

Regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen convened at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, July 11, 2017 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 William J. Plasko, Helen Abdallah Donohue, Paul A. Bishop, Allan D. Howard and Thomas F. Maloney. Also present General Manager John J. Carroll, Clerk Frances L. Jessoe and Assistant Christina Mulvehill.

Appointments

7:00 P.M. – Travis Farley, Supt., Recreation Dept.:

Mr. Farley gave highlights of the monthly activities report. He said that they are very busy; playgrounds are going well. Fr. Mac's is open as is Hawes. The new bath house is great with only a few punch-list items remaining. Rubber anti slip mats have been installed, as a short term solution and after Labor Day that will be addressed for the long term. There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony Thursday at 11 A.M. at Hawes Pool Bath House. As far as closing at the end of the summer, Fr. Mac's will be open until Sunday August 20th and Hawes until the Monday of Labor Day. The Robert Ivatts tennis courts have been redone and are great. There are now LED lights in the gym and weight room at the Civic Center. Selectman Donohue invited the whole town to the ribbon cutting on Thursday. Selectman Bishop asked about the Anne Lydon volunteer award. Mr. Farley asked that if anyone has a suggestion, applications are available at the civic. Selectman Donohue spoke about the wonderful work that was done over the years by Mrs. Lydon.

7:15 P.M. – Chief William G. Brooks, III, Norwood Police Department:

Chief Brooks highlighted his report. Three police officers retired on the same day last week. Lt. Martin Baker, Sgt. Robert Doucette and Officer Daniel Kehoe. They lost 97 years of service in one swipe. They did a great job and they will miss them all. The Chief is now moving ahead with replacing these officers. They are in the process of screening candidates now. We have 4 vacancies right now. A firm came out and administered a promotion exam at the police station as two of the retirees were superior officers. Discussion continued. The department did in-house training in the last month, with our own instructors, involving all sworn members of the department on use of force, de-escalation, verbally working through conflict, training on technology as well. They recently ran a bike safety day sponsored by Norwood Bank and Norwood Bike depot. The Youth Academy is really taking off. They have increased to two sessions from just one and have increased the size of the classes. The Chief touched briefly on some of the activities occurring that week for the youth academy.

7:25 P.M. – William Hurley, Grassroots Cultural and Performing Arts Center, 61 Endicott Street:

Submitting request for Special One Day Wine and Malt Beverage License. Appointment was cancelled.

7:45 P.M. – Executive Session:

Avalon Bay, Forbes Hill Litigation-Town Counsel

For litigation purposes to bring the board up to date on issues. By individual poll of the Board, on motion of Selectman Maloney, seconded by Selectman Bishop and on a roll call vote of Chairman Plasko and Selectmen Donohue and Howard, voted to go into Executive Session. Chairman Plasko stated that there will be no public comment at end of Executive Session.

New Business

Boch awards-2017

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to move the chair's recommendation for award of the Boch Fund.

Cemetery Deeds:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to sign the following:
Jessica L. McLaughlin, 24 Alpine Road to Lot SGA-75.
Maria C. Caneja, 11 Heaton Avenue to Lot C3-6.
Michael P. Rogers, 3 Elda Drive to Lot C3-2.
Margaret Hynes, 89 Howard Street to Lot C3-9.
Susan M. Walsh, 16 Woodbine Road to Lot C3-17.

Chief William G. Brooks, III, Norwood Police Department:

- a. Submitting letters congratulating several liquor establishments for compliance when an underage person attempted to purchase alcohol at their stores. On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to file.
- b. Submitting report that two liquor establishments sold liquor to an underage operative. Selectman Howard recommends bringing them in as he felt this is severe that they looked at the information and still sold to them. Chairman Plasko stated that he consulted Town Counsel David DeLuca who said you could do nothing, have a show cause hearing, or issue a warning citing facts and outcome of the investigation and then at end acknowledge they have a right if they disagree to the issuance of a warning to a hearing and ask for it within thirty days. On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to schedule a show cause hearing regarding these two establishments. The vote was 4-0. Selectman Donohue abstained.

Mark Good, Town Treasurer and Tax Collector:

On motion of Selectman Donohue seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to approve request for Municipal Relief Transfer of \$4,600 to pay the bill for the ambulance fee collection agency.

Sarah Sullivan, Office Manager, NPA-TV:

- a. Submitting press release announcing NPA-TV has won two National Hometown Media Awards by the Alliance for Community Media; the Award for Overall Excellence in PEG Access Programming for stations of similar size, and the top award in the category of Underserved Voices for their monthly program LEAD Update. Chairman Plasko commended them on the great job they did and it was a good choice partnering with them. On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to send them a letter of congratulations.
- b. On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to file minutes of the NPATV Board Meeting held May 10, 2017.

Amy Campbell, Craft Affair at Norwood:

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted to approve request to hang a banner across Washington Street at Guild Square from October 2nd through October 14th to advertise the Craft Affair.

Thomas J. McQuaid, Town Clerk and Accountant:

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted to approve request for Municipal Relief Transfer of \$3,057 for Elections and Registration Salaries.

Russ Maguire, Manager, Norwood Memorial Airport:

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to approve revision to previous Municipal Relief Request for Salaries and Snow & Ice Accounts.

Sara J. Clark, Dept. Secretary, Mass Dept. of Telecommunications and Cable:

Submitting notification that the Town's license with Verizon is set to expire on August 20, 2017.

Chairman Plasko said he was contacted by Mr. Shay, Chairman of the Cable Commission and asked the Chairman to consult with Attorney Epstein who advises the Cable Commission. Chairman Plasko stated that he contacted Atty. Epstein. Our Cable Commission has had many meetings and Verizon has been pretty difficult to deal with. Attorney Epstein indicates that going forward the town would be in the best position to offer another attempt at a compromise. Chairman Plasko said that there are 4 major areas of contention; (1) the Town has been holding out for a ten year license which has been the practice in the past. Verizon wants a 5 year license and Atty. Epstein doesn't see a big problem with this as a lot of towns are doing this and Atty. Epstein felt that Norwood should just agree to that. (2)-Capital expenditure that the pay to the Community is currently \$150,000, Verizon wants to have that based on subscribers and we have been holding out for the stated number-static number of \$150,000 and maintain that the Town keep that position and there is no guarantee that Verizon will agree; (3) there are quarterly payments and Verizon wants it to be on a subscriber basis and he is recommending a hybrid approach that half of that be stated as a stated number which would be \$7500 yearly and the current number is \$15,000 and that the other half be made up as a percentage of gross revenues and he is recommending 1.75%-he claims on the old approach the town receives \$75,000 and on the new suggestion if their gross revenue stay at least equal we would receive \$83,125. He said the 4th issue is the requirement of the local office for customers and Verizon doesn't want that, but he is pointing out in the Comcast agreement-they are required to have it until 2019 and beyond that a contiguous community and he is recommending that for Verizon as well. Chairman Plasko inquired what is the pleasure of the Board.

Selectman Howard said Mr. Shay and his committee do a great job. The 4 points that Mr. Epstein is suggesting and would support this. On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted to advise the Cable Commission that the Board would support the recommendation of Atty. Epstein. Selectman Bishop pointed out the difficulty in fighting Verizon and also that things are changing in this field. The vote was 4-0. Selectman Maloney abstained.

Unfinished Business

Kim Florek, 151 Rock Street:

Submitting copy of petition signed by residents of Rock Street regarding car dealership employees parking and speeding on Rock Street. Manager said he is working on this. He said that they are working with the people on Rock Street. He said that two hour parking is time consuming to enforce. He would like to wait for a couple of weeks. Selectman Bishop pointed out that the car dealers should be notified such as Land Rover and Jaguar. Selectman Donohue referred to resident parking. The Manager said that would be a nightmare. The Board voted to table for a few weeks.

Sarah Sullivan, Office Manager, NPA-TV:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted to file notification that she has received a check from Comcast for the yearly payment of \$15,000. The original check was made payable to the Town of Norwood in error and this is the replacement check.

ABCC:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to file information of final approval of transfer of AAB Package Store from Rama Wine & Spirits to The Compagnone Group, dba Rama Wine & Spirits, 898 Washington Street.

Memoranda

Selectmen's Meeting:

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to approve minutes of April 24 & 25, May 2, 8, 11, 15, 16, 23.

Building Inspector Mark Chubet:

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted to file June Building permits.

Chief Anthony Greeley, Norwood Fire Department:

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to file monthly report for the month of June.

Selectmen's Addenda

Selectman Bishop

TD Bank will be coming to town on the corner of Lenox and Nahatan.

Selectman Howard

Love to go to concerts on Wednesday and Sundays. Flo Morelli has a 90th birthday this week. Wish her the best.

Selectman Donohue

The concerts on the common idea was started by Mr. Carroll. All Sunday concerts now start at 6 p.m. It used to be 7. She said that the night of the Pop's Concert please bring your own chairs and enjoy refreshments and music. Please come to the ribbon cutting this Thursday on the Bath House.

Selectman Maloney

MWRA information mailing; Letter in it by John Carroll and Mark Ryan about cleaning and lining etc. and it is very informative. He discussed the high quality of water for generations to come in Norwood.

Chairman Plasko

Rink

Chairman Plasko said that this office has received a couple of e-mails regarding the rink issue in Norwood. Last week there was an article in local paper following up on a Canton newspaper the week before and he stated some local official would meet with commissioner of DCR on July 18. People want to know if this is a posted or public meeting. Chairman Plasko said it would be himself, MR. Carroll, Sen. Rush and Rep. Rogers. It is an invitation with Commissioner Roy and his staff. It is not a public meeting and will not be posted and open to the public. We will find out how serious state is about bringing a rink to Norwood and how viable those options may be and we will be coming to a decision to see if the rink is a dead matter or a new chapter to be open. Right now everything is still up in the air.

Manager's Agenda

Recommending the Board approve Municipal Relief Transfer for Salary Accounts.

These have all been approved by Fin Com. Board of Appeals, Municipal Offices, Recreation, Conservation. On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to approve above.

Recommending the Board approve Municipal Relief Transfers for Light Department

On motion of Selectman Maloney, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to approve

For your information, Route One Feeder outage on July 2, 2017.

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

For your information, Neponset River Watershed Association report on MeadonBrook.

Selectman Bishop thanked the Public Works Department and everyone involved. Selectman Donohue said this has been a long process. Thank you to Margie McKenna and Stanley Wassell.

July 4th Donations

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to accept under Chapter 44, Section 53A for the 4th of July celebration.

Manger's Retirement

Mr. Carroll read a letter informing the Board of his retirement upcoming Friday, December 1, 2017. He will have served for 39 years and was sworn in Nov. 28, 1978. He will continue to serve on the MWRA Board.

Chairman Plasko personally thanked the manager for the call this morning to inform him of this decision. We accept your decision with admiration, respect, and a huge thank you. Your contributions to this community are too many to mention tonight. I have served with you for many of those 39 years and it has been a pleasure to have benefitted by your strong moral compass and advice and assistance and not only professionally, but personally and you will be missed.

Selectman Howard stated that it has been an extreme pleasure serving with you.

Selectman Donohue stated John Carroll has been here on weekends, as well as Monday through Friday. She referred to his wonderful wife Penny and she will miss him but it will give him a chance to do some wonderful things with Penny. She said she wished him much happiness.

Selectman Bishop stated that he respected both he and Penny and he thanked him for all the work he has done and we still have 4 plus months to get a lot done.

Selectman Maloney said Mr. Carroll wouldn't have to worry that the town will miss him, because they will. He said that aside from his own father he hadn't met a man that he admired as much as Mr. Carroll and it has been a pleasure working with him and looks forward to working with him for the next 4 months.

Adjournment

Returning to open session and no other business being presented for consideration, on motion of Selectman Maloney, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to adjourn and the meeting was adjourned accordingly at 9:15 p.m.

A True Record.

ATTEST: _____
Clerk