

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 open Meeting will be called to order by the Chairman at 6:30 P.M.

**Present: Chairman Maloney, Vice Chairman Plasko, Selectman Donohue, Selectman Lane, Selectman Howard
(virtually) General Manager Tony Mazzucco**

Executive Session

6:15 p.m. Executive Session

Chairman Maloney called the meeting to order at 6:15 PM and on motion to enter Executive Session for Purpose 6 - To consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property (699 Washington Street) if the chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body; On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Plasko, the Board voted unanimously to enter Executive Session.

Upon completion of discussion, on motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Howard, the Board voted to move to open session. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM on February 15th, 2022 in the Harry B. Butters Chambers, 566 Washington Street, Norwood Town Hall with Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silent reflection.

Appointments

6:35 p.m. David Ruggiero: Green Communities Presentation

It's been just over two years since Norwood was designated a Green Community. The Town, elected on its own to join the green community program which has been in existence for about 15 years. It is a voluntary program to help communities reduce energy use and establish 'green' policies. The Town needed to adopt five specific items: permitting process for renewable energy, adopting a solar overlay district, adopting the Mass Stretch Energy Code, a fuel efficient vehicle policy and an energy reduction plan. Mr. Ruggiero introduced a Power Point presentation and took questions from the Board.

6:50 p.m. Chief William G. Brooks, III, Norwood Police Department:

Chief Brooks opened with remarks pertaining to COVID and the adjustments that the department has had to make. People would call the station to report certain types of offenses and a lot of those reports were taken by phone as opposed to in person. Training that would normally take place in the classrooms was done virtually. Roll calls had been moved outdoors as well. The Police attended a training along with the Fire Department at Norwood Airport which included a tour of the hangars and the grounds. Chief Brooks also mentioned the recent purchase of equipment – plexiglass shields with handles that can be used in cases with someone wielding a knife or the presence of potential deadly force. Each car is now equipped with one of these shields. Chief Brooks reported a series of car break-ins up in the Silver Street/North Avenue area. People were able to enter unlocked cars and steal belongings from the vehicles. The Chief asks that residents please remember to lock their cars.

7:05 p.m. Chief David Hayes , Norwood Fire Department:

Submitted monthly report of department activities. Chief Hayes reports that there have been about 14 fires since he last appeared before the Board. A few of significance were mentioned – Town Hall being one, 825 University Avenue and Investors Way – a leased Moderna building where there was a roof fire. Chief Hayes made note of the receipt of the new air packs at the fire station. Group 4 took the lead with the air packs – they were opened, labeled and identified. All of the shifts have been trained in their use. Chief Hayes mentioned that Deputy Chief Harkins is still working on policies and procedures with a vendor called Lexipol. The Chief is very excited about actually having written

policies and procedures for the Fire Department. He stated that it is long overdue. He gives much credit to his 'team' of firefighters and stated that they are doing a great job. Chief Hayes then took questions and comments from the Board.

New Business

1. Car Wash: Norwood High Cheerleading
Submitted request to hold a car wash benefitting the Norwood High Cheerleaders on August 6, 2022. Motion to approve made by Selectman Lane, seconded by Selectman Howard. The motion was approved unanimously.
2. Norwood Cultural Council
Submitted request to reappoint Denise Kiley to the Norwood Cultural Council. Motion to approve made by Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Lane. The motion was approved unanimously.
3. National Grid: Paving Reimbursement Donation
Submitted reimbursement donation for paving. Motion to approve and accept the donation made by Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Lane. The motion was approved unanimously.
4. School Override Referendum Ballot Question
Motion to approve putting the question on the ballot as submitted - made by Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Plasko. The motion was approved unanimously.

Old Business

1. Town Meeting Size Study Committee
Vote to approve the formation of the Committee: Amy Sobchuck, Brianna Whelan, David Hern, Elizabeth Hestead and Jean Taylor. Motion made to appoint the above noted names to the Committee - made by Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Lane. The motion was approved unanimously.

Memoranda

1. Niall Connors, Verizon Fios:
Submitted Programming Changes. Motion to file made by Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Donohue. The motion was approved unanimously.
2. Patrick Moore, Comcast
Submitted statement of payment for franchise fee. Motion to file made by Selectman Lane, seconded by Selectman Howard. The motion was approved unanimously.
3. Norwood League of Women Voters:
Submitted correspondence about Light Commissioner's Meetings. Motion to file made by Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Lane. The motion was approved unanimously.

Manager's Update

As the Board knows, Treasurer Mark Good retires this week. Marc Waldman will become the interim treasurer. He had served the Town of Wellesley for over 20 years. Mr. Mazzucco noted that we look forward to having Mr. Waldman here for the next 4- 8 weeks to help with the transition process. Interviews for the Treasurer position will begin in the next two weeks.

Board of Health Director, Sigalle Reiss's last day is Friday of this week when she will leave to become Director for the Town of Brookline. In meeting with Kathy Bishop, Chair of the Board of Health, Mr. Mazzucco and the internal candidate for the Director's position – it is announced that the Board of Health voted to appoint Stacey Lane to the position. Ms. Lane is a longtime resident and Town employee who will do a fantastic job.

Mr. Mazzucco asked whether a member of the Board would like to work with he and his staff regarding a particular issue. He has received a memo from Mass DOT who may be looking to install fare stations at various locations. While on the surface it's a great idea to be able to purchase bus fare near where the bus is located – it does raise a number of concerns: where they would be placed, will they effect snow removal operations, what the electrical needs are as well as vandalism. Selectman Donohue volunteered to work with Mr. Mazzucco, his staff and the DPW on this issue.

Selectmen's Addenda

Selectman Howard: Noted that he has received many calls asking whether or not the Farmer's Market would be returning this year. Mr. Mazzucco responded and said that this is not a municipal program – it was run by the Friends of Norwood Center. And at this time, Mr. Peter McFarland is putting together a citizen volunteer group see if the Farmer's Market can be brought back to the Town and may come forward at some point for funding.

Mr. Howard also made mention that previously there had been some talk of having a solar park at the recycling area of the Town Dump. Mr. Mazzucco commented that it's still in the works – moving forward, albeit slowly.

Selectman Donohue spoke of the upcoming events for the 150th Celebration including the banquet next week on February 23rd and the skating event on February 26th.

Chairman Maloney: This past Friday, a bell was installed and dedicated in the Town's Carillon in memory of Bernie Cooper.

Vice Chairman Plasko wished former Town Manager, John Carroll a Happy Birthday for Friday, February 18th.

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

A true record

Attest: _____
Assistant