

Selectmen's Meeting
Hybrid Meeting

January 18, 2022
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 Harry B. Butters Chambers, 566 Washington Street, Norwood, Massachusetts and all other participants joining remotely. The Meeting will be called to order by the Chairman at 7:00 PM Please see meeting information below:

Board of Selectmen Meeting

Tuesday, January 18, 2022 6:30 PM - 10:30 PM (EDT)

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Present: Chairman Maloney, Vice Chairman Plasko, Selectman Donohue, Selectman Lane, Selectman Howard, Town Manager Tony Mazzucco and Executive Assistant Jess Jozwik. Appearing virtually: Attorney Daniel Bailey and geologist, Luke Fabbri.

Executive Session

6:30 p.m.

Chairman Maloney called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM and on motion to enter Executive Session for Purpose 3 - To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining if an open meeting may have detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the public body and the chair so declares. A) Collective Bargaining: Public Safety Unit, Local 1451, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees AFL-CIO, State Council #93. On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Lane, the Board voted unanimously to enter Executive Session. Selectman Plasko has recused himself.

Upon completion of discussion, on motion of Selectman Lane, seconded by Selectman Howard, the Board voted to move to open session. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM on January 18, 2022 in the Harry B. Butters Chambers, 566 Washington Street, Norwood Town Hall, with Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silent reflection.

Appointments

7:01 PM Concert Committee:

Mr. Paul Eysie appeared before the Board on behalf of the concert committee to let everyone know the schedule for the winter series. Concerts take place at the Norwood High School on Sundays from 2 PM until 4 PM during the month of February. Due to COVID restrictions, no refreshments will be served. Mr. Eysie also mentioned that it's been wonderful to join together – the Carillon concerts, Summerfest and the winter series – bringing all three under one umbrella and reporting directly to the Manager's Office - is working out well. Mr. Eysie also spoke about the future (tentative) appearance of the Boston Pops in Norwood and recognized Ollie Abdallah for her hard work and if the Pops do come to Norwood, it would be a tribute to Ms. Abdallah.

7:15 PM Norwood 150th Committee:

Mr. Ernie Paczkowski and Mr. Gerry Miller appeared before the Board to discuss an event scheduled at the Skating Club of Boston on Saturday, February 26th, 2022. It will be a family friendly event with tickets priced at \$10. The event will showcase Olympic caliber figure skating. Gates will open at 4 PM and the show will begin at 6 PM. Tickets are available for purchase at the Town Hall, the Senior Center, Morrill Memorial Library and at the Civic Center.

7:30PM UAVE, 973 University Avenue:

(a) Continuation of public hearing regarding the subject of erection of barriers or other suitable measures to protect public safety resulting from excavation on property located at 973 University Avenue.

(b) UAVE LLC, Special Permit Status Report regarding Special Permit #20-08.

Mr. Plasko noted that this hearing was continued in order to keep up on the main concern - fall protection. A report was received, which they were required to do for the Zoning Board. Geologist and consultant, Luke Fabbri speaking with regard to the report – noted that they basically complied with the decision of last year from the ZBA. The point of land has been reestablished, the area has been graded, several trees have been planted and the fence has been reestablished as well. Everything has been explained in the status report letter.

Mr. Plasko made mention that at the end of the special permit that the temporary fencing becomes something more permanent so that the safety of the public is ensured.

Chairman Maloney noted that Town Counsel had advised that the hearing be continued for another 90 – 100 days. Motion was made by Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Howard to continue the hearing for one year. The motion was approved unanimously.

New Business

1. Car Wash Permit – Boy Scout Troop 49
Submitted request to hold a fundraising car wash on May 21, 2022 and June 4, 2022 from 8 AM until 3 PM. Motion made by Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Lane. The motion was approved unanimously.
2. Rita Russo – Patriotic Rosary
Submitted request to use the Town Common and Gazebo from 1 PM until 2 PM on Sunday July 3, 2022 for recitation of the Patriotic Rosary, as well as to put up a single sandwich board sign on the traffic island at the corner of Washington and Nahatan Street for two weeks prior to the event. Motion to approve made by Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Howard. The motion was approved unanimously.
3. One day extension of hours – Jake n Joes
Submitted request for extension of hours – 2 AM closing in order to view scheduled UFC Pay-Per-View events on January 22nd, 2022, February 12th, 2022 and March 5th, 2022 – abiding - by the same provisions as in the past: back gate will be closed, police detail on site and if match is cancelled or ends before 2 AM the late closing license is rescinded. Motion made by Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Donohue. The motion was approved unanimously.
4. Treasurer Retirement and Search
A letter was received from Town Treasurer, Mark Good who indicated that he would be retiring as of February 28th, 2022. Another letter was received from Town Manager, Tony Mazzucco to approve the process for selecting a new treasurer and authorize the general manager to hire any interim or transitory services as needed to maintain operations. Mr. Mazzucco proposed the formulation of a committee consisting of two selectmen, the general manager, the finance director as well as an additional department head to be agreed upon by the Board and Mr. Mazzucco.
Motion to approve the process as explained – made by Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Lane. The motion was approved unanimously.
Second motion made - to allow the manager to hire an interim treasurer for transitory services to maintain operations – made by Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Plasko. The motion was approved unanimously.
5. Formation of the Morse House Committee
Selectman Plasko will represent the Board. Town Manager Tony Mazzucco and Mrs. Toni Eosco from the Historical Commission will serve on the committee. Chairman Maloney has received interest from and has invited Gerri Slater and Steve Keefe to be on the committee as well.

6. Spring Special Town Meeting

Monday, March 14th, 2022 is the date being recommended for the special town meeting. The middle school will be the main question but there will be a number of zoning questions on the ballot.

Motion made to accept the recommendation to call (two) town meetings on Monday, March 14th, 2022 with time and location to be determined. One separate article would be specifically to address the Middle School and the other would be for other items that would be on a separate warrant. Motion made by Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Howard. The motion was approved unanimously.

Old Business

1. Shattuck Park Improvement Committee

Submitted for Selectmen's approval a proposal to conduct a study on improving Shattuck Park.

The deed has been researched – unable to find any restrictions other than it needs to remain a park. Motion made to approve the study provided that no lights would be installed – made by Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Lane. The motion was approved unanimously.

2. Norwood Depot Parking Lot Amended and Restated Lease

Motion to approve the lease, subject to arrearage being satisfied – made by Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Howard. The motion was approved unanimously.

Memoranda

1. Xfinity Programming Change

Submitted programming changes. Motion to file made by Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Lane. The motion was approved unanimously.

2. Notification from Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission (ABCC)

Final approval for Broadway Liquors change of ownership. Motion to file made by Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Howard. Selectman Donohue abstained. The motion was approved 4-0.

3. Norwood Community Media

Submitted minutes from their Board of Directors meeting and financial information. Motion to file made by Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Howard. The motion was approved unanimously.

4. Travis Farley, Superintendent of Recreation

Submitted Civic Center/Recreation Department report for November/December 2021. Motion to file made by Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Plasko. The motion was approved unanimously.

5. Cemetery Deeds

For signature of the Board: Maureen Brennan of 332 Nichols Street, for lot C3-173. John J. Heffernan of 141 Devon Road, for lot G6-111. Motion to sign made by Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Lane. The motion was approved unanimously.

6. Lorusso Corporation payment

Submitted MOU payment. Motion to accept - Chapter 44, 53A donation to be combined with the other - payments received for the intended purpose – made by Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Plasko. The motion was approved unanimously.

7. Selectmen's Minutes

For Approval of the Board, Meeting minutes from November 30th, 2021 and December 7th, 2021. Motion to approve the minutes as submitted, made by Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Lane. Selectman Howard abstained as he was not a selectman at that time. Motion was approved 4-0.

8. Robert G. Donnelly – Finance Commission Resignation
Submitted letter of resignation. Submitted request from the Town Clerk to include this two year position on the Finance Commission on the April election ballot. Motion to accept the letter of resignation, with thanks and move to add the position to the ballot – made by Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Howard. The motion was approved unanimously.
9. Town Meeting Bylaw Charter
Motion to create a citizen committee (details as to size of committee, etc. will be discussed at the meeting of February 1st, 2022) to study the membership or formulation of Town Meeting, made by Selectman Donohue, seconded by Mr. Plasko. The motion was approved unanimously.

Manager's Update

Mr. Mazzucco has nothing further to report at this time.

Selectmen's Addenda

Selectman Lane offered his thanks to Treasurer Mark Good. Mr. Lane also mentioned that free COVID tests are available at usps.com/covidtest. Hopefully that will get more tests out to families. On Saturday, January 29th, Progress Norwood is holding a signature event at the Town Common from 12 PM until 1 PM.

Selectman Howard gave out his telephone number and email address if anyone in the Town should want to speak to him regarding any concerns.

Selectman Plasko has nothing further to add at this time.

Selectman Donohue spoke of the banquet that is scheduled for February 23rd. Tickets are available at the Assessor's Office as well as the General Manager's Office. All proceeds raised will be donated to the 150th Anniversary Committee for further use in the Town.

Chairman Maloney noted that the Board would be meeting next Tuesday, January 25th as light commissioners at the Norwood Light Department on Access Road at 6 PM.

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

A true record.

Attest: _____
Administrative Assistant