

**Minutes**

Present: Vice Chairman Helen Abdallah Donohue, Selectman Matthew Lane, Selectman Robert Donnelly, Selectman Amanda Grow, General Manager Tony Mazzucco, Executive Assistant Jess Jozwik

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 by Vice Chairman Helen Donohue, who chaired the meeting as Chairman Plasko was absent. The meeting began with the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence to reflect on the former members who have served on the Board of Selectmen. Selectman Donohue thanked Norwood Community Media for their work recording the meetings.

On motion of Selectman Donnelly, seconded by Selectman Lane, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes from [April 26, 2022](#).

Chair of the Airport Commission Mark Ryan and Airport Manager Russ Maguire were introduced. They updated the Board on construction projects, some of which are funded by grants and the Massachusetts Department of Transportation. Mr. Maguire addressed questions from the Board for the Taxiway Charlie project. This project is 100% funded by FAA and MassDot and does not have a local share requirement. Mr. Lane and Mr. Donnelly suggested that despite the lack of a local share requirement, the Airport should include the project on the Capital Outlay Committee requests for FY23 projects and note that the project is funded 100% by grants. They spoke about how the airport has been more active since the COVID-19 pandemic has made standard commercial air travel less attractive. The Wings and Wheels event, which is essentially a "touch a truck" event but with aircraft and municipal vehicles, was very successful and many children and families enjoyed it. The main drivers of revenue for the airport are Long Term Leases, Short Term Leases, and Landing Fees.

The Board thanked Mr. Maguire for his 27 years of service to the airport and congratulated him on his upcoming retirement.

On motion of Selectman Donnelly, seconded by Selectman Grow, the Board voted unanimously to approve a request to close streets around the Town Common (Washington Street from Conrads to Nahatan street; East Cottage Street from Washington Street to Central street; and Day Street from Washington Street to Central Street) on [Saturday, September 10, 2022](#), for the Norwood Day Festivities.

On motion of Selectman Grow, seconded by Selectman Lane, the Board voted unanimously to approve a request to hang a banner across Washington Street to advertise Norwood Day from [Monday, August 29, 2022](#) until [Monday, September 12, 2022](#)

On motion of Selectman Lane, seconded by Selectman Grow, the Board voted unanimously to approve a request to post A frame signs at the following locations: Washington Street and Neponset Street, High School rotary, in front of the Civic Center, and the Coakley Middle school to advertise Norwood Day Celebrations.

On motion of Selectman Donnelly, seconded by Selectman Grow, the Board voted unanimously to approve a request to hold the annual Pride Picnic event on the Town Common on [Saturday, June 4, 2022](#), from 2:00pm until 4:00pm. They also requested a rain date of [June 10](#), from 5:00pm until 7:00pm. This is an event open to all residents.

On motion of Selectman Donnelly, seconded by Selectman Lane, the Board voted unanimously to approve a

g request to hold the Norwood Farmer's Market on Tuesdays from 2:00pm until 6:00pm from [June 21, 2022](#) until [October 18, 2022](#).

On motion of Selectman Lane , seconded by Selectman Grow, the Board voted unanimously to approve a request to hold their annual Back to School event on the Town Common on [August 20, 2022](#) from 2:00pm until 4:00pm.

On motion of Selectman Donnelly, seconded by Selectman Lane, the Board voted unanimously to approve a request to hold a car wash benefitting NHS Girl's Hockey on [July 16, 2022](#), from 8:00am until 1:00pm.

On motion of Selectman Donnelly, seconded by Selectman Lane, the Board voted unanimously to deny a request to use Endean Park on [May 29, 2022](#), from 4:00pm until 4:30pm to host a gender reveal party, with fewer than 18 guests expected.

On motion of Selectman Lane, seconded by Selectman Donnelly, the Board voted unanimously to approve a request to hang a banner across Washington Street congratulating the class of 2022 from [May 11, 2022](#) until [June 20, 2022](#).

Vice Chairman Donohue read a prepared statement from Chairman Plasko: "Chairman Plasko announces that the Boch Fund this year will be used in large part of several Town projects, that said it is expected that there will be an unused balance available to be distributed to local non-profit organizations for a specific program they do not have funds for in their operating budgets. Applicants should submit their request by the close of business on Jun 9, 2022. Include the name of the organization, the organizations tax exempt number, the name of a contact person and a direct phone number and/or email address for that individual, an explanation of what the funds would be used for and the amount requested."

On motion of Selectman Donnelly, seconded by Selectman Lane, the Board voted unanimously to file the following memorandum:

1. Department of Public Works Job Lottery Submitting notification of DPW Summer Jobs Lottery. Applications are available online at [www.norwoodma.gov](http://www.norwoodma.gov), under Employment Opportunities, and are due by [Friday, May 13, 2022](#). Lottery will take place during the Board of Selectmen Meeting on [May 24, 2021](#).
2. Norwood Police Department Submitting commendation for Detective Paul Ryan.
3. VFW Chicken Dinner Submitting notification of event on [Saturday, June 4, 2022](#) at 3:00pm at the Norwood VFW, 193 Dean Street.
4. Comcast Submitting quarterly franchise fee payment. 5. Building Department Submitting Monthly Report.

Mr. Mazzucco informed the public that Building Inspector Matt Walsh passed away this week, expressed condolences to his family and said he will be missed. He expressed that Town Meeting is still in progress but going well, and new Moderator Gerri Slater is doing a great job at her first town meeting. He showed two clips from the news, one about a trade skills program for students that Norwood has several students involved in. The second was about the Library offering court services, the first in the state to offer this service.

On motion of Selectman Lane, seconded by Selectman Grow, the Board voted unanimously to send a letter to the County Commissioners regarding the IT position at the Board of Registrars that they recently voted to eliminate.

Selectman Donnelly congratulated his daughter, who will be graduating college [this Sunday](#), and thanks the Norwood teachers who supported her academic success.

Selectman Lane expressed his condolences to the family of Matt Walsh.

Selectman Grow said that **Sunday** the 15th is Peace Officers Memorial Day. She also recently attended DPW hearing "Future of Gas" about gas use. She expressed condolences to the family of Matt Walsh.

Vice Chairman Donohue expressed condolences to the family of Lovee (Floreen) Thomas who passed away this week, as well as Rick Reardon who also recently passed. She showed a brass car tag from her father's days as a Public Welfare Agent. She also thanked the 150th Committee for all of their hard work, as their events are getting more frequent.

On motion of Selectman Lane, seconded by Selectman Grow, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn.

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**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Assistant**