

**Selectmen's Meeting**  
**Hybrid Meeting**

**August 3, 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 by hybrid model with the Board meeting in person in the Selectmen's Chambers in Town Hall, 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:*

Tue, Aug 3, 2021 6:30 PM - 9:30 PM (EDT)  
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**Present: Chairman Maloney, Vice Chairman Plasko, Selectman Donohue, Selectman Hajjar, Selectman Lane, Town Manager Tony Mazzucco, Jess Jozwik, Christine Woodward, Attorney Jessica Deratzian, Anthony DeLapa and Jim Conviser. Appearing remotely: Michael Rosen, newly hired Assistant Town Manager.**

**Executive Session**

6:30 p.m. Executive Session

Chairman Maloney called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM on motion to enter Executive Session for Purpose 6 - To consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property if the chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body. Motion was made by Selectman Hajjar and seconded by Selectman Donohue. The motion was approved unanimously. The Board voted 5-0 to enter Executive Session.

*On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Lane the Board voted to enter open session. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM on August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 in the Selectmen's Chambers, Town Hall, 566 Washington Street with Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silent reflection.*

**Appointments**

7:15 p.m. Continued Show Cause Hearing - Sky Restaurant Bar, 1369 Boston-Providence Turnpike:

Hearing under Chapter 138 of the Massachusetts General Laws, to consider whether the license to sell All Alcoholic Beverages should be suspended, limited or revoked, for failure to provide the public with the services contemplated by the license.

Sky Restaurant was given a six month time frame with an extension for 90 days for the license holder. Attorney Jessica Deratzian representing Let's Eat, Norwood LLC DBA Sky Restaurant/Stephen Corcoran: They were able to find a transferee. A complete application was emailed to Jess Jozwik at approximately 4:30 PM this afternoon. The transfer will be from Sky Restaurant to Masa Hibatchi LLC. Motion made by Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Donohue to continue this hearing until November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 7:15 PM. The motion was approved unanimously.

7:30 p.m. Continued Show Cause Hearing, 32 Guild Street dba Olivadi:

Hearing under Chapter 138 of the Massachusetts General Laws, to consider whether the license to sell All Alcoholic Beverages should be suspended, limited or revoked, for failure to provide the public with the services contemplated by the license. Olivadi closed in June 2020.

Olivadi was granted a six month leave and a 90 day extension on this request. Mr. DeLapa described the difficult situation in finding someone to lease the restaurant and therefore have transference of the

liquor license. The restaurant has been closed during the pandemic. Mr. DeLapa is the owner of the building/property and feels strongly that he would like to have a lessee for the restaurant and without the liquor license, the chances of that happening are reduced greatly. It was explained to Mr. DeLapa that the Board is really only interested in the liquor license itself although they would of course like to see a restaurant reopen in Olivadi's place. It was mentioned that there has been a recent uptick of interest in leasing the space and also noted that Mr. DeLapa is seeking an additional 60 days. Motion made by Selectman Donohue for a continuation of the hearing until October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 7:15 PM, seconded by Selectman Hajjar. The vote was 4-1 in favor, Selectman Plasko, opposed.

7:45 PM Michael Rosen – Assistant Town Manager

Introduction and conversation with the Board. Mr. Rosen appeared virtually. Mr. Mazzucco introduced Mr. Rosen to the Board and he was welcomed warmly by all present. Mr. Rosen spoke of his past experience both in municipalities and the private sector. Currently he is the General Manager for the town of Tolland, Connecticut and will be leaving that post shortly and moving to Norwood. Mr. Rosen is excited about this new path in his life and looks forward to serving the community.

**New Business**

1. Forbes Hill

For discussion. Chairman Maloney opened the meeting with an announcement regarding Executive Session. The Board did meet in Executive Session at 6:30 PM tonight with counsel to discuss the matters pertaining to Forbes Hill. Judge Hallal has issued a ruling on the Forbes Hill situation and the Board met with counsel to discuss strategy and plans going forward in that matter. Details to follow in the near future

2. Lynda Hinkson, Norwood High Volleyball Team

Submitted request to host a car wash on Saturday, September 4th, 2021, from 8:00am until 1:00pm to benefit Norwood High Volleyball. Motion to approve made by Selectman Lane, seconded by Selectman Hajjar. The motion was approved unanimously.

3. Mark Good, Treasurer and Collector

Submitted for signature of the Board - request that the sale of the \$629,600.00 Water Bond of the Town dated August 23, 2021, to Massachusetts Water Resources Authority and to authorize the Town Treasurer or other appropriate Town official to execute on behalf of the Town a Loan Agreement and a Financial Assistance agreement with the Authority with respect to the bond. Motion to sign made by Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Plasko. The motion was approved unanimously.

4. Updated Town Owned-Controlled Property Policy

For Review and Signature of the Board. This was a review of a 2004 policy regarding Town owned land to reduce the number of policies, we combine as Commissioners of Parks and Recreation – fields and parks into one. The document has been reviewed by Travis Farley, Tony Mazzucco and Town Counsel with significant input from Selectman Donohue and Selectman Plasko. Two additional recommendations: 1. To change the name so it will be known now as Governing the Use of Town controlled Fields, Parks and Land and 2. To delete Section 4H from the old policy. Motion to approve the proposed rules and regulations including the two changes made this evening made by Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Hajjar. The motion was approved unanimously.

5. Tony Mazzucco, Town Manager

a) Cable Commission Liaison. Chairman Maloney has appointed Selectman Plasko as the Cable Commission Liaison.

b) Request to transfer \$500,000.00 from the Light A/R Receipts fund to the Rate Stabilization Fund. Similar to what is done with other revenue sources, when there is a positive year at the Light Department as there was last year – some money is transferred into our Rate Stabilization Fund. It was done last year and will be done again this year. About a month ago a similar transfer was made on the expense side of the ledger – this one

will be made on the revenue side of the ledger. With the Board being the appropriating authority for the Light Department, these transfers are brought to the Board as opposed to going through an appropriation at Town Meeting. This transfer will bring the balance to \$6.5 million dollars. Acting in their capacity as light commissioners - a motion to approve the request to transfer was made by Selectman Hajjar, seconded by Selectman Lane. The motion was approved unanimously.

6. Cemetery Deeds

For signature of the Board:

Christine Byron, 6 Erin Place, Easton, for Lot Number G3-126

Susan M. Vater, 124 Lane Drive for Lot Number G6-107

Patricia A. Diaferio, 9 Whitewood Circle, for Lot Number SGW-10

Mary Harkins, 31 High Street, for Lot Number C3-164

Donald Gardner, 26 Bellevue Avenue, for Lot Number V-172

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

Memoranda

1. Michel Easa, 34 Upton St, Boston MA

Submitted letter of appreciation for the Norwood Senior Center. Motion to file made by Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Lane. The motion was unanimously approved.

2. Patrick J. Shearns, Xfinity

Submitted notification of Xfinity TV Service Changes. Motion to file made by Selectman Hajjar, seconded by Selectman Plasko. The motion was unanimously approved.

3. Selectmen's Minutes

For approval of the Board:

-May 11, 2021

-July 15, 2021

-July 20, 2021

Motion to approve made by Selectman Lane, seconded by Selectman Plasko. The motion was unanimously approved.

Manager's Update: Mr. Mazzucco made note of National Night Out which was taking place at that time across the street at the Town Common and the great job that the Norwood Police were doing with this community event. Mr. Mazzucco then introduced the appointment for 7:45 PM, Mr. Michael Rosen who was recently hired as the Town's new Assistant Manager.

Selectman Donohue: Thank you to the police department for the wonderful time that they provided today on the Common that was part of a nationwide organized event. Mrs. Donohue also noted that on August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 3 PM at the Senior Center, there will be a meeting regarding the 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration for all residents who may be interested in joining a committee or signing up to help in some way. Selectman Donohue also made mention of the Norwood Day buttons for 2021. This year, for the first time in Norwood Day history – the button will feature the photo of former Assistant Town Manager, Bernie Cooper which is a wonderful honor. Norwood Day is scheduled for Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup>.

Selectman Hajjar: Thank you to the Norwood Police Department for having a very successful evening with the National Night Out. Mr. Hajjar inquired regarding the Guards of Gethsemane/Wetlands and whether we could re-engage them in conversation. Selectman Hajjar stated that there isn't anything they can do with them and it would certainly help us. Mr. Mazzucco responded that they could absolutely reach out to them.

Chairman Maloney made note that the Board will be meeting again in two weeks on August 17<sup>th</sup> and again on August 31<sup>st</sup>. In September, weekly meetings will resume.

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

A true record.

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Administrative Assistant

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