

Selectmen's Meeting
Virtual Meeting

January 26th, 2021
Meeting is Recorded

Under Governor Baker's emergency "Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law G.L. C. 30A, Section 20", issued March 12, 2020 and in effect until termination of the State of Emergency: This meeting of the Board of Selectmen will be conducted virtually with all members present via GoToMeeting at 7:00 P.M. Please see meeting information below:

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Present: Chairman Plasko, Vice Chairman Maloney, Selectmen Lane, Selectmen Hajjar, Selectmen Donohue, General Manager Tony Mazzucco, and Jess Jozwik

The meeting was convened at 7:00pm on January 26th, 2021 via GoToMeeting.

Appointments:

7:00 P.M. Norwood Memorial Library Board of Trustees-Joint Meeting:

To address filing a vacancy on the board of trustees

Chairman of the Library Board of Trustees, John Hall, introduced the other members of his board: Marguerite Cummings (Vice Chair), Sarah Begg (Senior Trustee), Donna Montgomery (Senior Trustee), and George Mikalik. On motion of Mr. Hall, Seconded by Ms. Begg, the Library Board of Trustees unanimously voted to appoint Joseph Greeley to the Library Board of Trustees until April.

7:30 P.M. Mark Ryan, Director of Public Works and Town Engineer:

Mr. Ryan submitted the monthly report of department activities:

To date, there have been 3 snow plough operations, 7 roadway salting operations and 1 snow removal operation.

There was roughly 21.5 inches of snow, most of which fell on December 16th.

The Public Works Department has been dealing a lot with MassDOT and Campanelli Companies.

Public Works conferred with the Planning Department about advancing the traffic signals at Planting Field Road, Brook Road, and Upland Road to accommodate the housing complex and the Moderna facility near there.

The installation of the Upland Road, Fulton Road, and Prospect Street traffic signals are on the horizon for 2023.

Holiday recycling and Christmas tree curbside-pickup took place for a week, as per usual, and went very well.

The Water Department has been very busy replacing water services on Prospect Street.

The Cemetary Department is going to complete 5 burials on January 27th and averaged 208 burials for the calendar year 2020.

There has been a decent amount of tree work being done.

The ENgineering Department has been preparing cost estimates for the 2021 paving project and working with the planning board on shared street grid applications.

This discussion was mediated by David Hern. Mr. Hern noted the law requires the first order of business for the next Special Town Meeting to be a decision on whether Town Meeting should continue virtually or not. On motion of Selectman Lane, seconded by Selectman Maloney, the board voted 4 to 1, with Selectman Donohue opposed, to approve reducing the Quorum to 45. Mr. Hern gave his consent to reduce the Quorum to 45. Mr. Hern announced that the next training session for prospective Town Meeting members is going to be Monday February 1st at 7PM, and he highly recommended that people attend.

Ms. Greene submitted notification that the Town's license agreement with Comcast Cable Communications, Inc. will expire on February 1st, 2024 and the Selectmen, as issuing authority, may begin the ascertainment process in this matter. On motion of Vice Chairman Maloney, seconded by Selectman Donohue, the Board voted unanimously to forward the notification to the cable commission.

Mr. Good submitted the 4th Quarter Report of Trust Funds. On motion of Vice Chairman Maloney, seconded by Selectman Hajjar, the Board voted unanimously to revise the report with the General Manager and the Treasurer's Office.

Mr. Civilinski submitted a notification of temporary store closing starting January 31st, 2021 and continuing until the reconstruction of the Big Y Plaza. On motion of Vice Chairman Maloney, seconded by Selectman Lane, the Board voted 4 to 1 (with an abstention from Selectman donohue) to file this information.

Mr. and Mrs. Reilly submitted a concern regarding the new tenant of the property behind them (Amazon Site). Building Commissioner Matthew Walsh did a site visit of the property, in addition to a review of the approved site plan and did not see any visible violations in relation to the rear of the property abutting the Westwood town line. Conservation Agent Holly Jones, confirmed that there is not any work being done on the conservation land in that area. On motion of Vice Chairman Maloney, seconded by Selectman Hajjar, the Board voted unanimously to write a letter to the Town of Westwood explaining their findings and recommending they contact Amazon with any further concerns.

Submitting a request for a common victualler license to operate the Juice Bar at 20 Broadway. Their hours of operation will be Monday-Friday 7AM-6PM, Saturday 7AM-4PM, and Sunday-Closed. On motion of Selectman Hajjar, seconded by Mr. Lane, the Board voted unanimously to approve the request.

Mr. Deschenes submitted a memo regarding the proposed CPA Project for the Memorial Carillon Supplemental Funding. On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Hajjar, the Board voted unanimously to support the submission.

Mr. Deschenes submitted a memo regarding the C. Lothrop Pocket Park Proposal. Selectman Donohue felt that the area for the proposed park was already beautiful and did not need renovation. Selectman Donohue suggested using the funds to renovate the green space in front of the Balch School instead. Mr. Deschenes explained that the goal is to make the town even more inviting and provide more space for members of the town to enjoy but agreed that enhancing the Balch Schools green space was a good idea for the future. On motion of Selectman Hajjar, seconded by Vice Chairman Maloney, the Board voted 4 to 1, with Selectman Donohue opposed to approve the request, pending revival of the plans for the park.

Ms. Phillips submitted a request to use the Morrill Memorial Library parking lot on Sunday afternoons from February 7th, 2021 until March 7th, 2021 for socially distant cookie sales. The Library Trustees are in support of the use. On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Lane, the Board voted unanimously to approve the request.

Ms. McGrath submitted her resignation from the Personnel Board effective May 1st, 2021. Chairman Plasko thanked her for her service and for giving a substantial notice so that the Town will have time to find her replacement. Chairman Plasko noted that anyone interested in filling Ms. McGrath's position should write a letter of interest to the Selectmen's Office. On motion of Vice Chairman Maloney, seconded by Selectman Lane, the Board voted unanimously to file this submission for information.

Mr. Reynolds submitted a request to hold a carwash on Saturday June 5th and Saturday June 12th 2021 for Boy Scout Troop 49. On motion of Vice Chairman Maloney, seconded by Selectman Hajjar, the board voted unanimously to approve the request.

Holly Jones, Conservation Agent, submitted for signature of the Board, a Conservation Restriction under the Community Preservation Act, Neponset River Conservation Restriction, Saint Street Lot. On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Lane, the Board voted unanimously to sign.

Chief Brooks submitted the monthly report of police department activities. On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Lane, the Board voted unanimously to file the report.

St. Catherine of Sienna Parish submitted a copy of the annual Bingo Report, which is filed with the Charitable Gaming Division of the Massachusetts State Lottery Commission. On motion of

Selectman Donohue, seconded by Vice Chairman Maloney, the Board voted unanimously to file the submission.

Mr. Connors submitted the form 500 report pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 166A, Section 10. On motion of Vice Chairman Maloney, seconded by Selectman Hajjar, the Board voted unanimously to file the submission.

Ms. Aruda submitted notification to abutters from Dover to Canton that Algonquin Gas Transmission will be performing a close interval survey starting the week of January 25th, 2021. On motion of Vice Chairman Maloney, seconded by Selectman Lane, the Board voted unanimously to approve the submission.

Mr. Mazzucco stated that some information will be going out to seniors about vaccine distribution. This will be a slow process and it may take several weeks before citizens who qualify are able to get an appointment for the vaccine. The federal government controls how many doses of the vaccine the Town will receive, so this may also delay the time it takes to get vaccinated.

Selectman Donohue inquired about the progress of Norwood Hospital. Chairman Plasko explained that the Hospital is a private organization and did not disclose any new information at the time.

Selectman Hajjar inquired if the Hospital was aware of the proposed zoning bylaws that would benefit them. Chairman Plasko replied that the Hospital is aware of the proposed bylaws and appreciates the accommodations the Town has been making for them.

On motion of Selectman Lane, seconded by Selectman Donohue, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to adjourn.

A True Record.

ATTEST: _____
Assistant