

Selectmen's Meeting
Hybrid Meeting

March 30, 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 hybrid model with Board meeting in person in the Community Room at 137 Nahatan Street, and all other participants joining remotely. The Meeting will be called to order by the Chairman at 7:00 P.M. Please see meeting information below:

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Present: Chairman Plasko, Vice Chairman Maloney, Selectman Lane, Selectman Hajjar, Selectman Donohue, General Manager Tony Mazzucco, and Jess Jozwik

The meeting was convened at 7:00pm on March 30th, 2021, in the Police Community Room at 135 Nahatan Street, with Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silent reflection.

Appointments

7:00 P.M. David Hern Jr, David Hern Law

Application has been made to the Licensing Board of the Town of Norwood for transfer of an All Alcoholic Beverages License from Boncaldo, Inc, 1381 Boston Providence Turnpike to 1381 Services, LLC, 1381 Boston Providence Turnpike, Craig E. MacDonald, Manager under Section 12, Chapter 138, and Chapter 140 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended, for the sale of All Alcoholic Beverages to be drunk on the premises of 1381 Boston Providence Turnpike, Norwood, Massachusetts.

Description of premises as follows: Free standing 7200 square foot building, 3 dining room entrances and exits, 1 office emergency exit, 2 floors, 5 rooms, 2 dining rooms, 1 lounge, 1 kitchen and 1 office.

The proposed premise is a casual, pub style restaurant that will also have golf simulators. The staff will be TIPS certified. Selectman Hajjar noted that, per the Liquor Rules and Regulations, there needs to be a manager on site at all times, and the applicant assured the Board that there will be an experienced manger onsite. To satisfy the requirements of a public hearing, the Chair asked for any comment from the public. There was none.

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Hajjar, the hearing was closed, vote unanimous.

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Hajjar, the Board voted unanimously to approve the license transfer.

7:15 P.M. Kevin Shaughnessy, Light Department Superintendent:

Mr. Collins, joined by Dan Morrissey and Daryl Hanson, gave an overview of the department activities starting with Landfill solar, for which the engineering and design phase has begun. 434 Walpole Street (Big Y) was addressed, as they had been working on electrical service issues.

Mr. Morrissey spoke on two projects: Station 495 switch gear replacement project, and the Utility Billing System software using PCS Software.

7:30 P.M. Mark Ryan, Director of Public Works and Town Engineer:

Mr. Ryan gave an overview of the department activities. Norwood received about 50 inches of snow this winter season. The department is working hard to prepare fields and parks for the spring season. There is a new scoreboard at the Balch School.

The Water Department proposed cleaning and lining a total of 21,075 feet over three areas of town this year.

Roadway Resurfacing, curbing and sidewalks: 30 proposed roadways for curbing, resurfacing and sidewalks.

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Hajjar, the Board voted unanimously to endorse the proposed plans for both for cleaning and lining and the roadway work.

The Board received information on the uniformity and planning in curbing and sidewalks. On motion of Selectman Maloney, seconded by Selectman Lane, the Board voted unanimously to accept this memorandum.

New Business

David Hern, Town Moderator

Submitted a letter regarding recommendations for Town Meeting, to be held virtually via Zoom.

Special Town Meeting:

Warrants will be due for consideration by Tuesday, April 6th, 2021, and will be shown Tuesday April 13th, 2021.

On motion of Selectman Hajjar, seconded by Selectman Maloney, the Board voted to endorse the time frame for both Special and Annual Town Meeting to be held May 10, 2021, and that it should be held remotely per the Moderator's advice. Vote was unanimous.

Bay State Animal Cooperative

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Lane, the request to hold a car wash on Sunday, June 6th, 2021 from 9am to 2pm was approved unanimously.

Mary Ellen Heike, Norwood Evening Garden Club

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Lane, request to post signs for annual plant sale from April 1st, 2021 until the sale on May 8th, 2021 on the Town Green, Islands at each end of Prospect Street, Hawes Park, Guild Square, Chapel Street and the Rotary at NHS was approved unanimously.

Bertucci's Brick Oven Pizza, 1405 Boston Providence Turnpike:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Maloney, request for change of manager from Ben Lotti to Julie Farren was approved unanimously.

MaryKate Daly, Zoning Board of Appeals:

Motion to hold until other appointments are made was made and withdrawn by Selectman Donohue.

On motion of Selectman Hajjar, seconded by Selectman Maloney, request to be appointed as a full member of the Zoning Board of Appeals was approved unanimously.

Maryellen Horgan-Currier, Friends of Norwood Center:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Maloney, request to hang a "Welcome to Norwood" banner that promotes local dining and shopping was approved unanimously.

Automotive Buyers Advantage

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Maloney, request for Class II Auto Dealers license application hearing was approved unanimously. Hearing to be scheduled.

Cemetery Deeds

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Maloney, voted unanimously to sign: Eleanor Marrama, 36 Rose Court to Lot C3-158

Tony Mazzucco, General Manager:

On Motion of Selectman Hajjar, seconded by Selectman Maloney, the board voted unanimously to approve General Government budget as proposed in the joint meeting of the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Commission.

Mr. Mazzucco clarified some accounting changes in the budget.

On Motion of Selectman Maloney, seconded by Selectman Hajjar, the Board voted unanimously in their capacity as Light Commissioners, to approve the General NLD/broadband budget.

On Motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Plasko, the Board voted to table the issue regarding General Reserve Fund Transfer – Fire Department door vandalism repair.

On Motion of Selectman Maloney, seconded by Selectman Donohue, the Board voted unanimously to approve General Rent Relief Quarter 2 for the Print Shop property and the Olde Colonial Café property.

On Motion of Selectman Maloney, seconded by Selectman Lane, the Board voted unanimously to approve General Use of fields by local businesses this spring and summer. Citizens can contact the recreation department if they would like to use the fields.

On Motion of Selectman Hajjar, seconded by Selectman Lane, the Board voted unanimously to approve to close Central Street for dining and leisure by the public beginning April 22, 2021.

On Motion of Selectman Hajjar, seconded by Selectman Plasko, the board voted unanimously to sign proposed Inter-municipal Agreement with the Town of Walpole to share Animal Control Services.

On Motion of Selectman Maloney, seconded by Selectman Hajjar, the board voted unanimously to sign for minor changes for the PILOT Agreement with the MBTA- Norwood Central Station.

Selectman Donohue expressed concern at the level of lighting at the MBTA Station. Mr. Mazzucco agreed to reach out to their real estate office to see if this could be remedied.

On Motion of Selectman Maloney, seconded by Selectman Hajjar, the board voted unanimously to approve Davis Avenue Parking Restriction as proposed by the Traffic Safety Committee.

Memoranda

Bar Association of Norfolk County

The Board voted unanimously to file information on free legal clinics. Further information is available at the bar association's website.

Travis Farley, Superintendent of Recreation

On motion of Selectman , seconded by Selectman , the Board voted unanimously to file.

Updates

Mr. Mazzucco expressed appreciation to the Department of Public Works for their handling of a water leak, despite the challenges presented by the location of the pipe.

Chairman Plasko gave condolences for the passing of Steve Paradis, a well known member of the community.

Chairman Plasko gave an update on the Norwood Hospital. They continue their commitment to build a full service hospital to replace Norwood Hospital, and in a recent meeting with the Department of Public Health, they presented plans and are awaiting feedback about the next steps.

Selectman Donohue pointed out that the Norwood Diamond Club had not been able to run their annual fundraiser for Norwood Baseball this year, and if anyone would like to help out, donations can be sent to Norwood Diamond Club, Box 33, Norwood, MA, 02062.

Selectman Lane commended the teachers and staff at the schools for all the hard work they have put in to make the K-5 schools reopening for full in person learning possible beginning this upcoming Monday. He would also like to remind the people of Norwood that Monday, April 5th is also the Town Election.

Selectman Hajjar wishes those who celebrate a Happy Easter. He is currently working with the local cab companies to help them become properly licensed taxi companies in the town of Norwood.

Selectman Maloney said that the Department of Public Works is very fortunate in having recruited Christina Mulvehill as their new business manager. He congratulated Christina for her new position and she was a pleasure to work with all these years.

Chairman Plasko again reminded the public that the Town Elections are on Monday, April 5, 2021.

On motion of Selectman Maloney, seconded by Selectman Hajjar, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn.

A True Record.

ATTEST:_____

Assistant