

**Selectmen's Meeting
Virtual Meeting**

**January 5th, 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 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, Selectmen Lane, Selectmen Hajjar, Selectmen Donohue, General Manager Tony Mazzucco, and Jess Jozwik

The meeting was convened at 7:00pm on January 5th, 2021 via GoToMeeting.

7:00 P.M. Chief William G. Brooks, Norwood Police Department:

Chief Brooks submitted the monthly report of the Police Department activity.

Effective Monday, January 4th, Peter Kelly's retirement became official. Lieutenant Christopher Padden was promoted to Deputy Chief. Sergeant Sarah Biden was promoted to Lieutenant. Brett Baker was promoted to Sergeant. A recruit was also hired to replace Brett Baker's old position.

There was a shooting at Windsor Gardens Apartment Complex on New Year's Day. The victim was found on the 3rd floor balcony on Lansdowne Way. Officers Peter Fiske, Kevin McDonough, and Gregory Shore went up to the balcony from the fire escape and carried the victim down to the ambulance, which was staged there at the request of the Police Department. The victim was taken to hospital and is going to survive. The officers swept the apartment where the victim was found but did not find the shooter.

A woman drove her car through one of the gaits of Norwood Airport and was apprehended after driving into the wetlands and attempting to run away. The woman was set off for a mental health evaluation. The Police Department is also seeking complaints at the Dedham District Court House for trespassing, malicious destruction of property, as well as a few motor vehicle charges.

There have been some fluctuations in crime statistics. House break-ins are down because homes are occupied most of the time due to the pandemic. There was a 45% increase in fraud crimes. The number of overdoses was slightly higher in 2020 than it was in 2018. The Police department has been completing several trainings, most notably one on how to interact safely with peaceful protesters and ones on use of force.

7:30 P.M. Chief George Morrice, Norwood Fire Department:

Chief Morrice submitted the monthly report of the Fire Department activity.

Chief Morrice officially introduced Deputy Chief John Cody to the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Cody was promoted from Lieutenant to Deputy Chief this past spring.

In the past year, the Fire Department responded to 5,380 calls, roughly 3,800 of which were medical calls and 1,500 were fire calls.

The Fire Department responded to a basement fire last week on Ridgewood Drive. The response was commanded by Captain Jeff Campillio, with Deputy Cody there as a Chief Officer. They believe it was caused by a dryer in the basement.

The paramedics responded to the shooting at Windsor Gardens. They treated the victim once the Police officers retrieved his body.

One engine responded to the fence being destroyed at the airport. Two members of the Fire Department were able to utilize their ice/water rescue suits to reach the woman and her car.

A new ambulance is now in the station. It is being stocked by the EMS coordinated and should be ready for use by the end of the month.

The new increased ambulance fees, which were agreed upon by the Board, went into effect on January 1st, 2021.

Captain Michael Costello has retired. Chief Morrice wished Mr. Costello the best of luck and health in his retirement.

FireFighter Micahael McDonough also retired on Monday, January 4th, 2021. Mr. McDonough had almost 40 years on the job and came from a long line of public servants.

There are currently 3 fire fighters in the academy. It is a hybrid virtual/hands-on academy

4 new individuals have been hired to become Firefighters within the department, due to some of the retirements that the Fire Department has had.

There are still major issues with the HVAC units in the building. The elevator control panel is not working correctly.

The kitchen remodel is underway, with input from some of the members of the Fire Department who have a background in construction.

The Fire Department will be receiving their first dose of the COVID-19 vaccines next week.

Mr. Hajjar explained the updates that have been made to the Hackney Regulations by himself, Christina Mulvehill, Chief Brooks, 2 of the Chiefs officers who have been handling Hackney Regulations, and Town Council David Deluca. The goal was to streamline the process and separate the different processes, so that they seem more functional.

On motion of Selectman Lane, seconded by Vice Chairman Maloney, the board voted unanimously to adopt the new rules and regulations.

Mr. Hern, Town Meeting Moderator, requested to hold a remote Special Town Meeting on February 4th 2021. On motion of Vice Chairman Maloney, seconded by Selectman Hajjar, the Board voted unanimously to approve the meeting.

Chairman Plasko opened up for discussion of the Board, response to a letter from Dennis E. McKenna, Esquire, Reimer and Bronstein on behalf of M.S. Walker concerning UAVE LLC, 973 University Avenue requesting that the Selectmen take action on the matter. On Motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Vice Chairman Maloney, the Board voted unanimously to authorize council to send the letter draft received on december 15th.

The Chateau Restaurant submitted an application for change of manager from Kerri Scott to Jason Sweet. On motion of Selectman Lane, seconded by Selectman Hajjar, the Board voted unanimously to approve the application.

Mr Farley, Superintendent of Recreation, submitted for approval of the Board, request to declare a Chevrolet Tahoe as surplus property. Mr. Plasko expressed his concern that the vehicle has no value beyond scrap metal. Mr. Mazzucco noted that the vehicle could be marked as being worth \$500 in surplus. On motion of Selectman Hajjar, Seconded by Selectman Lane, the Board voted unanimously to approve the request.

Mr Good, submitted for approval of the Board Authorization of the Issuance of Refunding Bonds from the Light Department. The savings over the life of the bond could equate to \$1,279,593. On motion of Selectman Hajjar, seconded by Vice Chairman Maloney, the board voted unanimously to approve the Issuance of the Refunding Bonds.

Mr. Cordeau, submitted a notification of a Commonwealth of Massachusetts Invitation for Proposals seeking to lease space (around 5,000 square feet of space) in Norwood's general area. On motion of Vice Chairman Maloney, seconded by Selectman Lane, the Board voted unanimously to approve the notification.

Mr. Shalbey requested placement of an article for a special retail liquor license on the next special town meeting warrant for Cravings to Go, 69 Boston Providence Turnpike. State representative John Rodgers and Senator Micahel Rush sent a letter supporting this request. On motion of Selectman Hajjar, seconded by Selectman Lane, the Board voted 4 to 1 (with an abstention from Selectman Donohue) to approve the request.

Mr. Mazzuco requested the Selectmen continue to allow rent relief for the O.C.C. and Norwood Printing for the next three months. On motion of Vice Chairman Maloney, seconded by Selectman Hajjar, the Board voted unanimously to approve the request.

Mr. Mazzucco presented a request from the Recreation Department to install a disc golf course behind the Coakley Middle School. Mr. Mazzucco noted that the course will not hinder the activities of people who frequently use these paths. On motion of Selectman Hajjar, seconded by Vice Chairman Maloney, the Board voted unanimously to approve the request.

Mr. Mazzucco presented a request to use Westover Parkway for youth biking. A conservation agent met with the youths who wanted to use the area for biking and explained how to bike safely there. On motion of Selectman Hajjar, seconded by Vice Chairman Maloney, the board voted unanimously to approve the request.

Ms. Folan, Town Clerk, submitted a notification from John Hall, Chair, Library Board of Trustees, and Charlotte Canelli, of a vacancy on the Board of Trustees, as a result of the death of Trustee Leah O'Leary. Chairman Plasko left the matter to the chair to work on the details moving forward.

Lorusso Material Corporation submitted an annual check in the amount of \$28,414 based on the annual tonnage, intended for road work repairs. On motion of Vice Chairman Maloney, seconded by Selectman Hajjar, the Board voted unanimously to accept the check as a donation under 43A.

Cemetery Deeds were submitted for signature of the Board. On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Lane, the Board voted unanimously to sign.

Verizon Fios TV, submitted a notification of change to Fios TV program. On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Lane, the Board voted unanimously to file the information.

The Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program, submitted a copy of the letter they sent regarding taxiway sea realignment and a runway safety project. On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Vice Chairman Maloney, the board voted unanimously to file this information.

The Public Employees Retirement Administration, submitted a notification to Norwood's Retirement that the required fiscal year 2022 appropriation is \$6,001,729. On motion of Selectman Hajjar, seconded by Selectman Lane, the board voted unanimously to allow this to be taken up at budget time as information for budget purposes. On motion of Selectman Lane, seconded by Selectman Donohue, the Board voted unanimously to approve the notification.

The Department of Environmental Protection-Waterways Regulation Program, submitted notice of a permit application pursuant to Chapter 91 regarding the Traphold Brook restoration project. On motion of Vice Chairman Maloney, seconded by Selectman Hajjar, the Board voted unanimously to file the information.

Mr. Mazzucco noted that first responders will begin to be vaccinated next week. The Health Department volunteered to coordinate the vaccinations for our region.

Mr. Mazzucco wished Jim Collins a happy retirement after 46 years with the Light Department.

Selectman Hajjar requested coming to a consensus at a future meeting about the Pocket Parks.

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

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ATTEST: _____
Assistant