

Selectmen's Meeting
Hybrid Meeting

June 8, 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 hybrid model with Board meeting in person in the Selectmen's Chambers in Town Hall, and all other participants joining remotely. The Meeting will be called to order by the Chairman at 6:30 PM. Please see meeting information below:

Board of Selectmen
Tue, Jun 8, 2021 6:30 PM - 10:30 PM (EDT)
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Present: Chairman Maloney, Vice Chairman Plasko, Selectman Donohue, Selectman Hajjar, Selectman Lane, Town Manager Tony Mazzucco, Jess Jozwik. Appearing virtually: Attorney David Hern, David Lockwood, Alan Slater, David Thomson, Chin Lin, Tim Bonfatti, Teresa Stewart and Justin Thibeault.

Executive Session

6:30 p.m. Executive Session

Chairman Maloney called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM and on motion to enter Executive Session for Purpose 2- To conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with non-union personnel; Motion made by Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Hajjar. The Board voted unanimously to enter Executive Session.

6:45 p.m. Executive Session

Purpose 3- To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares;

On completion of discussion, on motion of Selectman Hajjar, seconded by Selectman Donohue, the Board voted to move to open session. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, June 8th, 2021 in the Selectmen's Chambers, Town Hall, 566 Washington Street, Room 34 with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silent reflection.

Appointments

7:00 P.M. Continued Show Cause Hearing, Boncaldo, Inc, 1381 Boston Providence Turnpike:

Failure to provide the public with the services contemplated by the license. Bon Caldo, closed in February, 2020. Attorney David Hern, representing 1381 Services: The transfer was approved several weeks ago. The matter is now somewhere in the control of the ABCC. That is the situation according to Mr. Hern's understanding. Mr. Hern would request, that in view of the transfers' pending status that the Board continue the matter to protect the Board's rights and the Town's rights while the matter works through the ABCC. That is Mr. Hern's request as counsel for the transferee. Selectman Plasko was in agreement with Mr. Hern's request and stated that this was the proper step at this time and made a motion to continue the hearing until July 20th, 2021, seconded by Selectman Donohue. The motion was approved unanimously.

7:10 P.M. Middle School Building Committee

For discussion: Mr. Alan Slater, along with members of the Middle School Building Committee delivered a slide presentation to the Board - with regard to the proposed plans and timeline for the new middle school. Mr. Slater began the discussion mentioning the project schedule and where they are in the process. The committee has made a number of important decisions in the last couple of weeks. The main purpose of

appearing before the Board is to bring them up to speed on what's happening. The committee will be seeking an endorsement for the project for the purposes of MSBA. This has been a very public process from the beginning. Four community forums have been held and the school committee has held seven public meetings. The Middle School Building Committee has been very open with the public and they solicit input from people because it's **their** project - they're the ones who are going to vote for it. The committee would like to know their opinions so that they can proceed accordingly. One of the important decisions that has been made – the school committee in a unanimous vote, decided to go with a grade 5 – 8 configuration as opposed to a 6 – 8. Not only will that solve the overcrowding situation but also from a cost perspective – it is the best approach. At the MSBC meeting on Monday, the full committee unanimously voted to accept Design Option 3A which is considered to be the best option for the project. Further discussion took place between Mr. Slater and the Board of Selectmen. At the conclusion of the discussion, Chairman Maloney thanked the committee as well as Compass and AI3 for joining the meeting. Motion to endorse the project made by Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Hajjar. The motion was approved unanimously.

New Business

1. Mark Good, Treasurer/Tax Collector
Submitted Bon and BAN Closing Documents for signature of the Board. Motion to sign made by Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Hajjar. The motion was approved unanimously.
(Voted: that the maximum useful life of the departmental equipment listed below to be financed with a portion of the proceeds of the borrowing authorized by the vote of the Town passed at the May 14th, 2018 Annual Town Meeting (Article 10) is hereby determined pursuant to G. L. c44, §7(1) to be as follows)
2. Courtyard Marriot, 300 River Ridge Drive
Submitted Change of Manager Form. Motion to approve made by Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Hajjar. The motion was approved unanimously.
3. Margaret Beardsley, 105 Bahama Drive, Apt B
Submitted request to use the Town Common and Bandstand for a wedding ceremony from 5:00 PM until 6:00 PM on April 29, 2022. Motion to approve made by Selectman Lane, seconded by Selectman Donohue. The motion was approved unanimously.
4. Tanu Basu, Indian Association of Greater Boston
Submitted request to use the Town Common and Bandstand for an Indian Flag raising ceremony on Thursday, August 12, 2021, at 10:00am to commemorate Indian Independence Day. Motion to approve made by Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Hajjar according to previous practice. The motion was approved unanimously.

LATE AGENDA ITEM

5. Katie Sibbing-Dunn, Progress Norwood and Friends
Submitted request to use the Town Common and Bandstand for a Pride Picnic Celebration on Saturday, June 12th, 2021 from 10:00am until 1:00pm. Participants will bring their own blankets and food. Motion to approve made by Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Lane. The motion was approved unanimously.
6. Tim Gorman, Location Manager for “The Mothership” film
Submitted request to use the Town Common for filming on July 13, 2021, from 8:00 AM until 9:30 PM. Motion to approve made by Selectman Hajjar, seconded by Selectman Donohue. The motion was approved unanimously.
7. Max Gouveia, Miano Construction Company
Submitted request to park a dumpster at Norwood Crossings for 14 weeks. Discussion ensued regarding whether or not the construction company should be charged for the period of time that they would be using this dumpster as it will take away three valuable spaces close to the center of Town. Motion to charge Miano

Construction Company \$750.00 plus the required insurance - to be worked out with the Town Manager – made by Selectman Hajjar, seconded by Selectman Lane. Motion was approved – 4-1 in favor. Selectman Plasko voted no.

8. Highland Cemetery Rules and Regulations

For Discussion. Mr. Hajjar opened the discussion regarding Section 6, which is planting restrictions. The subject at hand, brought forth by Ms. Judith Howard, is removing the option of placing artificial flowers at gravesites. There are regulations already in place regarding natural grass, shrubbery, flower beds and ensuring that items are placed in an orderly manner. According to regulations, the cemetery staff already has the authority to remove items that have blown away or have become broken. Mr. Mazzucco stated that this is a matter that requires sensitivity on both sides of the issue. Selectman Donohue agreed and noted that things should be left as they are with regard to the policy at the cemetery.

9. LM TacoMA, Inc

Submitting Common Victualler Application for location at 958 Boston Providence Turnpike, for a Taco Bell location - including a drive through, with hours from 7:00 AM until 3:00PM. Attorney David Hern, representing LM TacoMA, Inc. Motion to approve the CV request as submitted, made by Selectman Hajjar, seconded by Selectman Lane. The motion was approved unanimously.

10. Shaw Parcel

For Discussion. Mr. Mazzucco spoke regarding an email that was received from a resident, asking if the Town would be interested in acquiring a parcel adjacent to her property and Hennessey Field. There was no vote taken. Both Selectman Plasko and Selectman Donohue agreed in this discussion that there really is no interest in acquiring this parcel.

11. M.S. Walker, 975 University Avenue

a) Information on Third Party Review. The Manager's Office has already issued a PO for it and Selectman Plasko believes that very shortly a report should be received.
b) Submission of donation in the amount of \$5,000.00. This donation is made in conjunction with the peer review study. Selectman Plasko made a motion to accept the donation under Chapter 4453a for the purpose indicated, seconded by Selectman Hajjar. The motion was approved unanimously.

12. Library Programming Correspondence

For Discussion. Chairman Maloney opened the discussion making note of the large amount of correspondence that has been received regarding programming at the library during Pride month. Mr. Maloney stated that the matter of programming at the library falls under the Director of the Library who reports to the Library Board of Trustees. The Director reports directly to the General Manager on a day to day basis because the Board of Trustees is a voluntary board. It seems, to Chairman Maloney that this is a matter that should be taken up with the Board of Trustees. If they are displeased with that body – it is an elected body. Vice Chairman Plasko commented that he had received a few emails regarding this issue and he directed them to the library because as a political body, the Board of Selectmen has no direct control regarding programming. Mr. Plasko noted that there are strong opinions on both sides and he personally tries to be respectful and inclusive of everyone. There were concerns from Board members regarding the chalk writing that appeared outside of the library.

13. Code of Conduct

For Discussion. The Board requested a few months ago, that Selectman Hajjar put something together for review regarding code of conduct. Mr. Hajjar commented that whatever was approved as a draft – he recommends that it stays a draft until this is reviewed by MAIA, our insurance carrier - because there are potential liability issues. MAIA proposed through the MMA, a code of conduct policy for all communities to adopt. Not everyone is going to accept the same policy of what is referred to as, best practice – but they did ask everyone to read it and have something approved in their working documents. What Selectman Hajjar did was to look at their policy and then obtained feedback from the Board on certain aspects *of* the policy. He then came up with a recommended copy that is surely open for additional changes and discussion. Mr. Hajjar then

explained that he worked with Mary Lou Folan and her team to come up with an acknowledgement form that will be used when people are given a copy of this code of conduct. They would be given fourteen days to return the signed document stating that they have received it. Otherwise the Clerk's office will just put it on file stating that it was unsigned or not returned. Discussion and individual comment by Board members ensued. At the conclusion of the discussion – motion was made to accept the draft for further review and comment by MAIA - by Selectman Hajjar, seconded by Selectman Donohue. The motion was approved unanimously.

14. Travis Farley, Superintendent of Recreation

a) Request to place banner on the poles on Washington Street between Vernon and Day Streets advertising the Independence Day Parade on Saturday, July 3, 2021. The banner would be hung from Monday, June 21st until Saturday, July 3rd.

b) Request to place A-Frame signs at common locations to advertise the Independence Day Parade on Saturday, July 3, 2021. The signs would be placed Monday, June 21, 2021 and picked up Tuesday, July 5, 2021.

c) Request to close Washington Street from the Middle School to the Common from 8am to noon on Saturday, July 3rd for the Independence Day Parade

d) Request to place banner on the poles on Washington Street between Vernon and Day Streets advertising Norwood Day festivities on September 17-18, 2021. The banner would be hung from Monday, August 30th, 2021 until Saturday, September 18, 2021

e) Request to place A-Frame signs at common locations to advertise the Norwood Day festivities on September 17-18, 2021. The signs would be placed on Monday, August 30th, 2021 and be picked up on Tuesday, September 7, 2021

f) Request to close Washington Street from the front of Conrad's to Nahatan Street, East Cottage Street from Washington to Central, and Day Street, from Washington to Central from 7:00am to 5:00pm for Norwood day festivities.

g) Request to close the Norwood Civic Center at 5:00pm on Friday, September 17th, 2021.

Motion made by Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Hajjar to approve **all** of the requests noted. The motion was approved unanimously.

Memoranda

1. Travis Farley, Superintendent of Recreation

Submitted Monthly Report for April and May, 2021. Motion to file made by Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Lane. The motion was approved unanimously.

2. Building Inspector Matthew Walsh

Submitted monthly building report for May 2021. Motion to file made by Selectman Hajjar, seconded by Selectman Lane. The motion was approved unanimously.

3. Mary Lou Folan, Town Clerk

Submitted amendments to the Town By-Laws as approved by Town Meeting and submitted to the Massachusetts Attorney General. Approved by the Attorney General. Town Clerk Mary Lou Folan advertises the approval and after the advertising period, the by-laws become official. No further action is required by the Board.

4. Scott Murphy, Zoning Board of Appeals

Submitted request response to UAVE LLC. Motion to file made by Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Lane. The motion was approved unanimously.

5. Bishop Jean Luma, Norwood Church of God

Submitted information about Haitian Creole language projects. Motion to file made by Selectman Lane, seconded by Selectman Hajjar. The motion was approved unanimously.

6. Carriage House Consulting, Inc

Submitted Notification of Submittal of Release Notification Form. Motion to file made by Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Lane. The motion was approved unanimously.

7. Selectmen's Minutes

For approval of the Board:

-October 27, 2020

Motion made by Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Lane to approve the minutes with corrections. The motion was approved unanimously.

General Manager Tony Mazzucco: On June 10th, 2021 from 10 AM – 1 PM, there will be a shredding event at the Senior Center hosted by District Attorney Mike Morrissey. Open to anyone in the community, this is a free event.

Selectman Donohue: Thanked Mr. Mazzucco and the staff for helping out in the return of the Board to the Selectmen's Chambers. Mrs. Donohue would like to ask the Board if a letter could be sent to Bank of America. BOA announced that the branch at the corner of Day and Washington Streets will be closing. Selectman Donohue would like to ask the bank to reconsider its decision. Mrs. Donohue will draft the letter. Also, Mrs. Donohue spoke of Martha Colamaria who has made many contributions to the Town including a handmade doll collection that was on display at the Morrill Memorial Library. Selectman Donohue extended her thanks to Mrs. Colamaria for all that she continues to do for the Town.

Selectman Plasko: This afternoon there was a Motions Meeting where certain parties directly responsible for things happening at Town Meeting - review the motions and wording and ensure that everyone is on the same page so that Town Meeting runs smoothly. Mr. Plasko noted that Article 7 is for a private request that was allowed to be put on the warrant. The way it currently reads though is as if it is the selectmen who are recommending and making the motion. Typically when it is a private matter – the party makes the presentation at Town Meeting. Mr. Plasko will take on the responsibility of letting the party know how the process works.

Selectman Lane: Thanks to Veteran's Agent Ted Mulvehill and the DPW for the flags along Washington Street. Mr. Lane mentioned that his father, a Vietnam Veteran and his son were able to plant flags along with Mr. Mulvehill. They both appreciated the opportunity. With regard to Summer and recreation - Selectman Lane mentioned that both pools would be opening on June 26th. Mr. Lane also noted he appreciates being in this space and that this is his first meeting in the Selectmen's Chambers.

Selectman Hajjar: Congratulations to the high school graduates. Mr. Hajjar wishes all who graduated, good luck, including Chairman Maloney's daughter who was a part of this year's graduating class. Selectman Hajjar mentioned that he was disappointed to learn that there would be no Farmer's Market this year. He is of the understanding that it was largely due to lack of funding. Mr. Mazzucco commented that it would take about \$10,000.00 to fund the Farmer's Market.

Chairman Maloney: Town Meeting begins Monday night, June 14th. The school committee has an agreement with the unions - that anyone who enters a school building is required to wear a mask. That agreement holds through Friday, June 18th. Those who will attend the meeting have been told that they do not need to wear a mask but the Board is going to ask that those attending, wear a mask to respect the school committee's agreement with the union.

Restaurant Week June 7th – June 11th. Support your local restaurants. Norwood HS graduation. Kudos to the school department and all involved in the graduation ceremony – it went very well. On Monday, Chairman Maloney gave testimony on Beacon Hill regarding two bills that Town Meeting sent forward for the state's approval. One is an additional beer and wine license directed toward Cravings To Go located on Route One. The second is the home rule petition to expand the South Norwood Business District to include the Norwood Space Center located at 83 Morse St. In both cases, testimony was brief. Chairman Maloney expects favorable responses from the legislature but is unsure of when.

In conclusion, congratulations was offered to Selectman Hajjar from Mr. Mazzucco and the Board members on the birth of his third grandson. Mr. Hajjar was appreciative of the kind words...

Motion to adjourn made by Selectman Hajjar, seconded by Selectman Plasko. The motion was approved unanimously.

A true record.

ATTEST:

Assistant