

**Selectmen's Meeting
Virtual Meeting**

**February 23rd, 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 February 23rd, 2021 via GoToMeeting.

Mr. Ryan submitted the monthly report of department activities. Mr. Ryan stated that the Department of Public Works had 8 snow ploughing events, 20 road race salting events, and 3 snow removal events. Public works had been working actively on the installation of traffic signals on Upland Road. The Waste Management facility remained open for its extended time frame.

Mr. Plasko addressed an issue brought up by a resident, Rebekah Eckheart, regarding the Town not having a by law requiring fire hydrants to be dug out from the snow. Mr. Ryan explained that it is expected that the residents dig out the hydrants. Mr. Hajjar suggested that the residents look into the Fire Department's 'Adopt a Hydrant' program. Mr. Plasko also addressed his concern about residents hiring private plow companies to clear their driveways because it blocks the sidewalks. Mr. Ryan explained that the DPW tries to send out notices asking residents and plow companies to be mindful of not doing this.

Mr. Plasko explained that the Board had considered pulling Boncaldo's license from lack of use, however the restaurant applied for a transfer of license. Mr. Plasko recommended continuing the show cause hearing for 6 weeks to ensure that everything goes smoothly. Mr. Hearn (representative of the client) recommended scheduling the hearing on the application as well. On motion of Vice Chairman Maloney, seconded by Selectman Lane, the Board voted unanimously to set a public hearing on the application for transfer of license.

Mr. Shaughnesy presented the monthly report for the Light Department. Sales had gone down slightly this past calendar year, however this was due largely to Norwood Hospital being shut down, the pandemic, and the weather.

The contract for the Landfill Solar has been settled and should be ready in the middle of March. The Light Department is looking to do a little work inside Day Street Substation. Mr. Morrissey

explained that the estimated cost to fix the inside of the substation is 7.3 million dollars and they would like to get permission from the Light Board to move forward with this project in the fall of 2022. On motion of Vice Chairman Maloney, seconded by Selectman Lane, the board voted unanimously to authorize the light department to borrow 3 million dollars to complete the project.

Mr. Hansen presented the monthly report for the Broadband Division of the Light Department. The Broadband Division is planning on offering smaller antennas for homes that use broadband wifi devices.

Kevin Shaugnessy, Light Department, submitted notification to the Board of payment of the quarterly franchise fee. On motion of Selectman Hajjar, seconded by Selectman Lane, the Board voted unanimously to file the notification of payment of the quarterly franchise fee.

Mark Redlich, Information Technology Director, submitted a request to declare surplus equipment. On motion of Selectman Hajjar, seconded by Selectman Lane, the Board voted unanimously to authorize the request to declare surplus equipment.

Mary Jane Handy, Director of Accounts, Massachusetts Department of Revenue, submitted the excess amount from the Blues Hills RSD FY21. On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Hajjar, the Board voted unanimously to approve the submittal of the excess amount from the Blue Hills RSD FY20

Ms. McQuaid is seeking reappointment to the Personnel Board. Chairman Plasko noted that there is an additional position open on the Personnel Board and any one interested should apply. Chairman Plasko also noted there is a vacant position on the Permanent Building Construction Committee and any person who is qualified and interested should apply. On motion of Selectman Hajjar, seconded by Selectman Lane, the Board voted unanimously to approve the reappointment of Kristen McQuaid to the Personnel Board and to file the vacancies listed above.

Linda Alto, submitted a request to the Board to hold a fundraising car wash for Hope for Haiti. On motion of Selectman Lane, seconded by Selectman Donohue, the Board voted unanimously to approve the request to hold a fundraising car wash on May 1, 2021 to benefit Hope for Haiti.

Mr. Mazzucco recommended setting the amount for the Veterans Program at \$15,000 to match the Senior Program. Mr. Mazzucco also recommended the maximal amount a senior or veteran can earn should be raised to \$1,000 to accommodate for the recent tax increase. On motion of Selectman Hajjar, seconded by Chairman Plasko, the Board voted unanimously to approve these changes.

Chairman Plasko noted that assignment of projects to department heads is the responsibility of Mr. Mazzucco and must be approved by him before projects can be assigned. Chairman Plasko, also noted that because the Historical Committee is an entity of the Town, it is important for the proper protocols to be followed when making decisions about the Morse House project. The Board agreed to let Mr. Lane take responsibility for seeing that the proper protocols are followed.

Marie Kidd, Norwood Coordinated Family and Community Engagement, submitted a request to use Shattuck Park for two weeks for a socially distanced scavenger hunt for children from March 6th-16th, 2021. On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Lane, the Board voted unanimously to approve the request.

Andrew D. Brennan, Senior Director of Energy and Environment MassDOT, submitted the Environmental Notification form. On motion of Selectman Hajjar, seconded by Selectman Lane, the Board voted unanimously to approve the submission

On motion of Selectman Hajjar, seconded by Selectman Lane, the Board voted unanimously to approve the submission of the 4th quarter PEG grant statement from Viola baboola, Verizon.

Mr. Mazzucco requested the permission of the Board to sign off on the certificates for Forbes Hill and the Mercer property. On motion of Vice Chairman Maloney, seconded by Selectman Lane, the Board voted unanimously to approve this request.

Mr. Mazzucco noted that excise tax bills will be mailed out in March instead of February and that there will still be a period of 30 days to return them.

Mr. Mazzucco wished a happy birthday to Tim McDonough and Tom Maloney.

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Lane, the Board Voted unanimously to adjourn.

A True Record.

ATTEST: _____
Assistant