

Selectmen's Meeting
Hybrid Meeting

October 27, 2020 -6:30 P.M.
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 via hybrid model with the 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:

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Present: Chairman Plasko, Vice Chairman Maloney, Selectman Abdallah-Donohue, Selectman Hajjar, Selectman Lane, General Manager Tony Mazzucco, Moderator David Hern, and Christina Mulvehill

The meeting was convened at 6:30pm on October 27th, 2020, in the Police Community Room at 135 Nahatan Street, with Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silent reflection.

Zoning Board of Appeals Associate Member Interviews:

- Ryan Gorman, 62 Sturtevant Ave, Norwood MA
- Cheryl Doyle, 12 Sumner Street, Norwood, MA
- Mary Kate Daly, 11 Harrow Road, Norwood, MA
- Andrew Parenteau, 71 Richland Road, Norwood MA
- Benjamin Buetel, 165 Lenox Street, Norwood, MA

All of the applicants were interviewed regarding their relevant experience to the ZBA, education, relevant experience, and experience within the town. The Selectmen addressed potential conflicts of interests and how to know when to recuse oneself from an appeal. The Selectmen also offered options for other boards some applicants may be interested in, as there were only three open positions on the ZBA Associate members, and five applicants.

On suggestion of Selectman Plasko, the Board decided to table discussion on these applicants to either another meeting or later in this meeting, to make time for the next appointments.

7:00 p.m. David Hern, Town Moderator:

After some deliberation, the Board of Selectmen, in concurrence with the Town Moderator, concluded that a quorum reduction to a number of people, rather than a percentage, would be better.

On motion of Selectman Lane, seconded by Selectman Hajjar, the Board voted unanimously to set the quorum to forty five for the Special Town Meeting on November 12, 2020. The moderator concurred.

The Special Town meeting was discussed, and the Moderator believes it's not legal or advisable to have a hybrid meeting. The moderator has been researching holding the Special Town Meeting by remote participation.

7:15 p.m. 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.

On Motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Maloney, the Board voted unanimously to grant an continuance for six months.

7:30 p.m. Ambulance Study Report:

Molly Ahearn, Assistant Town Accountant, Emily Chambers, Budget Management Analyst presented the Ambulance Study Report, advising a rate increase. Ms. Ahern, Ms. Chambers and Mr. Mazzucco answered questions from the Board regarding the cost of ambulance services, the impact of the currently closed Norwood Hospital, and how increasing the rates for private insurance charges would impact the Town's budget.

On motion of Selectman Hajjar, seconded by Selectman Maloney, the Board voted unanimously to adopt recommendation 1, 2, 4 and 5, and table number three for further discussion.

Open Lot Storage/Parking:

Selectman Hajjar presented a proposal to regulate and charge for Open Lot Storage more than ten cars. On motion of selectman Hajjar, seconded by Selectman Donohue, the Board voted 4-1 to adopt the proposed Open Lot Storage Regulations, with Selectman Maloney opposed.

On motion of Selectman Hajjar, seconded by Selectman Lane, the Board voted on setting the storage fee to twenty dollars. The Board voted 2-3 with Selectmen Plasko, Donohue, and Maloney opposed. Selectman Donohue proposed a sixteen dollar fee for storage but was not seconded.

On motion of Selectman Hajjar, seconded by Selectman Plasko, the Board voted to approve an eighteen dollar storage fee. The motion passed 4-1 with Selectman Maloney Opposed.

On motion of Selectman Hajjar, seconded by Selectman Lane, the Board voted to approve an eighteen dollar parking lot fee. The motion passed 4-1 with Selectman Maloney Opposed.

On motion of Selectman Hajjar, seconded by Selectman Lane, the Board voted to approve a seven dollar event parking fee per vehicle per event. The motion passed 4-1 with Selectman Maloney Opposed.

On motion of Selectman Hajjar, seconded by Selectman Lane, the Board voted to approve a seven dollar temporary (less than 90 days) open lot storage fee. The motion passed 4-1 with Selectman Maloney Opposed.

Mark Good, Treasurer and Tax Collector:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Lane, the Board voted unanimously to reappoint Mark Good to the position of Treasurer and Tax Collector for a three year term, retroactively beginning June 4th, 2020.

Richard Goldin, Senior Deacon, Orient Lodge, 76 Day Street:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Hajjar, the Board voted unanimously to approve the request to replace two damaged road signs at Washington and Mylod Streets and Neponset Street and Norton Drive. They would like to place three additional signs at Walpole Street and Garden Parkway, Washington and Clapboardtree Streets, and Nahatan Street and Bay Colony Drive.

Debra A. Wilkes, Retirement Board:

On Motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Lane, the Board voted unanimously to file notice to the Board that the Retirement Board will be pursuing office space outside of town hall.

Timothy J. McDonough, Chairman of the Board of Assessors

On Motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Maloney the Board voted unanimously to approve the request that the Board hold a public hearing Tuesday evening, December 8, 2020 to determine the percentages of Fiscal 2021 tax levy to be borne by each class of property.

Norwood High Madrigals, 245 Nichols Street

On Motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Hajjar, the Board voted unanimously to approve the request to use the Town Common/Gazebo for filming a show for a Banquet on Monday, November 9th, 2020 from 3:30pm to 5:30pm. There will be less than 20 attendees.

Jun Qi Li, Happy Kitchen Corp., dba Happy Kitchen, 663 Washington Street:

On Motion of Selectman Hajjar, seconded by Selectman Lane, the Board voted unanimously to approve the request for a Common Victualler application to operate Happy Kitchen. Proposed hours of operation are Friday and Saturday, 11a.m. – 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. – 11 p.m., Sunday, 12 p.m. – 9 p.m., and Monday through Thursday, 11 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. and 5 pm. – 10 p.m.

Vico Ristorante Italiano, 89 Central Street, Vincenzo Loffredo, Manager:

Submitted application for Change of License Category from Wines, Malt Beverages, and Cordials to All Alcoholic Beverages.

Gyro and Kebab House Corp, 1275 Boston-Providence Turnpike:

Submitted application for new All Alcoholic Beverages License for their current location.

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Lane, the Board voted unanimously to hold hearings for the two aforementioned establishments, as well as one incoming application and table the decision until all three hearings had been conducted.

Middlesex Integrative Medicine, 76 D Astor Avenue:

On motion of Selectman Maloney, seconded by Selectman Lane, the Board voted unanimously to accept the renewal fee check in the amount of \$10,350 for the License to Operate as a Registered Marijuana Dispensary.

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Lane, the Board voted unanimously to accept the Initial Payment check in the amount of \$ 15,000 in accordance with the Community Host Agreement.

Cemetery Deeds

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Maloney, the Board voted unanimously to approve and sign the deeds for:

Sylvia Devito, 10 Jeffrey Way, Stoughton, MA 02072, to Lot C3-131

Salvatore J. Larosa, 12 Worcester Drive, to Lot C3-147

Tony Mazzucco, General Manager:

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Lane, the Board voted unanimously to approve recommendation to accept a donation of \$ 305,476.00 from National Grid for the purpose of resurfacing the streets on this year's annual resurfacing project.

On motion of Selectman Maloney, seconded by Selectman Lane, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Norwood- Sharon Inter-Municipal Agreement.

On motion of Selectman Maloney, seconded by Selectman Hajjar, the Board voted unanimously to approve Submitting for signature of the Board PILOT agreement for the MBTA solar canopy.

Maria Deslauriers, MSBA Assistant Project Manager:

Selectman Maloney delivered notification of MSBA's Designer Selection Panel Meeting to conduct an applications review on November 3, 2020 for the Coakley Middle School project.

Chief William G. Brooks, III, Norwood Police Department:

On motion of Selectman Maloney, seconded by Selectman Lane, the Board voted unanimously to file the monthly report of department activities.

Chief George Morrice, Norwood Fire Department:

On motion of Selectman Maloney, seconded by Selectman Lane, the Board voted unanimously to file the monthly report of department activities.

Travis Farley, Supt. of Recreation:

On motion of Selectman Maloney, seconded by Selectman Hajjar, the Board voted unanimously to file the monthly report of department activities.

Greg Franks, Comcast

On motion of Selectman Lane, seconded by Selectman Hajjar, the Board voted unanimously to file the Notification that customers in the Norwood community will receive a courtesy adjustment related to recovering fees from regional sports networks due to lack of fulfillment in April-June sports broadcasting.

On motion of Selectman Lane, seconded by Selectman Donohue, the Board voted unanimously to table the Zoning Board of Appeals Associate Member appointments for the next meeting.

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

A True Record.

ATTEST: _____

Executive Assistant