

Regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen convened at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, August 8, 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, Acting Clerk Christina Mulvehill

Appointments

7:00 P.M. – Chief William G. Brooks III, NPD:

Chief Brooks gave the highlights of the department's monthly activities. The Chief said the department has been busy of late with personnel issues. There are four vacancies for patrol officers, and he has selected candidates and made conditional offers. In addition, Christopher Padden was promoted to Lieutenant, and Thomas Carey and James Payne were promoted to Sergeant. Chief Brooks reported on two fatalities that occurred in town; a woman was run over by a piece of construction equipment, and a man was struck and killed by a tractor-trailer at Polaroid. The state is assisting in updating the 911 system. There is new technology in place. The first youth academy was run in July. The second will be this month. Thank you to Recreation Department and State Police for their help. The Chief spoke about distracted driving enforcement, and while it is difficult, the department has employed several methods including, pairs of motorcycles, pairs of bicycles, and one officer in a vehicle while one is on foot. The Chief was recently invited to Washington D.C. to meet with Jeff Sessions about crime and drug issues.

Selectman Bishop inquired about carbon monoxide in the Ford police vehicles. The Chief explained that Norwood only has three of the vehicles that have the problem, and his department has worked closely with the Fire Department to ensure the safety of the vehicles. Selectman Bishop then asked about Fentanyl. Chief Brooks said there are analogs which are chemically similar to fentanyl and the police are on the watch for it. Officers have been cautioned to use care around heroin and other drugs to limit risk of exposure. They use gloves and a face mask and they no longer do field testing of drugs.

Selectman Donohue asked about what happened on the tracks recently. The Chief said two officers were on bike patrol when they were flagged down and told there were two gentlemen walking down the tracks and one had a safe on his back. The police went to the residence, entered with permission from the homeowner, and arrested the man, who had warrants outstanding. Selectman Maloney inquired about the Crime Prevention Unit. It will be run by Sgt. Chris Padden.

Chairman Plasko commented on the promotions ceremony, which was wonderful for the officers and families. He asked about dialing 911 from a cell phone. The Chief said when you call from cell you get state police dispatch first and you should tell them where you are calling from. Down the road the calls will go directly to the local law enforcement.

7:15 P.M. – Chief Anthony J. Greeley, NFD:

Chief Greeley submitted the monthly report of his department's activities. He said his department finished strong in Fiscal 2017. They staffed well all year and were fully functional. As far as fees, the new company reports in the middle of the month and the Chief will forward updates to the Board at that time.

The Chief spoke about the two recent fatalities, two horrific accidents that involved deaths and said he always checks in during times like that to make sure the crews are ok.

There are two retirements coming up at the end of August, Thomas Starr and Richard Breen and they will be missed. They are both leaders and good men. Those positions have been filled. One of the new hires is already a Firefighter in Foxboro. The new ambulance is nearing completion and should be ready in September.

Chief Anthony J. Greeley, NFD -(cont'd)

Selectman Howard asked if anyone is out injured. Chief Greeley said one person is injured, but working light duty. In addition there is one employee out with an injury that is non-Fire Department related. The Chief also spoke about calling 911, stating if a person dials 911, the call goes into the Police Dispatch first. Selectman Howard recommended for the public to call the departments directly. Chief Greeley said there is new technology in the near future and cell phone calls will go to the locality.

Selectman Bishop asked about Ladder One having a problem. Chief Greeley said if you are heavy on the break on that truck, it senses it and tells driver they are on the break pretty heavy. The manufacturer deals with that technical issue.

Mr. Carroll announced Chief Greeley's impending retirement and he is proud to have appointed him five years ago. He has done an excellent job. Mr. Carroll would like to have the new chief ready to step in when Chief Greeley leaves. Mr. Carroll will be putting together a panel again including some retired and current fire chiefs. Selectman Bishop told the Manager he is very impressed with that group.

Selectman Maloney said Chief has done a great job and it was a pleasure to work together. Chief Greeley said he has been working at the station since he was 22 years old. His dad is mad at him, but his wife loves him more. He is surrounded by terrific people and he is lucky to have them around him. At the end of the day, change is usually good. He has had the privilege to absorb the wisdom of Mr. Carroll. There is probably another chapter of his life and he is a new grandfather. He appreciates the kind words. Chairman Plasko said they all appreciate the job he has done as Chief and his whole career. Selectman Bishop told Chief Greeley it has been an honor for him to be his friend.

7:30 P.M. – Travis Farley, Supt., Recreation Dept.:

Mr. Farley gave highlights of the department's activities during the month of July. The Day of Hope fair went well and he thanked Orange Leaf for providing for the ice cream eating contest. Norwood Day plans are underway and the Committee will next meet Monday, August 21 at 6 pm at the Civic. Father Mac's pool will close August 20th. Play camps and swimming lessons have been going well and the participation numbers are good. Selectman Maloney said the pools close early because the college students return to school earlier as do high school athletes and they lose lifeguard staff.

New Business

Bonnie Rogalski, Franchise Operations Management, Verizon:

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

Marybeth Nearen, Chair, Blue Hills Regional School Committee:

Reference to correspondence regarding a proposed \$84.6 million dollar renovation. The Blue Hills School Committee will vote on September 12, 2017 to approve the funding. They will notify the member communities within 7 days of the vote-member communities have 60 days to take a negative action on the request. No action by the local legislative body within the 60 day time period constitutes approval of the bonding decision. General Manager has forwarded this to Town Counsel and the Finance Commission. Selectman Howard thought pertinent info for the town would be the cost for the town of Norwood and he sent email two weeks ago and has not heard back. There should be some preliminary numbers. Selectman Howard moved that the Board send letter to Supt. of Blue Hills asking again for that information. Selectman Maloney said there would have to be a special town meeting in order to take action on this.

ABCC:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to file notice of hearing at the ABCC, 237 Causeway Street on Tuesday, September 19, 2017 at 10:30 a.m. re Limeys Norwood, 659 Washington Street, regarding violation that took place on Saturday, April 29, 2017. This is not a violation this board had hearings on; this is a separate matter and independent. This will be kept with violation notice.

Robert F. Sullivan, Comcast:

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to file notice of updates on residential service.

AEI Consultants, 112 Water Street, Boston:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to file notice of request to residents at (5) residential dwellings on Lenox Street for indoor air sampling.

Nicholas W. Burlingham, Flight Level Aviation, 125 Access Road:

Submitting request for permission to use the sides of Access Road for any overflow parking for their open house event on Wednesday, September 6 from 4 to 9 p.m. They have forwarded this to the Airport Commission as well for their meeting of August 9th. On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded to Selectman Donohue, voted to approve with notification to police and fire – the same as has been done in the past. Selectman Bishop suggested offering them the Light Dept. Access Road parking lot instead. Selectman Howard seconded the motion and he withdrew his original motion and the new motion was approved.

MassDOT Highway Division:

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to file National Bridge Inspection Reports on Dedham Street/Neponset River Bridge. This has been forwarded to Director of Public Works/Town Engineer Mark Ryan.

Robert S. Vartanian, Grand Lodge of Masons:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to approve request to hang a banner to announce an Open House on Saturday, October 21. They would like to hang the banner from October 16th to the event date.

Patrick Moore, Comcast:

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to file notice of Quarterly Franchise Fee payment for PEG Access of \$50,891.38 for the period April – June 2017. Will be sent directly to Norwood Public Access.

Murphy, Hesse, Toomey & Lehane:

Submitting Municipal Client Alert-Update on the regulation and control of marijuana establishments (non-medical) by cities and towns in Massachusetts. Chairman Plasko had a brief discussion with Brandon Moss and there is still some part of this regulation that is vague, so he suggested waiting until the bylaws sent to the Attorney General are responded to by the Attorney General.

Cemetery Deeds:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to sign:
Edward Kwiatkowski, 190 Washington Street to Lot C3-4
Mary T. Mulkern, 212 Pleasant Street, East Walpole, MA 02032 to Lot C3-18
Coletta Shellmer, 11 Audubon Drive, Walpole, MA 02081 to Lot U-35.

Selectmen's Meeting

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Knights of Columbus, 572 Nichols Street, John Paras:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted to approve request for Special One Day AAB License for Saturday, August 12, 2017 from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Department of Environmental Protection Wetlands and Waterways Program:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to file notification of a Chapter 91 and 401 Water Quality Certification Combined Application by Bird Incorporated, dba CertainTeed Roofing to perform remedial dredging to remove petroleum impacted sediments, construct and maintain stone bank and bottom protection, and maintain existing bridge and utility river crossings at 1077 Pleasant Street.

Susan Clare, 396 Washington Street:

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to approve request for neighborhood block party on September 9 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., and to block off Warren Street.

Lisa Phillips, 90 Countryside Lane:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to approve request for neighborhood block party on Sunday, September 3, 2017 from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. and to block off a portion of the street.

Ally Pike, Norwood Junior Women's League:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to approve request to use Town Common/Gazebo to hold a children's concert Thursday, August 17, 2017 from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. with setup starting at 6 p.m., with a rain date of August 24, 2017.

Unfinished Business

Robert Compagnone, Rama Wine & Spirits, Manager:

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted 4-0 to file correspondence regarding checking for underage patrons. Selectman Donohue abstained.

Memoranda

Building Inspector Mark Chubet:

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to file monthly building report for July, 2017.

Selectmen's Addenda

Selectman Bishop

Howard Street

There is an area on Fulton Street at Howard Street that residents have made complaints about speeding. The Manager will look at this location with Selectman Bishop on Friday.

Selectman Howard

Paving

When asked when the paving will be completed, the Manager replied sometime in September and added that Nahatan and Lenox Streets intersection will be repaved also.

Selectman Donohue

Concerts on the Common Committee

Thank you to all who attended Pops Night and who worked that night. It was a beautiful evening.

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Selectman Donohue-(cont'd)

Frank Clark

Came to Norwood fifty years ago and opened up the first sub shop in the town of Norwood where Domino's is now. Became a huge success and he joined right in with the community. The shop was called Columbus. Frank passed away this past week.

Selectman Maloney

Glen Campbell

Mr. Campbell passed away today. Saw him at the Wilbur Theatre years ago.

Chairman Plasko

Grass Roots

It has been determined that they will need an Entertainment License on an ongoing basis.

Manager's Agenda

Formal notice of Chief Greeley's retirement

This was discussed under the Chief Greeley's appointment.

Rock Street Parking problem:

The Manager said he met last week with residents, the Safety Officer and Chief Brooks. He recommends instituting 30 day trial, No Parking on Rock St. from 8-5 Monday through Saturday. On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to follow Manager's recommendation.

MBTA Proposed antenna tower installation:

The Manager and Asst. Manager don't like the idea and ask the Board for support. On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to write letter to MBTA to deny request regarding proposed antennae tower installation. Chairman Plasko said all representatives of the towns involved have asked MBTA to stop these plans. Let's see what happens at this next meeting then draft our opposition.

AFSCME, Local 1451 settlement from dispute.

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to approve.

Fire Chief Replacement

Executive Session

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Bishop, and on a roll call vote of Chairman Plasko, and Selectmen Donohue and Maloney, voted to enter executive session for the discussion of litigation on BEH and Forbes Hill & Avalon Bay and return to open session for adjournment

Adjournment

No other business being presented for consideration, on motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to adjourn and the meeting was adjourned accordingly at 8:45 p.m.

A True Record.

ATTEST: _____
Assistant