



The Norwood School Committee discussed upcoming digital classes the department is trying to hold, and they discussed those plans on a digital medium.

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School Committee addresses remote learning, budget

Mary Ellen Gambon
Staff Reporter

The School Committee met virtually via Zoom on Wed., April 8 to discuss the remote learning programs instituted as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and to address the FY 2021 budget and future special needs budgeting allocation policy.

Assistant Superintendent Dr. Alec Wyeth gave a presentation on how students and parents can access the remote learning plans by school, and the subjects that the plans include. There aren't direct links on each elementary school plans yet, he said. As of the date of the meeting, the link to the Mustang Technology page is sites.google.com/

norwood.k12.ma.us/mustang-technology/home.

Wyeth first used the Willett's page as an example of how a curriculum page is set up. The page explains how to talk to a young child about the coronavirus. There is also information on maintaining foundation skills, learning plans in English, Spanish and Portuguese, and videos on everything from story time to math and science at an age appropriate level.

"You can see how detailed these plans are for parents and students," Wyeth said, showing pages of options for developing fine motor skills, literacy, movement, music, math and more. "There's some really interesting apps where students can continue their learning."

Lexia is a program that is

used for English language learners, he added. There are also special education resources, printable information, and options for low-tech learning, such as playing a board or card game.

For elementary learners, lesson plans are broken into a week by grade. Each day has an English Language Arts and Math assignment from the teacher and an assignment in a Google Classroom. Days alternate with science and social studies assignments.

"It's got the links, it's got more information, comments and direction for parents," Wyeth explained. He noted that the plan also has a "creative learning challenge," which

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The Forbes Hill Mansion could be back on the market soon.

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Forbes Hill likely going back out to bid

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

While officials want to stress that nothing is certain during these interesting times, Town Manager Tony Mazzucco said that it is likely that the Forbes Hill property will go back out to bid when the Town approaches something akin to normal in the coming weeks or months.

"It looks like we'll be going back out to bid at some point, but everything is delayed due to COVID-19," he said.

Dr. Roberto Feliz, the holder of the previous winning bid, would still be able to bid again. He said he is still hopeful regarding the quarter of a billion dollar

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Steward pauses 401(k) contributions

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

Steward Health Care System announced last week that where it can, it will be pausing its matching contributions to employee 401(k) accounts.

For any union workers whose union has negotiated 401(k) contributions as part of their contract, Steward stated it will not be changing its contributions in any

way.

"They ceased all employer 401(k) contributions for all staff all over Massachusetts and all over the United States for all employees who do not have the benefit of a union contract that locks in the employer's retirement contributions," said Director of Public Communications at the Massachusetts Nurses Association.

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Union representatives from 1199SEIU said their 800 members at Norwood Hospital are safe from 401(k) reductions Steward has instituted, but others without contracts are not so lucky.

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changes every week. This week's challenge was "real world math."

"The feedback is that the children are enjoying these real world challenges along with their work," Wyeth said.

Middle and high schools also are structured with weekly curriculum plans. Wyeth said they have taken the weekly schedule and broken it into manageable chunks for both students and parents. There is time for students to connect with their teachers and receive guidance, or they can email teachers.

School Committee member Maura Smith asked if all teachers in the district have been trained in Google Classroom.

While Wyeth said he did not believe every teacher has had formal training, all of the elementary teachers have some experience with it. There are also experts in every school who are proficient in Google Classroom, and videos on YouTube.

"I think our high school and middle school teachers are very proficient to begin with," he added.

Wyeth noted that participation rates are "creeping up," after students initially perceived the first week as a vacation. He said he believes that the structure provided will help everyone move into a "comfortable space."

The committee also voted 5-0 to allow Thomson to adjust the school calendar so that students could attend class during what would have been April vacation and finish school on June 21, "if he sees fit, after his discussions with stakeholders." Member Myev Bodenhofer made the motion, which member Dave Catania seconded.

Thomson told the committee that the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) gave local school dis-

tricts the option to hold classes during the four vacation days that were scheduled in April in order to shorten the school year in June.

"I am a little concerned that if we take a break for April, we would lose the momentum that we have gained over the last three weeks," he said, noting the difficulties of keeping kids engaged in both learning and in social distancing.

Around the world, there has been an "ease-in" approach to society, with schools being the last to go back to scheduling.

Dr. Thomson also presented the recommended budget amount of \$52,736,691, which was approved 5-0. Catania made the motion to approve the budget, and Bodenhofer seconded. It started based on the FY 20 budget without capital outlay and extra free cash, which was \$49,190,040. The 3.5 percent increase pledge promised with the override vote equals \$1,721,651.

There were additional increases including the Student Opportunities Action Plan of \$575,000; additional monies for out of district tuitions of \$1 million; and additional monies for ELL and SPED mandates that could not be absorbed into the FY 21 budget.

"That does conform with the override pledge of not going over three and a half percent," he said, adding that this year, there was an influx of 446 English language learners as well as an increase in special education students, who will be aging up in grade.

Four SPED paraprofessionals had to be added for FY 20 after Town Meeting by state mandate, Thomson said, as well as a one-to-one aide and three into some separate programs. There is also an expansion in the autism population.

Discussion moved to the Budget Balancing Committee

and capital outlay projects. Bodenhofer, who chaired the BBC, said that the BBC voted to approve the budget number that the School Committee had just voted upon.

The main issue she brought up was that the BBC discussed potentially creating a reserve account for special education, which some communities already have in the state.

"It's really a mechanism for handling sudden changes in out of district tuitions as we face this year," she said. Approval would have to be sought by Town Meeting.

The process for creating a special reserve account for special education would take several steps and would not be able to be implemented for the upcoming fiscal year. As a result, that is why there is \$1 million being allocated for in the FY 21 budget for out of district tuitions.

"The BBC has suggested that we could look into creating an MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) with the Fin Com just talking about this extra million dollars and recognizing that it's outside of the three and a half percent pledge, and why it's outside of that, and how we are going to demonstrate to everyone, and in particular, demonstrate to the Fin Com that these are real needs that are outside of what we can handle in our budget."

She said that everyone is "doing their due diligence" to ensure that the process was reviewed thoroughly. Robert Donnelly of the Fin Com drafted an MOU, which the BBC reviewed.

Bodenhofer made a motion for its approval pending acceptance by the Fin Com, which Smith seconded. It was approved and will go to Fin Com.

The next meeting will be on Wed., April 15 at 7 p.m.

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proposal he submitted last year to the Town of Norwood.

"We are still ready to move forward with the Medical City of Norwood. Unfortunately, the current corona crisis is delaying everything," he said. "This is a new world. Everything is being adjusted, delayed and modified by COVID-19. We hope to begin and restart the process ASAP."

Feliz's original proposal was a large facility to serve medical needs of all kinds to residents of the Greater Boston Metro area and beyond. He had said repeatedly he wants it to be the Patriot Place of medical facilities, and had started sample renderings and some designs of the proposed facility. According to Feliz in the past, he was still in the process of putting together financing for the \$250 million project, which was causing the long delay.

The Town still holds Feliz's \$500,000 deposit on the project, required by the terms of the original request for proposal.

Feliz's project was selected out of three proposals for the site, which was sent out to bid in the spring of 2019. Feliz's was picked because the other two proposals were for dense housing, which originally was the reason the Town decided to buy the property in 2017, to avoid such construction.

Years before that, the Town was fighting two housing proposals, one at Avalon Bay and one at Forbes Hill. These two proposals were filed under the state of MA 40B law, which requires that a municipality dedicate 10 percent of its housing stock or 1.75 percent of its land to affordable housing. Back in 2016, the Town believed it had 1.75 percent of its land dedicated to affordable housing, but the state disagreed, with its own assessment .03 percent short of that.

That meant that because both projects came in while Norwood had a .03 percent deficit, the 40B regulations would apply to both of them and the developers could ignore local zoning laws to put in as dense a project as they wanted.

To prevent more overly dense housing placing too much of a burden on school services and other public departments, Town Meeting voted in 2017 to purchase the property for \$13 million. This led to the formation of the Forbes Hill Task Force, which put together a zoning overlay district at the Mansion site to dictate exactly what kinds of projects the Town would be willing to accept there. Including in the overlay regulations is a stipulation that no more than 175 residential dwelling units can go on the property, and no more than 25 residential units per acre would be allowed, in deference to the Town's original intention of keeping the property from overly dense housing.

Prayer to the Blessed Virgin

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The Planning Board approved the site plan for the new building, marked on the above photo as Proposed Hanger, which is expected to be used for news TV helicopters.

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Planning Board approves new hanger at Norwood Airport

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Planning Board met digitally on Monday, April 13, and voted to accept the site plan for a new 7,000 square-foot hanger at the Norwood Airport.

Norwood Airport Commission Chair and Department of Public Works Director Mark Ryan presented the proposed plans for the hanger, which would sit just south of the newly-constructed Mark C. Welch Administration Building. The new admin building abuts the viewing hill, just east of the main parking lot for the airport.

Ryan said the plan was first presented to the Norwood Conservation Commission in 2017 for the 60-foot by 120-foot hanger. He said originally, the Orders of Conditions and permits to build were approved back in 2017.

“Because of the litigation going on at the time and leases needing to terminate, because their time had just run out, we’ve extended it a couple of times for the order of conditions, which is as of now extended until Dec. 21, 2021,” he said.

The building is designed to have garage doors 100 feet wide with 20 feet of height for the doors and 28 feet total height on the building, and will have solar panels on the roof.

Ryan said longtime tenant of the Norwood Airport, FlightLevel Aviation, will hold the lease on the building.

“It’s a 20-year lease that we have signed with them, and they figure that in six months, once construction starts, they will have full occupancy of this,” he said. “This is a fast-moving project. The steel building will be manufactured off site and they will bring it in and assemble it.”

He added FlightLevel already has tenants for the building. Currently, several news TV channel helicopters use the helipads now directly south of the Welch Building and proposed site of the hanger. Each time they want to take off, they have to wheel the vehicles out to the pads from a considerable distance at their current hanger, and this hanger would significantly lessen that distance.

“The proposal from the tenant is that this will be a perfect location for the helicopters, mainly from the news channels based in Norwood, to hanger their aircraft in this hanger and then they wheel them out to the helicopter circles,” he said.

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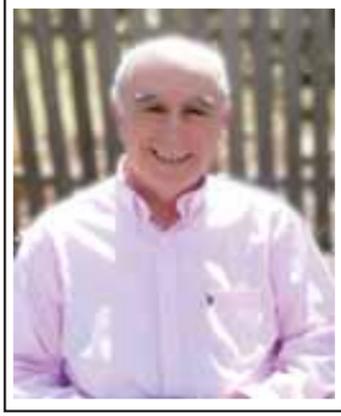
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consolations during a pandemic

Sometimes adages are expected to provide stamina and consolation for tough times, such as “When the going gets tough, the tough get going.” Then there is, “This, too shall pass.” Or, as the late running back Bobby Mitchell for the Browns and Redskins is to have said, “Tough times don’t remain; tough people do.”

Depending on the day of the week—actually all the days for me now merge to be the same, except for trash day, on which to put the barrel out—the following hymns provide some consolation. On some days the melancholy is more than others; on other days less. But I try to focus on the meaning of the songs.



My Kind
of Town/
Joe Galeota

There is a balm in Gilead
To make the wounded whole.
There is a balm in Gilead
To heal the sin sick soul.

With the first line of the opening stanza providing the title, the hymn speaks about making the wounded whole. Even though there is no fatality in my family nor anyone in any ICU, the emotional effects of job and school loss are there. True, nothing can equate with a death in the family, but other “wounds” still await and need healing.

Another song to offer sustenance is, “The Storm Is Passing Over.” For virtually all of us, the question is, when will it pass? Unlike the traditional meteorological storms, such as thunderstorms and hurricanes enduring for several hours and blizzards lasting, at the most, two days, this pandemic will not end, as politicians have stressed, with a mere “clicking off as a switch”: undoubtedly it will be a gradual process although the all-clear to return to school will be a major step.

Courage, my soul, and let us journey on,
Tho’ the night is dark it won’t be very long.
Thanks be to God, the morning light appears,
And the storm is passing over, Hallelujah!

The third song that resonates with me, even in my darkest hours, is “One Day at a Time.” The number “one” is significant, as is the unit of time, “day.”

One day at a time, sweet Jesus,
That’s all I’m asking from you.
Just give me the strength
To do every day what I have to do.
Yesterday’s gone, sweet Jesus,
And tomorrow may never be mine.
Lord help me today, show me the way
One day at a time.

All of us have to agree now with T.S. Eliot’s reference to the fourth calendar month: “April is the cruelest month, breeding lilacs out of the dead land, mixing memory and desire, stirring dull roots with spring rain.” But people all over the world, in both hemispheres, in 2020 have their own reasons from digressing from Eliot’s justification why this April is so despised.

Letters to the Editor

POST OFFICE NEEDS YOUR HELP

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During these challenging times, postal employees are working hard to ensure residents stay connected with their world through the mail. Whether it’s medications, a package, a paycheck, benefits or pension check, a bill or letter from a family member, postal workers understand that every piece of mail is important. While service like this is nothing new to us, we need our communities’ help with social distancing. For everyone’s safety, our employees are following the social distancing precautions recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and local health officials. We are asking people to not approach our carriers to accept delivery. Let the carrier leave the mailbox before collecting the mail. With schools not in session, children should also be encouraged to not approach a postal vehicle

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Mike Rakes District Manager
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Town launches Norwood Fund

General Manager Tony Mazzucco is pleased to announce that the Town of Norwood has launched the Norwood Fund and is seeking donations to help residents in need during and after the COVID-19 crisis.

The Norwood Fund is a combination of four donation funds. Three of the funds are currently operated by the Town and one fund has been newly created in response to COVID-19. Donations to the fund will be separated into four areas in order to maximize the fund’s reach to citizens most in need.

- * Norwood Food Security Fund: This is a new donation fund established by the Town specifically to provide temporary food assistance, primarily for those who do not qualify for other sources of food relief and are in need of quick, short-term assistance. This fund will be managed by Council on Aging staff who have experience managing similar programs.

- * Council on Aging Senior Citizen Donation Fund: This existing fund assists seniors with any needs, including food assistance and other costs or services needed by seniors. The COA fund is managed by the Council on Aging and overseen by COA Director Kerri McCarthy.

- * Gift of Warmth Fund: Started by John Carroll many years ago, this existing fund provides assistance for individuals with heat and other utility payments as well as similar wraparound services related to utilities, including but not limited to small repairs. The Gift of Warmth fund is a program of the General Manager’s office and is managed by the Town’s Director of Administrative Services Cathy Carney.

- * Veteran’s Assistance Fund: Veterans are particularly hard hit and this existing fund provides wraparound and additional ser-

vices that are not available through the local Veterans assistance program or the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. The Veterans Assistance Fund is overseen by Veteran’s Agent Teddy Mulvehill.

Through the funds, the Town can assist any resident, but is focusing on seniors, veterans and those in greatest need of relief. The funds are not meant to replace existing assistance programs but to complement those services to expand the available assistance.

“During these difficult times, we want to do everything in our power to help our residents who are in need,” General Manager Mazzucco said. “Though there are many wonderful organizations and programs out there, the Norwood Fund makes available one specific place for people to help their neighbors, especially the groups who are in the greatest of need.”

The Town has existing protocols in place for each donation fund and decisions to disburse relief through the fund are made on a case by case and need basis. These protocols are based on several guidelines, including the protocols of programs that provide similar assistance, as well as state and federal statutes. Recipients of the funds must be Norwood residents.

All funds are subject to the Town’s internal controls and accounting procedures which comply with state and federal accounting guidelines and state statutes. The Town is audited regularly and keeps an accounting of all funds according to state and federal guidelines. These measures ensure transparency and accountability.

Those who feel they need assistance from the Norwood Fund should call the citizen information center, staffed Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., at 781-352-2363. Call takers will refer you to the available

services, triage your specific concern and find the best means to assist you, which may or may not be assistance from the Norwood Fund.

Though the fund is not for businesses, there are a number of federal resources for small businesses outlined here, and state resources outlined here. Local businesses can also contact the Town’s citizen information center at 781-352-2363 and call takers can connect you with staff in the Town’s planning and economic development office that can guide businesses to available resources.

People can donate to the Norwood Fund by: * Dropping a check off at the Town Hall drop box, located outside in the parking lot behind Town Hall, 566 Washington St. Checks should be made payable to “Norwood Fund.”

* Mailing a check to Town Hall, 566 Washington St., Norwood, MA 02062. Checks should be made payable to “Norwood Fund.”

* Bringing cash to a Norwood Bank or Bank of Canton branch and having a check made out to the Town of Norwood. Then drop off or mail the check to Town Hall, 566 Washington St., Norwood, MA 02062.

* Donating online here. Click on the “Cable, Excise Tax, Property Tax, and Utility Bills” link. Then, on the left side of the page, click on “COVID-19 DONATIONS”.

Donations will be distributed evenly between the four funds as needed to ensure one fund area is not left unattended, and 100% of the donations will stay in Norwood.

Even after the COVID-19 emergency, there will still be a need for these funds to assist Norwood residents. Funds will remain in these donation accounts and will only be used for the purpose of helping Norwood residents.

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Even projects approved by the CPC and Town Meeting are on hold now as the Town deals with the COVID-19 outbreak.

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CPC talks four projects, plans moving forward

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Community Preservation Committee (CPC) met last week on April 8 to discuss its four projects and what the CPC can do moving forward during this lock down.

Last week, the Norwood Board of Selectmen announced the regular May 11 Norwood Town Meeting is cancelled for now and will most likely be

held on June 22. Even then it will be a bare bones meeting, with Town Meeting Members expected to vote only on the most essential items to keep Town Government going.

That being said, CPC Chair John Hall said they have four projects waiting to go on their side, and the only thing they need to do is host a public forum on those projects. He said, however, they will probably have to wait for the Fall Special Town Meeting to present

the Committee's recommended projects for a vote.

"We can make final recommendations," Hall said. "That being said, I think it would be cleaner if we had a vote of the membership to say yes or no."

All members were in favor of deferring, but member Joe Greeley expressed concern regarding Community Preservation Act guidelines and restrictions that may place a penalty

CPC

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NORWOOD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

LEGAL NOTICE

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, April 22, 2020 at 7:45 pm. The meeting will be conducted digitally using GoToMeeting. Public Participation can be accessed through the email address: Conservation@norwoodma.gov. The Commission is to hear a request for a Notice of Intent from TEC, Inc. of Andover, MA representing Mark Ryan / Town of Norwood Engineering Department for the proposed emergency bridge rehabilitation project due to culvert failure. Project location: Dean Street over Meadow Brook, Norwood, MA.

Copies of request and plans are available for review by appointment or by request to Conservation@norwoodma.gov. Please call Al Goetz at 781-762-0781.

Stephen Washburn
Chairperson

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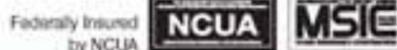
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Presumably, news channels using helicopters for breaking news items would want their aircraft in the air as quickly as possible, and therefore this hanger would be desirable to them.

“Hangers are always at a premium at any airport and this will bring in quite a bit of money from leases for Norwood and some money from real estate taxes,” Ryan said.

with the view from the viewing hill of take offs and landings.

“We’re very sensitive to try to keep as much of that open to view as possible,” Ryan said, adding the position of the building should have no impact on residents looking to watch take offs and landings.

The Board met with only three members at this point, which Deschenes said was

until a Fall Special Town Meeting.

“Everything is kind of put on hold for either the fall, or if there is some earlier special Town Meeting, those can come up at a later time,” Deschenes said. “Everything from our standpoint is getting pushed back.”

Deschenes said while the Town Meeting will be on hold,



This year's Earth Day Clean Up is postponed this year, like many other public events, due to the COVID-19 outbreak.

COURTESY PHOTO

Commission discusses COVID effects on health, sustainability

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Sustainability Commission (NSC) met on April 6 digitally and covered the group’s action plan, as well as the situation with upcoming events like Earth Day.

Member Peter MacFarland

also informed the Commission of the status of Town Meeting, which has been pushed back to June 22, and he said it will just be a bare bones meeting. It will not include the NSC’s action plan, and so MacFarland suggested they keep working on it with the idea of finishing for a

NSC

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“Get that rent collected.”

– Planning Board member Al Porro

Planning Board Chair Ernie Paciorkowski said the Norwood Fire Department has notified the Board that they have no issues with the actual construction and fire safety aspects of the building design. Ryan added, after Assistant Town Planner Patrick Deschenes asked him, said the building will be fully compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and will be completely handicapped accessible.

Paciorkowski also asked if the new building will interfere

enough to have a quorum, but anything they voted on would need to have a unanimous decision. The Board ended up voting unanimously.

“Get that rent collected,” Porro said.

Deschenes also discussed the Planning Board’s items on the upcoming Town Meeting, now scheduled for June 22. Since the Meeting Warrant has been scaled down as much as possible, because of the COVID-19 outbreak, Zoning items have basically been postponed

the Planning Board’s big project, the Route 1 Rezoning, is still being worked on.

“We’re still getting everything ready for when we can bring this forward,” he said. “On one hand it’s unfortunate that we have to delay some of our articles, but at the same time, there are bigger things going on in the world right now... From the Route 1 Rezoning Standpoint, it gives us more time to make sure everything is as well-tuned as it can be.”

Steward Hospital *continued from page 1*

ciation David Schildmeier. “So all non-union workers in Mass including RNs at St Anne’s Hospital, are impacted by this decision. Our members at Steward Hospitals have a union contract so they are not impacted by the decision.”

A spokesperson for Steward Health Care Darren Grubb

said he wanted to emphasize that this is a temporary measure, born of the necessity of the current COVID-19 outbreak, which he said has caused significant disruptions within the company’s business practices.

“Like many other health care systems and companies

around the country, this unprecedented moment is forcing us to make some difficult decisions,” he said. “As a result, Steward has suspended the company’s 401(k)-matching contribution for all employees, except for those we are contractually obligated to continue. We expect this to be a temporary measure and when conditions allow, we plan to resume the 401(k) matching contributions.”

And Steward has been changing its entire business model because of COVID-19 in a “System-Wide” approach,

which included turning all of Carney Hospital in Dorchester into a COVID-19 response and treatment center. Grubb added that Steward did not decide to cut 401(k) on a whim, either.

“This was not an easy decision, but a necessary one given the current economic environment,” he said. “We believe this will also allow us to continue providing other critical benefits for our employees, including company-sponsored health insurance plans.”

Schildmeier said he felt that the company may have acted prematurely, and felt it was not a necessary decision.

“Particularly when Steward and all other hospitals in the state will be receiving more than \$800 million in funding to ensure their financial viability during this crisis,” he said.

And Steward nationally will have access to the billions of dollars of funding being allocated to hospitals nationwide as part of the pandemic response. People are putting their lives and those of their families on the line every day. They need to be valued and supported.”

1199 SEIU United Healthcare Workers East spokesperson Marlshia Aho also said that the union’s workers will keep their benefits.

“1199SEIU represents more than 6,000 workers across 9 Steward Facilities in the state including more than 800 at Norwood Hospital,” she said. With our new five year contract, we do have 401(k) employer contributions that will remain in effect.”

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TOWN OF NORWOOD ZONING BOARD OF APPEAL PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeal of the Town of Norwood will hold a HEARING virtually via GoToMeeting on May 5, 2020 at 7:30PM on the request of Barbara Ann Kelly (Case #20-06) with respect to property located on 16 High Street, in a G-General Residential District. Public participation may be accessed by contacting the Zoning Board of Appeal through the email address: ZoningBoard@norwoodma.gov.

This Application requests a SPECIAL PERMIT under Section 5.4 and 5.4.4 of the Zoning Bylaw to allow: Alteration of an existing two-family dwelling on a lot having less area, frontage, and less lot width than required in the General Residence District to permit the construction and maintenance of a stairway that will encroach upon the rear yard setback area, so as to provide a second means of egress for the second-floor apartment in said dwelling.

This application requests a VARIANCE under the General laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (IF Required) to allow construction and maintenance of a stairway within the rear yard setback area to as to provide a second means of egress for the second-floor apartment, pursuant to Section 4.0 of the Zoning Bylaws.

Plans are on file with this application in the office of the Zoning Board of Appeal and may be viewed during normal working hours, Monday – Thursday, 8:00am – 4:00pm.

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cial Town Meeting in the fall. “So that’s more the goal now,” he said.

The leaders of the different NSC subcommittees also gave their update reports on plans regarding solid waste, energy, public health, resiliency and education and outreach. The Commission members agreed that progress will be slower, since subcommittees will have to meet digitally, at least for now during the COVID-19 pandemic.

MacFarland pointed out a silver lining resulting from the current lock down, at least in public health. He said that pollution caused by car travel has been significantly reduced and public health overall has been on the rise.

“People are driving less and walking more,” he said. “It’s a change in normal everyday life now, we see so much walking now because that about the only thing you can do. There’s no sense driving anywhere. This kind of reminds me of being a kid in the 60s and 70s, that’s how much traffic was on the roads back then. There was a rush hour, but during the day, I remember going down Route 3 you’d not see another car.”

Member Joe Shamatta agreed, and pointed out that

observed data currently shows a reduction in the carbon footprint and pollution in the area.

“Right now it’s just observed data, but when the full data are out, it will be interesting to see what the reduction of the carbon footprint and the whole impact this thing is having on the environment. We should include what Massachusetts’ carbon footprint was from February until whenever this is over, and the impact it had. It may spur awareness because everyone’s lived through it.”

MacFarland said many organizations will be promoting that data, so the NSC should have it around when it becomes available. But, he said he doesn’t expect it until the end of the year at least.

In other news, member John Aprea updated the commission on what is happening with Earth Day celebrations, which were originally set for April 26.

“Earth Day has been canceled, as far as this April,” he said. “We had the trash clean up and Community Picnic and Fair at the common scheduled, but now we’re actually going to go digital.”

Aprea said they will start digitally this week highlighting the organizations that

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were going to be at the Community Picnic and Fair through social media, Instagram and Facebook through Progress Norwood.

MacFarland added that the group’s presentation at the Morrill Memorial Library on May 7 is most likely canceled, owing to the expectation that the Massachusetts essential workers-only lock down will end on May 4.

“This is probably going to be extended through May, a lot of people are talking now June 1,” he said. “That’s not a high priority thing that’s going to get done even if the lock down is lifted on May 1.”

The group will be meeting again on May 11, digitally or at Town Hall, depending on the circumstances.

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.
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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeal of the Town of Norwood will hold a PUBLIC HEARING virtually via GoToMeeting on May 5, 2020 at 7:15PM on the request of Four B Realty, LLC (Case #20-05) with respect to property located on 81 Winter Street, 34-36 Walpole Street, in a G-General Residential District. Public participation may be accessed by contacting the Zoning Board of Appeal through the email address: ZoningBoard@norwoodma.gov.

This Application requests a SPECIAL PERMIT under Section 5.2 and 6.1.12 of the Zoning Bylaw to allow:

- (A) Conversion of three buildings (at #81 Winter Street and #34-36 Walpole Street) from mixed residential-commercial use to residential only. With each building to have four residential units and no commercial uses to be carried on at the premises, pursuant to Section 5.2;
- (B) Relief (if required) from the parking requirements applicable to the premises, pursuant to Section 6.1.12;
- (C) Such other or further relief as the Zoning Board of Appeal may determine to be appropriate.

Plans are on file with this application in the office of the Zoning Board of Appeal and may be viewed during normal working hours, Monday – Thursday, 8:00am – 4:00pm.

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BUCKLEY

Alice T. (Sparks) of Norwood, April 6. Beloved wife of the late John F. Buckley and the late Alfred Crasco. Dear mother of John Buckley, and the late Alan Crasco, and dear sister of the late Eleanor Whalen and the late Jeanne Murphy. Loving mother-in-law of Linda Crasco and proud grandmother of Allison Crasco Smith and Erin Buckley. Services and interment will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to the Alzheimer's Association, 309 Waverley Oaks Road, Waltham, MA 02452 would be appreciated. Folsom and May Funeral Home
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CAPONE

Anthony J. of East Walpole, MA, passed away peacefully at the Pond Home on April 11, 2020, at the age of 102. Son of James and Angelina of Italy. Predeceased by Barbara (Raymond), his loving wife of 70 years, his sisters, Louise Lorusso, Virginia Gambrazio, Pauline Giandomenico, Ann Parlato, and brothers, Pellegrino, Daniel, and Silvio. Beloved father of James (& Lorraine) of Foxboro, Raymond (& Noreen), of Plymouth, and Jeanne Arruda (& Mark), of Walpole. Grandfather of Garrett Capone of Maryland, Julieanne Capone of Plymouth, Elizabeth Gagnon of Plymouth, Melissa Capone of South Boston, and Matthew Capone of Boston. Great-grandfather of Kyra, Caitlyn, Teagan, Madison, and Mila. Tony was a WWII veteran, Purple Heart Recipient, and a longtime employee of the East Walpole Post office. He was a devoted Bruin's fan, enjoyed the Red Sox and Patriots, was a St. Mary's communicant for over 90 years, and was well-known for his green thumb for growing tomatoes. Papa was beloved by his grandchildren, with his greatest joy being active in their lives for the past 40 years. Private burial will be led by the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home at St. Francis Cemetery, Walpole. A Memorial Service will be held at a later date. Donations may be made in his memory to St. Jude Research Hospital, Disabled Veterans of America, or the Maryknoll Society. krawkornackfuneralhome.com 781-762-0482.

CORDO

Maria L. "Mary" (Viscone) of Norfolk, formerly of Norwood, passed away on April 4, 2020 at the age of 92. Beloved wife of the late

Rosario J. Cordo. Devoted mother of Joseph F. Cordo and his wife Teresa, David N. Cordo and his wife Ellen, Mary Zimmerman and her husband Daniel and Judith Woodall and her husband Joseph. Sister of Erminia Battaglia, cherished grandmother of 11 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren. Daughter of the late Raffaele and Marsilia (Visconi) Viscone, and predeceased by her brothers Francesco and Pietro Viscone. Maria was a wonderful and loving wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, who was completely devoted to her immediate family, her large family in Italy, and the many friends she had there and here in America, her adopted home. She married Rosario Cordo in 1955, immigrating to the United States, starting and raising a family of four, and quickly becoming renowned for the large Italian feasts she cooked for her family and friends. She often took requests when family and friends visited, and a testimony to her Italian culinary skills is that favorite dishes are still prepared by her daughters, daughters-in-law, and granddaughters. She was known for her perpetual warmth, infectious smile, and the love she radiated especially to her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She lived by and often repeated the simple teaching, "love each other." All Services and Burial will be private. A Memorial Mass in the Catholic faith will be scheduled at a later date. Arrangements by the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, NORWOOD, MA. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her name to St. Anthony's Shrine, Boston, MA. krawkornackfuneralhome.com 781-762-0482.

CYR

Robert Gerard of Walpole, MA, son of the late John and Eleanor (Leavey) Cyr, passed away on Thursday, April 9, 2020. Bob was born in 1938 and grew up in Mission Hill, Roxbury, where he lived with his parents, older brother, Jackie Cyr (deceased) of Dedham, MA, and younger sisters, Patricia (Cyr) Killarney (deceased) of Norwood, MA, and Frances (Cyr) Vicino (deceased) of Wareham, MA. Bob lived a life of service to his country and his community. He

joined the Army at the age of 19 and served at bases across the US and Europe until his Honorable Discharge in 1962. He served on the Boston Fire Department for a year before becoming an officer for the Boston Police Department, where he distinguished himself over the course of a 32-year career. He retired as a Lieutenant Detective in 2000. During his time on the BPD Bob received a B.S. from Northeastern University. Bob was a warm and caring person who loved to laugh and make others laugh. He had a fondness for the Three Stooges, film noir, and old war movies. He remained close to his circle of childhood friends his entire life and was always there to support his friends and family with whatever they needed. Bob was a big believer in family traditions, from Friday night pizza, Christmas Eve parties (with highly competitive Yankee Swaps), annual trips to the Cape and Easter brunches. Bob was always there to celebrate his children's milestones and to see his grandchildren's school plays, sports and graduations. Bob leaves behind his wife of 55 years, Joan (Bunker) Cyr; his four daughters and sons-in-law, Carolyn Cyr and Matt Sughrue of Hopedale, MA, Kelly and Tom Stapleton of North Attleboro, MA, Kathleen and Gerard McElhinney of Foxborough, MA, Jennifer and Peter Nixon of Wrentham, MA; his eight grandchildren, Cameron, Colin, Nicole, Abigail, Luke, Molly, Sean and Jake, and many nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews. Bob's passing leaves an emptiness that will never be filled in the hearts and lives of those who loved him. A private burial will take place at Mt. Benedict Cemetery in West Roxbury. The family is planning a Celebration of Bob's Life in the fall. Arrangements by: Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home in NORWOOD, MA. krawkornackfuneralhome.com 781-762-0482.

DIAS

Herbert J. Jr. of Norwood, passed away on April 11, 2020 at the age of 82. Beloved husband of the late Carol (Clinton) Dias and former husband of Barbara V. Dias. Devoted father of Theresa Mogan and her husband Kevin of Plainville and his

son Herbert J. Dias, III and his wife Barbara Lozier-Dias of Norwood. Brother of Mary Jane Long of Norwood. Cherished grandfather of Ryan Dias. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Son of the late Herbert J. Dias, Sr. and Jane (Carty) Dias. Herbert was a lifelong member of the Boston Elks. He was an outdoorsman and loved golf, fishing and the beach. He was a retired longtime employee of the Boston Globe. All Services will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his name to a veteran's charity of your choice. Herbert was a US Navy veteran. Arrangements by the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, NORWOOD, MA. A Funeral Mass and Celebration of Life will take place at a later date. krawkornackfuneralhome.com Family Owned and Operated 781-762-0482.

FILIPEK

Zofia (Kukulka) of Norwood, passed away peacefully at home on Sunday, April 12, 2020 at the age of 93. Zofia was born on May 19, 1926 in Wolica Piaskowa, Poland to the late Jacenty & Franciszka (Surman) Kukulka. She was the beloved wife of Walter Filipek of Norwood. Loving mother of Antonina Oles & her husband Andy of Norwood, Joseph Filipek & his wife Ola of Largo, FL, Stella Stojanowski & her husband Richard of West Roxbury, and Vicky Laszczak & her late husband Christopher of Norwood. Cherished grandmother of Dr. Anita Karasko & her husband Eric, Mark Oles & his wife Christy, Peter Stojanowski & his wife MaryJayne, Gregory Laszczak & his wife Julie, Adam Stojanowski & his wife Kelly, Robert Filipek & his wife Sarah, Mathew Laszczak & his wife Shawna and great-grandmother of 17. She is also survived by many extended family members. Due to the recent public health concern regarding the Covid-19 Pandemic and the well-being of others, a private graveside service will take place at Highland Cemetery in Norwood. In lieu of flowers, remembrances in Zofia's memory may be made to VNA Care, Fund Development Office, 199 Rosewood Drive, Suite 180, Danvers, MA 01923.

GILL

Michael P. Sr., a resident of Norwood, passed away on April 6 after a long illness, at the age of 70. He was born in Litchfield, MN and was the son of the late Peter and Edna (Bachman) Gill. He was a veteran of the Viet Nam war, serving in the United States Army. Michael worked as a sales manager in retail prior to his illness. He was a John Wayne and war movie fan. He always enjoyed reading anything about the Civil War. Height was prevalent in his family as he was 6'4 and not the tallest among his siblings. He was the dear father of Michael P. Gill, Jr. of Norwood and the brother of Jimmy Gill of Brockton, Ricky Gill of Charlotte, NC, Tommy Gill of Attleboro, Patty Choquette of Albany, NY and Kathy O'Connell of East Brookfield, MA. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews. Interment will be private in the Massachusetts National Cemetery at Bourne. Arrangements by May Funeral Home. To sign guestbook, please visit website www.folsomfuneral.com

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GIORDANO

Bruno of Norwood, passed away on April 4, 2020 at the age of 89. Son of the late Joseph and Maria (Mazzotta) Giordano. Though never married, Bruno had a large extended family consisting of many brothers, sisters, nieces, nephews and close friends. He was the longtime caretaker of his younger brother, Frank, who survives him. Bruno loved the casinos and the horses. He made frequent trips to Atlantic City in the early days of casino gambling, often taking many of his relatives and friends from Norwood and as far away as Italy. Bruno had friends all over the country and the world. He was constantly taking trips to visit family and friends in places such as Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, Denver, Florida and Italy among others. No matter where he went, he always put a smile on everyone's face and he always wanted to make the kids happy. He was also an avid Boston sports fan and he especially loved the Red Sox and Patriots. Rest in Peace, Bruno. You will be sadly missed. A private burial will take place at the Massachusetts National Cemetery in Bourne, MA. Bruno was a US Army Korean War Veteran. Arrangements by the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, NORWOOD, MA. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his name to a Veteran's charity of your choice. Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, krawkornackfuneralhome.com 781-762-0482.

GRANEY

MARY Theresa (O'Malley) of Norwood passed away Monday, April 6, 2020 at Norwood Hospital at the age of 94. Beloved wife of the late Joseph Bartley Graney for 52 years. Devoted mother of Ann Marie Paulson and her late husband Philip Paulson of Lakeville, Francis M. Graney and his wife Natalie of Norwell, Maureen P. Graney of Norwood, and Paul J. Graney and his wife Mary of Medway. Sister of Noreen DeBriave of Plainville; Anne Dolan of Taunton; Joseph O'Malley of Weymouth; Bridget Rose, Margaret Barrett, Kathleen Tate, Colm O'Malley, and Eileen Durkan of England; and the late John O'Malley, Michael O'Malley, Patrick O'Malley, Barbara Jackson, and Martin O'Malley. Sister-in-law of Mary Paglari of Chatham, the late Reverend Francis M. Greaney, and the late William P. Greaney of Norwood. Cherished grandmother of Michael, Peter, Sean, and Kara Graney. Born in Carraroe, County Galway, Ireland, she was the daughter of the late Patrick and Ann (Griffin) O'Malley. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. All services will be private; a celebration of life will be held at a later date. Mary was a cafeteria worker in the Norwood Public School System. She was a communicant of St. Catherine of Siena Church in Norwood. She enjoyed Irish music and dancing, television, radio programs, reading, gardening, cooking and baking her "Irish Bread", shopping, family gatherings and Cape Cod. Arrangements by the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home Norwood, MA. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in her name to the Norwood Council on Aging, 275 Prospect Street, Norwood MA 02062.

KEPPLE

Robert E. of Norwood, April 10, 2020. Beloved husband of Margaret (MacIntyre). Loving father of Christian, David and Steven. Also survived by 3 grandchildren. Funeral Services private. Interment MA National Cem-



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For Favors or Prayers Answered

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.
Grateful thanks. —K.B.

St. Jude's Novena

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world, now and forever. Sacred Heart of Jesus pray for us. St. Jude, worker of miracles, pray for us. St. Jude, helper of the hopeless, pray for us. Say this prayer 9 times a day. By the 9th day your prayer will be answered. It has never been known to fail. Publication must be promised. Thank you St. Jude. My Prayers were answered.
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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KINGSLEY

Francis F. Jr. Trusted accounting advisor for over 50 years to the Venture Capital community and a beloved Trustee Emeritus of Bentley University, passed away on Thursday, April 9, 2020 after a long illness. Fran devoted his life to being ever-present for his family, friends, clients and peers. If you had a problem, Fran was always there to help you solve it. Fran grew up in Quincy, MA, the son of Francis F. Kingsley, Sr. and Dorothy Newson Kingsley, with his younger brother James Richard "Dick" Kingsley. Lovingly known growing up as "Sonny" to his family, he attended Thayer Academy '54 and the Bentley College of Accounting and Finance '61. Fran began his accounting career at Boston Capital Corporation before joining the newly formed TA Associates as their Accounting and Office Manager. The relationships and trust Fran built at TA Associates garnered him the reputation of one of the most well respected advisors to the leaders of the Venture Capital industry since the 1970s. In 1981, Fran started Kingsley Business Service, Inc. in order to provide both corporate and personal accounting services. He provided tax preparation services to scores of individuals and focused a tremendous amount of his time in the offices of Burr, Egan, Deleage and Co. for over 20 years, along with their many successor firms for another 20. However, his personal relationships bridged more than half of his life where those clients became friends and those friends became family. Fran married Gail Peters in 1969, and together they raised their children Eric and Sharon in an ever changing myriad of homes in South Eastern Massachusetts. In Fran's life he amassed 20 addresses and at each of those always a new group of respected friends and in many times more and more tax clients. When Eric chose to attend Bentley College in 1988, Fran found a renewed love for his alma mater and became very involved in the Alumni Association. He eventually became President of the Alumni Association, sharing his love of Bentley with fellow alumni and current students. In 1995, he began what would become a 24 year tenure as a Trustee. As a Trustee, Fran was a dedicated member of the board and played an important role in Bentley's governance as the school transitioned to university status. Fran was such a vocal supporter of Bentley, and had a special place in his heart for the student experience on campus. He was a frequent attendee of many Bentley Athletics games and a passionate supporter of the students in both the classroom and on the field. Just prior to his leaving the Board in the spring of 2019, Fran made a generous gift directed to the student pep band, showing his dedication to making campus life memorable for our students. Outside of his passion for work and all things Bentley, Fran's life revolved around his love for his family, in particular his grandchildren. He made a point to attend everything he possibly could whether it be a sporting event, dance recital, band concert or graduation. He was truly beloved by all. His son, Eric and his wife Kathy along with their children Zachary and Allison as well as his daughter Sharon and her husband Rob (Tatro) along with their children Scott and Rachel, are all left with a large emptiness in their hearts and a noticeable absence of his presence. Fran lit up talking about his

family to anyone and everyone that would listen. He took so much pride in being able to see that his legacy would forever go on through his family. For the last 18 years, he worked to transition his business to his daughter, Sharon. He loved watching his son Eric embody his own entrepreneurial spirit in starting his own business. He adored his son-in-law Rob and daughter-in-law Kathy and was so happy to welcome them to his family. For all of his grandkids, it wasn't a question of whether or not he was available to attend everything important to them, just what time did it start so he could be there an hour early to get the best seat. Most recently, his grandson Scott began attending Bentley University and Fran could not hide his heartfelt joy to share his love with another generation. Fran's family will hold a Memorial Service for him on Bentley's campus on what would have been his 84th birthday on October 1. It is our sincerest hope that we will be able to gather together to remember Fran in October, public health conditions permitting. Fran's family has asked that memorial gifts be directed to the Kingsley Family Scholarship fund at Bentley. They may be sent in his memory to Bentley University, 175 Forest Avenue, Waltham, MA 02452. Perhaps the most fitting sentiment about Fran is his own quote in his high school yearbook: "A quiet fellow, always so neat. Charming in his manner, he is pleasant to meet." He embodied that with his entire being and he will be incredibly missed.

KISSELL

Rose C. (Douglas) of Norwood, passed away on April 8, 2020 at the age of 94. Beloved wife of the late Marion L. Kissell. Devoted mother of Lawrence E. Kissell and his wife Janet of Rehoboth, Wayne A. Kissell of North Attleboro and David J. Kissell of Norwood. Cherished grandmother of 2 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild. Daughter of the late Edmund Georgina (Craig) Douglas. Rose was very active, doing many shows at the Norwood Senior Center. All Services and Burial will be private. Arrangements by the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, NORWOOD, MA. kraw-kornackfuneralhome.com Family Owned and Operated 781-762-0482.

LYNCH

Taylor Anne of Norwood, passed away on Friday, April 10, 2020 at the age of 18. Beloved daughter of James and MaryLou (Cunningham) Lynch. Loving sister of Brittany. Predeceased by grandparents Thomas and Catherine (Clarke) Cunningham, and Edward and Carol (Welch) Lynch. Survived by many loving uncles, aunts and cousins. Taylor was a senior at Norwood High School, where she was affectionately known as the "Mayor of Norwood High." She loved chatting with her teachers and friends, attending events through the ARC of South Norfolk, and dancing to the music of Luke Bryan. She never met a stranger, and loved eating out at restaurants. Taylor was full of joy and the light of her family. Services will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made either to the ARC of South Norfolk (arcsouthnorfolk.org) or United Cerebral Palsy (www.ucp.org).

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NARCISO

Marion (Fino) of Norwood, 93, passed peacefully on April 10, to join the love of her life, John Narciso, Sr. Marion was predeceased by her oldest son, John Narciso, Jr, husband of Carole Narciso from Norwood, and great-granddaughter, Maria, from Texas. She was loved very much and survived by daughter, Patricia Cosgro and husband Glenn of Norwood, son, Richard Narciso and wife Karen from Connecticut, her brother, Robert Fino and wife Elaine of Dedham, and her sister, Dolores Fino in Mansfield. Marion was also predeceased by her siblings, Theresa "Dee Dee," Norma, Irene, Dot, Ruth, Jean, George, and James. Our "Nana" Marion was truly cherished and loved by her 10 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. She was so proud of them, enjoyed spending time together, and had surrounded herself with pictures everywhere of all of them. Family time spent at holidays, weddings, birthdays (there was a lot!) saw Nana glowing with pride, and no event was complete without Nana's pizzellas and biscotti - all homemade with love of course. Marion enjoyed her time as a member of the Mil-Par Club and the former St. Joseph Church Choir and bowling league in Hyde Park. In lieu of flowers, please kindly consider a donation to the Joslin Diabetes Center. Funeral arrangements conducted by Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home will be private. A Celebration of Life service will be announced at a later date. kraw-kornackfuneralhome.com 781-762-0482.

PELLETIER

Victor J. of Walpole passed away on April 12, 2020 at the age of 86. Beloved husband of Marie E. (Lento) Pelletier. Devoted father of Nancy Pelletier of Norwood and the late David and Dianne Pelletier. Step father of Timothy Cotter of Buzzards Bay and the late Christine M. Cotter. Brother of John Pelletier of Quincy. Cherished grandfather of Kristi Cotter of CA, James Cotter of Falmouth, Jessica Bopp and Joey Bopp both of Norwood. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. All services and burial will be private. Arrangements by the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home Norwood, MA.

RANSOW

Suzanna (Petroff) of East Walpole, passed away on April 3, 2020 at the age of 92. Beloved wife of the late Carl Ransow. Devoted mother of Cynthia McCaig of East Walpole. Cherished grandmother of Gretchen Ransow of London, England and Eileen Ransow-Smith of Watertown. Sister of the late Bill Petroff. Daughter of the late Alexander and Alexandra (Pazloss) Petroff. All Services are private and a Memorial Service will be held at a later date. Arrangements by the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, NORWOOD, MA. kraw-kornackfuneralhome.com 781-762-0482.

ROGERS

Anne (Halchuck) of Norwood, MA, passed away peacefully on Sunday, April 5, 2020 at the age of 103. She was the beloved wife of the late Wilfred A. Rogers. Loving mother of Irene B. Kiley & her husband Francis of Norwood. Cherished sister of Olga Ferrari of Westwood. Adored grandmother of Heather

Boulger & her husband Brian of Wrentham, Melissa Dwyer of Norwood and great-grandmother of Kayley, Aidan, Rowan, Dylan, and Maddison. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews. Funeral Services will be private. In lieu of flowers, remembrances in Anne's memory may be donated to Perkins School for the Blind Perkins Trust, 175 North Beacon Street, Watertown, MA 02472. www.gilloolyfuneralhome.com

TARIS

Louis J. of Norwood, (Lou) passed away peacefully on April 5, 2020. Born in Boston, he proudly grew up in the Fenway section. He was a graduate of Brighton High School, where he was president of his senior class. Lou went on to earn four degrees at Boston University, where he was an Augustus Howe Buck Scholar and a member of Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society. He started his career in the Boston Public Schools, where he began as a teacher at the William E. Russell School in Dorchester. He became Director of Science K-12 for Wayland Public Schools, and during that time he also served on the Dedham School Committee for five years. From there, he went on to become a school administrator for the Barnstable Public Schools. Lou was a firm believer in public education and devoted his entire life to education and learning. With hard work and continued education, he went back to Boston University, completed his doctorate in education and was able to progress his career to Superintendent of Schools, where he served as superintendent for two school districts - Presque Isle, ME and Norwood, MA. He returned to the classroom to finish his career as a Professor at Bridgewater State College for over a decade. Intellectually curious, Lou had a wide range of interests. He was an avid reader, a musician and song writer, and author. Together with his brother, James Taris, he wrote and published twenty-six books combining science and history themes. He was a talented magician and what started as a hobby evolved and led to his performing over 100 professional shows. He loved travel and he traveled extensively throughout the United States and Europe. Although he had a wide range of interests, he was happiest at family gatherings, catching up with loved ones and friends. Lou was the beloved husband to Mary J. (Manning) for 52 years. A devoted father, he also leaves behind his two children, Jane Cafferty and her husband Kevin of Norwell, and his son Louis J. Taris, Jr. and his wife Amy of Medfield. He also leaves behind his four adored grandchildren Kaitlyn and Kevin Cafferty, Jr. and Bridget and Nathaniel Taris. Caring and loving son of the late James and Judith Taris. Dear brother of Kay Benson and her husband Peter of Dedham, and James Taris and his wife JoAnn of SC. Cherished uncle to nine nieces and nephews, their children and grandchildren. Private Services will be held at Gillooly Funeral Home in Norwood and interment at Newton Cemetery. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Lou touched the lives of hundreds of people and lifted up everyone he met. He encouraged people to reach their goals and understood that achievements can be made on any level. He will be greatly missed. In lieu of flowers or donations, please consider reading a book, learning a fact or doing whatever it is that makes you happy. www.gilloolyfuneralhome.com

TREVISONE

Michael Anthony Sr, 79 of Norwood, passed away peacefully after bravely battling Parkinson's for the better part of the last decade. He is the Beloved son of Catherine (Cacciola) and Michael William of Boston, and is survived by the love of his life of 55 years Anne (Polin), whom he met as a Rebel teenager growing up in Roxbury, and who turned him into the gentle, loving, selfless man that will forever be his legacy. He is also survived by his son Michael Jr and his wife Christine, his daughter Donna (Maxon) and her husband Curt, his daughter Deborah, and his son Stephen and his wife Rachel. He also leaves behind five grandchildren, Michael Anthony III, Bradley Austin, Geno John, Nico Anthony, and Enzo Michael as well as his brother Salvatore (Butch) of Dedham, and sister Maria (Hatch) of Scottsdale, Arizona. Mike married Anne in 1964, served his country as a soldier in the US Army, and moved to Norwood where he raised his family, until he passed away in the house that he loved on April 8, 2020 just after midnight. He joined the Boston Police department in 1968, and retired in 2005, serving and protecting the people of Boston for over thirty five years. In 2000, he was a Massachusetts' nominee for the nation's Top Cop award which was an honor bestowed upon him by the Boston Police, recognizing his accomplishments of the last three decades to both the people of Boston and his brother's in blue. Raising his family in Norwood, Mike coached all four of his children in basketball at Saint Catherine's school, and remained volunteering at St Catherine's until he was no longer able. During the course of those forty years, he touched the hearts of hundreds of young players as a coach, referee and director of their basketball program, thousands of parishioners as a church usher and (in his mind) lead choir singer, and was always the number one BINGO caller on Sunday nights, where he would save your seat, get you a coffee, watch your cards if you had to get up, and would never, ever go too fast or too slow when calling the numbers. Regrettably, funeral services will be private at this time, but a video remembering Mike can be found at vimeo.com, by signing up for free and searching Trevisone. The family appreciates all the love that was shown for Mike during his battle with Parkinson's and requests that in lieu of flowers, please make a donation to either Saint Catherine's of Siena School, 249 Nahatan Street, Norwood, MA 02062 or the Boston Police Relief Association, 1249 Hyde Park Avenue, Hyde Park, MA 02136 in Mike's memory. Arrangements by the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home Norwood, MA.

WALENTEN

CHARLES J. Jr. of Norwood passed away on April 9, 2020 at the age of 76. Beloved husband of Marguerite K. (Norton) Walenten. Father of Christopher Walenten and his wife Nancy of Norwood. Cherished grandfather of John and Tommy Walenten. Brother of John Walenten and his wife Nancy of VA. Son of the late Charles J. Sr. and Edith (McCallum) Walenten. Charles was a Vietnam USMC Veteran. A private burial will take place at the Massachusetts National Cemetery with a celebration of his life at a later date. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in his name to the DAV P.O. Box 14301, Cincinnati, Ohio 45250. Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home. www.kraw-kornackfuneralhome.com 781-762-0482.

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Monday, April 6

0143 Cellular - Susp Vehicle *Report Filed Location/Address: Ridgewood Dr Caller reports car parked partly in the street, facing the wrong way with flat on front tire. (Ma.Reg# 697RH2)N669,N666 responded.

No one with the vehicle. Unable to reach owner. Negoshin's tows same. N669 responds to another address in Canton found for owner. Canton P.D. also responds. N669 spoke with owner and advised.

0755 Phone - B & E Commercial *Report Filed Location/Address: St Catherines Of Siena Chapel - Washington St Report cash donation box broken into and cash stolen.

0903 Phone - Well Being Chk Spoken To Location/Address: Berwick St N496 received request to check on a male in p-up alongside Veteran's Park, maybe slumped over wheel. N666 reports MA CO R22030, operator was exiting same upon officer's arrival and stated he was on phone, now going for a walk.

0934 Phone - Well Being Chk Transported To Hospital Location/Address: Neponset St Report client walk-a-way, house rule that they must be accompanied by staff. BOLO to cars. N664 locates her in parking lot of Norwood Plaza 130 Nahatan St. near Citizen's Bank. Re-locate to PD station lot. 1037-NFD transports for voluntary evaluation.

1156 Cellular - Susp Person Spoken To Location/Address: Callahan School Garfield Ave Worker tells parent, whom was picking up a lunch program lunch, that there is a male sunning himself on property and it makes them uneasy. N662 reports MA PC 4TWY30, teacher from another town wasting time until he has to log into his computer for work, he will move along.

1324 Phone - Assist Other Agency Spoken To Location/Address: Nichols St + Lancelot Ct Westwood Officer off with a suspicious person.

1410 Initiated - Well Being Chk Area Search Negative Location/Address: Lenox St + Cross St A pedestrian flags down N677 and asks to check on a W/M, 50-60yoa, salt and pepper hair, white/navy blue sweater, sweatpants, acting erratic, in area of the central train station 15 minutes ago.

1512 Phone - Mischief (Kids) Building Checked/Secured Location/Address: Oldham School (Acct# 1382d) - Prospect St Report 2 boys, 1 girl-yellow shirt, put crate on Pine St. side of building near awning and appeared to be trying to climb onto the roof. N666 reports all in order at school, kids where spotted on Railroad Ave but upon checking area GOA.

1549 Phone - Animal Complaint NACO/WACO notified Location/Address: Bamboo Cafe - Washington St Passing pedestrian reports business has been closed for months, can see fish tank inside still has fish, dead and alive, in it, very little water in tank.

1553 Phone - Susp Vehicle Spoken To Location/Address: Washington St Report MA PC 1DFA15 with B/F and B/F in it, place towels over windows, last week female urinated outside car. N666 spoke to both parties, advised they should not be here, sent on their way.

Tuesday, April 7

0001 911 - Disturbance Spoken To Location/Address: Jefferson Dr Verbal argument between mother and son over computer use. Sister intervened. Peace was restored and parties agreed to keep the peace. Caller states her 2 teenagers are fighting. N662,N666,N678 responded. Upon arrival they had ceased. Spoken to and advised.

0933 Phone - Citizens Complaint Services Rendered Location/Address: Clapboardtree St Staff reports last week while taking client for a walk at the Xaverian High School track, the client thinks she saw ex-boyfriend in parking lot. Subsequently, ex-boyfriend called client when she was in her Norwood apartment. N664 spoke to all staff, client, ex-boyfriend-unfounded.

1244 Phone - Attempt to commit crime *Report Filed Location/Address: Norwood Plaza - Nahatan St Shaw's employee reports that yesterday between 1200-2030 Hrs someone tried to steal her car.

1323 Phone - Illegal Trash Disposal Spoken To Location/Address: Olde Derby Rd Caller reports non-resident may have put bag of trash in the complex dumpster. Caller was advised and satisfied.

1516 Cellular - Animal Complaint NACO/WACO notified Location/Address: Nichols St Report german shepherd sitting on front lawn, believe it belongs at 585.

1610 Phone - Well Being Chk Services Rendered Location/Address: Norwest Dr Rhode Island DCYF requests check to ensure that a juvenile is in fact at the address. Officer confirmed. DCYF advised.

Wednesday, April 8

1137 Phone - Larceny *Report Filed Location/Address: Paradise Fruits - Kerry Pl Larceny by check.

1429 911 - Assist Citizen Spoken To Location/Address: Norwood Hospital - Washington St Resident reports a staff member pulled her out of a cab's front seat and had her sit in the back seat. She also does not have her keys and phone. N662 spoke to her, she has her personal items, she was upset over the manner and tone of staff when she was told about having to sit in the back seat.

1606 Phone - Susp Vehicle Services Rendered Location/Address: Shattuck Pk Rd Caller reports a vehicle unknown to her is parked in her driveway. Owner of MA PC 734XT2 was contacted and explained that a dealership had mistakenly delivered that vehicle to his old address and that they would be retrieving the vehicle shortly. Caller advised.

1620 Phone - Larceny *Report Filed Location/Address: Andrews St Stolen checks.

1658 Phone - Civil Dispute Civil Matter Location/Address: Dan O'brien Kia - Bos-Prov Hwy Dealership refuses to refund deposit after customer changed mind about their purchase. Advised of options.

1707 Phone - Susp Person Spoken To Location/Address: Washington St Caller reports people throwing trash and acting oddly. All of those parties identified and advised.

2027 Phone - Noise Complaint Spoken To Location/Address: Jefferson Dr Caller reports noise complaint. N666 and N670 responding. Resident was advised.

Thursday, April 9

0816 Phone - Road Hazard Spoken To Location/Address: Starbucks

Coffee Co. - Bos-Prov Hwy Officers Assist In Coned Off Traffic Flow With The Manager.

0922 Phone - Well Being Chk Spoken To Location/Address: Upland Woods Cir BCI and Officer report all is well.

1803 911 - Report Of Fire Police & Fire Notified/Respond Location/Address: Mr. Franks Food Mart - Meb Inc. - Washington St Caller reports possible car fire. FD notified. MA PC 152FZ6 towed by Center Auto Body.

1940 Phone - Assist Other Agency Spoken To Location/Address: Norwood Hospital - Washington St Security requesting assistance with a party that does not want to leave the property. N670 reports that party is going to wait for the next train.

2130 Phone - Susp Person Gone On Arrival Location/Address: Berwick Pl Caller reports someone walked up her walkway then turned around and left.

2143 Phone - Well Being Chk Spoken To Location/Address: Village Rd E

2304 Phone - Noise Complaint Spoken To Location/Address: Norwest Dr Caller reports loud music. Party was spoken to will turn down the music.

Friday, April 10

1009 Phone - Community Police Services Rendered Location/Address: Jefferson Dr Officers assist the Recreation Dept.

1338 911 - Death *Report Filed Location/Address: Hillcrest Rd Caller reports her daughter needs medical attention unsure if she is responsive or not.

1505 Phone - Unwanted Party *Report Filed Location/Address: Washington St + Walnut Ave Subject sitting on the deck at unit 9 does not live there. Subject was GOA but spoke with a W/M fitting description down the street and advised. 60's long gray hair, dark coat, tan pants and advised.

1557 Phone - Mischief (Kids) Report Filed Location/Address: Concord Ave Youth involved in a fight All located and parents advised.

1901 Phone - Susp Activity Spoken To Location/Address: Norwest Dr Caller reports his wife received a email requesting them to send money or they will send out a video of her to her friends on her contact list. N666 spoke to that individual and he was advised and satisfied.

2052 Phone - Well Being Chk Services Rendered Location/Address: Railroad Ave Caller requesting well being check of her friend. N666 and N662 responding. N666 reports all is fine an advised her to call her friend who was concerned about her.

Saturday, April 11

0553 Phone - Unwanted Party Services Rendered Location/Address: Howard St Caller reports friend outside her home trying to come in and she does not want her there. Party checked out, left the property and will be taking a bus home. 0819 Phone - Susp Vehicle Spoken To Location/Address: Coakley Middle School (Acct# 1378d) - Washington St Report 2 cars entered onto the football field near Door#14 and drove across field, a dog school logo in window. N663 reports they are contractors for the town to chase away the geese.

0931 Initiated - Complaint Of Mv Services Rendered Location/Address: Starbucks Coffee Co. - Bos-Prov Hwy N668 comes across traffic issue at business. Units as-

sisted in mitigating same for now, Starbuck's Corporate notified to address the problem.

1111 Cellular - Citizens Complaint Spoken To Location/Address: Norwood Hospital - Washington St Report group of people hanging around a public bench in front of hospital. N678 reports family members waiting to celebrate a baby's birth.

1200 Phone - Threats *Report Filed Location/Address: Norwood High School - Nichols St Staff reports answering machine message that subject was going to "shoot up" the school. Traced to a phone out of the country and overseas.

1455 911 - Hang Up Call Confirmed Accidental Location/Address: Westview Dr Open line with female yelling in background. Upon call back-no answer and phone does not have voice mail set up. Traced. N679 reports all ok, child got at phone.

1519 Phone - Neighbor Disturbance Spoken To Location/Address: Endicott St Report neighbor and his kids pound on floor, caller's roof, and say things to his wife when she walks to her car. N666 spoke to caller, advised of his option, nothing happening at time of this call.

1612 Phone - Susp Activity Area Search Negative Location/Address: Cedar St Caller states she believed she saw two adolescents possibly engaged in drug activity.

1630 Phone - Unwanted Party Services Rendered Location/Address: CVS Pharmacy - Nahatan St Customer reports a person is coughing on items deliberately. Officers spoke to that individual, she was not coughing maliciously.

1825 911 - Road Hazard State Dpw/ Norwood Dpw Notified Location/Address: Railroad Ave + Lenox St Sinkhole.

2242 Phone - Neighbor Disturbance Spoken To Location/Address: Orleans Rd Report of loud music. After being advised to turn down the music, caller states that party was verbally abusive and confrontational. Officers spoke to all parties, matter resolved.

Sunday, April 12 0824 911 - Hang Up Call Area Search Negative Location/Address: Norfolk Asphalt - Pleasant St Open line from disposable cell phone, no noise/voice contact in background. N662 sent to area 9-1-1 map places phone. N662 reports no person/cars around, no one approached officer.

1035 Initiated - Complaint Of Mv Services Rendered Location/Address: Starbucks Coffee Co. - Bos-Prov Hwy N668 comes across traffic issue at business, same as yesterday. DPW sent with cones/barrels. Units set up a new traffic pattern for now.

1350 Cellular - Citizens Complaint Spoken To Location/Address: Coakley Middle School (Acct# 1378d) - Washington St Report man hitting golf balls on upper football field. N663 sent him on his way.

1431 Phone - Citizens Complaint Taken/Referred To Other Agency Location/Address: Jack Madden Ford - Bos-Prov Hwy Caller reports he knows someone whom works at dealership in Sales and they are making him work and customers go in/out without masks. Information forwarded to Health Dept.

1917 Phone - Assist Other Agency Services Rendered Location/Address: Norwood Hospital - Washington St Staff states a combative patient walked away from Norwood Hospital while currently on a Section 12. N678, N664, N670 respond to assist.

Police Logs



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.

Q) Dear Doctor: A close friend of mine has a 2011 Audi A5 cabriolet with the four-cylinder 2.0T engine. From the time the vehicle was purchased it has had an oil consumption issue. As I recall reading Audi became aware of this issue and offered owners to "top off" their oil for free anytime low oil occurred between scheduled oil changes. What is causing this oil usage problem? Where is the oil going as there is no smoke being emitted that would traditionally indicate oil burning? Please shed some light on the problem that seems to be inherent with early versions of the Audi 2.0T engine that is still used extensively today. —Howie

A) The cause of oil consumption can be caused by many things including a worn turbo charger, worn valve guides, and piston rings getting clogged with carbon and actually not sealing against the cylinder walls. Seldom will you see any smoke out the tail pipe and in some cases there is not a noticeable loss of power. The oil consumption will not set any check engine light either. I would not suggest spending any money in repairs, I would just add oil as needed. High mileage oil has made a difference for many of my customers.

Q) Dear Doctor: I have a 2003 Chevrolet Silverado with 28,000 miles. The instrument cluster failed & the GM dealer tech replaced it with a new one. However during the process the odometer was reset to 0 miles. The tech tried to reprogram it to the actual 28K miles, but was unsuccessful. Is there a solution for this reset? —Mark

A) I remove many dash clusters and send them out to have them repaired. The dealer can also sent out the new cluster and have the mileage set. This is not a big deal. The cluster comes out in 1/2 hour or less. The outside service charge is around \$100.00 or less for mileage correction or repair. Turn around time is 24 hours once the dash cluster is received at the repair center.

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Dumpster fire hits Norwood



The Norwood Fire Department responded to an early evening dumpster fire reported on Dean Street on April 12. Fire crews arrived to find the construction materials dumpster "fully involved" at the rear of a three-story multi-family building, and nearly touching said building. The department stated firefighters were able to quickly douse the flames and make sure it did not spread to any nearby structures. According to the NFD, firefighters were on scene for about an hour all told.

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on the Town since they will not be approving projects or distributing money on the agreed upon dates that the law spells out. However, Assistant Town Planner Patrick Deschenes pointed out that only administrative tasks were required by the law year-to-year.

"So the only CPA article that is going to be postponed is that dealing with projects," said Deschenes. "Our reserve article and our administration appropriation article that have to happen yearly, those are still included in the annual Town Meeting Warrant... As you all probably remember, we did appropriate money for the Saints Street Lot in the fall so it's not out of the norm to have projects go forward in the fall or in different parts of the year."

Greeley said he would be concerned that this would affect the CPC's matched funds, the funds received from the State collected from fees on real estate transactions. Deschenes said the Town's matches will not be affected.

"Everything that's supposed to happen from a standard yearly article standpoint is happening," he said.

Also discussed at the meeting was the approval of the purchase and sales agreement for the Saint Streets Lot in South Norwood by the Town, the signing of which was first announced at last week's Board of Selectmen Meeting. Town Planner Paul Halkiotis said he's been actively working with Town Counsel David DeLuca for all remaining steps the Town needs to take to close the sale (located off of St. Paul Street, St. John Street and St. Joseph Avenue). He said they still need to put in place a Conservation Restriction to ensure

that it stays conservation land for the foreseeable future.

"We have been working with the Wildlands Trust of Southeastern Massachusetts, and they were scheduled to do a site visit on March 18, but because of the virus outbreak, they postponed that," he said. "Town Counsel has reviewed a draft restriction, I've reviewed and I added some language and made some minor changes. I think we're in a good place now and we need to send that to the Wildlands Trust."

Halkiotis added that they followed a template given to the Town by the Wildlands Trust for a restriction recently approved in Plymouth, so he does not foresee any problems.

"We started working from an already-approved CR, changed the particulars about the property, it was basically the same thing," he said.

Halkiotis said once the conservation restriction has been finalized, then Halkiotis said the Town should be finally able to move forward and close the sale.

"We're one step closer with this signed purchase and sales agreement, and we're looking forward to taking the title," he said. "We don't have a closing date yet."

In other news, CPC member and Conservation Commission member Cheryl Doyle asked all those present for any advice or help in moving the approved Lower Pond Pavilion project Town Meeting voted for last year.

"It's never gone out to bid," she said. "When it was submitted, it should have gone right out, because it's not a very detailed project. It's very simple and very cheap."

Doyle said the project, which is to place a concrete pavilion, picnic table and shade structure at lower pond across the street from Ellis Pond, has been delayed for several reasons since being approved, the most recent reason being the COVID-19 outbreak. It was originally put forth to the CPC from the Conservation Commission.

"This is over a year going now, and we're worried that our project will never ever go out to bid, and that if Conservation Commission puts any project forward, it will never go out to bid," she said.

Deschenes said that the Town's Procurement Office has been preoccupied for at least the past month, and said that if it wasn't for the virus, he believes the project would have more than likely been built by now. He pointed out that work for the Lower Balch project and the poured rubber for the Bond Street playground project have also been delayed.

"It's the time of year I think projects would start to happen, but I think everything has hit the brakes," Deschenes said. "It has nothing to do with whether Conservation or Recreation is submitting a project... We have one department and one person in particular who deals with Procurement and if she's occupied with other matters, especially those dealing with emergency planning and this emergency situation, those take precedent over procurement. It's unfortunate because we want to see progress happens and it should happen and we don't want to delay anything, but I can't speak to her schedule."

Why Are our Medicare Premiums Different?

Dear Rusty: What is the Medicare monthly payment based on? I pay \$139.60, my husband pays \$144.60, a friend pays \$136.60. I receive \$388 per month in Social Security, my husband receives \$1200, and my friend receives \$1000 per month. There seems to be no rhyme or reason for the amount we pay. Signed: Curious to Know



Russell Gloor
AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Curious: It may not seem so, but there is actually "rhyme or reason" to the amount of everyone's Medicare premium. I'll try to explain.

Each year Medicare determines a standard premium amount for Part B – coverage for doctors and other outpatient services. For 2020, the standard premium is \$144.60; last year it was \$135.50. Higher earners may even pay more, as a supplemental amount is added to the base Part B premium if someone's income exceeds certain high clip levels set by Medicare. In short, those with high income pay a higher (than standard) Medicare premium. The rest of us pay the base \$144.60 amount, unless the "hold harmless" provision is in play.

The "hold harmless" provision is a law passed by Congress to prevent Social Security benefit payments from decreasing as a result of an increase in the Medicare premium (most Medicare premiums are deducted from Social Security benefit payments). The disparity in premiums you refer to results from the hold harmless provision, which also permits all or part of a Social Security cost of living adjustment (COLA) to be applied to your Medicare premium increase, instead of going to you. Here's what can happen:

If the Medicare premium goes up in any year, some (or all) of your annual Social Security COLA increase can be used to pay for your monthly Medicare premium increase. But, if the COLA increase to your SS benefit isn't big enough to cover the entire Medicare premium increase, your net SS benefit stays the same and your Medicare premium amount becomes whatever level your COLA increase brings it to (up to the base premium for that year). That means that your Medicare premium could be lower than the standard Medicare Part B premium for the year.

Since the dollar value of a COLA increase varies according to the size of your Social Security benefit, those with a higher benefit may receive a COLA in-

crease which more than covers the Medicare premium increase and the remainder is given as additional SS benefit. But those with a lower SS benefit will get a smaller COLA, which may not be enough to cover the increase in the Medicare premium. In that event, the Social Security benefit stays the same and the COLA is used to bring the Medicare premium up to, or closer to, the base premium amount. If the COLA doesn't cover the entire Medicare premium increase, the premium stays at a lower-than-base number. And this recurs every year, which results in many people, especially those with a smaller SS benefit amount, paying a different (smaller than base) Medicare premium amount.

Here's an example: If your husband's SS benefit is \$1200/month, he got a \$19.20 COLA increase for 2020 (1.6%). The Medicare premium for 2020 went up by \$9.10, which was taken from his COLA increase. The remaining \$10.10 of his COLA increase was added to his SS benefit amount.

If your benefit is \$388 your COLA increase was \$6.20 (1.6%). That \$6.20 COLA wasn't enough to cover the \$9.10 Medicare premium increase, but it was applied to your previous Medicare premium amount to bring you to a Medicare premium of \$139.60. Your net SS payment stayed the same because your current SS benefit cannot be used to pay for the rest of the premium increase. But \$5 of any COLA increase you get next year will go toward bringing you up to the base Medicare premium amount. While this may not fit your idea of "rhyme or reason" it is, nevertheless, based upon a well-intentioned "hold harmless" rule which protects your Social Security benefit from decreasing.

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