

Selectmen deny The Magic Room a liquor license

The establishment may provide entertainment

Mary Ellen Gambon
Staff Reporter

The Board of Selectmen met on Tues. Nov. 24 and approved the issuance of an entertainment license for The Magic Room, located at the Norwood Space Center at 83 Morse St., Unit 5A, by a 4-1 vote.

However, business owner Bill Desmond could not convince the board to also issue an all alcoholic beverage license to the establishment, which will be featuring live music performances.

Attorney David Hern, who represented Desmond, said that the application would now have a limit of 160 patrons rather than the 200 pre-

viously proposed. He also stressed that alcohol would only be served on the nights of events after 6 p.m.

“This is not a bar that we’re proposing to put at this location or anything like that,” Hern said. “This is a performance venue that would be presenting different types of music – jazz, Dixieland, rock and roll, acoustic music – and the occasional comedy show.”

There would be amplified music, dancing, video projection and a light show at The Magic Room seven days a week. It would open at 6 p.m. and was approved to close at 12:30 a.m. The expected audience would range in age from their 30s to their 60s.

Selectman Helen Abdallah Donahue, who dissented, asked if the capacity of 160 people was for standing or sitting. Desmond noted there is standing room for 160 with seating for 82 for concerts “and half a dozen tables.”

Donahue also questioned the minimum amount required for parking spaces according to the zoning bylaw 6.1.3. Hern said 57 spaces were approved by Building Commissioner Matthew Walsh, Town Planner Paul Halkiotis and Assistant Town Planner Patrick Deschenes.

“The Town Planner and the Assistant Town Planner don’t have the legal jurisdic-

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Prior Town Meetings allowed for seating in close proximity. However, this year will be quite different.

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Norwood preparing for virtual Town Meeting

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

Norwood Town Moderator David Hern Jr. is currently working hard with Town Officials to figure out how they can best present a virtual Town Meeting in January, due to rising COVID-19 numbers.

The Town was able to hold shorter in-person budgetary Town Meetings in June and November (and the January meeting will be a reconvening of November’s meeting), but those meetings were kept as short as possible due to the pandemic. Both left out a lot of items that would have taken up a lot of time, and Hern and Town officials

said they’re not exactly comfortable with the possibility of a few hundred residents staying in one place – however well-ventilated – for hours at a time breathing the exhalations of everyone around them.

So it was announced at the Nov. 12 Town Meeting that a virtual meeting will take place sometime in January to deal with the remaining items on the list. However, what that will look like is still up in the air.

“We’re just beginning the process here in Norwood,” Hern said. “I’ve talked to some of the moderators in other towns. In fact, I’ve been

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Wreaths Across America needs you

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

All across the United States on Dec. 19 this year, hundreds, if not thousands of residents will be coming together to help place Christmas Wreaths on the graves of veterans, and Norwood is no exception.

This will be the third year organizer Andrea Reed put this together for Norwood. She said the ceremony will be reduced from last year, and they will have a limit of

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Andrea Reed with her family gathered last year to place wreaths at Highland Cemetery as part of Wreaths Across America.

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Southern Airways reduces Norwood flight schedule

Nantucket COVID cancellations cited

Matt MacDonald
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Airport Commission (NAC) met via video conference on Wednesday afternoon, Nov. 18 for its regularly scheduled monthly meeting.

The session featured one guest speaker, new business involving competing FBOs Flight Level Norwood (FLN) and Boston Executive Helicopters (BEH), and three notable pieces of FAA correspondence regarding the NAC's ongoing conflict with BEH.

The guest speaker – Southern Airways Chief Commercial Officer Mark Cestari – updated the Commission on recent company activity and scheduling decisions.

The airline began flying its Norwood-Nantucket route in mid-2019, and business this past summer and early fall was up 70 percent from the prior year. However – starting in mid-October – there has been a sustained collapse in ticket demand due to the COVID-19 spike, the details of which Cestari went into. “On Nantucket, most of the activities that fuel the shoulder season – including the Holiday Stroll, which is a huge hit, and all of the Thanksgiving merrymaking and food things – have been suspended.”

As a result, as of Nov. 14, Southern Airways has reduced its Nantucket flights to Monday mornings, and Friday and Sunday afternoons. “We wanted to protect the Norwood customers who have been very loyal to us,” Cestari said. “And – after canvassing them – the Monday, Friday, Sunday schedule seemed to be one that they could live with, in terms of getting back and forth to their second homes.”

He also reported that the airline had been renewed in five of its essential air service markets, which will provide it with a base of about \$15 million over the next two years. That positive news having been shared, Cestari closed his update with candid resignation:

“The hope of the vaccine is encouraging, but it’s going to be a long, cold winter for a lot of people in New England, including Southern Airways. So we’ll get through this, but without the level of service that we had hoped for just two months ago.”

In new business, the Commission heard a request from Flight Level Norwood – the Airport’s main tenant and one of its two fixed base operators (FBOs) – regarding its proposed installation

of 26 parking spots in one of its leased lots.

There was discussion as to whether or not an approval vote was necessary for the project to begin, with Chair Mark Ryan stating that he did not think that a vote was needed, and Vice Chair Michael Sheehan suggesting legal advice on how to proceed.

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Southern Airways Chief Commercial Officer Mark Cestari

Town Counsel Mina Makarios – in virtual attendance – recommended no action, citing a letter of objection that had been submitted by Boston Executive Helicopters to the Town and to FLN’s legal counsel (which was also in attendance) shortly before the meeting.

“I’d rather see the lease, and the terms of what they have rights to that area under,” he explained to the Commission. “If there’s some reason that BEH has some other competing right there, it wouldn’t necessarily mean that the Airport has any obligation or ability to stop it. Maybe then it’s a dispute between the two parties. But, again... without seeing the lease I can’t say for sure that you don’t have any rights to stop it.”

Last month BEH filed a motion in federal court to enforce a July, 2019 settlement between it and the NAC. At the top of the motion’s complaint list, it claims that encumbrances and easements on lease space that had been offered to it as part of the settlement would prevent it from effectively doing business as an FBO.

The diagram submitted with FLN’s request shows it in control of nearly all of that area’s buildings/lots, with BEH leasing one building/lot with an easement running past it.

No NAC action was taken, with the matter referred to Town Counsel for further review.

In related business, three Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) letters were filed with the month’s correspondence that addressed its November, 2018 ruling against the NAC that had been brought about by a formal complaint filed against it by BEH.

In an Oct. 19 letter, the FAA stated that the NAC had satisfied the corrective action plan (CAP) to bring the Airport into compliance. It also noted that the NAC – after granting BEH an FBO permit – had worked in good faith to develop acceptable lease terms with it for two lots: the West

Apron and the DC-3 Ramp.

Although BEH’s FAA complaint and its federal lawsuit were filed separately, they share many grievances, and the same two lots had been offered to BEH as part of its 2019 settlement with the NAC. They are also part of BEH’s current motion to enforce it.

In an Oct. 22 letter, the FAA notified the Commission that the Airport is once again eligible for federal funding for future capital improvement

projects.

A third FAA letter – dated Oct. 30 – confirmed the re-classification of two sections of Airport land from aeronautical to non-aeronautical use, including an Access Road lot leased by Verizon. This was an additional part of BEH’s formal FAA complaint, and its re-designation satisfied another aspect of the NAC’s CAP requirements.

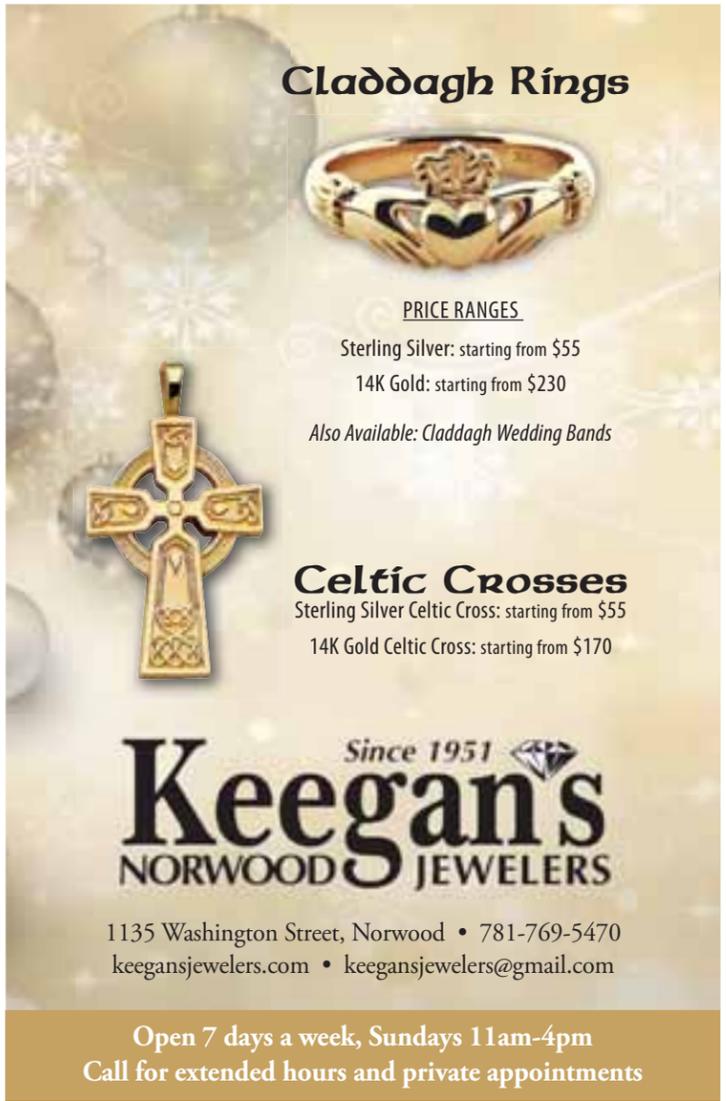
In a final note, Airport Manager Russ Maguire acknowledged the passing of Joe Barca, a licensed pilot and an Airport Commissioner for more than 20 years, while offering appreciation for the man and condolences for his family on behalf of the NAC.

Check the Town website for further NAC scheduling and agenda details.



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The frown had begun
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When a global pandemic
Changed everything.
They called it corona,
But unlike the beer,
It didn't bring good times,
It didn't bring cheer.
Contagious and deadly,
This virus spread fast,
Like a wildfire that starts
When fueled by gas.
Airplanes were grounded,
Travel was banned.
Borders were closed
Across air, sea and land.
As the world entered lockdown
To flatten the curve,
The economy halted,
And folks lost their verve.
From March to July
We rode the first wave,
People stayed home,
They tried to behave.
When summer emerged
The lockdown was lifted.
But away from caution,
Many folks drifted.
Now it's November
And cases are spiking,
Wave two has arrived,
Much to our disliking.
Frontline workers,
Doctors and nurses,
Try to save people,
From riding in hearses.
This virus is awful,
This COVID-19.
There isn't a cure.
There is no vaccine.
It's true that this year
Has had sadness a plenty,
We'll never forget
The year 2020.
And just 'round the corner -
The holiday season,
But why be merry?
Is there even one reason?
To decorate the house
And put up the tree,
When no one will see it,
No-one but me.
But outside my window
The snow gently falls,
And I think to myself,
Let's deck the halls!
So, I gather the ribbon,
The garland and bows,
As I play those old carols,
My happiness grows.
Christmas ain't cancelled
And neither is hope.
If we lean on each other,
I know we can cope.*

Editor's Note: This newspaper does not know the author of this poem. It was discovered on the internet and seemed perfectly appropriate given what is going on in the world. If anyone should know the author of this piece, please let us know and we would be happy to give proper credit.

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Letters to the Editor

JUST WHO IS JOE GALEOTA

To the Editor:

To the Editor: Who is Joe Galeota? Why is he published? Does he truly capture the thoughts and feelings of the Town of Norwood or anyone who isn't a cranky senior citizen? It seems to me that Mr. Galeota is a dinosaur, the old man next door who keeps the kid's baseball that lands in his yard, past his prime and trying to stay relevant.

In Galeota's most recent "article", if you can call it that, he goes on and on about the indecency of our current President. I expect this type of nonsense from the main stream media, dispatched by their overlords to condition the weak minded. I do not need to read it in a town paper that, for the most part, does nothing but transcribe and publish the minutes from the multiple town board meetings throughout the week.

Folks need to decide for themselves what is more important to them in a President or candidate. Do you want the guy who talks softly and calmly with absolutely no substance to his words? Or do you want a man or woman who is more concerned with what their actions deliver rather than how they present them. I'll take the latter. This position we bestow onto an individual of our choosing is not to be judged as a beauty pageant. Its not about who uses the correct language, who speaks the nicest, who's hair is done the best, whether they use the salad fork at the correct time. We've had those guys and if you do your homework you'll realize that things didn't go very well for us during those years. I'll take results over nicely delivered empty promises any day.

FACT CHECK: POTUS used the same gestures to mimic at least four other people ranging from fake news reporters to corrupt government officials well before his encounter with a disabled reporter where he was imitating a person being flustered, not disabled.

In Mr. Galeota's piece he also goes on to reference our teachers and what they must be

thinking or how they should be feeling. Does anyone else think that herein lies the problem today? Politics has no business being mentioned in conjunction with schools anyways, PERIOD. But why should Galeota try to assume or dictate what others are thinking. I would hazard a guess that there are many teachers who are proud of the work POTUS has accomplished during his FIRST term. Leading the charge to support minority communities and education, instilling patriotism back into a country that was on the apology tour prior to his arrival, bringing troops back home to their families from endless battles overseas, just to name a few. I bet there are plenty of teachers and others out there that feel President Trump has done and continues to do a great job. Unfortunately, far too often, those people get belittled and treated unfairly, whether it be by their unions in the case of the teachers, or by pompous writers who think they know everything. Remember one of Joe's last pieces of toilet paper, where he claimed firepits were going to burn down the town? As his savior Mr. Biden would say, "C'mon Man!"

All I'm saying is, do your own homework. Don't take anything you see or read as fact. Look into the substance of what this current President has done for this country. Would it really matter if he said "Please" or "Thank you" while bringing this great nation back to its former glory? Here's 25 of the top 100 Trump accomplishments you can look into yourself: Creation of Space Force, U.S. became the world's largest producer of crude oil, allow States and Victims to Fight Online Sex Trafficking Act" (FOSTA), biggest wilderness protection & conservation bill in a decade, Save our Seas Act, federal employees/military pay increase by 3.1%, the largest in 10 years, increased funding for Historically Black Colleges and Universities, more than \$1 billion for states each year to fund vocational programs, prohibited the U.S. government from discriminating against Chris-

tians, withdrew the U.S. from the job killing TPP deal, \$12 billion in aid for farmers, 8,764 communities across the country designated as Opportunity Zones, over \$1 Trillion in businesses investment returning from overseas, household income hit highest level ever recorded, African-American unemployment at all time low, Hispanic-American unemployment at all time low, Asian-American unemployment at all time low, women's unemployment rate at 65-year low, lowest overall unemployment rate ever recorded, \$6 billion in new funding to fight the opioid epidemic, NATO allies increased their defense spending, circuit court judges confirmed faster than any other new administration, The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, US stock market hit all-time record highs, negotiated first Arab country pact with Israel in 25 years (UAE) Trump did all of this while fighting constant flagrant abuse from Democrats, impeachment charges, biased news reporting, and a pandemic.

*Chris Jordan
Norwood*

TRUMP WILL BE MISSED

To the Editor:

President Trump deserves credit for record unemployment among Blacks and Hispanics, for peace initiatives in the Middle East, for establishing one of the strongest economies in American history, and for keeping us out of endless wars. His press conferences were always entertaining and informative, much to the chagrin of the smug and condescending mainstream media. He bravely stood up to hateful reporters, who are now ecstatic that they may be able to spend the next few years asking the fragile Joe Biden about trivial issues such as what socks he is wearing and what restaurants he likes.

It is not too far-fetched to wonder if Biden's handlers will ever let him take questions at a press conference unless they have been screened beforehand, unlike Trump who seemed to relish the back and forth and always made himself available.

Regarding the so-called election, its blatant fraud was reminiscent of what one might expect in a third-world country. Shame on the media for continuing to look the other way while evidence mounts that our fraudulent voting process has become an international laughingstock. Unfortunately, the joke's on us.

*Jeremiah Smith
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tion to make determinations about whether they like it or not," she said. "The whole power here lies with the Building Inspector and whether or not the project complies with the Town of Norwood zoning bylaws and the Massachusetts zoning code."

Hern noted that the parking plan previously has received approval from the Zoning Board and Planning Board.

"The spaces have been deemed to be appropriate for the occupation that's presently there," Hern said. "If the entertainment facility were to grow, then they would go through the process again to seek more parking."

Selectman David Hajar said he visited the site at different times of the day and found there to be sufficient parking. One concern he did bring up is that only one accessible space would be near The Magic Room.

"This facility will be an event facility," added Selectman Thomas Maloney. "It's not a barroom. It's not a restaurant. It's not a saloon."

Maloney said he hoped it would add to "the eclectic mix" of businesses and artists at the Norwood Space Center and "its greater synergy."

"To be competitive we

have to serve something to our patrons," Desmond said, explaining his seeking the alcohol license.

Chairman William Plasko asked when the facility might be able to open, which also impacted the decision to issue the alcohol license. Hern replied that the owner was hamstrung by COVID-19 regulations that currently prevent entertainment venues from operating.

"It's more of a theater than anything, a small living-room performance space," Desmond explained. He noted he has invested \$100,000 into site renovation. Shows can run from 8 p.m. to midnight. One anticipated act is Judy Collins.

There was one all alcohol license available to three competing businesses: The Magic Room, Vico Ristorante Italiano and Gyro and Kebab House. Hearings were held previously.

Maloney advocated for The Magic Room to receive the license because of the energy it would bring to the Space Center.

Donahue made the point that Gyro and Kebab House is already in operation, whereas The Magic Room does not know when it can open. Vico already has a beer and wine license as well as a cordial li-

cence.

Plasko added that there are three restaurants trying to sell there alcohol licenses, which may resolve the issue.

The Magic Room lost 4-1. Hajar made the motion for Vico, which carried 3-2.

In other news, Caitlin Coyle, Ph.D. gave a presentation on behalf of the Center for Social & Demographic Research on Aging at the University of Massachusetts Boston. Norwood is considered an age friendly community, which means that it focuses on quality of life, independence and dignity as people age.

People are living longer and desire to age in place, she explained. By 2035, nearly 32 percent of Norwood residents will be age 60 or older, according to American Community Survey estimates. That occurs for most of Norwood's growth, according to Coyle.

Also of note is that 73 percent of elders own their own homes. This indicates a growing need for support services, particularly for those who also are acquiring disabilities.

"This speak to a lot of the physical aspects of an age friendly community, such as sidewalks, intersections, public buildings and transportation," Coyle added.

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Trails Committee celebrates first cleanup on Saint Street parcel

Justin Roshak
Staff Reporter

Like many former mill towns, Norwood has its share of old manufacturing districts and newer residential neighborhoods. Nestled among them are seven acres of dense woodlands along the Neponset River. The parcel, which abuts St. Paul, St. Joseph, and St. John Avenues, is known as the Saints Street lot. It used to be parking for mill and factory workers, but for 50 years it has lain dormant. Two years ago, the Town of Norwood started the process to purchase it from Boch Auto as a compromise to allow more car storage on Morse Street, and now the Town is looking to build trails there.

On Nov. 14 the Norwood Trails Advisory Committee (NTA) hosted the first-ever cleanup of the property. More than 20 citizens, bundled in coats, sweaters, gloves and masks, removed some 28 bags of trash, plus another 12 bags of recyclables, four tires, and two televisions. One team uncovered a rusting car manifold. The Norwood Department of Public Works (DPW) trucked the bags away. This was the first cleanup on the Saint Street lot, and possibly the first organized activity there in over 50 years.

There was very little trash in the river, according to NTA member Victor Babel. However, teams were surprised to discover bags of leaves in the



Pictured here is just a sampling of assorted trash and junk discarded over the years recently cleared by volunteer residents and friends.

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woods.

“That confounds me,” said committee member Brian Palmateer at the Nov. 24 meeting, “The Town picks those up for free if you leave them on the side of the road.”

Organizers said they were pleased by the number of locals who turned out to help. They hope to build on the sense of community investment in the parcel.

“I want to express gratitude and thanks to the abutters and other local people in that neighborhood,” said committee member Lee Leach, “It was great to meet those people and get a sense of what that piece

of property could mean going forward.”

Norwood purchased the Saint Street lot a little over two years ago, using funds specially raised for the purpose by the Massachusetts Community Preservation Act (CPA). CPA funds can be used for housing, historical renovation, and of course, the purchase of open space for active or passive recreation.

Norwood previously used CPA funds to renovate the Town Hall’s historic keyboard-controlled, 50-bell carillon, which dates to the building’s

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50 people to be present at the event at Highland Cemetery at 12 p.m.

Reed said they are looking for donations from residents so they can sponsor as many Christmas wreaths as possible. She said anyone interested in donating should reach out to her on the Norwood Wreaths Across America Facebook page ‘message’ option at Facebook.com/wreathscrossamericanorwoodma/.

“We have had about 60 volunteers the last two years, and 60 people last year was huge because of the very heavy rains we had. Facebook is the best way to reach out so we can keep track of volunteers and I can let people know when we’ve hit our max,” she said. “I don’t know if there’s a fine or anything, and I don’t want to have people punished for trying to do a good thing.”

She said currently, Norwood Veterans Agent Ted Mulvehill is working to try to have the event streamed live on Norwood Community Media, but that has not been confirmed at this time.

Reed said she first heard about the tradition when she joined the team at Ecolab. She said she used to work for Employment and Training Resources at the Massachusetts Department of Workforce Development. There she worked for 10 years helping veterans coming out of the service to get retraining and help with their resumes to rejoin the civilian workforce. She said when she changed jobs to Ecolab, her experiences helped her understand the need of programs like Wreaths Across America.

“It was just employees volunteering out-of-pocket monies,” she said. “I was a part of Merge, which is Ecolab’s military efforts, and they were asking for help on getting the word out and involvement from the Ecolab team and if anyone wanted to get involved they should.”

Reed said they have had a wreath event in New Hampshire and one in Bourne, and she said she felt there might be a better local option.

“I know we have two cemeteries here in Norwood, and not realizing what it would take to open one up I said ‘can we just open one up here?’” she said. “So we realized how much work that would be in the first year – it’s sort of been smooth sailing from there on.”

Reed said they had to apply with Wreaths Across America, get the organization to approve the sites, get permission from Norwood Department of Public Works Director Mark Ryan and permission from Town Manager Tony. This year will be different of course because of the COVID-19 pandemic, but she said they will place as many wreaths as they are able to fundraise for.

Reed said not only will they be placing wreaths at Highland Cemetery as well as Old Parish Cemetery but, this year, they will also be placing wreaths on the Norwood Town Common to honor all veterans and make the event a little bit more visible to average residents. To see a video presentation of last year’s event, go to <https://bit.ly/3kUuTUa>.

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construction in 1928 (the actually renovation is starting soon, according to organizer Lee Leach). Funds have also been used to rehabilitate two playgrounds and provide open space off of Endicott Street.

Since the CPA was signed into law in 2000, 186 municipalities (53 percent of the cities and towns in Massachusetts) have adopted the statute, which provides some additional money from the state. Boston, as well as Norwood neighbors Canton, Stoughton, Sharon, and Milton have all adopted it. Local groups with project ideas can apply to their town's Community Preservation Committee, which submits requests for final approval at town meeting.

The Saints Street Lot was always a top priority for preservation work, said Joe Greeley, Chair of the Norwood Trails Advisory Committee.

Greeley said about \$280,000 was used for the purchase, with \$40,000 allocated for design work, and another \$10,000 used to impose what is called a conservation restriction; basically an agreement to keep the property conservation land in perpetuity (with legal backing).

"The intent is for it to remain as open space under the management of the Conservation Commission," Greeley

told the Record in an interview. Although the parcel was at one point used as parking for mill workers, over the past half century, "Mother nature has taken back possession of it," he said.

The Trails Advisory Committee plans to build trails on the Saint Street lot, with a small waterside viewing area. The land is close to Balch Elementary School; the committee believes it could be used for outdoor gym and other educational activities.

Although the COVID-19 pandemic has created an additional challenge to working on the property, Greeley believes that months of quarantine restrictions have put citizens in touch with the value of public green spaces.

"People are getting a better appreciation of open space, and the value of getting back to nature," Greeley said. "The challenge is to make it beneficial to as many folks as possible," he added.

The Saint Street lot is very flat, and so it would be easy to install trails which comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Design work will be funded by the same CPA grant as the purchase, and should be done by spring 2021. Phase II, construction, will involve a second application.

"I would like to think that we could open the trail area for public use in 2022," Greeley said.

In other outdoor news, Norwood will host what organizers are calling "Reindeer Quest." A local carpenter has supplied four reindeer, which will hide in Endean Park. Organizers describe it as a "fun scavenger hunt" suitable for children ages 6 to 10. The event is funded by the State Department of Early Education and Care. Further updates will be posted on Facebook.

And mark your new calendars: Norwood will also host its third annual New Years Day "first hike", probably at 2 pm on January 1. To accommodate COVID-19 safety, there will likely be multiple groups. Further details about the hike and Reindeer Quest will be forthcoming as the holiday season rolls in.

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FABIANI



Augustine "Gus", 89, of Andover, MA passed away Friday, November 20, 2020 at his daughter's home in Andover surrounded by family. Born in Norwood, MA, he previously resided in Leominster, MA before moving to Andover in 1968. Gus was a beloved husband, father, uncle, grandfather, great grandfather and friend. He's remembered as one of those special people whose warmth and kindness deeply touched everyone he met. Respect for his fellow man underlay his actions. Having lost his own father when he was just two years old, a sister when he was a teenager, and watching his mother struggle to raise four children on her own during the Great Depression, Gus had his first job in 3rd grade selling newspapers door to door to businesses in downtown Norwood. Gus used his experiences to help mold his exceptional life as an adult. He set the standard for being a father and, along with his wife Pat, raised a close-knit and loving family. He loved the Catholic church and was a man of great faith. Gus served in the US Army during the Korean War as a member of the 9th Infantry Division and the "Ole 44". While raising five young children, he earned his bachelor's degree from Northeastern University by attending night classes. Before retiring in 1993, he worked for more than 42 years in the gas and electric industry at Norwood Gas, Lawrence Gas, and Mass Electric where he was Division Personnel Manager. His work ethic was legendary as he never missed work due to illness in his entire career. Gus volunteered his time generously. He was a driver for the Andover Senior Center and American Cancer Society, volunteered at Bread & Roses and Lazarus House in Lawrence, and sat on the boards of Hospice of Merrimack Valley, Greater Lawrence Visiting Nurses Association, Lawrence Rotary Club, Greater Lawrence

Chamber of Commerce, the United Way, and First Essex Bank. He was predeceased by his parents, Guido and Elisabetta Fabiani, his sisters Concetta and Carmela, his brother Frank, and his wife of 33, Patricia R. Murphy Fabiani. He is survived by his sons, Steve and his wife Hope of Andover, John of Jamaica Plain, and Tom and his wife Shari of Andover; his daughters, Donna of Washington, DC, and Diane of Andover; his six grandchildren, Mat and his wife Amy, Nina, Bryce, Nicholas, Paige and Jacob; and his great grandson, Gus Fabiani. A private service was held for Gus at St. Augustine Church in Andover. He is buried at Spring Grove Cemetery with his wife. In lieu of flowers, Gus asked that donations be made to the American Cancer Society.

GIAMPA



JOSEPH N. (Ret. Lieutenant Norwood Police Dept.) a lifelong resident of Norwood passed away on November 23, 2020 at the age of 95. Beloved husband of the late Frances V. (Deeb) Giampa. Devoted father of Marilyn M. Shaughnessy and her husband Thomas of E. Walpole, David J. Giampa of Walpole and Steven P. Giampa (Ret. WPD) and his wife Sandra of Walpole. Brother of Domenic J. Giampa of Norwood, Thomas D. Giampa of Norwood, Anita Rondinelli of Franklin, Nancy Astorelli of Norwood and the late Ruth Ann Rigby. Cherished grandfather of Derek, Sarah and Selena. Great grandfather of Emily. Son of the late Joseph and Annmarie (Denisi) Giampa. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Joseph was US Army WWII veteran serving in the 3rd Infantry Regiment and he fought in the battle of Anzio in 1944 receiving the Bronze Star. He served the

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Town of Norwood Police Department for 33 years from 1957 to his retirement in 1990. He rose through the ranks, being promoted to Sergeant and then Lieutenant, retiring as the Department's Executive Officer. Upon retirement he obtained his private investigation license and founded the company which is still family owned. His ultimate enjoyment was spending time with his family, his gardening, and his commitment to health and fitness. Funeral from the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home 1248 Washington St. Norwood, MA 02062. A graveside service was held on Saturday, Nov. 28, 2020 at Highland Cemetery Norwood with US Army military honors. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in his name to St. George Orthodox Church 6 Atwood Ave. Norwood, MA 02062.

TARIS



Mary Jane (Manning) of Norwood passed away peacefully on November 29, 2020 just a few weeks after celebrating her 90th birthday. Born in Oak Park, IL, she grew up in Albany, NY. A talented and ambitious student, Mary graduated from the Vincentian Institute at the top of her class. She attended the College of New Rochelle, graduating summa cum laude and, cited for excellent scholarship and service, she was a member of Kappa Gamma Pi Catholic College Honor Society. Upon graduation, Mary moved to Long Island and began a career as a social worker. Eventually ready to further her education, she moved to Boston's Beacon Hill neighborhood, completed a master's degree at Simmons College, then returned to social work in the Roxbury Courthouse and later at Mass Mental Health. She met and married the love of her life, the late

Dr. Louis J. Taris, and they embarked upon a remarkable and exciting journey together for 52 years. Mary was a firm believer in the importance of education and her core values included family, service, duty and faith. Mary had a variety of interests. She was an avid reader and could discuss just about any topic from literature to history to medicine to current events. She enthusiastically followed Boston sports and went to Red Sox games at Rogers Centre in Toronto and Camden Yards. Classically trained on piano, Mary enjoyed music and art and absolutely loved attending her grandchildren's recitals, exhibits, school events and soccer games. She loved travel and travelled extensively throughout the United States and Europe, and she also cruised most of the Caribbean. Mary Jane was a member of Norwood's Women's Community Committee for over forty years. She volunteered weekly at the Thrift Shop, attended annual Jamboree and holiday events, and, an exceptional writer, she wrote WCC's newspaper articles for the Daily Transcript for decades. She and several WCC friends met weekly at Perks Coffee house for 25 years, a wonderful tradition that these intelligent ladies maintained up until just a few years ago. Mary was also active at St. Timothy and St. Susanna churches in Norwood and Dedham. Mary was the beloved wife of Louis James Taris for 52 years. A devoted mother, she leaves behind two children, Jane Cafferty and her husband Kevin of Norwell, and her son Louis J. Taris, Jr. and his wife Amy of Medfield. She also leaves behind her four adored grandchildren, Kaitlyn and Kevin Cafferty Jr. and Bridget and Nathaniel Taris. Caring and loving daughter of the late Francis and Kathleen Manning. Dear sister of the late Francis (Frank) Manning of Clifton Park, NY. Loyal sister-in law to Susan Manning of Clifton Park, Kay and Peter Benson of Dedham, and James and JoAnn Taris of South Carolina. Cherished aunt to nine nieces and nephews, their children and grandchildren. Services will be held at Gillooly Funeral Home in Norwood and private interment at Newton Cemetery. A celebration of life will be held at a future date. Mary Jane set high personal goals and worked hard to achieve them without competing with others. She lived her life with quiet determination, grace, humility and kindness. She put the needs of others above her own. Always positive and supportive, Mary never had an unkind word to say – a quality that was noted by many. Her warm presence will be greatly missed. In lieu of flowers or donations, please consider writing a letter, reading a book or by simply showing kindness and appreciation to those around you.

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Ask The Doctor

Junior Damato began servicing vehicles in 1969. He owns an 8-bay center in Middleboro, MA. Junior is an ASE-certified Master Technician, ASE-certified L-1 and ASE-certified Natural Gas.

All Wheel Drive 2020 Lexus GS460

The all wheel drive season is year round. Unlike old all wheel drive technology, today's all wheel drive does NOT scrub tires or fight back the steering wheel at slow speeds especially in parking lots due to the design of the center differential. Gas mileage difference is all most nonexistent. I am going to give a quick review on some worthwhile all wheel drive and part time 4x4 vehicles. First the main difference between all wheel and 4 wheel drive, is all wheel drive does not need any driver impute and AWD systems do not have any shift systems for low range. Part time 4x4 systems require the drive to select 4 wheel drive either high or low range. Some trucks do have an automatic button for all wheel drive as well as a manual lock button for the 4 wheel drive.

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The Norwood Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing under M.G.L. Ch. 131, Sec. 40, The Wetlands Protection Act and Norwood Bylaw XXV, including any amendments thereto on Wednesday, December 16, 2020 at 7:30 pm. The meeting will be conducted digitally using GoToMeeting. Public Participation may be accessed through your computer, tablet or smartphone <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/243297997>. You can also dial in using your phone, United States: +1 (669) 224-3412, Access Code: 243-297-997

The Commission will hear a request for an Amended Notice of Intent from John Glossa of Glossa Engineering Inc. representing Paul Eysie for the proposed change to a previously issued Order of Conditions (DEP file no. 251-0512). The Order of Conditions is for a single family home in the buffer zone to a bordering vegetated wetland, with associated grading and utilities. The proposed amendment changes the shape, size, and location of the home and driveway.

Project location: Lot 5 Brook St./600 Nichols St. Map 11parcel 2F-1

Copies of request and plans are available for review by appointment or by request to Conservation@norwoodma.gov. Please call the Conservation Department at 781-762-1240 or email conservation@norwoodma.gov.

Holly Jones

Conservation Agent & Environmental Planner

Norwood Record: 12/03/2020

Rotarians race the ducks!

Neponset Valley Sunrise Rotary Club held its 18th annual duck race this past October 24th at Riverdale Park. Because of the COVID emergency, the usual festivities in the park could not be included. Nevertheless, the race itself went off without a hitch. "We sold 1,200 ducks this year, almost all on-line," said Matt McKee, the club's Sergeant at Arms, "making this one of our biggest years for duck sales."

Without the ability to sell person-to-person outside local supermarkets and on the day of the race itself, the club chose to adopt 21st century technology. "We sold almost all of our ducks on-line," said McKee, "We've never made use of Facebook for this purpose, but this year we decided to do so, and it worked out better than we

had hoped. Social media will become a permanent means of promoting this worthy event in the future."

Recipients of charitable donations generated by race proceeds included food pantries in Norwood, Dedham, and Westwood as well as Blue Hills Regional Technical High School. "That's what Rotary's mission is all about," said club president, Tom Maloney, "raising funds for people in need and the organizations who support them."

In addition to those who adopted ducks, NVSRC would like to thank this year's major sponsors, who came through in a big way again - Dedham Savings Bank, Norwood Bank, Bank of Canton, Walpole Co-operative Bank, and Environmental Partners.

This year's race was dedicated to Mike Baldino, a founding member of the club, who passed away in 2019.

Plans are already being made for next year's race, which is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, September 18th.

The Neponset Valley Sunrise Rotary is represented by club members from Dedham, Norwood, Canton, Needham, Roslindale and Westwood. They raise money to support charitable organizations on a local, regional, national and international level. They meet once a week at The Colonial House, in Norwood, and on Zoom.

For more information about the club, or to apply to be a member, please visit www.nvsrotaryevents.org.

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THOMAS



LORRAINE M. (Geha) of Provincetown formerly of Norwood passed away on November 25, 2020 at the age of 95. Beloved wife of the late Acey D. Thomas. Devoted mother of David M. Thomas and his spouse Cheryl of Wrentham and Dianne J. Thomas and her spouse Doreen Devlin of Provincetown. Cherished grandmother of 4 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. Daughter of the late Toffa and Selma (Scaff) Geha. Visiting hours will be held on Wednesday December 2, 2020 4-8pm at the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home 1248 Washington St. Norwood, MA 02062. A private funeral service will be held on Thursday December 3, 2020 at St. George Orthodox Church, Norwood, MA. Burial will be at Highland Cemetery Norwood. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in her name to St. George Orthodox Church 6 Atwood Ave. Norwood, MA 02062.

WILK



Christopher Wilk, 62, of Norwood, passed away peacefully in his sleep on Monday, November 16, 2020 in Gdańsk, Poland. Chris, one of five siblings, was born in Wrocław, Poland on March 10, 1958, to Halina and Jan Wilk. After attending technical school, he moved to Paris, where he lived until 1978. He later moved to East Boston, where he met and married Natalia (Zawidow) Wilk in 1979. They raised two children: Anna and Christopher. Chris was a thirty-year employee of United/Continental Airlines. During those years he made countless friends from all over the world doing a job he loved. Chris was an amicable and kind person, who enjoyed chatting with everyone he met. His sharp mind and sense of humor enabled him to connect with anyone. Chris was also a thoughtful and selfless individual who put others first. He was a devoted and loving husband, father, son, and brother; he worked tirelessly to provide for his family. He taught his children how to be responsible and to al-

ways "do the right thing" In April 2017, Chris received a successful liver transplant that gave him a second chance at life. During the last three years, he finally had time to enjoy retirement with his wife at his side. He was a good friend and neighbor. Grateful for having shared his life are his wife Natalia Wilk; his children, Anna and Christopher; his sister, Elżbieta Dzierka; his brother, Bogdan Wilk and sister-in-law Halina Dziedzic; his sister-in-law, Irena Żytkiewicz. He will be missed by his family, friends, and neighbors. A private funeral Mass was held Wednesday, December 2, 2020, with the burial ceremony in Highland Cemetery, Norwood. A celebration of Christopher's life will be planned at a future time. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or a charity of one's choice. Notes of comfort may be sent to the family, in care of Gillooly Funeral Home. GilloolyFuneralHome.com

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In gratitude for helping me. —J.H.

Miracle Prayer
Dear Heart of Jesus, in the past I have asked You for many favours. This time, I ask you this very special one (mention favour). Take it, dear Heart of Jesus, and place it within Your own broken heart where Your Father sees it. Then, in His merciful eyes, it will become Your favour, not mine. Amen. *Say for three days, promise publication and favour will be granted. —D.J.*

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Monday, November 23

1009 Phone - Malicious
Damage Report Filed Location/Address: Centennial
Dr Damage to front gate
from vehicle.

1128 Phone - Unwanted Party
Service Rendered Location/Address: Coventry Ln
Report party that was invited in will now not leave.
Party advised and separated.

1404 Phone - Disturbance
Services Rendered Location/Address: [Nod 1969]
Honey Baked Ham - Bos-
Prov Hwy Verbal dispute
regarding face mask. Parties were spoken to and left
without incident.

1517 Phone - Assist Citizen
Spoken To Location/Address: Norwood High
School - Nichols St SRO
are handling.

2131 911 - Death Report
Filed Location/Address:
Weld Ave Caller reports his
father may have passed
away. FD notified. N668
reports ME declines at
2214 Hrs, and SP decline as
well at 2220 Hrs. Kraw and
Kornack funeral home was
notified at 2225 Hrs.

2212 Initiated - Assist Citizen
Services Rendered Location/Address: Walpole St
N669 stands by to keep the
peace while one party gathers
some belongings.

Tuesday, November 24

0906 Phone - Civil Dispute
Service Rendered Location/Address: Dan O'brien
Kia - Bos-Prov Hwy Caller
reports a civil matter with
vehicle.

1006 Phone - Disturbance
Report Filed Location/Address: Day St Party with
mental health issues transported to BI Needham for
eval. 1217 Phone - Road
Hazard State DPW/
Norwood DPW Notified
Location/Address: Walpole
St + Wilson St Cement
mixer lost some of the
product in the street. DPW
assisted the driver.

1320 Phone - Message Delivery
Report Filed Location/
Address: Cameron Rd Order
served to revoke a license.
Property removed.

1703 Phone - Assist Citizen
Spoken To Location/Address: Brookview Cir
Caller reports she bought a
drink and found something

Police
Logs

inside the bottle. N669
spoke to her and she was
advised to call the company.

Wednesday, November 25
0921 Phone - Assist Citizen
Services Rendered Location/Address: [Nod 3217]
Engamore Ln Two Females
Advised On A Family Matter.

1154 Phone - Noise Complaint
Services Rendered Location/Address: Talbot
Ave Caller reports that a
car alarm in her neighborhood
is going off. N662
spoke with the owner of the
vehicle.

1339 Other - Assist Other
Agency Services Rendered
Location/Address: Bos-
Prov Hwy Boston reports
shoplifting in Avon at home
Depot, party tried to return
tools to West Roxbury
store, fled Rt1(S). BOLO
to cars for RI 153240. S.P.
stop same in this parking
lot. Units stood by until
Boston arrested him and
had the truck towed.

1604 Phone - Civil Dispute
Services Rendered Location/Address: Winter Street
Family Dental - Winter St
Property dispute. See call
20-25201.

1648 911 - Assaults Report
Filed Location/Address:
Nichols St Caller reports
she arrived to pick her
granddaughter up and
stated that it appeared she
was the victim of an assault.
That party walked
away from the residence
prior to officer's arrival
and was located at St.
Timothy's Church parking
lot. Victim was uncooperative
and would not make a
statement.

1804 Phone - Larceny Report
Filed Location/Address:
Sumner St Caller reports
packages were delivered
to her house and when she
arrived home they were
gone.

Thursday November 26

0032 Initiated - Susp Activity
Spoken To Location/Address: Jack Mad-
den Service Dept - Bos-

December 3, 2020

Prov Hwy N666 reports 2
parties in the lot of Jack
Madden Ford in between
cars. Later identified as
police officers in uniform
from Longwood Medical
center. Advised to return
during the day when open.

0131 911 - Noise Complaint
Spoken To Location/Address: Tremont St Caller
reports yelling going on in
apartment below, keeping
tenants up in the building.
N666,N669 responded and
spoke to parties. Mom has
newborn child who is not
sleeping well and keeping
family members up. Advised.

0733 Phone - Susp Person
Gone On Arrival Location/
Address: Washington St +
Upland Rd Caller reports
male party wearing torn
pink bottoms running towards
center of town. N664
checked area.

1326 Phone - Noise Complaint
Spoken To Location/Address: Hampden Dr
Report loud music.

1837 Phone - Well Being Chk
Spoken To Location/Address: Overpass - Neponset
St Motorist reports a party
sitting near the overpass.
Officers spoke to that juvenile,
he was out for a bicycle
ride. Parents were aware.

1924 Phone - Noise Complaint
Spoken To Location/Address: Lenox St
Young children causing noise.
Spoken to. No evidence of
a party.

Friday, November 27

0021 911 - Drunk Driver Arrest
Made Location/Address: Neponset St +
Hazelwood Dr Off duty police
officer reports a vehicle
stopped in roadway with
unresponsive operator.
N664,N666,NFD responded.
Center Autobody towed Ma. Reg#
2NJE64. N664 transferred
female back to station under
arrest. St.mil: 42439@
00:43/ End mil:42441
00:45. Refer To Arrest: 20-
277-AR Arrest: Carchia,
Carol-Ann F Address: 120
Main St Apt. #W Norton,
Ma Age: 50 Charges: OUI-
Liquor Or .08% Negligent
Operation Of Motor Vehicle

0040 911 - Assist Citizen
Services Rendered Location/Address: Oolah Ave
Caller reports a tenant in
his building has a friend
over who has blocked him
in and he cannot get out or
wake neighbor.N666,N678
responded and were able to
reach guest and get car
moved.

1211 Phone - Well Being

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Chk Report Filed Location/Address: Chapel Ct + Washington St
 Caller reports a B/M Red hood & Black vest pacing back and forth on the tracks making threats to harm himself. MBTA advised Officers located the subject off the tracks at Walnut & Washington. NFD transported

1232 Phone - Bomb Threat Report Filed Location/Address: Pride Of India - Washington St Bomb Threat via text message. NFD sent. Quincy and Sharon bomb K-9's responded.

1343 Phone - Noise Complaint Spoken To Location/Address: Gazebo - Town Common - Washington St Report male with his own P.A. system playing loud music. N665

spoke to him, he will turn it down, known to PD.

2145 Phone - Noise Complaint Spoken To Location/Address: West St Caller reports upstairs neighbors being loud. N678 spoke to the neighbors and advised them to keep the noise down.

Saturday, November 28

0630 911 - Well Being Chk Transported To Hospital Location/Address: Prospect St Well being check on a caller who appeared confused and possible altered mental status. N664, N669 responded. As a result, NFD responded to transport to Beth Israel Hospital Needham under section

12.N664 rode onboard and N669 followed.

1717 Phone - Assist Citizen Assisted Party Location/Address: Brookview Cir Caller feels he is being bullied by Housing Authority. Referred to speak to them about the issue.

1809 911 - Well Being Chk Spoken To Location/Address: Sherwood Dr Caller concerned for his mother's health and wellbeing. Officer's spoke to her, she is OK. Caller notified.

1810 Phone - Disturbance Spoken To Location/Address: Walnut Ave Caller reports she can hear people yelling from that residence. N662 reports the male party was

upset over a pair of pants, all checks out.

Sunday, November 29

0046 911 - Noise Complaint Spoken To Location/Address: Sector Ne - Endicott St Caller reports residents upstairs in #3 are being very loud and music is blaring. N662, N669 responded. Spoke to residents who were advised to quiet it down for the evening.

2053 Phone - Animal Complaint NACO/WACO Notified Caller reports a loose huskie running in the area. NACO notified.

2312 Phone - Noise Complaint Spoken To Location/Address: Vinfen - Lansdowne Way Caller reports loud music. N667 spoke to those residents and they were advised to turn the music down.

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trading messages with a moderator from a similarly-sized town about how he handled it.”

Hern said there will be training for Town Meeting members and interested residents as soon as a virtual platform is decided upon and the Town can get the necessary lessons together, but he said that’s still in the planning phases and that nothing has yet been set in stone. There have been disagreements about the virtual format during other meetings as well, and Hern said he knows there has been some divided opinions on the virtual format.

“There are probably some people who are gung ho on it, and I think there are some people who think we should do all Town Meetings in a virtual way,” he said adding that he means strictly Town Meetings and not other open government meetings. “There are others who say a virtual meeting isn’t the right way to discuss the topics that need to be discussed at Town Meeting. I’ve heard that from Town Meeting members.”

Hern said some residents are opposed to potentially lengthy debates over virtual platforms, as body language and the general mood of the group is a lot harder to read.

“When we’re discussing things at Town Meeting,

people are reading the room, and they’re seeing how people react and that’s an argument for having it in-person when we can have it in-person,” he said. “I think the idea that all these meetings should be virtual, it takes away from the idea of getting together and meeting other people, hearing other people and seeing how people react to what’s being discussed. When we have in-person meetings we can do that.”

Hern added when he’s talked to other town moderators some want to have a virtual option for all town meetings moving forward, as virtual operations are now only allowed under the State of Emergency caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Hern said only a few towns have done a virtual meeting, as many others have opted to do in-person meetings like in Norwood in big socially-distant buildings and some have done drive-in Town Meetings in parking lots, where each member gets a sign to wave from their car window to signal whether they were in favor of an item or not.

“Our feeling in Norwood is we should try a virtual meeting as the circumstances we now find ourselves in are significantly different than those when the Board of Selectmen

called the Town Meeting,” Hern said.

Hern said they have to follow strict guidelines from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Law Chapter 92 of 2020, which temporarily allows these virtual meetings during the pandemic. The law allows for video or telephone conferencing platforms to be used and requires the municipality to be determined and announced prior to the meeting and require the ability of the moderator, Town Meeting members, town officials and any other interested members of the public to identify and hear the moderator, as well as any other individuals who participate. The ability to establish whether or not a quorum has been reached must be available (basically the ability to have an accurate count), the ability for town meeting members and officials to speak, vote and make motions with permission of the moderator, and the ability for any interested members of the public to access viewing of said meeting.

Hern said some residents may have in the past had trouble participating in virtual meetings. He said several people have had issues with sound – especially when two or more devices on the same meeting are in the same room

with each other. A feedback loop can occur. He said he’s been able to circumvent that issue by having one device hooked up to a Bluetooth speaker, which makes the output loud enough for a room full of people to hear and has a better microphone.

“So people are still in the same room and can feel like they’re talking freely with one another,” he said.

Hern said he does not believe the Town will have to reduce the quorum requirement for this particular meeting, as the entire reason many members could not go in-person on Nov. 12 was because they were fearful of becoming infected with COVID-19. However, he does recognize some members may have issues with technology and access to the internet and they will be working to figure out how to serve those residents.

“I’ve heard from some people on how to deal with people who don’t have the capability of going online” he said. “A lot of us take it for granted. We all have laptops, computers, pretty good internet and all that, but there are probably Town Meeting members who don’t and we’re going to have to come up with a way for them to take part in Town Meeting too.”

Hern said they are still working to streamline the process by which they can make the meeting secure from what has been now named “Zoombombing” where a person joins a Zoom meeting with the aim of being disruptive or vulgar. He said they are also looking to make sure they can successfully identify Town Meeting members are who they signed up as so there’s not someone voting who shouldn’t be voting.

Novena to St. Jude

Oh Holy St. Jude Apostle and Martyr, great in virtue and rich in miracles, near Kinsman of Jesus Christ faithful intercessor of all who invoke your special patronage in time of need, to you I have recourse from the depths of my heart and humbly beg to whom God has given such great power to come to my assistance. Help me in my present and urgent petition. In return I promise to make your name known and cause you to be invoked. Say three Our Fathers, three Hail Marys and three Glorias. Publication must be promised. St. Jude pray for us and all who invoke your aid. Amen. *This must be said for nine consecutive days. This Novena has never been known to fail.*

—S.G.H.

Prayer to the Blessed Virgin

(Never known to fail!)

Oh, most beautiful flower of Mt. Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in this necessity. Oh Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my mother. Oh Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech thee from the bottom of my heart to succor me in my necessity (make request). There are none that can withstand your power. Oh Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (three times). Holy Mary, I place this cause in your hands (three times). Say this prayer for three consecutive days and then you must publish and it will be granted to you.

—S.G.H.



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