

Regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen convened at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, October 2, 2018 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 Thomas F. Maloney, Selectmen William J. Plasko, Helen Abdallah Donohue, Paul A. Bishop. Also present General Manager Tony Mazzucco, Clerk, Frances L. Jessoe and Assistant Christina K. Mulvehill

Appointments

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

General Manager Tony Mazzucco spoke about Chief Brooks' contract, which expires in April of 2019 and under state statute he has just under two years until he reaches the mandatory retirement age. The Chief has come to the conclusion that he wants to stay on in Norwood beyond his contract date, and beyond his mandatory retirement age. This will require a special act of legislature.

Chief Brooks said he has a genuine affection for the men and women he works with. The month of October has been busy. In January 2014, a dismembered body was found on the grounds of Coakley Middle School. A man had been murdered and dumped there. Investigation by Norwood Detectives and State Police quickly determined the man was from Somerville. Today Anthony Canejo pled guilty to manslaughter and will serve eighteen to twenty years in state prison for that homicide. His son, Anthony Jr. awaits trial as an accessory after the fact. At the request of Selectman Bishop, the Chief included parking ticket information in his report. On Saturday morning an eighty one year old Norwood resident was struck by a car while crossing Everett Street from McDonald's. The victim is in serious condition, but is improving. The accident is under investigation by Officers Kyle Cordero and Brett Baker. The accident will be reconstructed tomorrow morning, so part of the road will be shut down. Detective Brendan Green has been assigned to be the new ABCC Officer, replacing Detective Richie Giacoppo, who retired. There will be a rape aggression defense class on November 6-8, 2018, run by Sgt. Sarah Lyden. The police department has run evacuation drills at six schools to show the children how to evacuate and go to a prearranged location. This effort was headed up by Chris Padden with support from School Resource Officers and School Liaison Officers. There will be a test of the emergency alert system in the US tomorrow. The test will be at 2:18 p.m. Tomorrow is National Coffee with a Cop Day. Officer Austin Glaser will be at Perk's at 7 a.m. Some Norwood Officers went to Lawrence and Andover and worked midnight shifts on bikes in areas with no lights. Selectman Donohue inquired about the National Chiefs of Police Convention held in Norwood recently. Chief Brooks said this is the fourth year in a row he has hosted the convention. Three hundred and two Chiefs and Deputy Chiefs attended.

7:15 P.M. – Chief George T. Morrice, NFD:

Chief Morrice gave the highlights of his monthly report of department's activities. His first month as Chief was very busy. The first weekend there was mutual aid fire in Walpole from a lightning strike at a house. There were some small issues at Norwood Day with a small fire at a vendor booth, and an individual being kicked by a horse. September 9th there was a two alarm fire at 599 Washington Street. Norwood had firefighters as a part of mutual aid task force. There was a Mutual aid fire in Westwood from another lightning strike. Two fires in past month were caused by electrical issues. The Fire Department will be purchasing a new engine which will be a pumper and a committee of eight will work on that. They have received funds and are working on revamp of dispatch area along with Chief Brooks. The department has two vacancies to fill and they have four candidates who are all currently paramedics. The Open House is coming up October 20th.

Selectman Bishop mentioned smoke detectors and changing the batteries and testing that the detectors work. Selectman Donohue asked which fire equipment has the highest ladder. Chief Morrice said ladder truck has a 110 ten foot aerial ladder. The new vehicle will be a pumper. It is replacing Engine One, which will be turned back in to the manufacturer. Chairman Maloney spoke about life expectancy of these vehicles.

7:40 P.M. (P.H.) –El Tomato, Inc., dba Acapulco's Mexican Restaurant, 500 Boston Providence Turnpike, Norma Emelda Zermeno, Manager:

Application for transfer of a Restaurant All Alcoholic Beverages license, Common Victualer License and Entertainment License from Anelise, Inc., dba Acapulco's Mexican Family Restaurant, 500 Boston Providence Turnpike, Norma Emelda Zermeno, Manager.

Notice was read and public hearing was declared open on application which has been made to the Licensing Board of the Town of Norwood for transfer of the Restaurant All Alcoholic Beverages License from Anelise, Inc., dba Acapulco's Mexican Family Restaurant, 500 Boston Providence Turnpike, Norma Emelda Zermeno, Manager to El Tomato, Inc., dba Acapulco's Mexican Restaurant, 500 Boston Providence Turnpike, Norma Emelda Zermeno, Manager, of the license under Section 12, Chapter 138 and Chapter 140 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended, for the sale of All Alcoholic Beverages to be drunk on the premises of 500 Boston Providence Turnpike, Norwood, Massachusetts. Description of premises is as follows: 4,180 square feet, 2 rooms, 2 entrances, 2 exits. Entertainment will be live musicians on Thursday and Friday and karaoke.

Attorney Felici was present with proposed Manager of record Norma Zemeno and her daughter. Tonight is a paper transfer from the existing owner of the license. The landlord of the property, Analise Inc. always retained the license. They recently sold the property, and the license is going to the Zemeno's. The transfer will be from Analise to El Tomato. Selectman Donohue gave some history on the property. Bob Piso did a wonderful job managing that property. Selectman Plasko said it is all in order and he is glad this matter is being cleaned up. Chairman Maloney asked for public comment. Seeing none, on motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Donohue, and by roll call voted to close the hearing. On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted to approve the transfer.

New Business

Cemetery Deeds:

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted to sign:
William E. Gobgron, 6 Mira Mega Rancho, Santo Margarita, CA to lot C3-53
June M. Hayes, 57 Hawthorne Street to lot C3-78
Dorothy Brown, 151 Lane Drive to lot C3-54

Selectmen's Budget:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted to approve with changes budget which has been reviewed by the Chairman and has been forwarded to Mr. McQuaid.

Robert Lieberman, 60 Neponset Street:

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to refer to Manager information regarding on-going traffic problems on Mr. Lieberman's street and request for a 25 mph speed limit. Selectman Plasko expressed skepticism of the suggestion for triple fines.

Sigalle Reiss, Board of Health Supt./Director:

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to file information about the recent Hazardous Waste and Recycling Day.

Chief William G. Brooks III, NPD:

On motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to file notice that the liquor inspections have been completed by Detective Ryan.

Knights of Columbus One Day Liquor Licenses:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to approve

- a. Saturday, October 6, 2018 from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m.
- b. Saturday, October 20, 2018 from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Bernard Cooper, Asst. General Manager:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to file notice from the Mass. Emergency Management Agency concerning the test of the nation-wide Emergency Alert System that will be conducted tomorrow, Wednesday, October 3, beginning at 2:18 p.m. EDT. He asked that the Board read this summary at the meeting. This is a TEST of the alert system.

Selectmen's Addenda

Selectman Bishop

Cranmore Road

There is a loose sewer cover on Cranmore that gets hit by the plow and makes a great noise.

Walter Road at Rosemary

When plows exit Walters Road onto Rosemary they push the snow onto 58 Rosemary.

Manager Mazzucco will handle both of these issues.

Selectman Donohue

Mass Broadcasters Hall of Fame

Ernie Boch Sr. was entered into the Hall this September for advertising.

Chairman Maloney

Special Town Meeting

Thursday, November 8th with the next night on Thursday, November 15th.

Selectman Plasko

Happy Birthday to Mrs. Fran Jessoe tomorrow.

Manager's Update

Fire Department:

Submitting request to place article on the Special Town Meeting Warrant exempting certain uniformed positions in the Fire Department of the Town of Norwood from the Civil Service Law.

Police Department:

Submitting request to place an article on the Special Town Meeting Warrant for an act authorizing the Town of Norwood to continue the employment of Police Chief William G. Brooks, III.

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Bishop, voted to add the two articles to the Special Town Meeting Warrant.

Executive Session

Andrew J. Quinn, President IAFF Local 1631:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Donohue, and by roll call vote of Selectmen Plasko, Donohue, Howard, Bishop, and Chairman Maloney, voted to go into executive session and return to regular session for adjournment for the purpose of discussing (3) Step 3 Grievances.

Adjournment

Returning to open session, and no other business being presented for consideration, on motion of Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted to adjourn and the meeting was adjourned accordingly at 9:35 p.m.

A True Record.

ATTEST: _____
Assistant