

**Selectmen's Meeting  
Hybrid Meeting**

**December 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 in a 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 6:30PM Please see meeting information below.*

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**Present: Chairman Maloney, Vice Chairman Plasko, Selectman Lane, Selectman Donohue, Selectman Howard Alan Slater, Margo Fraczek, David Thompson, Justin Thibeault, Chin Lin, Tony Mazzucco, Jess Jozwik.**

*The meeting was convened at 6:30pm on December 14th, 2021 via GoToMeeting.*

The Middle School Building Committee submitted a presentation to the Board of Selectmen. The committee intends to submit a report to MSBA at the end of January. MSBA should then approve the budget on March 2nd. Bidding will occur in the spring of 2023. The project will begin at the end of the school year in June of 2023. Construction should be completed at the end of the summer in 2025. The addition of the 5th grade to the middle school level was taken into consideration when creating the blueprints for the new building. The estimated total cost for this project is 150 million dollars. The estimated tax impact for the average home is 390 dollars a year. On motion of Selectman Donohue, Seconded by Selectman Lane, the Board voted unanimously to endorse the Middle School Building Committee to submit the schematic design report to the MSBA.

A Public Hearing was held for Cravings on the Go. The restaurant manager, John Shalbey, submitted a request for a new Wine and Malt Beverages License under Special Legislation for Ro-Jo Company, Inc., dba Cravings on the Go. Selectman Donohue recused herself from this hearing. Chairman Maloney inquired if there was any one from the Public who would like to comment; no comments were made. On motion of Vice Chairman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Lane, the Board voted unanimously to close the hearing. On motion of Vice Chairman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Lane, the Board voted unanimously to approve the request for the license.

The Irish Music Club submitted a request for a One Day Liquor License to serve Wine and Malt Beverages at an Irish Music Club Dance on December 18th, 2021 from 6pm until 11pm at the Norwood Knights of Columbus. 150 people are expected. On motion of Vice Chairman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Donohue, the Board voted unanimously to approve the request.

The Magic Room submitted a request for a One Day Beer and Wine License for a Grateful Dead Tribute Band Concert on December 31st, 2021 from 7pm until 1am at the Magic Room in the Norwood Space Center. 100 people are expected. On motion of Selectman Lane, seconded by Vice Chairman Plasko, the Board voted unanimously to approve the request.

A Public Hearing was held for Mizuya Japanese Restaurant. The restaurant manager, Huan Pan, submitted a request for a change of category to an All Alcoholic Beverages Liquor License for Mizuya Cuisine, LLC, dba Mizuya Japanese Restaurant. Mizuya currently holds a Wine and Malt Beverages License. Selectman Donohue recused herself from this hearing. Chairman Maloney inquired if there was any one from the Public who would like to comment; no comments were made. On motion of Vice Chairman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Donohue, the Board voted unanimously to close the hearing. On motion of Vice Chairman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Lane, the Board voted unanimously to approve the request.

The Norwood 150th Committee submitted a request to hang a banner over Washington Street for the final 2 weeks of December promoting the First Night events to kick off the 150th celebration. On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Lane, the Board voted unanimously to approve the request.

Highland and Old Parish Cemeteries submitted a request to hold a Wreaths Across America event on Saturday, December 18th, 2021, beginning at noon, placing donated wreaths to honor our veterans. On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Vice Chairman Plasko, the Board voted unanimously to approve the request.

A resident submitted a request to the Board to establish a handicap parking space at 21 West Street in Norwood. On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Lane, the Board voted unanimously to approve the request.

The Board discussed the rates for the 2022 Senior Tax Work-Off Program. Mr. Mazzucco requested an abatement of \$1,000 and to open up the program to senior citizens regardless of income status. On motion of Vice Chairman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Donohue, the Board voted unanimously to approve the request.

Chairman Maloney made note of the Special Election on Monday, January 3rd, 2022, which will be held from 12:00noon until 8:00pm.

Mr. Mazzucco noted that due to changes to the number of registered voters, the quorum for Town Meeting will inflate from 247 members to 297 members. This means that everyone will need to run for Town Meeting again and the Town would need to find more members to attend Town Meeting, which is already a difficult task.

Mr. Plasko wished everyone a healthy and happy holiday and New Year.

Ms. Donohue extended her regards to the Cooper Family and the Hajjar Family during this holiday season.

Mr. Maloney announced that he will not be running for re-election in the upcoming Board of Selectmen election and encouraged anyone interested in public service to apply.

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

**A True Record:**

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