

**Selectmen's Meeting
Virtual Meeting**

**September 14th, 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 virtually with all members present via GoToMeeting at 7:00 P.M. Please see meeting information below:

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Present: Chairman Maloney, Vice Chairman Plasko, Selectman Lane, Selectman Hajjar, Selectman Donohue, Mark Ryan, David Hern, Tony Mazzucco, and Jess Jozwik.

The meeting was convened at 7:00pm on September 14th, 2021 via GoToMeeting.

Sonia Ramos, the General Manager of Jake n JOES at 475 Boston Providence Turnpike, submitted a request for extension of hours until 2am closing in order to view scheduled UFC Pay-Per-View events on September 25th, 2021. The restaurant would abide by the same provisions as in the past: the back gate will be closed, there will be a police detail on site, and if the match is cancelled or ends before 2am, the late closing license will be rescinded. On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Hajjar, the Board voted unanimously to approve the request.

Carlo Esteves from the Norwood Portuguese Club submitted a request for a one day AAB license on September 18th, 2021 from 12pm-11pm. On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Lane, the Board voted unanimously to approve the request.

Firefighter/Paramedic Paul Ronco submitted a request to hold the annual Miles for Liam 5k road race on Saturday, September 25th, 2021. The race will start at the Knights of Columbus Hall and the route will be the same as the previous years. Mr. Ronco is working with the Norwood PD for this event. On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Hajjar, the Board voted unanimously to approve the request.

Patricia Oginski submitted a request to close Casey Street from numbers 68-86 for a neighborhood block party on October 2, 2021 from 4pm-10pm. On motion of Selectman Lane, seconded by Selectman Donohue, the Board voted unanimously to approve the request.

Kara Selsman from The Chateau Norwood submitted a request for a one day Music and Entertainment License for a dancing event at The Chateau on Saturday, October 2nd, 2021. On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Hajjar, the Board voted unanimously to approve the request, subject to the correct fee being charged and paid.

A Public Hearing was held regarding an application for a liquor license The All Alcoholic Beverages License is being transferred from Let's Eat Norwood, dba Sky to Masa Hibachi. On motion of Vice Chairman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Donohue, the Board voted unanimously to close the hearing. On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Hajjar, the Board voted unanimously to approve the transfer of the license.

A Public Hearing was held regarding the subject of erection of barriers or other suitable measures to protect public safety resulting from excavation of property located at 973 University Avenue. Attorney Bailey noted his client has officially erected a 6 foot barrier around the entire excavation site. Attorney Bailey noted that the repair of the 6.2 square foot piece of property belonging to M.S. Walker is underway (they have begun building a road up to the property). On motion of Vice Chairman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Donohue, the Board voted unanimously to continue the hearing on January 18th, 2021.

A TIF for Moderna was presented for discussion and approval of the Board. On motion of Vice Chairman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Donohue, the Board voted unanimously to accept the report made by the Economic Development Committee, to endorse the TIF agreement as negotiated, and to put the TIF agreement on a special Town Meeting Warrant for October 18th.

Laura Andrus submitted a request to use the Town Common and Bandstand for a wedding ceremony on June 26th, 2022 from 12pm until 6pm with 65-70 guests expected. On motion of Selectmen Hajjar, seconded by Vice Chairman Plasko, the Board voted unanimously to counter Ms. Andrus' offer with a limit of 2 hours within the time frame of her choosing.

A Cemetery Fee Adjustment was submitted for consideration of the board. Mr. Ryan explained that the Cemetery lot prices have not been increased since 2017. The Public Works Department recommended a 13% increase on lot prices. The Burial Services fee had not been changed since 2018 and Mr. Ryan recommended a 9% increase. On motion of Selectman Hajjar, seconded by Selectman Donohue, the Board voted unanimously to approve the submission.

The Special Town Meeting was set for Monday October 18th, 2021. David Hern, Town Moderator, noted the High School auditorium and gymnasium have both been reserved for the meeting. The Board discussed whether to use the auditorium or the gymnasium and ultimately decided to use the gymnasium. The Agenda for September 28th will be posted with the additional item of setting the town meeting quorum. On motion of Vice Chairman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Hajjar, the Board voted unanimously to move the start time for the Special Town Meeting from 7:00pm to 6:30pm. On motion of Vice Chairman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Hajjar, the Board voted unanimously to discuss the possibility of lowering the quorum for this upcoming meeting, at least 7 days before it is taken up.

Mr. Mazzucco handed out the proposed new Yellow Sheets to the Board. Mr. Ryan went over the 2 new easements that were added to the new Yellow Sheets. The property at the corner of Washington and Short Streets (1266 Washington Street) is being encroached upon by a traffic light. A new house is being built at 19 Munroe Street and there was a Town drain located on the property, which the developer re-routed to a new location within the property. On motion of Vice Chairman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Hajjar, the Board voted unanimously to endorse all articles for both Town Meeting Warrants and to endorse the Yellow Sheets as presented by Mr. Mazzucco.

Dianne Sloan Submitted a request to use the Town Common and Bandstand on Saturday October 16th, 2021 for a wedding ceremony from 2pm until 8pm. There would be 25 or fewer guests and set-up and clean -up would be included in the process. On motion of Vice Chairman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Lane, the Board voted unanimously to offer Ms. Sloan a 2 hour window within her selected timeframe to complete the ceremony.

The Massachusetts School Building Authority Certification was submitted for signature of the Board. On motion of Selectman Hajjar, seconded by Selectman Lane, the Board voted unanimously to sign the submission.

James Mulligan, Area Director for OSHA submitted a letter of commendation to the Board. On motion of Vice Chairman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Hajjar, the Board voted unanimously to file this as information.

Verizon submitted information regarding a programming change. On motion of Selectman Hajjar, seconded by Selectman Lane, the Board voted unanimously to file this as information.

Matthew Walsh, Building Inspector, submitted the monthly building report for August 2021. Selectman Hajjar commended the Building Department on their excellent work in such trying times. On motion of Selectman Hajjar, seconded by Vice Chairman Plasko, the Board voted unanimously to file the submission as information.

Town Clerk, Mary Lou Folan submitted a notification of a By-Law Amendment from the Special Town Meeting on May 10th, 2021. On motion of Selectman Hajjar, seconded by Vice Chairman Maloney, the Board voted unanimously to file this as information.

Cemetery deeds were submitted to be signed by the Board. On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Lane, the Board voted unanimously to sign the deeds.

The Meeting Minutes for the Selectmen's Meeting on June 29th, 2021, were submitted for approval of the board. On motion of Selectman Hajjar, seconded by Vice Chairman Plasko, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes as submitted.

Mr. Mazucco announced that Kerri McCarthy from the Senior Center is now scheduling appointments for Medicare's Open Enrollment, which runs from October 15th through December 7th. Please call the Senior Center at (781) 762-1201 to schedule an appointment.

Mr. Mazucco gave updates from Travis Farley. The Norwood Day Fireworks will be on Friday September 17th at the Coakley Middle School, sponsored by David Spiegel. There will be a DJ and activities at the Coakley as well as Norwood Day buttons on sale for \$3. Norwood Day will be on Saturday the 18th from 10:30am-2pm.

Vice Chairman Plasko requested to have the Dispensary Agreement with Middlesex Integrative Medicine added to the next agenda

Selectman Hajjar inquired about a letter that had been submitted to the board regarding a matter on Nichols Street. Mr. Mazucco suggested having a Board member sit down with the person who submitted the letter to discuss the matter.

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

A True Record: _____

ATTEST: _____
Assistant