

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT



TOWN OF NORWOOD

Norfolk, ss.

To either of the constables in the Town of Norwood in said County, Greetings:

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town of Norwood qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet virtually by remote participation for the 2021 Special Town Meeting in said town on Thursday, February 4, 2021, at six thirty o'clock in the evening; and at such time act on the following articles, namely:

Information for Town Meeting Members to access the meeting will be sent to all Town Meeting Members directly and more information about who to contact and how to log on to the meeting will be available on the Town website at www.norwoodma.gov and be posted in all places the warrant is posted; the meeting will also be broadcast live on Norwood Community Media. Further, if the Town Meeting Representatives vote not to continue conducting the Town Meeting remotely, then the meeting shall be adjourned until Monday, February 8, 2021 at 6:30 p.m., and held in the Gymnasium of the Norwood High School at 245 Nichols Street in said town.

Registered voters of the Town of Norwood wishing to participate in the remote Special Town Meeting shall submit a request to participate in the Meeting to the Town Clerk not less than forty-eight (48) hours in advance of the Town Meeting scheduled for February 4, 2021 commencing at 6:30 PM; upon receipt of the request and verification of the requester's voter registration status, the Town Clerk shall provide to the requester instructions for participating in the remote Special Town Meeting.

Article 1: To see what sum of money the town will vote to transfer from surplus revenue or other available funds to reimburse the Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund for monies incorrectly deposited into the General Fund, or take any other action in the matter.

Article 2: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to transfer from the Commonwealth Transportation Infrastructure Enhancement Trust Fund and appropriate for the purpose of addressing the impact of transportation network services on municipal roads, bridges, and other transportation infrastructure or any other public purpose substantially related to the operation of transportation network services; or take any other action in the matter.

Article 3: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to transfer from surplus revenue or other available funds and appropriate for a classification and compensation study, or take any other action in the matter.

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell, lease or otherwise dispose of the parcel of land located at or adjacent to 192 Roosevelt Avenue, Norwood Massachusetts, consisting of approximately 2,300 square feet, including all buildings and structures thereon and all privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging and all interests held pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 183A, as well as all trees and shrubs thereon, on such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen determines to be in the Town's best interest, Land Description: A certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon known as and numbered and adjacent to 192 Roosevelt Avenue, Norwood, MA, situated in Norwood, Norfolk County, Massachusetts, described in an Order of Taking

Norwood, MA, situated in Norwood, Norfolk County, Massachusetts, described in an Order of Taking recorded with the Norfolk Registry of Deeds at Book 2153, Page 88. As shown on a plan entitled "Town of Norwood, Plan of area referred to under Article 5 of the Special Town Meeting Warrant dated May 24, 1937 recorded with the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds Plan no. 479, Page 1937. Containing about 2,300 square feet of land, or however otherwise said premises may be bound or described and be all or any of said measurements or contents more or less; or take any other action in the matter.

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 59, §5, Clause 17 C ½ for the purpose of allowing a real estate tax exemption, to the taxable valuation of two thousand dollars or the sum of one hundred and seventy-five dollars, whichever would result in an abatement of the greater amount of actual taxes due, of a surviving spouse or of any minor whose parent is deceased, who continues to occupy as his or her domicile, or a person over other age of 70 who has owned and occupied said real estate as a domicile for not less than ten years. Upon acceptance of this clause, the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 59, §5, Clause 17 shall no longer be applicable; or take any other action in the matter.

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 59, §5, Clause 17D for the purpose of allowing a real estate tax exemption to the taxable valuation of two thousand dollars or the sum of one hundred and seventy-five dollars, whichever would result in an abatement of the greater amount of actual taxes due, of a surviving spouse or of any minor whose parent is deceased, occupied by such spouse, or minor as her or his domicile, or a person or persons over the age of seventy who has owned and occupied it as a domicile for not less than five years, but excluding income producing property; or take any other action in the matter.

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 59, §5, Clause 17E for the purpose of allowing surviving spouses of senior citizens receiving a partial property tax exemption to have that exemption increase by CPI annually as determined by the Department of Revenue, or take any other action in the matter.

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 59, §5, Clauses 22F, G and H for the purpose of expanding tax exemptions available to disabled veterans, or take any other action in the matter.

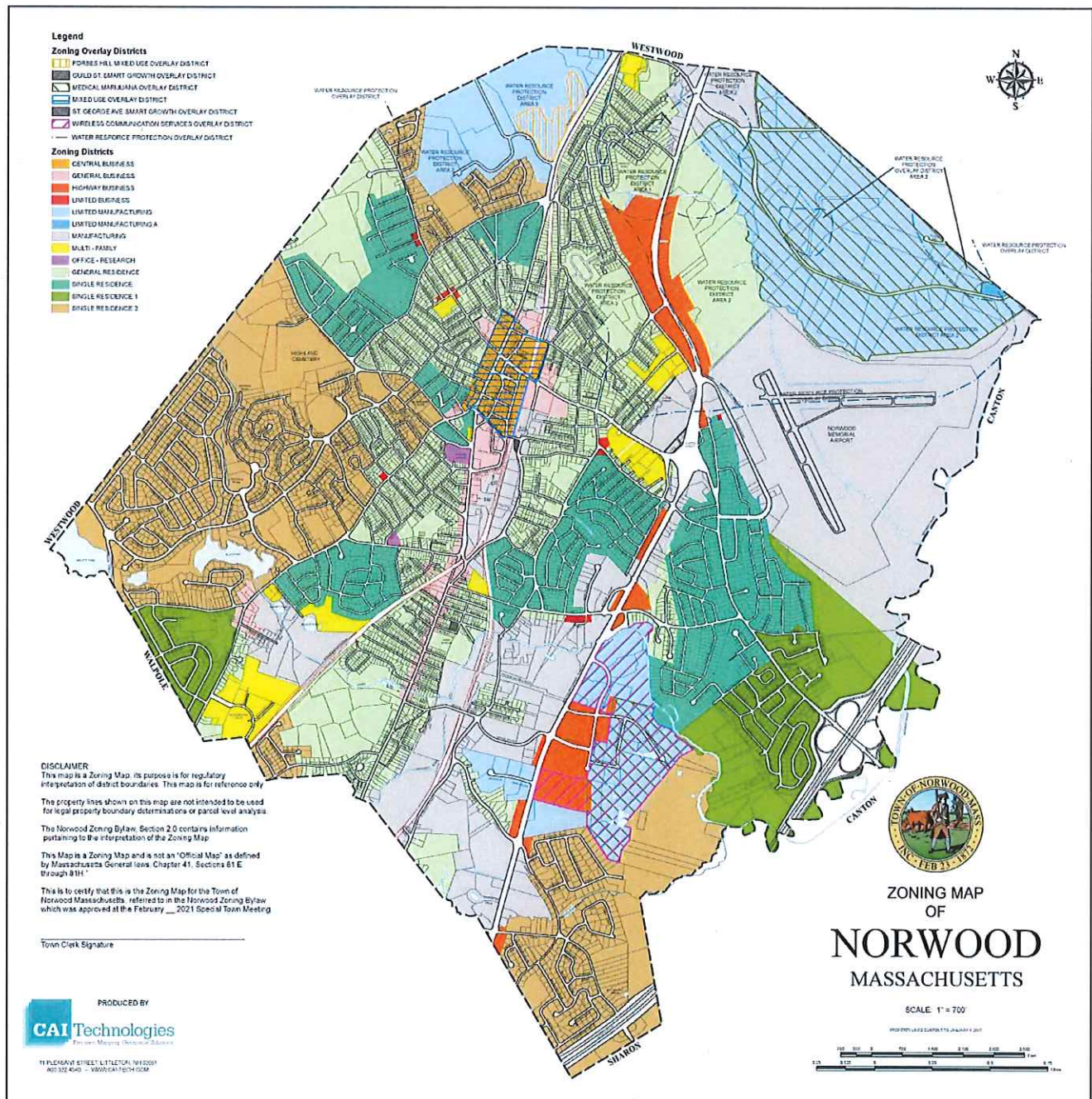
Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 59, §5, Clause 37A for the purpose of increasing the tax exemption offered to individuals who are legally blind from \$437.50 to \$500, or take any other action in the matter.

Article 10: To see what sums of money the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund for the following purposes:
On recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee

Project	Category
1. Old Parish Cemetery Master Plan	Historic Preservation
2. Morse House Feasibility Study and Master Plan	Historic Preservation
3. Murphy Field Basketball Court Rehabilitation	Recreational Use of Land
4. Town Pool Assessment	Recreational Use of Land
5. Carillon Rehabilitation	Historic Preservation

or take any other action in the matter.

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw Section 2.3 Zoning Map by replacing the current Official Zoning Map dated April 28, 2015 with a new digital, modern color Zoning Map.



Or take any other action in the matter.

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw sections: 2.0 Districts, 3.0 Use Regulations, 4.0 Dimensional Requirements, 6.0 General Regulations, 7.0 Special Regulations, and 9.0 Special District Regulations and the official Zoning Map. The proposed amendments will establish the Boston-Providence Highway District which is intended to both expand uses and create consistent zoning regulations along the Route 1 corridor. Copies of the Zoning Bylaw amendments are available in the Office of the Town Clerk, the Planning & Community Development office, and on the Planning Department web page located at <http://www.norwoodma.gov/>; or take any other action in the matter.

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw section 3.1.5 Table of Use Regulations by inserting the following amendments shown in red, or take any other action in the matter.

G. Wholesale Business & Storage	S	S1	S2	G	A	GB	CB	BPH	LB	O	LM	LMA	M	PMUD
1. Wholesale showroom, with storage limited to floor samples only	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
2. Storage warehouse or distribution plant::														
a. Less than 25,000 gallons of toxic or hazardous materials	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
b. More than 25,000 gallons of toxic or hazardous materials	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	BA	BA	BA	BA
c. Other material or equipment	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
3. Open lot storage	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	BA	N
a. Open lot storage of motor vehicles	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	PB14	N	N	N	N	N	N

*Open Lot Vehicle Storage is allowed within the BPH district. However, for properties within the Vanderbilt Business Park between Park Place and River Ridge Road, there must be property frontage and minimum width of 100' along Boston Providence Highway (RT 1)

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw, section 3.0 Use Regulations, subsection 3.1.5 Table of Use Regulations, Table D. Retail Uses and Places of Assembly and section 7.3 Drive-Through Windows, subsection 7.3.2 Requirements, by inserting a seventh requirement option. Changes are depicted below in red.

D. Retail Uses and Places of Assembly	S	S1	S2	G	A	GB	CB	BPH	LB	O	LM	LMA	M	PMUD
5. Restaurant:														
With drive in, drive-through, or similar service subject to Section 7.3	N	N	N	N	N	PB	N	PB	N	N	PB	PB	PB	PB

7.3 DRIVE -THROUGH WINDOWS

7.3.1 Special Permit Required. A drive-in or drive-through window may be permitted on special permit by the Planning Board provided it complies with the following technical requirements and the special permit criteria listed in Section 10.4

7.3.2 Requirements.

1. Only one drive-through window per building is allowed, but a drive-through window may service more than one vehicle at a time. **Only one drive-through ordering window and one pick up window are allowed per building.**

2. Drive-through entrances and exits shall be located at least 25 feet from any intersection or pedestrian crosswalk and will require the approval of the Superintendent of Public Works and the Traffic Safety Officer.

3. An aisle that is separate and distinct from any other on-site maneuvering aisle or fire lane shall be provided to channel drive-through traffic to the drive-through window.
4. Sufficient vehicle stacking space to accommodate waiting traffic will be provided in the drive-through aisle. The proponent is required to provide supporting data from an accredited source which substantiates the calculated vehicle stacking length.
5. An opaque fence or screen may be required at the discretion of the Planning Board along the property lines closest to the drive-through window to obscure the window's visibility from adjacent properties. The required fence or screen must not interfere with the safe flow of traffic into and out of the site.
6. Outdoor speaker location will be at least 50 feet from residential property lines, and general design requirements for noise and lighting shall comply with Section 6.3.

7. All drive-through applications must be designed to include an escape lane, separate from the drive-through lane.

or take any other action in the matter.

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to petition the Massachusetts Legislature to amend Chapter 44 of the Acts of 2016, which authorized the Town to issue a total of four new licenses for the sale of wines and malt beverages to be drunk on the premises in the South Norwood General Business District, as defined by said Chapter 44, so as to expand the coverage of said South Norwood General Business District to include the premises at 83 Morse Street, Norwood, commonly known as the Norwood Space Center, or to take any other action in the matter.

On petition of David DePree, on behalf of 83 Morse Street, LLC, the owner of the Norwood Space Center.

Article 16: To see if the Town to amend the Zoning Bylaw by creating a new section: 9.9 Medical Services Overlay District (MSOD) for the area where the existing Norwood Hospital is located. The creation of the new Medical Services Overlay District will also require an amendment to the Official Zoning Map. The new Medical Services Overlay district will allow for a variety of medical related uses and include new regulations that will allow the hospital to redevelop their facility with flexible zoning regulations appropriate for the development of a modern hospital facility. The proposed zoning bylaw amendment is on file in the Planning Department at Town Hall and may be reviewed during normal business hours. The draft zoning bylaw amendments can be found in the Office of the Town Clerk and on the Planning Board's webpage located at <http://www.norwoodma.gov/>; or take any other action in the matter.

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw section 6.4 Landscaping and Screening by amending the Bylaw as show in red below.

6.4 LANDSCAPING AND SCREENING

6.4.1 Applicability. Street, parking areas, and buffer strip landscaping and screening shall be provided as specified below when any new building, addition, or change of use requires a parking increase of seven or more spaces.

6.4.2 Plantings. Required **landscape** plantings shall include **both a combination of deciduous and evergreen** trees, evergreen **and flowering perennial** shrubs and **be supplemented with colorful**

seasonal annual and perennial flowers. Trees and shrubs preferably will include ones existing on site, in good condition can be utilized for site landscaping. To be credited towards meeting these requirements, trees must be a minimum of 2 1/2" caliper four feet above grade, be of a species common native to the area, and reach an ultimate height of least thirty feet. Credited shrubs must be at least 30" in height at the time of planting, reach an ultimate height of at least four feet (except where lower height is necessitated for ingress and egress visibility and overhead utility lines, as determined by the Inspector of Buildings) and be of an evergreen species common native in to the area region. All plantings should be drought tolerant and hearty enough to survive in the environments where they will be planted such as parking lot islands. Consideration should be given to areas that will be subject to burial from snow plowing. Plantings shall average at least one tree per forty thirty linear feet of planting area length and at least one shrub per three feet. Tree species shall be resistant to insects and disease. The Tree Warden can provide advice on the most appropriate type of tree species. Plantings preferably will be grouped, not evenly spaced, and shall be located or trimmed to avoid blocking ingress and egress visibility. The planting area shall be unpaved except for access drives and walks essentially perpendicular to the area and shall be located wholly within the lot.

6.4.3 Street Plantings. Plantings are required along the entire street frontage for nonresidential uses, except at drives, and except where neither a street setback nor a buffer zone is required. The required plantings shall be located within fifteen feet of the street property line.

6.4.4 Parking Area Plantings. A minimum of 25% of the interior area of parking lots containing 30 or more spaces must be landscaped. A minimum of one two trees and four six shrubs, exclusive of any required perimeter plantings must be planted for every 1,500 square feet of parking lot. Planting areas must each contain not less than 30 square feet of unpaved soil area. Exposed areas in between trees, shrubs and flowers beds shall be covered with a minimum of 4 inches of mulch or vegetated with grass. Trees and soil plots shall be so located as to provide visual relief, and wind interruption and shade to minimize the urban heat sink effect within the parking areas, and to assure safe patterns of internal circulation. Landscaped berms are encouraged to provide topographic relief and interest along street frontage; or take any other action in the matter.

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to petition the Massachusetts Legislature for adoption of legislation to provide an additional liquor license for the retail sale of wine and malt beverages not to be drunk on the premises at the site of Cravings on the GO, 69 Boston Providence Turnpike, in the following or any other form: Chapter ... an act authorizing the Town of Norwood to Grant an additional license for the retail sale of wine and malt beverages not to be drunk on the premises. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court Assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Notwithstanding section 17 of chapter 138 of the General Laws, the licensing authority of the Town of Norwood may grant an additional license for the retail sale of wine and malt beverages not to be consumed on the premises, to Cravings on the GO, 69 Boston Providence Turnpike, in the Town of Norwood under section 15 of said chapter 138. The license shall be subject to all of said chapter 138 except said section 17. The licensing authority shall not approve the transfer of the license to any other location but it may grant the license to a new applicant at the same location if the applicant files with the licensing authority a letter from the department of revenue indicating that the license is in good standing with the department and that all applicable taxes have been paid. If the license granted under this section is cancelled, revoked or no longer in use, it shall be returned physically, with all of the legal rights, privileges and restrictions pertaining thereto, to the licensing authority which may then grant the license to a new applicant at the same location under the same conditions as specified in this act; or take any other action in the matter.

Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to replenish the overlay reserve in the amount of \$329,635 by transferring this same amount in free cash to the overlay reserve; or take any other action in the matter.

Article 20: To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of MGL Chapter 59, §5N, for the Board of Selectmen to establish a program to allow veterans, as defined in clause forty-three of §7 of Chapter 4 of the Mass General Laws, or a spouse of a veteran in the case where the veteran is deceased or has a service-connected disability, or an approved representative for veterans physically unable to provide such services; to volunteer to provide services to the Town. In exchange for such volunteer services, the city or town shall reduce the real property tax obligations of that veteran on the veteran's tax bills and that reduction shall be in addition to any exemption or abatement to which that person is otherwise entitled; provided, however, that person shall not receive a rate of, or be credited with, more than the current minimum wage of the Commonwealth per hour for the services provided pursuant to that reduction; and provided further, that the reduction of the real property tax bill shall not exceed \$1,500 in a given tax year; or take any other action in the matter.

Article 21: To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 40U – Municipal Fines of the Massachusetts General Laws, which authorizing the appointment of Municipal Hearing Officer to address municipal fines, penalties, procedures, violations, notices, disposition of noncriminal violations, payments, municipal hearing officers, and appeals. Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 40U and Chapter 148A enforcement of State Building Code and State Fire; or take any other action in the matter.

Article 22: To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 64G, Section 3D, Paragraph (a), and thereafter, impose a community impact fee of three (3) percent of the total amount of rent upon each transfer or occupancy of a professionally managed unit that is located within the Town of Norwood, pursuant to the definitions and procedures set forth in Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 64G et seq;

and further, to see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 64G Section 3D Paragraph (b), and thereafter, impose a community impact fee of three (3) percent of the total amount of rent upon each transfer of occupancy of a short-term rental unit within the Town of Norwood that is located within a two-family or three-family dwelling that includes the operator's primary residence, pursuant to the definitions and procedures set forth in Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 64G et seq;
or take any other action in the matter.

Article 23: To see if the Town, pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 53E½ of the Massachusetts General Laws, will vote to amend Article XXXXVI of the By-Laws, Revolving Funds, by establishing, effective July 1, 2021, a Tobacco Control Revolving Fund into which shall be deposited fees and fines received by the Town of Norwood for violations of Regulations of the Norwood Board of Health Restricting the Sale of Tobacco Products and Smoke Accessories; to authorize the Health Department, on behalf of the Board of Health, to expend money from such fund to support the Tobacco Control Program; to establish a limit on the amount of money which may be expended from such fund during the fiscal year which begins in July 1, 2021;

C. Health Department Tobacco Enforcement and Education Revolving Fund

Section 1 The programs or activities for which the revolving fund may be expended are tobacco regulation compliance and enforcement activities conducted by the Health Department and public education and outreach activities related to tobacco use/cessation and all relevant public health information and programs related to tobacco and/or nicotine products including electronic products.

Section 2 The department receipts in connection with those activities that shall be credited to the revolving fund are fines set by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts imposed by the health department or subcontractors for violations of tobacco rules, regulations or bylaws.

Section 3 The officer authorized to expend from the revolving fund is the public health director. and to determine any other requirements which the Town may impose; or take any other action in the matter

Article 24: To see if the Town will vote to strike XVII – Permanent Building Construction Committee, and replace with a new proposed bylaw which is on file in the Town Clerk’s Office and posted on the Town web page, <http://norwoodma.gov> ; or take any other action in the matter.

Article 25: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to meet overdrafts and unpaid bills incurred for the period from July 2, 2019 to June 20, 2020 and fiscal years prior, or take any other action in the matter.

**MODERATOR'S REQUEST OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TO CALL A SPECIAL TOWN MEETING TO BE HELD
BY MEANS OF REMOTE PARTICIPATION**

Dated: January 4, 2021

To the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Norwood:

As you know, on November 12, 2020, the Members of the Norwood Town Meeting voted to dissolve the longer of the two Special Town Meetings scheduled for that date. Prior to the vote for dissolution of the meeting, the Members had received a letter from William Plasko, the Chair of your Board, and me that laid out the recommendation for dissolution of that meeting and proposed that a remote (or virtual) Special Town Meeting be held in or about January of 2021. The reason for our recommendation of this course of action was the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, which has affected and limited all types of public and private gatherings over the past nine-plus months.

Having determined that it is not possible at this time to safely assemble the Town Meeting Members and interested members of the public in a common location while complying with directives and guidance concerning public assemblies and in accordance with the provisions of Section 8 of Chapter 92 of the Acts of 2020, I am writing you now to formally request that the Board of Selectmen schedule a Special Town Meeting for February 4, 2021, said meeting to be held by means of remote participation, using the Zoom Webinar conferencing platform.

Relative to this matter, I have consulted with General Manager Tony Mazzucco, in his capacity as the Town's coordinator for compliance with the federal Americans With Disabilities Act; requests for accommodations related to the proposed remote Special Town Meeting should be directed to Mr. Mazzucco.

Further relative to this matter, I certify to the Board of Selectmen;

- (1) That I have tested the Zoom Webinar conferencing platform;
- (2) That said platform will satisfactorily enable the Special Town Meeting to be conducted in substantially the same manner as if the meeting were held in person at a physical location; and
- (3) That said platform will enable the Town Meeting to be conducted in accordance with the operational and functional requirements set forth in Section 8 of Chapter 92 of the Acts of 2020.

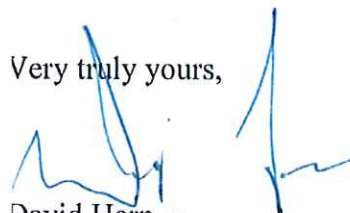
In connection with this request, I recommend that the Board of Selectmen, in calling the anticipated Special Town Meeting to be held by remote participation, also include in the warrant for such meeting a date, time, and place for the Special Town Meeting to be resumed in the event the Town Meeting, pursuant to subsection (f) of said Section 8, does not vote to continue the meeting remotely.

Also in connection this request, I wish to acknowledge and thank the various Town officials and staff and Town Meeting Members who have been meeting to discuss the requirements and logistics for the proposed remote Special Town Meeting and to ask them to continue their planning for the meeting and for training sessions for Town Meeting Members and others who will be participating in the meeting.

I will make myself available to discuss this matter with you further, if you so desire, and to answer any questions that you may have.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Very truly yours,



David Hern, Jr.
Town Moderator

Any individual with a disability who needs accommodations related to accessibility/communications or other aspects of participation in Town Meeting or other related programs should contact:

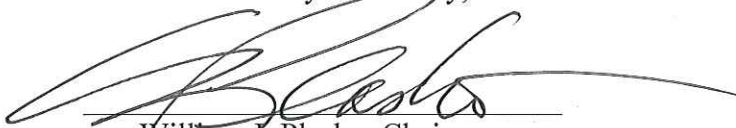
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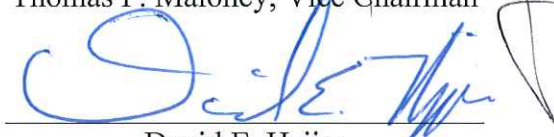
The Town of Norwood does not discriminate on the basis of disability.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof in ten public places in this Town fourteen days at least before the time and day of said meeting. Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen on or before the day and time of said meeting.

Given under our hands at Norwood this twelfth day of January, 2021.


William J. Plasko, Chairman


Thomas F. Maloney, Vice Chairman


David E. Hajjar


Helen Abdallah Donohue


Matthew E. Lane

SELECTMEN OF NORWOOD