

Regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen convened at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, June 26, 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, Selectmen Helen Abdallah Donohue and Allan D. Howard. Also present General Manager Tony Mazzucco, Clerk Frances L. Jessoe and Assistant Christina K. Mulvehill.

Absent: Selectman Paul A. Bishop

Appointments

7:00 P.M. – Concerts on the Common

Committee Chairman Paul Eysie thanked the Board for having them in. In addition, Mr. Eysie thanked the Committee Members, Beverly Armour, Olga Abdallah, John Carroll, Bernie Cooper, Ninette Cummings, Barbara Kinter, Tony Mazzucco, Deb Melcher, Dorothy Prevoir, Pat Schick, Harry and Margie Spence, Linda Thomas, Lovey Thomas, and David Tuttle. Mr. Eysie remembered Marion Boch and expressed sympathy to the Boch family on her passing. She was a big supporter of this program for twenty-five years. He then thanked all the sponsors and those who support the program. This summer series will be dedicated to Paul Eldridge. Instead of the traditional Pops Night, the committee decided to do something different to celebrate twenty-five years of this concert series. They reached out to Ernie Boch, Jr. for input and he recommended Natalie Joly and the Reckless Hearts for this special concert. She is very talented and will bring a lot of life to the common. Ernie Boch Jr. has stepped up to the plate and brought in this entertainment for the celebration. This event will be on July 29th and will not be a formal Pops night. Bring your own chairs. Burgers, hot dogs, soda, coffee, popcorn and snow cones will be available free of charge. Parents' Music Association will be volunteering their time for the labor. Mr. Eysie thanked Dolores Elias and Olga Abdallah for all the years they chaired the Pops Night. The concerts are held every Sunday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. beginning July 1st and ending August 26th. Selectman Howard thanked all involved in the program. Selectman Donohue spoke about the Parents' Music Association. Selectman Plasko thanked the Committee, stating it is these activities that make Norwood a community instead of a town and bring the warmth. Olga Abdallah thanked the Board of Selectmen for their support and help and conveyed Dolores Elias's best wishes.

7:15 P.M. – 4th of July Committee

Maria Henry introduced the committee members, Mary Cantero, Fran Winston, Lou Harris, Jim Henry, Bernie Cooper, and Martha Colamaria, and the Simonis who are absent. Jack McCarthy will be doing the announcing. Ms. Henry announced the Co-Grand Marshals, John Carroll and George Usevich, and read the schedule of events. Jim Henry spoke briefly about the road race. Lou Harris is the organizer at Jr. High South. He spoke briefly about the ten musical acts scheduled for this parade, including the Titans from Canada, the Saints Brigade, and Sunrise Drum and Bugle from Long Island. Bernie Cooper spoke about fundraising and made the plea for donations. The town provides about a third of the budget, but they rely on private businesses and residents for the bulk of the funding. Almost all the bands are youth group and this is their fundraising for their programs. Central Auto Group, Peter Catanese, will be the grand sponsor. Chairman Maloney asked about the tour of the Old Parish Cemetery. Selectman Donohue spoke about Martha Colamaria's importance on the committee and thanked all the members for their work. Selectman Howard said thank you for the volunteer efforts. Selectman Plasko emphasized that donations should be a separate check from the Light or Water Department payment and should be made out to Norwood 4th of July. He thanked the committee for their work.

7:30 P.M. – Chief Anthony J. Greeley, Norwood Fire Department

The chief gave the highlights of his monthly report. The department had a terrific year this year. Five and a half years ago when he came on as Chief the budget process for the department was changed and Deputy Chief Maggio was a major part of that. For the fifth year in a row they have made it through the budget year. He thanked all the members of the department for their complete dedication to the mission. He could not be more proud of them. There was a pedestrian accident at Morse Street and Route 1 today

Chief Anthony J. Greeley-(cont'd):

and the victim was med flighted to Boston. Chief Greeley spoke about his father, Robert Greeley, being his mentor. During the Blizzard of '78 his father put his uniform on and set out to walk to work in Cleary Square, but he was picked up somewhere in Dedham. The Chief said he has inherited those values of dedication and commitment. Chief Greeley publicly thanked his father, Robert Greeley for instilling those values in him. He will miss the honor of being Chief and the day-to-day events, but he also believes change brings good. He thanked the Board for all their support. Selectman Plasko thanked Chief Greeley. Selectman Donohue told the Chief he is leaving the Town in good shape and that is a tribute. Selectman Howard said he will miss chatting and he thanked him for stepping up when he did. Chairman Maloney thanked the Chief, complimenting him on his integrity, and superb temperament for this difficult job which he handled with tremendous professionalism.

7:45 P.M. – Supt. James Collins, Norwood Light Department:

Supt. Collins gave update on the department's monthly activities and listed various projects that are being worked on currently. Customers can now set up to look at their electric accounts online and see what their usage is, and soon will be able to do the same with water accounts. Mr. Collins gave an update on the building at 136 Access Road. The LED streetlight project has been completed a little ahead of time. The Department of Energy Resources did a review and they were happy with the results. The town received approximately \$200,000 from them for this project. The FY 2018 streetlight budget was \$358,000 and FY 19 is \$195,000. He expects an additional reduction in FY 20 of \$40,000 to \$50,000.

Mr. Hansen reported the video upgrade is completed. He spoke briefly about the HD and SD Channels. There is now a direct connect program guide. We are only provider in Norwood providing this, and it doesn't require the customer to have a box. Mr. Hansen went on to speak about some upcoming projects, such as a modem upgrade and a set top box upgrade later this summer.

8:00 P.M. –Supt. Mark Ryan, DPW/Town Engineer

Mr. Ryan gave an update of the department's monthly activities. Solid waste and recycling management submitted annual sustainable materials grant application to the state and he is confident the department will receive funds to provide food compost bins, kitchen-composting items at a discount rate, and recycling containers around town. Mr. Ryan discussed many of the current projects including installation of a temporary traffic-calming island on Peabody Road and Belmont Street to calm traffic going into the high school and onto Belmont Street that seems to be working very well. They have installed an aerator in Hawes Pool Pond that is aesthetically pleasing and provides a benefit to the Hawes Pool Pond. They also installed a concrete sidewalk there as a new way to enter the Hawes Pool Pond. Preparations for Fourth of July are underway. The department assisted the Garden Club with the islands. Mr. Ryan explained the process of screening compost at the landfill to create a beautiful product that residents get free. The water department recently replaced old water services on Washington Street between E. Hoyle and Fairview Streets in anticipation of paving that section of road this summer. A mixer unit is being installed at the Bellevue water tank. The engineering department has been supervising the annual roadway resurfacing. The department also created specs for Highland Cemetery stone seal project for the roadways at the cemetery. The COA garage project is ongoing. Traffic counts were recorded on Cross Street and a report was generated and distributed to the Police Chief and the Cross Street resident who requested it. Selectman Donohue asked about water meter replacement. Mr. Ryan said in the early 2000s they started replacing all the water meters and installing MTUs (Meter Transmission Units) and that is part of the monthly water billing. The battery life of those units is about ten years and we have been fortunate that some of them have lasted longer. It is a constant process of replacing of the MTUs partly because of age and others because they are not reading well and now we are getting to the point of replacing water meters. Selectman Donohue asked if the fee on the bill was to replace the whole meter. Mr. Ryan said no, that was just for the MTUs, the bronze item connected to your water system. Discussion ensued. Selectman Plasko thanked Mr. Ryan for his department's prompt response to graffiti problem. Negotiation of the Waste Management contract was briefly discussed. Selectman Howard thanked Mr. Ryan for getting the Combat Infantry Statue cleaned so nicely.

8:15 P.M. – Water & Sewer Rate Committee:

Discussion of Fiscal 2019 rates. The Manager said we have to raise a certain dollar amount and when we don't, ultimately it eats away at the Free Cash. Of the \$850,000 that has to be raised this year, \$600,000 is the increase in our charge from the MWRA. Last year the Water and Sewer Rate Committee recommended a zero increase. We had anticipated higher water use last year than was realized and we had hoped the water usage had begun to rebound. We covered our costs but did not recover any of the indirect costs of operating the water and sewer operation. . This year water cost increased more than sewer cost. We have a certain amount of money we have to recover and there is no other way of recovering it. The recommended increase this year represents 8.7% and smaller users will increase approximately 4.4%. There is one high strain waste water user, and they are also recommending passing on the assessment to the specific user who is the highest volume. Additional recommendation is the minimum meter charge be raised from \$2.69 per month to \$4.75 per month. Whether or not you use water, we have to maintain the ability to provide water to the property and with a minimum charge we are recovering some revenue. This meter charge goes up for large users. Most businesses and residents are using less water. We do not have an enterprise fund but would like to implement some mechanism to establish a rate stabilization fund. The Manager explained that in years with a surplus, funds could be transferred from Free Cash to the Rate Stabilization Fund. The proposed increase here is not to establish a stabilization fund but there is a cost to maintain the system regardless of usage and we are looking for a system that is a little more equitable. We use far less water than in years past, but there is still the same number of pipes, etc. Mr. Cooper suggested having a minimum charge. We have \$16 million to recover and part of it is being recovered through a meter charge or an account charge and part is being recovered through usage rates. We think it is fair that every user bear some of that charge, hence the proposed increase in the minimum charge. The manager explained there is a cost to maintain the system even if someone does not turn on the tap. The fixed charge is a little more equitable to the lower water users. Selectman Plasko explained we are trying to make this as close as possible to an enterprise fund where we collect the entire cost of our system, which includes all the costs you are talking about, but we recoup them here and we take the money and it is now revenue. Chairman Maloney said rates go up as usage goes down. Mr. Mazzucco said there is one customer in town that pays close to \$1 million in water and sewer fees. Selectman Donohue asked that the vote be separated with one vote for the rate increase and the other for the fee. Selectman Plasko said if we were to vote against the fee, we would have to recalculate the rate increase. We have to raise \$16 million and this is the way this committee, and some consultants, recommend as the most equitable solution. The proposal is a way to catch up and to avoid this type of thing in the future. On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted 3-1 to approve the rates and the recommendations of the Water and Sewer Rate Committee as presented. Selectman Donohue opposed.

New Business

Norwood Portuguese Club, 1090 Washington Street:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to approve request for one day Wine & Malt Beverage License for Sunday, July 8, 2018 from 2 p.m. to 11 p.m., Sunday, July 15, 2018 from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. and Saturday, August 4, 2018 from 2 p.m. to midnight.

Brian Hursen, 28 Wilson Street:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to file talent bank form with interest in the following committees: Downtown Steering, Recycling, Economic Development, Open Space & Recreation, Personnel Advisory Board and Conservation Commission.

McFarlin, Gallagher, Cox, Leo and Brueggeman Families:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to accept under Chapter 44 § 53 A, check for \$250.00 to be donated to the Norwood Animal Shelter in celebration of the marriage of Edward Reardon and Barbara Thissell.

Tony Mazzucco, General Manager:

- a. On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to approve re-appointment of Dale Day to the Historical Commission-term will expire December 2020.
- b. On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to support a grant application being submitted to the state by the Neponset River Watershed Association's Willett Pond affiliate.
- c. Submitting request for three Municipal Relief Act transfers for DPW.
Mr. Ryan explained the prediction of how the budget was going did not go well. He is requesting three municipal transfers all within DPW.
On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted to approve the following Municipal Relief Transfers:
\$ 33,500.00 from Drain Maintenance to Incidentals Utilities to pay for gas, water, electric, etc.
\$ 20,000.00 from DPW Wages and Salaries to Garage Maintenance for gas and oil.
\$ 6,000.00 from DPW Wages and Salaries to Cemetery Overtime.
- d. On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to approve Reserve Fund Transfer request for Hazardous Waste Day shortage of \$8,400. The Board of Health will implement new fees in order to prevent running at a deficit.
- e. On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted to approve recommendation that the Board amend the Traffic Rules and Regulations for Stop signs at Longwood Terrace/Westview Drive/Glendale Road.

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

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to accept Norwood Bank donation of \$500 under Chapter 44 § 53A and authorize its expenditure. Norwood Bank will sponsor the Norwood Police Department's 4th annual Bike Safety Day on July 28, 2018 from 1 to 4 p.m. in the bank parking lot and the funds will offset the cost of repairing the bikes.

Sean Warnock, Asst. Director of Information Technology:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to approve request to surplus the attached items, which are either obsolete or no longer functioning. The school department will take two HP ProCurve Switches.

Nangle Consulting Associates:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to file 120-Day Release Notification Form-re 640 Rear Pleasant Street and 656 Pleasant Street.

Patrick Collins, Collins Comedy Events:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to approve request for one day Wine and Malt Beverage License for Norwood Space Center, Building 2, 83 Morse Street on Thursday, July 19, 2018, from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Jim Henry, Winged Foot Running:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted to approve request to hold a 5K road race and post-race event at Percival Brewing Company, 83 Morse Street on August 26, 2018 to benefit the local 501C3 Friends of Norwood Center. They must notify the Safety Officer and get insurance naming the Town as additional insured. They are requesting a special one day malt license as the area to be used would be in the parking lot 15' x 15'. The area will be cordoned off with barricades and will have a single point of entry at which individuals will show proof of age. (ABCC directive allows this as long as the current licensed premises and the proposed special permit area are separate)

Trish Monahan, SHINE:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to approve request to use Police/Fire Community Room on October 15, 2018, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. for the annual Medicare open enrollment training.

Selectman Plasko brought up a matter unrelated to this application. The Board adopted some regulation for the usage when requests started coming in. Most of the requests were coming through this Board, as this one is, but apparently, they have started to go directly to the Police Department and some are being denied. Maybe they should be, but it is also now being done unilaterally by the Police Department Chief of Staff, instead of the regulations we originally adopted. We should have a discussion as to what the problem is and how the room should and shouldn't be used so we know what is going on, instead of having a rule and we think we know what is happening, but some department heads are just doing their own thing. This is not criticism, it may be perfectly appropriate, with decisions based on the facts, but we should know what it is. Selectman Donohue suggested notifying Police staff to forward requests to use the room to the Board. Selectman Plasko is suggesting communicating about how the requests are going to be handled. On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted to assign liaison to work with Manager and Chiefs on this. Selectman Donohue will be the liaison.

Francis J. Hopcroft, Project Liaison, Permanent Building Construction Committee:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to file correspondence regarding Town Hall Project. Chairman Maloney, Selectman Plasko, and the Manager will meet with two members of PBCC this coming Friday to improve communication and ensure that all parties are on the same page.

D. Supreme Richardson, The Network Connection, 61 Columbia Rd., Dorchester:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to invite them in regarding request for an entertainment license to operate at 83 Morse Street.

Nichole Dangelo, 24 Nichols Street:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to refer to manager correspondence regarding traffic on Nichols Street.

Verizon:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, second by Selectman Howard, voted to file price increase notice.

Cedar Market, 13 Cottage Street East:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to file Certificates of Completion of TIPS Course for Hiam Saba and Nada Habr.

Mae Krajewski, 35 Saint Joseph Avenue:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted to file letter of concerns on Morse Street parking proposal.

Patrick Deschenes, Assistant Planner:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to file notice of site plan review for 100 Tech Drive (Moderna) on July 10, 2018 from 10 a.m., to 11 a.m., in room 11, Norwood Town Hall. This is a revised site plan.

Unfinished Business

ABCC:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Plasko voted to file approval notification for Ali Lee LLC/Café Venice Restaurant AAB License.

Town Counsel:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to table, for two weeks, discussion of Town's legal service providers.

ABCC:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to file final approval of Bertucci's change of manager from Kristen O'Donnell to Christina Fitzgibbon.

Memoranda

Patrick Deschenes, Assistant Planner:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to file copy to the Planning Board of the final results of the Forbes Hill Future Use Survey.

Chief William G. Brooks, III, NPD:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to file copies of Commendations.

Selectmen's Addenda

Selectman Plasko

Medical Marijuana

Question to the Manager about the Medical Marijuana interpretation of the distance between the establishment and locations where children congregate, and asked the Manager to follow up with Town Counsel.

Selectman Donohue

Marion Curran Boch

Mrs. Boch passed away at eighty-nine years old. She grew up in Norwood and graduated Boston University and became very active in politics. In the early fifties, she was the second woman in Massachusetts to run for state-wide office. She worked her whole life in the jewelry business.

Norwood High School

TIOT was published for the eightieth time this year and the yearbook was dedicated, for the first time, to the Selectmen.

Executive Session

Negotiations-Town Accountant

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Howard, and on roll call vote of Selectmen Plasko and Bishop and Chairman Maloney, voted to enter into executive session at the end of the meeting to discuss Town Accountant contract and return to open session either to adjourn, or to make a brief announcement.

Upon returning to open session Chairman Maloney announced the Board has successfully concluded negotiations with the Town Accountant, Mr. McQuaid and we went into Executive Session just to finalize the language of the contract. Mr. McQuaid has already signed the contract and the motion was made to authorize and direct the Chairman to sign the contract.

Adjournment

No other business being presented for consideration, on motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Donohue, voted to adjourn and the meeting was adjourned accordingly at 9:30 p.m.

A True Record

Attest: _____

Assistant