

Selectmen's Meeting

Memorial Hall, Town Hall

Special Meeting of the Board of Selectmen convened at 2 p.m. on Friday, March 20, 2020 in Memorial Hall, Norwood Memorial Municipal Building, with Pledge of Allegiance, moment of prayer and reflection.

March 20, 2020 2:00 P.M.

Meeting is Recorded

Present: Chairman Paul Bishop, Selectmen William Plasko Allan Howard and David Hajjar. Selectman Thomas Maloney participated via telephone. Clerk Christina Mulvehill.

New Business

Chairman announced that Selectman Maloney will be participating remotely and all votes taken today will be roll call votes. The Chairman read the Declaration of Emergency for the Town of Norwood effective as of the March 06, 2020 and shall remain in effect until further notice is given pursuant to our judgement and that the State of Emergency is no longer required. On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Hajjar voted to sign. Those in favor: Selectmen Maloney, Hajjar, Plasko, Howard and Chairman Bishop. Motion Passed.

Greg Franks, Sr. Manager, Xfinity:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted to file as information 2019 license fee payment of \$1,492 in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 166A §9. Roll call vote: Those in favor: Selectmen Maloney, Hajjar, Plasko, Howard and Chairman Bishop. Motion Passed.

Niall Connors, Franchise Service Manager, Verizon:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Hajjar, voted to file as information 2019 license fee payment for \$1,627.50 in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 166A §9. Those in favor: Selectmen Maloney, Hajjar, Plasko, Howard and Chairman Bishop. Motion Passed.

Bertucci's Restaurants LLC, 1405 Boston Providence Turnpike:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to approve application for change of manager from Ryan Lenhardt to Ben Lotti. Those in favor: Selectmen Maloney, Hajjar, Plasko, Howard and Chairman Bishop. Motion Passed.

Olde Colonial Café, Inc., 171 Nahatan Street:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to approve application for change of manager from Paul R. Angelo to Paul Eckhardt. Those in favor: Selectmen Maloney, Hajjar, Plasko, Howard and Chairman Bishop. Motion Passed.

Town Election:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Howard voted to approve and sign Town Election Warrant. Those in favor: Selectmen Maloney, Hajjar, Plasko, Howard and Chairman Bishop. Motion Passed.

Postponement of Town Election:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Howard, and in the absence of timely relief by passage of an act relative to election emergencies allowing rescheduling municipal elections, voted unanimously to authorize litigation to achieve the same relief by order of the court. Those in favor: Selectmen Maloney, Hajjar, Plasko, Howard and Chairman Bishop.

James Bernardino, PE, Bohler Engineering:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to set a public hearing for VIF License Amendment, for 83 Boston Providence Turnpike, Rojo Co. Those in favor: Selectmen Maloney, Hajjar, Plasko, Howard and Chairman Bishop. Motion Passed.

Tony Mazzucco, General Manager:

On motion of Selectman Hajjar, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to approve request to accept a donation of \$3,073.75 pursuant to MGL C.44 Sec.53A from Norwood Bank to help purchase a new scoreboard for the Lower Balch Baseball Field. Those in favor: Selectmen Hajjar, Plasko, Howard, Maloney and Chairman Bishop. Motion Passed.

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Plasko, voted to approve request from the Recreation Department to name the former DPW space at the Civic Center in honor of Lee Kennedy. Those in favor: Selectmen Maloney, Hajjar, Plasko, Howard and Chairman Bishop. Motion Passed.

On motion of Selectman Hajjar, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to approve on recommendation of Director of Public Works and Town Engineer Mark Ryan, Municipal Small Bridge Grant application for signature of the Chairman. Those in favor: Selectmen Maloney, Hajjar, Plasko, Howard and Chairman Bishop. Motion Passed.

George Sigel, 76 Beech Street:

Selectman Plasko stated that he was opposed to approving the request at this time due to asking people to social distance during this time. On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Hajjar, voted to table request to hold a block party on Monday, May 25, 2020 from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. and to block off Beech Street from Bond Street to Winter Street until two week prior to the event. Those in favor: Selectmen Maloney, Hajjar, Plasko, Howard and Chairman Bishop. Motion Passed.

Cemetery Deeds:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Plasko voted to sign:
Victoria A Henry, 41 Neponset Street to Lot C3-125
Those in favor: Selectmen Maloney, Hajjar, Plasko, Howard and Chairman Bishop. Motion Passed.

Car Wash:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Hajjar, voted to hold the date but table until two weeks prior to the event NHS Post Prom Party, Saturday, May 9, 2020 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Those in favor: Selectmen Maloney, Hajjar, Plasko, Howard and Chairman Bishop. Motion Passed.

Christopher Hughes, 44 Phillips Ave:

On motion of Selectman Howard, seconded by Selectman Plasko to approve request to the Board accept a Memorial tree donation and work with Mark Ryan. Those in favor: Selectmen Maloney, Hajjar, Plasko, Howard and Chairman Bishop. Motion Passed.

Memoranda

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Howard voted to file as information:

Building Inspector Mark Chubet:

Submitting Building Report for February, 2020.

James F. Collins, Light Department Superintendent:

Submitting monthly report of Department activities.

Mark Ryan, DPW Director/ Town Engineer:

Submitting monthly report of department activities.

Those in favor: Selectmen Maloney, Hajjar, Plasko, Howard and Chairman Bishop. Motion Passed.

Matty Brown:

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to file as information copy of correspondence to Senator Michael Rush and Representative John Rogers including signatures from residents on behalf of Fairness for Norwood Kids. Those in favor: Selectmen Maloney, Hajjar, Plasko, Howard and Chairman Bishop. Motion Passed.

Selectmen's Updates

Selectman Howard

Support social distancing of keeping people away from each other and ask public to be cognizant of this.

Selectman Plasko

Was self-quarantined for 14 days having been associated with someone who tested positive, I'm fine now with no symptoms and I intend to stay home as much as possible and suggest citizens do the same.

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Selectman Hajjar

Also was quarantined for two weeks and am also healthy and personally thank all employees doing yeoman's work. Wish everyone to be safe and healthy and continue social distancing. Please heed the advice of what everyone is saying.

Selectman Maloney

Thank you to everyone at town hall especially our staff in the selectmen's office.

Chairman Bishop

So proud to be part of this – a resident and employee – than you to Sigalle Reiss and Tony Mazzucco for teaming up and directing this effort. Thank you to everyone in managers office and town hall.

We are preparing to have a meeting next Tuesday night.

Adjournment

No other business being presented for consideration, on motion of Selectman Hajjar, seconded by Selectman Howard, voted to adjourn and the meeting was adjourned accordingly 2:30 p.m. Those in favor: Selectmen Maloney, Hajjar, Plasko, Howard and Chairman Bishop. Motion Passed.

A True Record.

ATTEST: _____
Clerk