

Selectmen's Meeting
Hybrid Meeting

May 04, 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 6:30 P.M. Please see meeting information below:

Board of Selectmen Meeting

Tue, May 4, 2021 6:30 PM - 10:30 PM (EDT)

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Present: Chairman Maloney, Vice Chairman Plasko, Selectman Donohue, Selectman Lane, Town Manager Tony Mazzucco and Jess Jozwik. Appearing virtually: Counsel for the Town, Attorney David DeLuca, Counsel for UAVE, Attorney Daniel Bailey, Counsel for MS Walker, Attorney Dennis McKenna, Scott Allen, part owner of MS Walker, Town Engineer, Mark Ryan, Building Commissioner, Matthew J. Walsh, Town Planner, Paul Halkiotis.

Executive Session

6:30 p.m.

Chairman Maloney called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM and on motion to enter Executive Session for Purpose 3 - To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining if an open meeting may have detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the public body and the chair so declares. Motion made by Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Lane. The Board voted 4-0 to enter Executive Session.

Upon completion of discussion, on motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Lane the Board voted to move to open session. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM on May 5th, 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. UAVE LLC, 973 University Avenue

Public hearing regarding the subject of erection of barriers or other suitable measures to protect public safety resulting from excavation on property located at 973 University Avenue.

The issue at hand is that of 'fall protection.' Attorney David DeLuca stated that the Board of Selectmen's jurisdiction is narrow and *only* includes the issue of fall protection and engineering, in so far as relating to fall protection at this site. Discussion ensued among all present with regard to how best to protect the public as well as those working at the site. Mr. Bailey described that UAVE has placed large boulders and cinder blocks to prevent any vehicles from moving further than safely warranted. There was disagreement as to whether this was a good choice and that a fence would better serve the situation. There was continued discussion regarding the fence - whether it would be permanent or temporary and when it would be erected - it's placement as well as property lines between UAVE and MS Walker. Also brought into the discussion was the hiring of an engineer for a Peer Study Review. Counsel for UAVE, Attorney Bailey stated that his client would not be willing to pay for the study in question. At this point, on motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Donohue as follows: Continue the hearing, continue to monitor the matter for 90 days and that we hire the Peer

Review Engineer (Mr. Fiore at SGH). If UAVE will not pay for the peer review then the Town will do so. The motion was approved unanimously.

New Business

1. Cemetery Deeds
For signature of the Board:
Gordan Smith, 14 Florence Avenue, for Lot C-656A
Mildred Campo, 283 Ridgewood Drive, for Lot SGW-11
Motion to sign by Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Lane. The motion was approved unanimously.
2. Mark Good, Treasurer/Tax Collector
Submitted Surety Bonds to be held by the Board of Selectmen for the Treasurer and Tax Collector.
Motion to take possession of the Surety Bonds made by Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Lane. The motion was approved unanimously.
3. Travis Farley, Superintendent of Recreation
Submitted for the Board's approval the Summer Hours for the Civic Center.
Motion to file made by Selectman Lane, seconded by Selectman Plasko. The motion was approved unanimously.
4. Friends of Norwood Center
Submitted designs for banners to be hung in the center of town for approval of the Board.
Motion made by Selectman Lane, seconded by Selectman Donohue. The motion was approved unanimously.
5. Julie Drummey, FINE Mortuary College
Submitted request to move date of previously issued One Day Liquor License as the event was cancelled due to COVID-19. New date is June 5th, 2021.
Motion made by Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Lane. The motion was approved unanimously.
6. Tara Galvin, NHS Girls Soccer
Submitted request to hold a car wash fundraiser on Saturday, June 19th, 2021 from 9am-2pm.
Motion to approve made by Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Lane. The motion was approved unanimously.
7. Marina Bekker, 601 Washington Street
Submitted request to use the Town Common and Bandstand for outdoor workout classes open to anyone who wishes to join, on Saturdays in June, July and August from 9:30am-10:30am.
Motion made by Selectman Plasko to deny request and ask the Town Manager to reach out to see if there's any other way to help accommodate their needs, seconded by Selectman Donohue. The motion was approved unanimously.
8. Lamacchia Realty Inc.
Submitted request to use the Town Common and Bandstand for an outdoor training for their agents. They will set up a tent with a table and chairs and serve light refreshments. Event is June 16, 2021.
Motion made by Selectman Plasko to deny request and ask the Town Manager to reach out to see if there's any other way to help accommodate their needs, seconded by Selectman Lane. The motion was approved unanimously.
9. Mark Ryan, Director of Public Works
Submitted additional information as requested by the Board regarding additional open hours for the Winter Street Recycling Facility.

Motion to deny request made by Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Donohue. On the motion to deny request the vote was 3-1.

Memoranda

1. Norwood Conservation Commission
Submitted abutter's notification of intention to make improvements to the intersection of Short Street and Washington Street pursuant to the requirements the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act (MGL Chapter 131, Section 40)
Motion to file made by Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Lane. The motion was approved unanimously.
2. Sigalle Reiss, Supt/Director, Norwood Board of Health
Submitted notification of Hazardous Waste/Recycling Day, May 8th, 2021, 8am-11am.
Motion to file made by Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Donohue. The motion was approved unanimously.
3. Millside at Heritage Park, Canton, MA
Submitted notification of affordable housing lottery for rental units where at least one member of the household is aged 55 or older.
Motion to file made by Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Lane. The motion was approved unanimously.
4. Verizon Fios
Submitted Package Content Rate Increase Notification.
Motion to file made by Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Lane. The motion was approved unanimously.
5. Edmund Mulvehill, Veterans Service Officer
Submitted notification of the cancellation of in-person Memorial Day events.
Motion to file made by Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Lane. The motion was approved unanimously.
6. Department of Public Works
Submitted notification of DPW Summer Jobs Lottery. Applications are available online at www.norwoodma.gov, under Employment Opportunities, and are due by Monday, May 10, 2021. Lottery will take place during the Board of Selectmen Meeting on May 11, 2021.

Motion to file made by Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Lane. The motion was approved unanimously.
7. Selectmen's Minutes
For Approval of the Board, Meeting minutes from March 30th, 2021, April 6th, 2021, April 13th, 2021, and April 20th, 2021.
Motion to file made by Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Donohue to accept the minutes. The motion was approved unanimously.

Manager's Update

Mr. Mazzucco offered congratulations to the Board of Health. The Town of Norwood coordinates an eight town region for shared public health services. Ms. Reiss and her team were able to secure a 3 year - \$300,000.00 per year – grant

for shared services in the eight communities. The grant will bring some social and referral services to those communities in the region. Norwood will be taking the lead in administering the grant.

Selectman Lane made mention of a Boston Globe article regarding Moderna's renovation and expansion at their campus. Mr. Lane mentioned that he contacted the Building Inspector, Matt Walsh and was told that Moderna was great to work with and everything is above board. He said that it was nice to hear and he thinks that it's a great thing for the Town. Secondly, Selectman Lane and Selectman Donohue will be attending a ribbon cutting ceremony at Elliot Field for the new scoreboard.

Selectman Donohue thanked everyone who worked on the fishing derby. Thanks also to all who came – everyone was careful – they practiced social distancing but yet everyone was friendly and enjoyed the beautiful day. Mrs. Donohue also mentioned that Mr. Maloney had informed her that Representative John Rogers and Senator Michael Rush are trying to secure funding that would be used toward the Town's 150th Celebration. Selectman Donohue appreciates their efforts very much. Lastly, Selectman Donohue on behalf of the Board, extended sympathy to Congressman Stephen Lynch on the loss of his mother in law.

Selectman Plasko commented that the fishing derby was a wonderful time – great group of people, enjoying themselves. Mr. Plasko appreciated the efforts of all involved.

Chairman Maloney confirmed May 10th, 2021 as the date for Town Meeting which will be fully remote. Mr. Maloney mentioned that he had spoken to Jeff Sullivan from one of the local newspapers looking for information about Norwood's 150th. He commented that they are probably ready to begin ramping up publicity – talking about it more and getting information out to the public. Many things have been happening internally (branding, posters, etc.) but it's time to start speaking about it more.

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

A true record.

Attest: _____
Administrative Assistant