreed to provide clarification on the last remaining family member provision and the flowers on the Veterans' section on Memorial Day.

On motion of Selectman Maloney, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted unanimously to approve with two changes proposed. And on motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted unanimously to take the financials under advisement.

Selectman Hajjar presented his report on Buckmaster Pond, stating he had conversations with surrounding towns. Walpole is not interested in Buckmaster at this time. Dedham, while interested, has no plans to pursue and they are currently working with MWRA to purchase water in emergency situations. Dover did not seem interested and Sharon is currently in talks with Norwood about emergency water. On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to file this information.

Selectman Hajjar presented his report on Town Common and Bandstand Rules and Regulations, stating he spent a significant amount of time working on this with Assistant Manager Bernie Cooper and Town Counsel has reviewed the regulations. Selectman Hajjar referred to the draft regulations showing the changes. Language was added authorizing the Board to require a bond, liability insurance policy, or a deposit at their discretion. Selectman Hajjar suggested deleting the section regarding sound system as there currently is no sound system in place. Selectman Howard questioned language stating bands must be approved by this Board. He disagreed with language referring to vehicles and equipment being placed on the Common, as they would be driven, not placed. Brief discussion ensued, addressing repetition within the document. Selectman Maloney said he did not ever remember agreeing to do this. A lot of the changes make sense but the Board should lean on its own staff to do this rather than the number-two guy in the organization. Selectman Maloney voiced opposition to the ban on smoking on the Common, stating he does not want the Police chasing people around for smoking a cigarette on the Town Common. Selectman Plasko said he has a lot of concerns about what was presented tonight, pointing out the three page rules and regulations were amended in 2001 and further in 2012. When the amendments are agreed upon there must be a two week period before adopting them. There was brief discussion about the Norwood residency requirement.

Chairman Bishop interrupted discussion between Selectmen Plasko and Hajjar to explain this will take more time but Article 37 § 2 of town bylaw states "Any proposed regulations for the use of the common shall first be read at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Selectmen and may subsequently be voted on for adoption at a meeting of the Board not less than two weeks or more than four weeks following the initial reading."

Selectman Plasko expressed opposition to the smoking ban. There was consensus among the Board members and therefore Selectman Hajjar would delete the smoking ban from the document. On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to take the matter under advisement.

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to accept the revised Town Common application. Selectman Plasko asked for agreement that the regulations being considered are the three pages adopted on 11-27-01 and amended on 6-26-12 and any amendments would be to that document.

On motion of Selectman Maloney, seconded by Selectman Hajjar, voted to file all four of the following reports: Chief William G. Brooks, NPD, Chief George Morrice, NFD, Mark Chubet, Bldg., Travis Farley, Recreation.

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Selectmen's Minutes:

On motion of Selectman Maloney, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to approve Meeting minutes from March 26, 2019. The vote was 3-0. Selectman Hajjar abstained. On motion of Selectman Maloney, seconded by Selectman Hajjar, voted to approve as submitted Meeting minutes from April 2 and 6, 2019.

Manager's Update

Mr. Mazzucco said Bernie Cooper, Cathy Carney, Thomas McQuaid, Mark Good, Sue Bartlett, IT Staff, Accounting Staff and Treasurer's Staff have begun the implementation of the new accounting software which has been running for two days now. Staff have been coming in early and staying late dealing with challenges doing a phenomenal job. The rest of the staff has rallied around new processes as we learn our way around.

He was at the State House today testifying for the Labor and Workforce Development committee on a bill. About a year and a half ago the state passed a law that would create a paid family leave act for the private sector and originally there was a local option but a bill has been filed to remove that, thus making Norwood subject to that law. The direct cost to the town would exceed \$250,000 per year.

Selectmen's Addenda

Selectman Maloney

Neil Armstrong

Between now and the next meeting of the Board two weeks from now will be the celebration of the greatest achievement of mankind when on July 20, 1969, Neil Armstrong stepped on to the surface of the moon fifty years ago. Forty minutes later Buzz Aldren became the second to do so.

Selectman Howard

July 4th

Thank you to all who enjoyed the July 4th celebration and parade.

Selectman Plasko

Senior Widow/Widower Exemption

Discussion of exemption Town of Norwood currently does not offer. There is a surviving spouse and minor child of a deceased parent exemption, MGL Chapter 50 Section 5 Clause 17 and it applies to all towns in the Commonwealth. The Manager spoke about another program being considered for substitutes to perform work for seniors in the tax work off program, and Ted Mulvehill has a Veteran's exemption increase in the queue.

Selectman Hajjar

Office of outdoor advertising

Mr. Mazzucco explained there is a billboard on Route 1 that is being replaced by a digital billboard. The Town does have the ability to negotiate a PILOT on this and likely receive a small revenue stream and advertising.

Stop Sign – Tamworth Road

The issue is the process by which these decisions are made. Mr. Mazzucco is proposing a committee of Schools Buildings and Grounds, DPW Director, Assistant Town Engineer and the Safety Officer to form a Traffic Safety Committee. Selectman Plasko said there are standards that pertain to these issues.

Adjournment

No other business being presented for consideration, on motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to adjourn and the meeting was adjourned accordingly at 9:45 p.m.

A True Record.

ATTEST: _____

Clerk