

Selectmen's Meeting
Hybrid Meeting

June 29, 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 5:30 P.M. Please see meeting information below:

Board of Selectmen Meeting
Tue, Jun 29, 2021 7:00 PM - 10:00 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: Travis Farley, Maria Henry, Peter McFarland, Clayton Cheever, David Ruggiero, Kate Tigue, Martha Colamaria, Joe Collins, Bryan Dunn, Mary Cantarow.

Executive Session

5:30 p.m. Executive Session

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Hajjar to enter Executive Session for: Purpose 1- To discuss the reputation, character, physical condition or mental health, rather than professional competence, of an individual, or to discuss the discipline or dismissal of, or complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual.

6:00 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 motion of Selectman Lane, seconded by Selectman Donohue the Board voted to enter Open Session. The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM on June 29th, 2021 in the Selectmen's Chambers, Town Hall, 566 Washington Street with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silent reflection or prayer.

Appointments

7:00 P.M. Independence Day Committee:

Presented this years' Independence Day Festivities. Travis Farley and Maria Henry opened the conversation regarding this years' parade. Although they've only had about five weeks to prepare, the committee has put together a parade with the theme, Hometown Heroes. Connie Cooper and her family will be the Grand Marshalls this year in honor of Bernie Cooper, who volunteered so much of his time for this annual event. The parade will consist of floats and various groups walking the route – including Boy/Girl Scouts, Veterans, The Rotary Club, The League of Women Voters and some bands as well. There will be a road race as well as the Children's Bicycle and Doll Carriage Parade. Ms. Henry extended her thanks to Norwood Bank for their donation. The Board, as well as Mr. Mazzucco thanked all involved for their hard work on such short notice.

7:10 P.M. Norwood Sustainability Commission: Presented Sustainability Plan. Executive Summary from the presentation by The Sustainability Commission. **Public Health**: Better address acute events such as the June 2020 rain storm and loss of Norwood Hospital. **Solid Waste**: Offer alternatives to the upcoming Waste Management contract renewal. **Resiliency & Natural Resources**: Address critical infrastructure vulnerabilities, dams and storm water. **Energy**: Support NMLD programs and usage while reducing energy use and carbon emissions. **Education and Outreach**: Effectively communicate the benefits of sustainable strategies. The Selectmen commented and thanked the commission for their passion, hard work and for their report. Motion to accept the report made by Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Lane. The motion was approved unanimously.

New Business

1. Director Clayton Cheever, Morrill Memorial Library
Submitted request to use the Bond Street Field for weekly story hour, Thursdays from July 8th, 2021 through August 12th, 2021 from 9:30am through 11:00 am. Motion to approve made by Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Hajjar. The motion was approved unanimously.
2. Bridget Hurley, 16 Pine Street
Submitted request to close Pine Street at both the Oldham School and Prospect Street ends from 12:00 noon until 9:00pm for a block party of approximately 50 people. Reminder noted by Selectman Plasko to notify the Police and Fire Departments. Motion made by Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Hajjar. The motion was approved unanimously.
3. Michelle Hsu, A Craft Affair
Submitted request to display a banner for the A Craft Affair event, which is being held Saturday, October 16th, 2021. The banner is requested to be hung from October 1st, 2021 through October 17th, 2021. Motion to approve made by Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Lane. The motion was approved unanimously.
4. Sigalle Reiss, Supt/Director, Norwood Board of Health
Submitted request to display a banner advertising Household Hazardous Waste/Recycling Day, on September 25th, 2021. The Banner is requested to be hung from, September 13th, 2021 through September 27th, 2021. Motion to approve made by Selectman Hajjar, seconded by Selectman Lane. The motion was approved unanimously.
5. Rita Russo, 40 Pine Street
Submitted request to use the Town Common and Bandstand for the recitation of the Patriotic Rosary and related celebration on Saturday, July 3rd, 2021, from 1:00pm to 2:00pm. Motion to approve made by Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Lane. The motion was approved unanimously.
6. Ann Attaway, 20 Wood Drive
Submitted request to reschedule her use of the Disabled American Veterans Memorial Park at the corner of Berwick and Chapel Street for a party to honor her husband, a postal worker, in his retirement. The rescheduled event would be July 17th, 2021, with a rain date of July 18th, from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. Motion made by Selectman Hajjar, seconded by Selectman Plasko. The motion was approved unanimously.
7. Umar Medina, United Church of Norwood
Submitted request to use the Town Common and Bandstand for a back to school event to give away school supplies and have live music, on August 21st, 2021 from 2:00pm until 4:00pm. Electricity will be required. Motion to approve made by Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Lane. The motion was approved unanimously.

8. Tom Guiod, Norwood Toastmasters
Submitted request for use of the Morse House for a trial meeting, Tuesday, July 27th, 2021 from 6:45 until 8:45. (Request withdrawn).
9. Laura Tolman, Norwood High Boy's Hockey
Submitted request to host a car wash on Saturday, September 25th, 2021, from 8:00am until 1:00pm to benefit Norwood High Boy's Hockey. Motion made by Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Hajjar. The motion was approved unanimously.
10. Westbury Farms, 997 Providence Highway
Submitted request to change their name and hours on their Common Victualler license to: 1947 Norwood, hours: 11:00 AM until 12:00 midnight. Motion made by Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Plasko. The motion was approved unanimously.
11. Filming Fee
For Discussion. Motion to table the discussion for a future date, until more information is gathered, made by Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Donohue. The motion was approved unanimously.
12. Airport Commission Restructuring
For Discussion and vote of the Board. There was a vote taken on April 27th to expand the Airport Commission from three to five members. It is within the right of the Board of Selectmen to do so. Chairman Maloney's concern was that the matter was not put on the agenda. Chairman Maloney consulted with Attorney David DeLuca and it was noted by Mr. DeLuca that yes, it probably should have been. So, what Chairman Maloney is suggesting is to re-vote or re-affirm the matter this evening. Motion to expand the commission from three to five members made by Selectman Lane, seconded by Selectman Hajjar. The motion was approved unanimously.
13. Helen Abdallah Donohue, Selectman
Presented letter to Bank of America for approval of the Board. Motion to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign, made by Selectman Hajjar, seconded by Selectman Plasko. Motion was approved unanimously.
14. Brian Loughlin, 1398 Washington Street
Submitted noise complaint. The Police department is aware of the situation and they are working on it with the resident. Motion to refer the matter to the Manager's Office made by Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Donohue. The motion was approved unanimously.
15. Sean Warnock, Assistant Director of Information Technology
Submitted request for approval of surplus and recycling. Motion to authorize made by Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Plasko. The motion was approved unanimously.
16. Mary Lou Folan, Town Clerk
Submitted, in accordance with Chapter 431 of the Acts of 1960, a list of Wardens, Clerks, Ballot Box Clerks, Ballot Clerks, and Alternate Election Workers for appointment by the Board of Selectmen. Motion to approve the roster as submitted made by Selectman Lane, seconded by Selectman Donohue. The motion was approved unanimously.
17. David Hajjar, Selectman
 - a) Submitted draft of updates to the Town Common Rules and Regulations for approval of the Board. Previously, the discussion centered on commercial use and any associated fees as well as picnics. It is not specifically addressed in the rules and regulations. Town Counsel provided some updated wording: (1.e.) Any events sponsored by any commercial organization or company with prior approval by the Board of Selectmen, including any fee that may be imposed per day or even in accordance with Section 4.j. In section (3) there were some minor updates. Section (6.b.) Any inconsistencies between provisions of the rules and regulations and statutory law shall be resolved in favor of statutory law. In Section (5.b.) change of wording from clear and present danger to risk. (6.c.) The Board reserves the right at any time to modify or

amend these rules and regulations or to adopt such other additional provisions as the Board deems necessary. With reference to Section (1.d., 1.e. and Section 2.n. – there was discussion among the Board as to changes in the wording that they would like to see take place; therefore deciding to table any further discussion until a clean copy can be presented. Selectman Plasko and Selectman Hajjar will be working together on that. Motion to table made by Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Hajjar. The motion was approved unanimously.

b) Submitted draft of Code of Conduct for Town Elected and Appointed Officials: There has been some back and forth with Town Counsel, Atty. DeLuca – regarding the wording Section (A. iii.). This seems more in line with what had been discussed previously. Section (A. iii.) reads as follows: Accept your position as a means of unselfish public service, and not for any financial benefit either personally or professionally from your board/committee position. Selectman Hajjar submits to the Board this document for approval and reminds the Board that the Clerk's Office will handle the mailing of this policy and an acknowledgement form to every elected or appointed official. Those responses/acknowledgement forms will be tracked. If people do not return the form, the Board will be notified. Motion to adopt as a form of policy made by Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Lane. The motion was approved unanimously.

18. Tony Mazzucco, Town Manager

a) Request to reappoint the following members of the Historical Commission for additional two year terms. Their current terms are set to expire in June, 2021:

Marion Gaw

Caroline Pannes

Charles Burgess

Motion to approve made by Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Donohue. The motion was approved unanimously.

b) Request to transfer \$500,000.00 from the Light Purchase Power Expense fund to the Trust Post Rate Stabilization Fund. Consistent with practice from previous years, when there is a certain amount of funding remaining in the Purchase Power Expense Fund – some of that money has been moved to the Trust Post Rate Stabilization Fund. Motion to approve in their capacity as light commissioners – made by Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Hajjar. The motion was approved unanimously.

c) Request for Light Department Transfer of remaining funds to free cash. Motion to approve, in their capacity as light commissioners, to transfer the surplus to free cash, made by Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Lane. The motion was approved unanimously.

d) Management and Non-union personnel cost of living adjustment. Motion to approve a 1% COLA for management and non-union personnel consistent with the pattern of settlement with union contracts, made by Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Hajjar. The motion was approved unanimously.

e) Request for a reserve fund transfer for the Fire Department, in the amount of \$19,000.00 to have repairs done to Engine 3. Motion to approve made by Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Lane. The motion was approved unanimously.

19. Cemetery Deeds

For signature of the Board:

Marie Q. Swanson, 1306 Pennington Drive, Walpole, for Lot Number C3-166

Pamela J. Hadley, 46 Perham Street, West Roxbury, for Lot Number C3-161

Evan R. Hough, 10 Rockhill St, for Lot Number G6-114

Jacqueline C. Donovan, 10 Shady Lane, Walpole, for Lot Number C3-162

Motion to sign made by Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Donohue. The motion was approved unanimously.

Memoranda

1. Massachusetts School Building Authority
Submitted notification of Change of Project Manager. Motion to file made by Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Hajjar. The motion was approved unanimously.
2. Peter McFarland, Community Preservation Committee
Submitted intention not to seek reappointment at the end of his term. Motion to accept, with regret, Mr. McFarland's decision made by Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Donohue. The motion was approved unanimously.
3. James Decoulos, Decoulos and Company
Submitted notification of a Release Abatement Measure Plan. Motion to file made by Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Lane. The motion was approved unanimously.
4. Greg Franks, Xfinity
Submitted notification of courtesy adjustment related to local sports networks. Motion to file made by Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Hajjar. The motion was approved unanimously.
5. Sarah Sullivan, Norwood Community Media
Submitted Q1 PEG Access Fees from Comcast and Verizon. Motion to accept made by Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Donohue. The motion was approved unanimously.
6. William G. Brooks, Chief of Police
Submitted Monthly report for May, 2021. Motion to file made by Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Plasko. The motion was approved unanimously.
7. George Morrice, Chief of Fire Department
Submitted Monthly report for April, 2021. Motion to file made by Selectman Lane, seconded by Selectman Hajjar. The motion was approved unanimously.
8. Department of Environmental Protection
Submitted notification of response to public inquiries regarding a project on the Siemens site in Walpole. Motion to file made by Selectman Hajjar, seconded by Selectman Lane. The motion was approved unanimously.

Manager's Update: Mr. Mazzucco would like to commend the 4th of July Committee and staff for pulling together a parade in five weeks. Mr. Mazzucco also commented that Town Accountant Tom McQuaid will be retiring next week.

Selectman Plasko: Would like to add acknowledgement of Mr. McQuaid's time and contributions to the Town – not only in his current position but in previous volunteer positions as well. He's done an outstanding job for the Town and his efforts are appreciated.

Selectman Hajjar: Thanks to Tom McQuaid for all his years of service – his volunteerism as well as his time as an employee of the Town. Mr. Hajjar commended both Jess Jozwik and Katherine McDonough for their help in finding the policies that were filed in the Selectmen's Office. Mr. Hajjar would like to submit a draft for everyone to review. He also wished everyone a Happy 4th of July.

Selectman Lane: Wished Tom McQuaid a happy retirement and a Happy and safe 4th of July to the community.

Selectman Donohue: Firstly, Mrs. Donohue thanked Tom McQuaid for his years of service. She also mentioned that he and his wife, Susan were the only married couple to serve on the Board in its history. On June 17th, the Ladies Auxiliary had a beautiful ceremony for the Norwood High graduates who will be entering the military. Last Sunday, in

Guild Park, there was a nice gathering of the nurses supporting the rebuilding of Norwood Hospital. Town Meeting has done their part as well as the Town itself. Now, it's time to move forward. The Olde Parish Cemetary Group: On the 4th of July at 2 PM, there will be a reading of Frederick Douglass' July 4th speech from 1852. Selectman Donohue expressed her thanks to Maria Henry and her committee for all of their work for the 4th of July parade. Happy 4th of July to everyone.

Chairman Maloney: Thank you to Tom McQuaid for a job well done. The Board will be meeting next week and then will be meeting every other week after that. Mr. Maloney will be meeting with Jack McCarthy at the NCM studio tomorrow to talk about the Norwood 150th project. There is a meeting scheduled for Sunday, August 15th at the Senior Center at 3 PM for anyone who wants to volunteer for events or sub-committees. Happy 4th of July to all.

Motion to adjourn made by Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Lane. The motion was approved unanimously.

A True Record:

ATTEST: _____
Assistant