

Selectmen's Meeting
Hybrid Meeting

May 11, 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:

Board of Selectmen Meeting
Tue, May 11, 2021 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM (EDT)
<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/462451541>
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Present: Chairman Maloney, Vice Chairman Plasko, Selectman Donohue, Selectman Hajjar, Selectman Lane, General Manager Tony Mazzucco, Chief William G. Brooks, Chief George Morrice and Jess Jozwik.

The meeting was convened at 7:00 PM on May 11th, 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. Chief William G. Brooks, III, Norwood Police Department:

Submitted monthly report of department activities including: The 125th Anniversary of the Norwood Police Department and the replica badges being worn by the officers to commemorate this occasion. Also noted, the report of a man with a gun, dating back to January at TD Bank. After thorough investigation, it was determined that this was a false report. A narcotics investigation on Prospect Street was concluded with the subject placed under arrest and charged. In closing, Chief Brooks spoke about training that the officers have been receiving regarding crisis intervention, mental health and less lethal training options which include the use of the BolaWrap which the Chief showed to all present.

7:15 P.M. Chief George Morrice, Norwood Fire Department:

Submitted monthly report of department activities including a two alarm fire on May 5th which occurred at 166 Rock St. Chief Morrice commended the officers of Group 4 for the great work performed in extinguishing this heavy fire that was determined to be 'accidental.' The family was able to evacuate the home but it may be a 'total loss.' Deputy John Cody applied for and was awarded a FY 2021 Fire Fighter Safety Equipment Grant in the amount of \$14,880.00. The grant will be used to purchase three thermal imaging cameras as well as a Fit Test Machine.

New Business

1. Tony Mazzucco, General Manager

- a) Submitted new Inter-Municipal Agreement between Norwood, Sharon and Walpole for shared Energy Manager for signature of the Board. On motion to approve by Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Hajjar, the motion was approved unanimously.
- b) Submitted for the Board's approval, recommendation to remove all taxi signs in town. On motion to approve the recommendation by Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Hajjar, the motion was approved unanimously.

2. Christina Mulvehill, Manager of Department of Public Works Administration

Submitted request to hang "Congratulations Class of 2021" Banners across Washington Street. On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Lane, the motion was approved unanimously.

3. June Special Town Meeting

- a) Set the date for June Special Town Meeting. The date is set for Monday, June 14th, 2021.
- b) Set the date to close the Warrant. The date is set for Tuesday, May 18th, 2021.
- c) Set special meeting on May 20th, 2021 to sign the warrant and discuss lowering the quorum. On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Lane, the motion was approved unanimously.

4. Appointing the Clerk of the Board

To replace acting clerk appointed April 6th, 2021. On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Hajjar, to name Jess Jozwik as the Clerk of the Board of Selectmen. The motion was approved unanimously.

Memoranda

1. Department of Public Works

Submitted notification that DPW Summer Jobs Lottery has been extended an additional week to Monday, May 17th, 2021. Applications are available online at www.norwoodma.gov, under Employment Opportunities. Motion to file by Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Plasko. The motion was approved unanimously.

2. Building Inspector Matthew Walsh

Submitted Building Report for April 2021. Motion to file made by Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Lane. The motion was approved unanimously.

3. Norwood Light Broadband

Submitted Norwood Light Broadband Financial Reporting Forms 200 and 400 for 2020. On motion to file by Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Hajjar. The motion was approved unanimously.

4. Patrick Moore, Comcast

Submitted Quarterly Franchise Fee. On motion to accept by Selectman Lane, seconded by Selectman Donohue, the motion was approved unanimously.

5. Selectmen's Minutes

For Approval of the Board, Meeting minutes from April 27th, 2021. On motion to approve by Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Hajjar, the motion was approved unanimously.

Manager's Update

Town Manager, Tony Mazzucco extended his appreciation to all of the Town staff – the Manager's Office, the Clerk's Office, the Selectmen's Office and all of the volunteers who helped to put Town Meeting together. He also thanked the Town Meeting Members as well.

Selectman Lane thanked everyone who helped to make last night's Town Meeting a success.

Selectman Donohue commented that Selectman Lane would be representing the Board on May 12th, at the Balch School to dedicate a new scoreboard. Mrs. Donohue also noted that Sigalle Reiss, director of the Board of Health sent an email to the Board requesting that they let the Town residents know that there is COVID vaccine available for those over 18 years of age.

Selectman Hajjar made note of resident Amy Marsoobian who was a part of Venture Crew in scouting – is being given the Summit Award which is equivalent to Eagle Scout. She created a project of putting up about five library stands where people can leave a book or take one. Selectman Hajjar asked if Ms. Marsoobian

could be presented with a certificate for her efforts and achievement. On motion by Selectman Hajjar, seconded by Selectman Donohue, the motion was approved unanimously.

Noted by Chairman Maloney – Brianna Whalen, a Town Meeting Member and also an aide to Representative John Rogers, forwarded a couple of bills that Rep. Rogers has filed in the House and Senator Mike Rush will file in the Senate that are of interest to the Town. One is the act authorizing the Town to grant an additional liquor license at the behest of Town Meeting for Cravings To Go located on Route One. The second is an act relative to the South Norwood General Business District - to amend, by inserting after the date December 16th, 2003, the following words: ‘and including the premises located at 83 Morse St, also known as the Norwood Space Center.’

Chairman Maloney, on behalf of the Board, asked that Mr. Mazzucco please thank all of the department heads and everyone who helped to make the Town Meeting a success. Mr. Maloney also noted that there would be no meeting on May 18th instead it would be held on May 20th. Beginning in June and following through the end of August, the Board will be meeting every two weeks. Mr. Maloney noted that the next meeting of the Board of Selectmen would be on Tuesday, May 25th.

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

A True Record.

ATTEST: _____
Administrative Assistant