

**Selectmen's Meeting
Virtual Meeting**

**November 24th, 2020
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, Selectman Lane, Selectman Hajjar, Selectman Donohue, David Deluca, Chief William G. Brooks, Chief George Morrice, Attorney David Hern, Bill Desmond, Tony Mazzucco, Christina Mulvehill, and Jess Jozwick.

The meeting was convened at 7:00pm on November 24th, 2020 via GoToMeeting.

Caitlin Coyle, PHD, from the Center for Social and Demographic Research on Aging at UMass Boston, presented an Age Friendly Demographic Presentation created by Beth Rouleau, MS. So far, Norwood has been informed about this initiative and decided the community should be assessed. Ms. Coyle and Ms. Rouleau intend to develop an action plan by December 2021 and implement this plan by December 2024. Chairman Plasko thanked Ms. Coyle and Ms. Rouleau for their presentation and noted that the Board would review the report of their proposal further and see what needs to be done next to help move this along.

Chief William G. Brooks, Chief of the Police Department, submitted the monthly report of Police Department activity.

Chief Brooks thanked Sigalle Riess for all of her work guiding the Town through the Pandemic. The Police Department has Changed the way they do crime reports in an attempt to keep their workforce safe from COVID-19.

So far only one employee has been infected with COVID-10 and it was not from work.

Deputy Chief Kelly and School Resource Officer Paul Murphy will be retiring in January. A process is underway to prepare for the replacement of Deputy Chief. Officer Murphy will be replaced by Officer Jeffrey Pagoma.

Officer LeBlanc, department photographer and evidence technician, and Lieutenant Joe Jantler passed away this past month.

Officers Ryan Sinclair, TJ George, and Matt Ivory completed the academy last spring, completed field training, and have been hired.

The Officers have raised \$4,000 in supermarket gift cards, which will be distributed to citizens in need through the schools.

Mr. Plasko inquired about who currently wears Badge 1. Chief Brooks replied, Officer Paul Murphy is currently wearing Badge 1.

Chief George Morrice, Chief of the Fire Department, submitted a monthly report of Fire Department activity.

Deputy Chief Ron Maggio, Captain Mark Doylan, Firefighter Steve Lydon, Firefighter Dewy LeBlanc, and Mike Waters have all retired from the Fire Department in the past 6 months.

Lieutenant John Cody was promoted to the rank of Deputy Chief.

Firefighter Chris Quealy was promoted to Fire Prevention Lieutenant.

Lieutenant Jeff Gampillio was promoted to Captain.

Firefighter Scott St. Cyr was promoted to Lieutenant.

The Department was broken up into 3 stations, with 2 satellite stations in an attempt to limit the exposure of employees to one another.

Chief Morrice thanked the departments of the Town for assisting the Fire Department with the transition into 3 stations and for helping keep them safe during the pandemic.

Chief Morrice gave a special thanks to Captain Dan Harkins, Dispatcher Colleen DiBlasi, and Group 2, for their hard work during the flood on June 28th.

The continued Public Hearing regarding the applications for a General On Premises All Alcoholic Beverages License and an Entertainment License to be used in the Magic Room at 83 Morse Street. Attorney Hern noted that parking should not be an issue, as they have the ability to add 70 additional parking spaces if necessary. Attorney Hern asked that the occupancy limit be changed to 160 people instead of 200. Attorney Hern clarified that alcohol will only be served within the allotted hours when there are events occurring on the premises, and that they are open to limitations being made to the License to reflect these changes. Mr. Desmond clarified that the 160 person capacity refers to the standing room and the sitting capacity is 82 people. On motion of Selectman Hajjar, seconded by Vice Chairman Maloney, the board voted 4 to 1, with Selectman Donohue opposed, to grant the entertainment license to the applicant with a start time of 6:00P. M. and a closing time of 12:30A.M., 7 days a week.

The Board reviewed the applications of Rehearsal Services, Vico Ristorante Italiano, and Gyro & Kebab House for an AAB license for on premises consumption of alcohol. On motion of Selectman Hajjar, seconded by Vice Chairman Maloney, the Board voted 3 to 2 (Selectman Donohue and Selectman Lane were opposed) to allot the AAB license to Vico Ristorante Italiano for 11A.M. to 12:30A.M., 7 days a week.

Tony Mazzucco, General Manager, submitted for approval of the Board, the appointment of Cheryl Doyle to the Historical Commission. On motion of Selectman Hajjar, seconded by Selectman Donohue, the Board voted unanimously to approve the appointment.

Julie Barbour-Issa submitted a request to be appointed to the Community Preservation Committee. Ms. Issa is a civil engineer and has done a lot of work on small parks in the Boston area. On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Lane, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Ms. Issa to the board.

The Norwood Elks Club submitted a donation in the amount of \$1,012.00 to the Town of Norwood Veterans' Corner Memorial Project. Mary Welch and Shaela Welch spearheaded the fundraising and have also donated to the #22 Mohawks, a local charity that brings awareness to veteran suicide. On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Hajjar, the board voted unanimously to accept the donation.

UAVE LLC, 973 University Avenue, had a new application for a special permit before the Zoning Board. After a discussion with the Town Council, Chairman Plasko decided the Board should discuss whether or not to get involved in this matter and bring it up for recommendation at the meeting on December 8th.

Selectman Hajjar submitted a Personnel Board Reclassification Request and suggested the Board send a letter to the personnel board requesting they hold off until the Town determines if they are going to move forward with the study. After discussion, Selectman Hajjar, withdrew the motion.

Selectman Hajjar asked to present his Proposal for the Distribution of proposed Liquor Regulations at the meeting on December 8th. Vice Chairman Maloney requested that the new regulations be presented on the December 8th agenda as a proposed draft. The Board agreed to move the proposal to the December 8th meeting (with an abstention from Selectman Donohue).

The Selectman's Clerk submitted a copy of memo to liquor licenses providing clarification of Governor Baker's COVID-19 Order No. 53 regarding mandatory closing, service of food with alcohol, and license renewals. On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Lane, the Board voted unanimously to file this information.

Seb Housing, LLC, submitted correspondence regarding Medfield Meadows Condominiums Affordable Housing in Medfield. More information can be found at their website at <https://sebhousing.com/affordable-housing-opportunities/>, or by calling 617-782-2300 x 209. On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Hajjar, the Board voted unanimously to file this information.

Chief William G. Brooks, Norwood Police Department, submitted a copy of correspondence to Lt. Padden and Officers Murphy, Mahoney, Baguma, McDonough, Rooney, Hoyle and Carmichael, recognizing their hard work on organizing a trick-or-treat drive-through at Norwood

High School. On motion of Vice Chairman Maloney, seconded by Selectman Lane, the Board voted unanimously to file this information.

Greg Frank, Senior Manager of Comcast, submitted information regarding price changes and noted that customers will receive notice via bill message. On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Hajjar, the Board voted unanimously to file this information.

Travis Farley, Superintendent of Recreation, submitted a report of the monthly department activity. On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Hajjar, the Board voted unanimously to file this information.

Mr. Mazzucco noted that the Town Clerk's Office will be closed on Thursdays and Fridays in the month of December.

Mr Mazzucco announced that the town Recreation Department will be hosting a special Norwood Day, where the townspeople can eat local and dress local. Buttons can be found at the local businesses and will be good for Norwood Day 2021 as well.

Mr. Maloney read a letter of appreciation from Ed Hickey on behalf of the Norwood Diamond Club, for the Fall Baseball Program.

On motion of Chairman Plasko, seconded by Vice Chairman Maloney, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn.

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Assistant