

Town moves forward with fire chief search

PFFM trying to limit search of viable candidates

Mary Ellen Gambon
Staff Reporter

Town officials are moving forward after accusations of unethical behavior against them made by Norwood's legislative delegation were found to be without merit by Town Counsel David DeLuca, apparently ending an incendiary period in the Town's history.

As reported in the Feb. 16 edition of The Norwood Record, DeLuca on Feb. 14 at the Board of Selectmen's meeting shot down allegations made in a letter sent to Town Meeting members by state Sen. Mike Rush and Rep. John Rogers primarily aimed at retiring Fire Chief David Hayes, General Manager Tony Mazzucco and Board of Selectmen Chair Bill Plasko regarding their advocating for passage of a home rule petition that would have allowed Hayes to work past his 65th birthday. DeLuca called the letter "extraordinary" because it was "based upon misrepresentations and exaggerations, not based on facts."

DeLuca's review and the response from the Board of Selectmen can be found on the Town's website at norwoodma.gov.

DeLuca found the charges to be without merit under the law. There were also accusations that four unnamed selectmen violated Open Meeting Law by attending a fundraiser for state Senate President Karen Spilka with the intent of persuading Spilka to push the bill through the legislative process. The selectmen were likewise found not to be violating the law because there was nothing within their jurisdiction to deliberate and they were not meeting formally.



Chief David Hayes

"I just went to show her that Dave Hayes is a human being," Hayes said in a Feb. 17 interview with The Norwood Record.

In an interview with Mazzucco on Fri. Feb. 17, he said he was pleased with DeLuca's findings.

"I knew it would be the case," he said, "but I'm glad Town Counsel's review was able to exonerate me. We need to put this behind us."

No one from either Rush's or Rogers's offices responded to requests for comment by deadline.

Mazzucco also noted that, when DeLuca's review became public, the state's firefighters union, the Professional Fire Fighters of Massachusetts (PFFM), released a letter dated Feb. 14 requesting that its 12,000 members "stand down" and not apply for the Norwood fire chief position because

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At the Feb. 15 NAC meeting, Winfield Street resident Linda Carroll requested that Airport flight schools try to gain altitude before flying over her neighborhood.

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NAC trying to reduce take offs over Rock Street

Matthew MacDonald
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Airport Commission (NAC) drew about 20 attendees to its monthly meeting, held on Feb. 15. The session ran just under a half-hour and continued with old business regarding the increase in airplanes that have been flying low over the Winfield-Rock Street section of Town since last May.

At last month's meeting, it had been determined that the main reason for this traffic had been ongoing taxiway construction projects that had re-routed flights from Runway 17/35 to Runway 10/28, which points toward Route 1 and the neighborhood on its opposite side.

It was also determined that the brunt

of local distress was due to students at the Airport's flight schools repeatedly circuiting over the neighborhood to practice take-off and landing patterns, and that neither the NAC, Airport management, nor Air Traffic Control (ATC) had any authority to force alterations.

The NAC, however, did offer to reach out to the flight schools to request that they voluntarily adopt some sort of flight path mitigation until the Taxiway C construction project concludes in the summer.

At last Wednesday's meeting, John Corcoran – acting as NAC point person regarding the matter – opened the continuation by announcing that flight

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Norwood celebrates Black history

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Police Department (NPD), along with the Norwood High School, the Morrill Memorial Public Library and Norwood Public Schools students came together on Saturday, Feb. 18, to celebrate Black History Month.

The day featured a living museum, in which students from many grades were asked to choose a Black historical figure and speak about them. Stu-



Hundreds came out on Saturday to the Norwood High School for a celebration of Black History, organized by Norwood students.

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schools had been contacted and had expressed a willingness to meet with residents to discuss mitigation. He also guaranteed that this meeting would be scheduled and held sometime before the NAC's regular March meeting.

Airport Manager Mark Raymond added that he had made the schools aware of the flights' impact. "I don't have authority over the airspace, but I did ask them to be mindful of that during their operations here at the Airport, and in the vicinity of the Airport, and I got positive feedback on that," he said.

During the discussion that followed the update, Winfield Street resident Linda Carroll stated that she had recently noticed flights turning right before reaching her neighborhood. "That was so much better," she said of the change in direction. "When they take off, is there any way they can turn a little bit so they follow Route 1 to go over where there aren't houses, so at least when they get up in the air, they're a lot higher up and it's not quite so disturbing?"

NAC Chair Mark Ryan responded that he had also observed the altered flight paths, and that – having asked Raymond about it – was informed that at least one of the schools was already altering its routes.

Winfield Street resident Diane Wiffin – acting as neighborhood point person regarding the matter – expressed gratitude at the Airport's efforts while also acknowledging a recent

decrease in low overhead traffic. However, she also asked the NAC for confirmation that air traffic patterns would "return to normal" after the construction project in question was completed in the early summer.

Corcoran was careful responding. "Just because there's no more construction doesn't mean that on a Saturday morning the wind's not going to favor that runway [10/28]. And that's all dictated by Mother Nature and Air Traffic Control."

"But the construction was limiting the runways you could use," Wiffin said of the anticipated runway use upon project completion. "So, if construction is over, it shouldn't limit it as much. Right?"

"We just can't give you a definitive answer on what's going to happen, what's not going to happen when airplanes fly and need to take off and land into the wind to increase their performance," Corcoran came back, confirming only that the Airport was working with the schools to mitigate the situation by utilizing other local airports, and to try to fly over Route 1 when safely possible. "But that's not going to make it optimal for everybody," he concluded. "There's always going to be someone that's affected."

Immediately after Corcoran's statement, Kim Willett – a Canton resident – raised her hand.

"There are changes that have been made, I'd say, over the past 12 months, where we are seeing... a dramatic increase in the amount of planes that are originating from this Airport that are flying very low over our homes at all hours of the day and night, and it's really concerning," she explained, while asking

about the proper channels to address her Spring Valley neighborhood's concern.

"The FAA would really be the one you want to reach out to," Raymond recommended as the most effective channel to go through, "because they manage the air space."

Willett added that she suspected that the increased low flying air traffic over her neighborhood "might be a result of other neighborhoods complaining," understandably leading to the re-routing of flights.

In response, Vice-Chair Michael Sheehan cited the greatly reduced air traffic during the height of the pandemic, and then the dramatically increased post-COVID air traffic at the Airport. "It's up 22,000 from 2020 to 2022, '23," he put forward. "The point is, we manage the Airport – I know no one wants to hear this, but you've heard it from the FAA – they manage the air. We have absolutely no control over it." He then tried to lay Willett's suspicion to rest. "We're not sending airplanes over Canton for the benefit of the residents of Norwood," he said. "It's certainly not something that is planned by us to in any way harm anyone at all. It's just that the FAA controls that, and that's a big jump in two years."

In related Airport news, Mark Goodrich of consulting engineer DuBois & King gave an update regarding the Taxiway C project, stating that one-third of it is completed and that it is on hold for the winter. It will resume in mid-April and is estimated to take approximately two months to complete.

The NAC typically meets at 4 p.m. on the middle Wednesday of the month in the Airport's Welch Administration Building (111 Access Rd.). For information, visit the NAC's page on the Town website.

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School Comm. reviews "bare bones" budget draft

Mary Ellen Gambon
Staff Reporter

The School Committee at its three-hour hybrid meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 13, reviewed a bleak version of what Superintendent David Thomson referred to as a "bare bones budget" that has been affected by post-pandemic challenges and will increase by 10.42 percent over FY 23.

Because of the operational budget override pledge approved by voters in June 2019, the budget is only approved to increase by 3.5 percent over the previous year's amount through the end of FY 24, which is 1 percent higher than the state's 2.5 percent property tax annual increase.

Business manager Karin Sheridan gave a comprehensive analysis of the mandatory expenditures as well as the district's needs for the upcoming school year, going step by step through the increases. But before getting into the complexities of the FY 24 budget, she explained that there is still \$351,493 left to date from the FY 23 budget of \$52,001,033 if both expenses and encumbrances are included. So far, 99.33 percent of the budget has been spent with the encumbrances taken into account.

The preliminary FY 24 budget at this time is \$58,303,647. Sheridan said that the override pledge portion of the budget is \$1,848,036. She stressed that, with the amount of contractual obligations the district has, there is \$44,585 left from the budget increase to put toward the district's growing expenses and pro-

gramming needs.

"So there's your challenge," Sheridan said. "You've got a tough budget season here."

While more than three-quarters of the budget is going towards educational expenses, 81 percent of that is payroll with level staffing. This does not include the amounts for the additional instructors that were requested for next year. While 32 were asked for, 10 remain in this draft of the budget.

There are a number of factors contributing to the financial needs of the district. One is the growth of the student special education population to 35 percent, a 29 percent increase. The general education population is 61 percent, while the English language learner students equal 4 percent.

"Special education in-house transportation continues to rise," Sheridan cited as one challenge. All services related to special education are federally mandated. From FY 22 to FY 23, the students needing in-district transportation rose from 185 to 203. Out-of-district students requiring transportation rose during that same time frame from 68 to 79. This has been a challenge because of an aging bus and van fleet as well as the increase in fuel and repair costs for them. Even though vehicle orders have been placed for the past couple of years, they cannot be fulfilled because of supply chain issues, forcing the district to use outside contractors. Last year, no outside contractors were needed; this school year the cost was \$662,068.

The biggest hit has been the state-mandated inflation rate for out-of-district (OOD) tuition, increased by 14 percent for FY 24. The previous annual increase over the past decade, by comparison, has been less than 2 percent. School Committee member Teresa Stewart said she has spoken with state Rep. John Rogers at the past couple of meetings to request that a bill be filed to allow the state to help school districts fund this unexpected expense. The dollar amount is expected to increase by \$845,317 because of the growing OOD placement population.

"If you just look at the out-of-district costs, that is more than our 3.5 percent increase right there," stressed Thomson. With just the contractual obligations and the OOD expenditures, the budget increase request would be 6.9 percent.

The district is anticipating receiving \$839,000 in circuit breaker funding. But because of the change in gubernatorial administrations, the state has been delayed in releasing the final numbers to the state's school districts. But that anticipated amount cannot fully cover the OOD tuition increase, both Thomson and Stewart said.

Stewart added that the

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OPINION

Illegal or unethical?

Many will find the exoneration of elected officials by an investigation conducted by Town Counsel David DeLuca to be suspect, given its self-policing appearance. And, on the surface, it is fair to question whether a law firm having been in the employ of the Town for decades could conduct an objective review of the matter. However, in this case the findings have merit, and anyone who actually took the time to review the document in detail would come to the same conclusion, assuming no prior bias.

It is worthy to point out that attorney DeLuca was very clear from the outset that his conclusions were based solely on the law. Some may infer that his raising that point on a number of occasions while explaining his findings both verbally and in print means that he was leaving the issue of whether or not ethical violations occurred for others to determine. And the definition and difference of the two terms, legal and ethical, are important for everyone to understand when trying to understand the whole Chief Hayes mess this Town is trying to extricate itself from.

In a nutshell, whether something is "legal" will always be based upon the rules and regulations created and enforced by governmental bodies. Whether something is ethical on the other hand is based on a set of fundamental principles and concepts of desirable human character. These principles help guide a particular society in drawing the line between right and wrong, good and bad, and moral and immoral.

DeLuca makes clear in his findings that the assertions of illegality made by State Representative John Rogers and State Senator Michael Rush concerning the Board of Selectmen and Town Manager Tony Mazzucco are nonsense. He further goes on to state that the document produced jointly by Rogers and Rush was "extraordinary", which is his way of saying these two "representatives" should be ashamed of themselves for wasting everyone's time with this silliness. Rogers, an attorney, had to have known ahead of time that the claims being made were without legal merit. Either that or he is just one dumbass lawyer. And the guess at this address is that Rush got caught up in this Hayes vortex as a favor to Rogers and is now wishing he had chosen to refuse Rogers' buddy play.

Weeks ago this newspaper in an Opinion piece claimed that this whole affair has left an indelible black mark on Norwood's reputation and, after all is said and done, we stand by that assertion. It appears no laws were actually broken by any group, but there are plenty of ethical actions for others to render an opinion on, including by Rush, Rogers, Selectmen and Mazzucco. And let's not forget Norwood's firefighter union, Local 1638 and the state's firefighters union, the Professional Fire Fighters of Massachusetts (PFFM) in this debacle. PFFM actually released a letter dated Feb. 14 requesting that its 12,000 members "stand down" and not apply for the Norwood fire chief position because there were qualified in-house candidates. Talk about unethical.

It's not difficult to understand how Local 1638 actually believes that their recent actions concerning Chief Hayes are proper and just and moral when their guidance comes from PFFM, an organization that has no qualms with limiting not only their own brethren across the state from bettering themselves, but it being their duty to hinder this Town's ability to select the best available candidate. Firefighters are the first to point out that their first priority are the lives of their constituents. Apparently the lives of Norwood residents don't measure up when PFFM is perfectly satisfied with this Town potentially having to hire less than the best.

Finally, it is time for both Rogers and Rush to come out individually and publicly to explain their positions on this Hayes affair. It's not good enough to hide behind "joint statements" in print. You want to lob bombs? Then have the cahones to stand front and center, perhaps during the next Town Meeting, and back up the assertions. We're sure time could be allocated. Otherwise TM should value that letter as less than the paper it's printed on.

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there were qualified in-house candidates.

The union activity is important to note because a misunderstanding between the PFFM and Local 1638 leaders Paul Ronco and Dennis Mawn may have torpedoed the bill. Rush and Rogers noted the bill did not pass because of the "controversy" surrounding it. A March 10 letter from PFFM legislative agents Paul Jacques and Craig Hardy stated that a compromise had been reached between the local union and Hayes to extend his service to three years. Both Hayes and Ronco said the compromise never was reached, and Ronco clarified that the PFFM "misconstrued" that an agreement was made. The compromise was praised in a previous letter from Rush and Rogers to the Board of Selectmen.

The Norwood Record reached out to Jacques, Hardy and Ronco via email on Feb. 16 for a reaction to DeLuca's determination. No response was received at press time.

"It's not uncommon for the PFFM to put out a letter like this," Mazzucco said. "But it is very, very unfair that they gave false testimony to the Legislature."

"Why wouldn't we want the best candidate?" asked Mazzucco. "It's democratic. We do have talent in Town. But it may be time to hire an outside person. What is really useful is for Norwood to have an experienced chief or deputy chief in the role."

Mazzucco added that Deputy Chiefs John Cody and Dan Harkins will be applying for the chief's position. He decided not to appoint either one of them as the interim chief because he said he "didn't want it to appear that one had a leg up over the other."

A panel has been selected to review the candidates. Panel members include Selectmen Bob Donnelly and Amanda Grow, Finance Commission member Myev Bodenhofer, Personnel Board member Patterson Riley, and Westwood Fire Chief John Deckers. The panel will conduct two interviews with each candidate. After the candidates complete a fire chief's assessment cen-

ter exam, the top few will be vetted by Mazzucco, who will select the new fire chief. This process is expected to take about three months.

"I want the new chief to be a perfect fit, someone who I jell with and the department will work well with," Mazzucco said.

In the meantime, Sharon Fire Chief James W. Wright will serve as the interim chief, he added.

"Jim Wright has been very involved in the regional dispatch process with Holbrook," Mazzucco said, which is important because Norwood is in the process of joining this system. "In some ways, we couldn't have a better candidate for interim chief. It's good to have a buffer before the permanent chief is selected."

Hayes may serve as a consultant during the transition process, according to Mazzucco, although Hayes said he was unsure about how a continued relationship with the department would affect state funding. A retired employee is allowed to continue to work for up to 1,000 hours per year after retirement, said Mazzucco.

"Chief Hayes has more than 30 years in the department," he noted. "He has done a lot for the department, including advocating for the second deputy chief position. He's also gotten an enormous amount of grant money and added the position of fire inspector."

For example, Mazzucco said, the \$140,000 in new tools and \$40,000 for new lifts allow the department to have in-house mechanic work rather than send the trucks out for repairs.

Some other equipment Hayes was able to achieve for the department recently include a second advanced life support ambulance, an updated radio system and new turnout gear. The building is in the process of getting a new HVAC system, and it received an upgrade to its kitchen.

Mazzucco said he does not believe the recent controversy will be a factor in attracting candidates for the chief's position, adding that the salary and benefits are competitive.

"We're looking for people who like a challenge," he said. "I expect that a lot of candidates will be looking for their next step."

In an interview with The Norwood Record on Feb. 17, Hayes said he was pleased to be cleared of any wrongdoing.

"It went as I had hoped and as I had expected," he said. "I know I did nothing wrong. It was a classic bully's effort."

After the Feb. 14 meeting, Hayes pointed out contradictions in the legislators' letter, saying the legislators complained that they were "never called" by officials, but later

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they "said they were hardly called, then you called us too much."

"It can't be all three of those," Hayes said.

"They allowed a couple of union members to steal the vote of Town Meeting members," he added.

As he approached his final days as chief, Hayes reflected on his tenure and the progress he has made in working with his team to improve the culture of the department.

One of the main projects he was leading was developing a regional firefighter training facility that potentially will be located in Norwood.

"I had a vision," Hayes said of his work. "I don't know if that will happen now."

Hayes's vision included winning more grants to cover the department's needs. He wrote his first grant while a firefighter in 2007 for standardized gear to replace a hodgepodge of equipment.

"If you don't ask, you can't get it," he said of his philosophy. This led him to work toward achieving the grants Mazzucco described and others. The radio repeaters he pushed for are improving communications and saving the Town hundreds of thousands of dollars, he said.

One of his goals was creating "an open door policy" so that firefighters could air their concerns. He also met with the team each morning to build morale in a department that will now see its fourth chief in five years.

Hayes said his relationship with union leaders soured because they believed in moving up the ladder based on seniority rather than skill set.

"Some of the guys have taken exams to add to their knowledge on their own time," he explained. "I want the most qualified person for the job."

Despite the recent tensions between Hayes and union leaders, he did not want the public's perception of the department to be tarnished. He stressed that he appreciates all of the firefighters and values their teamwork and dedication.

One of the hardest decisions Hayes said he made was to not send his crew in to battle the recent ammonia leak at Home Market, where one man died.

"We didn't have the equipment for that," he explained. "My guys would have rushed in there and worked hard to battle it, but they would have died. It was a tough day."

Hayes joked that he may practice his golf swing as he begins his retirement.

"I came in here and did my best," he said. "I can leave with my head held high."

"It's unfortunate this happened," Mazzucco said. "It's a sad end to a sad story."

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Town Planner to also report to General Manager

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Planning Board voted 4-1 with Robert Bamber against to update the job description of the Norwood Town Planner along with other updates to the job description.

Most of the updates were more housekeeping in nature reflecting the responsibilities of the position. The position used to include "Economic Development Director," but that position has been absorbed by Joseph Collins since the departure of former Town Planner Paul Halkiotis.

"We took out the stuff that doesn't exist anymore and updated it," said Norwood Human Resources Director Lisa Uglialoro.

While most changes were accepted by the Planning Board without consternation, the Board found some of the language in the job description a bit unsettling. Members Bamber and Debbie Holmwood were concerned that the new Town Planner would be reporting directly to Town General Manager Tony Mazzucco as well as the Planning Board.

"It just says, 'Reporting to

the General Manager, this position works under the direction of the Planning Board,'" Assistant General Manager Michael Rosen said.

Bamber said he felt adding Mazzucco's position into the mix as a supervisor creates too much opportunity for conflicts of interest.

"I think we have a good thing going and I don't see why we should change that," he said.

Selectman Bob Donnelly responded to the concerns, saying it's actually happened before.

"The Conservation Agent used to report directly to the Conservation Commission and that was changed several years ago because the agent was a position without an on-staff or on-premise supervisor," he said. "That's similar to what's being accomplished here."

Donnelly pointed out that Board members are volunteers and not around every day at Town Hall, and therefore cannot react quickly to issues brought up by projects or applicants.

"Or are not familiar with human resources policy, budgetary policy, or all the aspects of administration you

want professional management to be cognizant of and manage," he said. "It's not too dissimilar from what you have now with the Assistant Planner becoming Acting Planner (Sarah Bouchard) under the auspices of the Director (General Manager). I don't think it's going to change much."

Donnelly added that the intent is to allow for "policy input" from the manager. "To make sure the department is functioning within not just human resources policy but also the general policies of the Town," he said.

Uglialoro added she reports directly to the Norwood Personnel Board and Mazzucco, like the Conservation Agent.

Holmwood said she had concerns that the General Manager might wield too much power in this regard. "This Board is still elected and I think it's important to keep that line," she said.

Board Chair Paciorkowski said he had a discussion with Mazzucco on this and that he was reassured by Mazzucco, stating that the position would function indepen-

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This Application requests a variance under Norwood Zoning Bylaw Section 4.1.2 [Dimensional Requirements] to allow conversion from an existing single family dwelling unit to a two family dwelling unit. The lot provides 10,000 SF where 15,000 SF are required for a two family structure in this district.

Any zoning relief that may be required in adherence to the Norwood Zoning Bylaw shall be considered by the Board. Interested persons are encouraged to attend the hearing and make their views known to the Board.

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TOWN OF NORWOOD ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Norwood will hold a PUBLIC HEARING on **March 14, 2023 at 7:00 PM** on the request of **Loretta Braverman, represented by David Hern Jr., Esq. (Case #23-05)** with respect to property located at **30 Pleasant Place (Map 17 Block 8 Lot 2A), Norwood, MA 02062**, in the Single Residence(S) Zoning District. The hearing will be held at the **Norwood Senior Center, 275 Prospect Street, Norwood, MA 02062** and will also be available for remote participation via Google Meet:

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This Application requests a variance under Norwood Zoning Bylaw Section 4.0 [Dimensional Requirements] to allow land division that would create two new lots that are nonconforming on lot width and frontage. Relief is also requested on setback requirements of the existing structures on each of those proposed lots.

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Black History Month *continued from page 1*

dents were encouraged to dress like their subject if they so desired, and many did.

Organizer and School Resource Officer at the NPD Geoffrey Baguma said he was happy to see the event attract a crowd of more than 200 participants.

“People just kept coming in and taking part,” he said. “The museum, the red carpet and the food really allowed people to meet and greet and converse and find new friends. The parents were able to see their children and their children’s friends’ parents and it was a great mix of generations.”

The living museum saw about 30 or more different projects with only a few repeats. Baguma said he did not suggest any figures to students because the idea was that the students seek out traditionally under-represented Black historical figures and though there were one or two repeats, the aim of the event seemed to be accomplished.

“I’ve just been going over a lot of them,” he said. “Right now it’s almost like picking one of my favorite children. Knowing that 99 percent of the projects were done by students who wanted to do them or volunteered to take part, it’s really hard to pick any over another.”

Participants then filtered into the auditorium where there was a fashion show, live music performances and then a program from Charlot Lucien followed by the dance group Trend in Motion.

“Which really got the audience moving and on stage, and then we had the opera singer Pierre Fontaine, who sounded amazing, of course, and in the end had the audience come to the front, hold hands and sing songs,” Baguma said. “It was really something special.”

Students Amond O’Reilly and Makeya Stokes focused their project on Malcom X, a pivotal leader in the 60s Civil Rights movement.

“I think we chose him because of his beliefs and that he was a very influential person,” Stokes said.

“He was always in the shadow of Martin Luther King because they were around about the same time, but he was there and he did a lot for Civil Rights and the Black community in general,” said O’Reilly.

Stokes said she learned a lot about X she did not know before.

“We found out he was tracked by the FBI, which I didn’t know, and we found out his father was murdered and nobody really knows how, and there’s a lot of conspiracy around that,” she said.

“He opposed integration for a majority of his life,” O’Reilly said. “He walked back on it eventually, but he felt that it would never happen because white people would always block any efforts to integration, so he figured what was the point of even trying?”

Adult Services Librarian Liz Reed was handing out books to the students with Volunteer Dina Delic. Reed said the library has an agreement to bring books to the schools that they think may generate interest in both the library itself and the world of reading. They were presenting a kind of mini library for patrons coming through the museum.

“The library thought from the very beginning that this event was going to be a very good idea,” Reed said. “We wanted to show support through books and make connections throughout the community and so we brought in a couple different community partners for this event.”

Delic said she’s been heading up the mini library program at the Coakley Middle School and the high school, where students with a Minuteman library card can check out books directly from their school.

“One of our most popular genres is graphic novels and that might not be a collection that some of the libraries in the schools have a lot of,” she said. “It’s a great way for kids who have only been exposed to Diary of a Wimpy Kid or the books they have to read for their classes that there are books about everything; that we have books that represent you here, since the books in classical literature are pretty white based.”

Reed said throughout the literary world many figures come up again and again and get “re-hashed” throughout the curriculum or in collections. She said they wanted to take a step against the tide and show students there are many more writers, philosophers, leaders and artists than they hear about in the popular sphere.

“We wanted to bring some celebration and honoring to the event,” she said.

Reed added that her favorite book right now is about the art of knitting.

“I’m a pretty big knitter in my personal life and there’s this new book, just published in 2022 called Knitting for Resilience, written by Black designers and Black artists,” she said. “It is all about comfort knitting, healing knitting, and if you just need to find your happy place and express your creativity, it’s a great book.”

Residents Jose Pena and Tyrell Taylor said they were friends of Baguma and came out to support his event.

“I met him in college, he was a roommate of mine,” Pena said. “I’ve never been to something like this before. The effort of the students here is amazing.”

Resident Keisha Desire said she came out to support the Haiti table with Itia Haiti founder Wilsonn Tilmo.

“It’s a literary organization trying to refine the curriculum in Haiti, just how children are taught and how the history of Haiti is taught in schools,” she said.

Baguma’s son Blake presented as Martin Luther King Jr. and he was ably helped by his brother Pierce and their friends Aiden Pena and Aaysh Jain.

“My dad’s been planning this for a long time and I think for Black History Month, Martin Luther King Jr. is just so important I wanted to represent him,” he said. “I like everybody’s stands and everything they’ve done. It’s been really great.”

Officer Baguma said he wanted to thank the history teachers of the Norwood Public Schools, the Morrill Memorial Library, the Norwood High School and, of course, the students who made it possible.

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Correction

In last week’s Norwood Record, the article on Page 1 entitled “Two NPD cops running for Kids with Cancer,” the finishing times for NPD Sgt. Timothy McDonagh and NPD Officer Justin LaRoche were incorrectly reported. McDonagh’s finishing time was 4:49:11 and LaRoche’s was 4:25:49. The times reported in the article, 4:33:43 and 4:13:12, were each NPD officers’ times at 40 kilometers. We apologize for the error.

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Town Planner *continued from page 5*

dently and refer only specific issues to the Town Manager only when clarification or interpretation of Town policy or procedures is required.

“That in my opinion kind of takes that argument away,” he said. “The concern that a Town Manager could influence the Town Planner and say, ‘Hey look, you work for me, push this through,’ or, ‘Look the other way on this,’ the last part of the paragraph summarizes this can’t be done. They work independently.”

“And I think it’s important that we understand it is still under your direction,” Donnelly added. “You still have that authority and it’s not undermined by this.”

Paciorkowski added an argument from Mazzucco, who

he said pointed out that he can hire and fire the police chief, but he can’t go around issuing speeding tickets. Or he can hire or fire the building manager, but he can’t issue building permits. Paciorkowski said he felt this was a similar situation.

Rosen said the reporting structure to the manager’s office would be mostly clerical or administrative, like personnel management, training, vacation days and other issues like that.

“So in theory if the Planning Board is the direct supervisor of the Planner, then anytime they would like to take a vacation they would have to get a quorum of the Board together and say, ‘Hey I’d like a vacation,’” he said.

The Board voted 4-1 with

Bamber against, saying he wanted more time to think about the issue. The Board added more language to ensure that the General Manager would only oversee “administrative” matters and that the Board would stay independent of the office.

The Norwood Personnel Board later voted to pass the description without incident and the Town will be hopefully starting the process seeking a new Town Planner in the coming weeks. Holmwood asked Acting Planner Sarah Bouchard if she had any thoughts on the issue.

“As a potential candidate for the position, I don’t think it’s appropriate for me to participate in the conversation,” Bouchard said.

School Budget *continued from page 3*

Massachusetts Association of School Committees is asking that the circuit breaker amounts be adjusted for inflation, but that is still a question mark.

Students whose first language is not English, known as EL, jumped during this school year to 28.3 percent and is expected to continue to grow, as will the services required to accommodate their needs. English language learners increased to 14.6 percent. Low-income students remained relatively level at about 40 percent. Students who have disabilities comprised 25.3 percent of the student population, with high-needs students currently at 57.7 percent of that 25.3 percent.

What also has been unusual about this school year is that more families have been moving into the district throughout the year, rather than just in the summer or early fall. Some of these families speak first languages other than English and may know little if any English.

“The challenge is that our funding [from the state] is based on the Oct. 1 numbers,” Thomson explained. “What we’re seeing is a constant change or influx of students.”

“The increase in need is definitely happening statewide and nationwide,” Stewart added. “But the way it continues to be rolling in our district is not happening everywhere.”

The FY 24 budget has included requests for 10 full-time positions, which was dramatically sliced from the 32 initially requested by principals and department heads. Sheridan noted that some of the positions were previously funded by grants that have now dried up. Some of these are support positions that came about as a result of the pandemic’s stress on students and by a state law passed in November. Another need is for a nurse for the Little Mustangs Preschool Academy (LMPA), which was previously grant funded, and an LMPA administrator was requested. Both the LMPA and kindergarten populations have increased, Thomson said.

“These are bare bones,” Thomson said. “They’re about as boiled down as I can get them.”

“We have tried to predict what we will need over the past three years,” he added, “and that prediction has been exceeded.” The effects of COVID-19 have played into the

increase in needs as students acclimate themselves to an in-school environment.

The need for mental health services was confirmed earlier in the meeting, as data from a survey indicated that 17 percent of Coakley Middle School students thought about committing suicide and 7 percent tried. Similar data was found at the high school.

The change in school start times has also affected students. The student liaison to the School Committee reported that club activities have decreased because of the adjusted bus times.

The staffing requests that were on the chopping block would cost another \$1,142,206. Some of the 22 positions included adjustment counselors, paraprofessionals, elementary health and physical education instructors, a high school business teacher, and a fifth-grade guidance counselor.

“I have to say that out of those 32, maybe two were left-field positions,” Thomson explained. “You could easily make an argument for at least 30 out of those 32.”

“This budget is not moving this district forward,” he continued, noting that they would bring the FY 24 increase to over 12 percent. “This budget does not do anything except dig our claws in and try to hang onto what we have and meet the needs of an increasingly diverse population.”

He noted that business, forensic science, environmental science courses, and a computer science advanced placement courses as well as internship programs not included in this budget would allow students to be competitive in the workforce upon graduation.

Sheridan said that Norwood would be applying for emergency state aid.

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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Norwood will hold a PUBLIC HEARING on **March 14, 2023 at 7:00 PM** on the request of Kathleen Yazbak, represented by David Hern Jr. Esq., (Case #23-03) with respect to property located at **41 Railroad Avenue (Map 4 Block 11A Lot 10), Norwood, MA 02062**, in the General Residence(G) Zoning District. The hearing will be held at the **Norwood Senior Center, 275 Prospect Street, Norwood, MA 02062** and will also be available for remote participation via Google Meet:

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This Application requests a special permit under the Norwood Zoning Bylaw Section 5.4 [Nonconforming Structures] to allow the construction of an addition to a pre-existing nonconforming single family residence. The existing lot is nonconforming on front, front and side setbacks.

Any zoning relief that may be required in adherence to the Norwood Zoning Bylaw shall be considered by the Board. Interested persons are encouraged to attend the hearing and make their views known to the Board.

Plans are on file with this application in the office of the Zoning Board of Appeals and may be requested by emailing cped@norwoodma.gov
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**Public Hearing Notice
Norwood Planning Board**

Notice is hereby given that the Planning Board of the Town of Norwood will hold a PUBLIC HEARING on **March 13, 2023 at 7:00 PM** on the request of Neponset River LLC, c/o Hobbs Brook Real Estate LLC with respect to property located at 1125-1175 Boston Providence Turnpike, Norwood, MA 02062, in the BPH Zoning District and in the M District. The hearing will be held at **Norwood Senior Center, 275 Prospect Street, Norwood, MA 02062** as well as via remote participation:

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The Applicant requests a Major Project Special Permit under Norwood Zoning Bylaw Sections 3.2.2 and 7.4.3 [Major Projects] to allow for the partial redevelopment of the above-referenced property to include demolition of an existing structure, construction of a new approximately 300,000 sf structure, construction of new structured parking (pursuant to a special permit under Section 6.1.7), and associated landscaping, parking and drainage improvements. The applicant also seeks relief from parking requirements in Sections 6.1.3, 6.1.10 and 6.1.12 to reduce the number of required parking spaces and to vary the minimum dimensions for drive aisles and parking spaces. The Board will also conduct Site Plan Review pursuant to Section 10.5 at this time.

Any zoning relief that may be required in adherence to the Norwood Zoning Bylaw shall be considered by the Board. Interested persons are encouraged to attend the hearing and make their views known to the Board.

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Morse Committee agrees on numbers

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Morse House Committee (MHC) met on Feb. 15 at the Norwood Town Hall and voted unanimously to request to the Norwood Board of Selectmen and the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) for the appropriation of Community Preservation Act (CPA) funds for rehabilitation of the house.

The request was broken into two sections: one for the actual rehabilitation at \$192,000 and one for a consultant at \$10,000 to try to get the building onto the National Historic Registry.

The \$192,000 comes from estimates from Facilities Department Director Paul Riccardi based on contractor estimates. He said the work came in significantly lower than previously estimated because, for one thing, the foundation didn't need as much work as was predicted in the house's feasibility study and because a

lot of the work was estimated by a sole proprietor.

Sole proprietors don't have to pay employees prevailing wages, presumably because they don't have any, and therefore estimates for the painting, foundation work, window preservation, door preservation and more came in at about \$192,000. He added that included replacing the support beams in the basement that are actually made from tree stumps. Metal poles would replace the wood.

The committee decided that caution was the better part of valor in the case of the windows. During the previous meeting Norwood General Manager Tony Mazzucco pointed out that they had previously replaced the windows at Town Hall with historically-accurate construction in 2002 and have had nothing but trouble since. At the time, the committee seemed to be leaning towards just replacing the win-

dows with something that looked the part but weren't truly historical.

This could, however, jeopardize the building being recognized by the National Registry of Historic Buildings, which, if the Morse House was selected, in turn could open up a lot of grant funding for additional rehabilitation and maintenance.

The current requests forwarded to the CPC are for stabilization work to keep the building from deteriorating at a faster rate than it is now. It would still need more than \$2 million to bring the building up to code for the public's use (unless it just uses it as it's been using it, a 19-person meeting space and historical center).

With that in mind, the Committee decided to go with Riccardi's suggestion of using heavy glass sheets to cover the current windows.

"I got a lesson when I tried to find storm windows because they just don't make them any-

more, because with replacement windows you don't have storm windows," he said. "You'll probably want to preserve the existing windows until everyone decides if you're going to renovate and seek the historic designation."

Riccardi recommended sheets of heavy glass that would cover the current windows at a cost of around \$11,970 to protect all 38 windows. He recommended a similar solution of storm doors for the historic doors.

Member Toni Eosco said the windows really need work.

"This is how loose the windows are," she said. "This vine starts outside and went through the window and into the house. The shade was down, so when I opened the shade the vine was all coiled up and it came at me like a snake!"

Chair and Board of Selectmen Chair Bill Plasko said he voted for the measure in the committee but said he would consider the vote a bit differently as a se-

lectman when the funding request comes to his desk.

"I'm going to push this forward here, but I have to do some heavy thinking on my own as a Selectman when it gets there if I'm going to support this or not," he said.

Plasko said he was concerned that at the moment there is not a singular use for the property that has been selected. Eosco said she wants to be fluid concerning the house and get to a point where more options are available, stabilizing the house and getting the historic designation as part of that.

"If we at least make the house comfortable and secure and hopefully get it registered, then other conversations can take place," she said.

Mazzucco said if all goes well with the Board of Selectmen, Town Meeting and the CPC, they could start work this summer and be done by the end of the season.



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ARMOUR

ROBERT, "Bob" of Middleborough, formerly of Norwood, passed away peacefully with his family by his side on February 15, 2023, at the age of 82. Beloved husband of Margaret P. "Peggy" (Eppich) Armour. Devoted father of Bob Armour and his wife Carolyn of Illinois, Christopher J. Armour and his wife Michele of Norfolk, Beth Squires and her husband Ken of Mattapoisett and Carolyn Harkins and her husband Dan of Wrentham. Brother of Eleanor Armour of Norwood, Richard Armour and his wife Beverly of Norwood and Florida and Tim Armour of Norwood. Cherished grandfather of Will, Ben, Max, Maddie, Meg, Lucy, Hannah, Lauren, and Samantha. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. After graduating from Stonehill College at the age of 22, Bob somehow cajoled his father into refinancing his very modest home to provide the capital to start a 3 car taxi business in Norwood. The enterprise grew and prospered and became a family business later joined by Bob's mom, sister, his two brothers, sister-in-law, and children. After employing countless workers of all ages, many of whom still have fond, and sometimes very funny memories working for Bob, the company finally ceased operations in 2015. Bob did not have many hobbies, but over the years, he developed a love for Notre Dame and the Fighting Irish and made countless trips with friends and family to South Bend to support his favorite football team. With the amount of memorabilia he came home with after each trip, the vendors were just as happy as he was to be in South Bend. When Bob wasn't working or watching Notre Dame, he was discreetly helping others in need. Bob was a quiet, strong man of faith, a longtime friend of Bill W, and truly dedicated his life to serving others. To know Bob was to love Bob, and if you were lucky enough to call him a friend, then you had a friend for life. He will be missed. Funeral from the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home 1248 Washington St. Norwood, MA. Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in Bob's memory to St. Catherine of Siena School 249 Nahatan St. Norwood, MA 02062, www.scsnorwood.com or to Perkins School for the Blind 175 N Beacon St, Watertown, MA 02472. www.perkins.org



CARTEN

JOHN A. of Norwood passed away on February 16, 2023 at the age of 94. Preceded in death by his beloved wife Patricia K. (Devaney) Carten. Cherished father of Eileen Daniels and her husband Paul of CA, Stephen J. Carten and his wife Retha of NH, Brian P. Carten of VT, Patricia A. Schmedel and her husband R. Kent of TX, Kathleen M. Carten of Sherborn, and Amy M. Toronto and her husband Paul of East Falmouth. Son of the late Andrew S. and Margaret M. (Mahoney) Carten. Brother of the late Andrew Carten, Thomas J. Carten and Mary Oslin. Cherished grandfather of 10 grandchildren Erin, Michael, Samantha, Jennifer, Matthew, Katherine, Elizabeth, Jacqueline, Richard and Hannah and 4 great grandchildren Tarah, Tori, Kadance and Aubrey. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews. John was a WWII US Navy veteran and a Korean War US Army Veteran. He was a bus driver and operator for the MBTA. After retirement, he worked at Calvert's in Needham and volunteered for the Ecumenical Community Food Pantry of Norwood. Funeral from the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home 1248 Washington St. Norwood, Friday, February 24, 2023 at 10am followed by a funeral mass at 11am at St. Catherine of Siena Church, Norwood, MA. Visiting hours will be held on Thursday, February 23, 2023 from 4-7pm. Burial will be at Highland Cemetery, Norwood. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in his name to the Ecumenical Community Food Pantry of Norwood, Inc. 150 Chapel Street Norwood, MA 02062 www.norwoodpantry.org/donate-food



DANIELS

Margaret M. (Walsh) "Peg" of Norwood, passed away peacefully at her home on February 19, 2023. She was 98 years old. Peg was a graduate of Norwood Senior High School and worked for many years as a secretary for the Town of Norwood. She was the dear and devoted wife of Raymond E. Daniels. Loving mother of Carol M. Daniels of Norwood, Edward G. Daniels and his wife Bernadette of Canton, Stephen M. Daniels and his wife Lynn of Foxboro. Cherished grandmother, "Nana," of Timothy Daniels his wife Jessica and Kevin Daniels and great-grandmother of



Deaths

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Library Events

ISAAC FITZGERALD, AUTHOR OF "DIRTBAG, MASSACHUSETTS"

Join the Morrill Memorial Library and other Massachusetts public libraries for a very special virtual author event with Isaac Fitzgerald, author of "Dirtbag, Massachusetts," on Tuesday, March 7 at 7:00pm on Crowdcast.

Isaac Fitzgerald has lived many lives. He's been an altar boy, a bartender, a fat kid, a smuggler, a biker, a prince of New England. But before all that, he was a bomb that exploded his parents' lives—or so he was told. In "Dirtbag, Massachusetts," Fitzgerald, with warmth and humor, recounts his ongoing search for forgiveness, a more far-reaching vision of masculinity, and a more expansive definition of family and self.

Fitzgerald appears frequently on The Today Show and is also the author of the bestselling children's book "How to Be a Pirate" as well as the co-author of "Pen & Ink: Tattoos and the Stories Behind Them" and "Knives & Ink: Chefs and the Stories Behind Their Tattoos." His writing has appeared in The New York Times, The Atlantic, Esquire, The Guardian, The Best American Nonrequired Reading, and numerous other publications. He is Boston born, raised in Athol, and currently lives in Brooklyn, NY.

The discussion will be moderated by Daniel Ford, host of the "Writer's Bone" podcast.

This live online event will be held on the platform Crowdcast; registration is required. For instructions on how to register, visit norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar, or call the Reference Desk at 781-769-0200 x2.

The Morrill Memorial Library is co-hosting this event with the Reading Public Library and a coalition of libraries from throughout the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

CELEBRATE ARAB MOTHER'S DAY

Join the Morrill Memorial Library and Center for Arabic Culture to celebrate Arab Mother's Day. We are excited to bring this unique program to the Norwood community. It will take place in the library on Saturday March 18, from 1 pm to 4 pm. All ages welcome. You may be an adult signing up for yourself or a family with children. We have events geared towards all ages.

Did you know that in the Arab World Mother's Day is celebrated on March 21st at the beginning of spring equinox? This celebration was introduced by Egyptian Journalist Moustafa Amin in 1943. The tradition then spread to neighboring countries in the region.

Join us to learn about the history of Mother's Day celebration, and the customs and traditions that Arabs and Arab American carry on every year to honor their mothers, wives, and women. The event will kick off with a presentation about Arabic Culture, Mother's Day, and the role of women in the Arab World. It will be followed by a calligraphy workshop. Hajj Wafaa, an Iraqi American artist will hold the workshop and walk the audience through the art and history of Arabic calligraphy. Attendees will take home a small canvas with their name written in Arabic. The Canvas will be a great gift that you can take home or present to a loved one. The event will conclude with a craft and story telling by one of the Center for Arabic Culture teachers. Participants will get to see displays of Arabic arts and fabrics, and will be able to sample tasty Arabic treats,

while supplies last.

This event is free and open to all. Registration is required. Sign up at norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar, or call the Reference Desk at 781-769-0200 x2. This program is sponsored by Friends of the Morrill Memorial Library.

CALM YOUR MIND

The Morrill Memorial Library is excited to bring an in-person, mindfulness workshop called Calm your mind by instructor Emily Egan Bright on two Mondays in March. Due to popular demand, we are offering two identical sessions on Mondays 20th and 27th. Please register for one of the sessions. Session 1: Monday March 20, Session 2: Monday March 27, Time: 6 pm to 6:45 pm (for both the sessions).

Emily will explain the concept of meditation and mindfulness followed by some techniques and exercises that will engage the participants.

Emily holds a Bachelor of Psychology degree, and a Masters in Public Health. She has facilitated various group therapy sessions with an emphasis on psychoeducation, and positive psychology. She also has extensive experience in facilitating different types of mindfulness groups, learning from members/clients and from colleagues on helpful and enjoyable techniques. Emily works at Riverside Community Care, a local organization providing mental health services.

This program is free and open to anyone 18 or older. Registration is required. Please sign up at norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar, call the Reference desk at 781-769-0200 x2.

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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.

Ford F150 Hybrid

Pickup trucks and hybrids are here and getting a lot of attention. Ford is not wasting any time in bringing their electric/hybrid vehicles to market. This week I had the F150 3.5 power boost / full hybrid with a 10 speed automatic. This truck had a driving range of 500 miles. Our loaner F150 was loaded with options and was more car than truck like. The ride and handling are amazing, and the cabin is incredibly quiet. There are power outlets in the rear of the pickup bed for power tools or power up lights etc. The F150 also has all the driver assistance safety features one wants. This F150 also has heated and cooled front seats, heated steering wheel and rear seats. Gas mileage was in the mid 20's. Power side steps or stationary side steps are a must to enter and exit. No pricing on this F150 because it was a pre-production truck.

Junior Damato, the "Auto Doctor," has agreed to field auto repair questions from Bulletin and Record readers. Please send your questions to news@bulletinnewspapers.com and we will do our best to get them answered.

Monday, February 13

0917 Phone - Susp Activity Services Rendered Location/Address: Crazy Taco Bar & Grill - Washington St Two unattended backpacks. NFD notified and responded. Bags contained clothing, taken to station.

1124 Initiated - Well Being Chk Spoken To Location/Address: Cleveland School - George Willet Pkwy N431, as S.L.O., receives call for a female sitting in car in parking lot for awhile, seems confused. N666 reports she was spoken to, sent on her way, N431 to reach out to family.

1303 Walk-In - Civil Dispute Spoken To Location/Address: Coventry Lane Party in the lobby reports ongoing issues with another tenant and notice of a noise complaint that was found in the hallway with her name on it.

1352 Initiated - Runaway Child Spoken To Location/Address: Coakley Middle School - Washington St N431, as S.L.O., reports student left school. BOLO given. Units check area. N431, with Vice Principal, check Winslow Ave.-not there. N678 reports located at home, spoke to mother, advised her of her options.

1432 Phone - Assist Citizen *Report Filed Location/Address: Deerfield Rd Resident reports person hired as a driver may have stolen tools.

1640 Other - Assist Citizen *Report Filed Location/Address: Buckminster Dr Party in the lobby seeking advice regarding harassment involving ex-wife. 1654 Walk-In - Susp Activity Services Rendered Location/Address: Boch Subaru N E - Morse St Party in the lobby turns in barbed wire wrapped club that he found near his place of work. Officer disposed of object.

1957 Initiated - Motor Vehicle Stop *Arrest(S)Made Location/Address: Walpole Town Line - Washington St MA PC 3VAC64. As a result, N661 placed one party under arrest and transported him to the station. Canton PD K9 responded. Vehicle towed by Don and Wally's. Arrest: Gonzalez, Alberto Address: 27 Lorne St Apt. #3 Boston, Ma

Age: 24 Charges: Drug, Possess To Distrib Class A Unlicensed Operation Of MV Speeding Rate Of Speed Exceeding Posted Limit Warrant Arrest Drug, Possess To Distrib Class B

Tuesday, February 14

0035 Phone - Susp Activity Area Search Negative Location/Address: Garden Pkwy Caller neighboring street reports seeing male party on security camera walking through backyards, party wear a green sweatshirt. N665 states units checked surrounding streets and backyards, nothing found.

0635 911 - Neighbor Disturbance Services Rendered Location/Address: Nahatan St Caller reports that a resident in her apartment building has been yelling and banging on doors for a few hours. Asks for officers to come speak with her. N679 and N667 respond. Both calling party and involved parties were advised on their options about moving forward with the housing authority. Both parties satisfied.

1000 911 - Assist Citizen Civil Matter Location/Address: Engamore Ln Caller reports her son sold some potato chips to a classmate and the classmate's mother would like the money back. N666 spoke to both parents they were advised and will work it out amongst themselves.

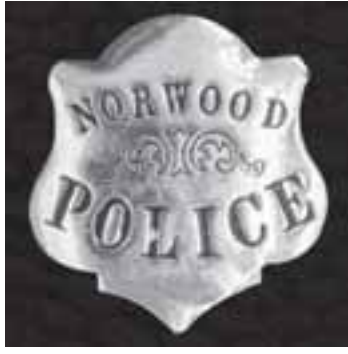
1210 Walk-In - Report Of Fight *Report Filed Location/Address: Norwood High School - Nichols St 2 students in lobby reporting they were in a fight. NFD sent for injuries. SRO to file report on 2/15/23 after speaking to all parties. 1332 Phone - Larceny *Report Filed Location/Address: Elliot St Report Amazon package stolen.

2330 Initiated - Well Being Chk Services Rendered Location/Address: Bos-Prov Hwy Officer checks on pedestrian who appears to be having difficulty walking. Party checked out OK, N674 provided a courtesy transport to MBTA bus stop Washington Street at Cottage St.

Wednesday, February 15

0730 911 - Report Of Fire Police & Fire Notified/Respond

Police Logs



Location/Address: Dean St Caller reports burning odor coming from electrical outlet. FD notified, no fire, balloons melting on light fixture.

1019 Phone - Susp Activity *Report Filed Vicinity of: Walpole St Subject observed someone in his yard on video after 11 PM. 1050 Phone - Assist Citizen Spoken To Location/Address: Deepa Beauty Salon - Washington St Report problem at his mother's salon with a female, who is not a customer, coming in and bothering them. N679 advised them of Letter of disinvite and advised them to call when she shows up at shop.

1515 Initiated - Motor Vehicle Stop *Arrest(S)Made Location/Address: Upland Rd + Upland Woods Cir N495,N467, in uniform and using N666, stops MA PC 5LMH19. N664 transports 1 male to station. N666 transports 1 male to station. Arrest: Rosa, John Address: 166 Rosseter St Apt. #Apt 2 Dorchester, Ma Age: 29 Charges: Drug, Possess To Distrib Class D, Subsq. Conspiracy To Violate Drug Law Arrest: Dipre, Llerigardy Address: 15 Chisholm Rd Roslindale, Ma Age: 30 Charges: Drug, Possess To Distrib Class D, Subsq. Conspiracy To Violate Drug Law

1649 Initiated - Warrant Service *Arrest(S)Made Location/Address: Nahatan St + Prospect St As a result, N664 placed one party under arrest and transported him to the station. Arrest: Michaelidis, Andrew P Address: 201 Prospect St Norwood, Ma Age: 35 Charges: Warrant Arrest

Thursday, February 16

0936 Phone - Animal Complaint NACO/WACO notified Location/Address: Sunnyside Rd Report injured coyote running around neighborhood. N.A.C.O. Deputy Officer notified.

0950 Phone - Phone Harassment Spoken To Location/Address: The Lark Ctr For Therapeutic Play And Learning - Washington St Report student's parent is harassing them over the fact that they had to terminate allowing the student at the school. N674 advised them of their options, informed to recall police if they show up at the school.

1145 Phone - Assist Citizen Assisted Party Location/Address: Willow Wood Terrace - Adams St Party reports plaintiff of court order was on property yesterday. Officer advised caller, no violation occurred.

1206 Phone - Well Being Chk Spoken To Location/Address: Cottage St Visiting nurse reports no answer from client. Officer spoke to him, he is OK,

visiting neighbor.

1347 Phone - Well Being Chk Spoken To Location/Address: Launch Trampoline Park - Bos-Prov Hwy Contractor reports an agitated male party walking in circles, punching telephone pole. Officers made contact with individual, upset he failed an exam, advised. Sent on his way.

1503 Phone - Susp Person Spoken To Location/Address: Endicott St Report W/M, white washed jeans, orange back pack was carrying a hand gun but then put it in his waistband, walked in to woods to right side of Golden Ridge Doggy Day Care. N666 reports MA PC 1BEZ83 was in area and N666 goes the owner's address on Stratford Rd in Norwood. N666 reports family states he is member of the Trail Commission and N667 will speak to him. 2308 Phone - Noise Complaint Spoken To Location/Address: Home Depot Lumber DC - University Ave Caller reports forklift and other equipment beeping their horns and being loud. N663 advised the night manager of the complaint.

Friday February 17

0913 Phone - Unwanted Party Spoken To Location/Address: Bay State Barber Shop - Washington St Caller reports his now ex employee refuses to leave. N666 reports all is peaceful if the owner needs us to come back he will call. 1526 Phone - Fraud *Report Filed Location/Address: Fieldbrook Dr Caller reports her check amount was changed and cashed. Bank has been notified.

1851 911 - Drunk Person *Protective Custody Location/Address: Avalon Apartments - Lenox St

2028 911 - Unwanted Party Gone On Arrival Location/Address: Mcdonalds - Broadway St Employee reports unwanted juveniles inside causing issues. N679 and N677 responding. Juveniles were gone on arrival.

Saturday, February 18

0117 Phone - Assist Citizen Spoken To Location/Address: Dean St Party reports his vehicle was stolen. Vehicle was located at the private towing company for improper parking.

0208 Initiated - Motor Vehicle Stop *Arrest(S)Made Location/Address: Devon Rd + Nottingham Dr MV Stop MA VT 44111. N677, N674 and N665 responded. 1 female party in custody. Female transported to the station by N665 (SM 8350, ST 0242, EM 8352, ET 0249) Arrest: Tribuna, Monica Address: 8 Greenwich Rd Norwood, Ma Age: 56 Charges: OUI-Liquor OR .08% C90 S24(1)(A)(1) Signal, Fail To * C90 S14B

1050 911 - Lockout Police & Fire Notified/Respond Location/Address: Lenox St Child locked in vehicle at Jam Time with keys in vehicle. Mom outside vehicle. NFD responded.

1214 Initiated - Assist Citizen Assisted Party Location/Address: Lansdowne Way Officers stand by and keeps the peace while male party picks up some belongings.

1423 Phone - Assist Citizen Services Rendered Location/Address: Winter St Caller re-

ports an elderly female who he does not know is on his front steps. N666 reports he walked that party back home and the husband was pulling into the driveway he was advised of what happened.

1730 Phone - Mischief (Kids) Spoken To Location/Address: Pleasant St Caller reports kids throwing what seems to be rocks at a piece of metal. N665 spoke to those kids and the parents nothing was damaged and all were advised.

1835 911 - Assist Citizen Spoken To Location/Address: Stash's Pizza - Dean St Caller reports a customer is unhappy with his order and is threatening a worker. N674 reports he spoke to all parties they were advised.

Sunday, February 19

0136 Radio - Complaint Of MV *Report Filed Location/Address: Bos-Prov Hwy + Dean St Vehicle driving on the wrong side of the road. N668, N677, N663, N665 responded. Female party taken into custody (SM 57192.8, ST 0154 - EM 57192.8, ET 0158). Also see Call#: 23-4722 0247 Hrs., today, and Call#: 23-4723 0344 Hrs. today. Arrest: Stokes, Lisa Address: 106 Tremona South Hampton, Oc Age: 24 Charges: A&B On Police Officer Resist Arrest OUI-Liquor Or .08% Child Endangerment While OUI Negligent Operation Of Motor Vehicle State Hwy—Wrong Way Operation Of Motor Vehicle, Improper Child Endangerment While OUI Child Under 8 Years & Under 58 Inches Without Car seat Child Under 8 Years & Under 58 Inches Without Car seat

0921 Phone - Investigative Follow up Services Rendered Location/Address: Nichols St 23-200-OF. N665 reports no answer at home. N668 gives BOLO to cars for Missing Person who made suicidal statement.

1024 Phone - Well Being Chk Services Rendered Location/Address: Rock St Request check of probationer to ensure he has GPS monitor attached to himself. N666 reports it is on his person.

1331 Phone - Well Being Chk Spoken To Location/Address: Washington St Male talking about various subjects, not asking for any help. N663 spoke to him, mental health issue but nothing needing to be addressed at this time.

1713 Phone - Susp Activity Services Rendered Location/Address: Chapel St + Washington St Two juveniles with a possibly stolen motorized scooter.

1928 Phone - Noise Complaint Spoken To Location/Address: Village Rd E Report of a possible disturbance in progress. Officers reports no disturbance, loud music. Advised.

2123 Phone - Unwanted Party Services Rendered Location/Address: Lewis Ave Landlord reports a tenant informed him that a female party that had been trespassed was in the driveway. That party was not on scene when officers arrived. That party then returned to the address and officers spoke with her and the tenant she was visiting. Landlord advised of options.

2349 Phone - Assist Citizen Services Rendered Location/Address: Hill St Party seeking advice regarding court order. N665 advised party of restraining order process.

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The Trial Court Probate and Family Court

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF
PETITION TO PARTITION

Docket No. 23E0002PP

Norfolk Probate and Family Court
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(781)830-1200

In the matter of: **Petition to Partition 50 Emerson Drive, Norwood, MA** To **Kathryn M. Rogers, Judith S. Dunn f/k/a Judith S. Broderius, Beth J. Oleson, William G. Dunn, Jr. and Roberta Dunn-Tracy and to all other interested persons**, a petition has been presented to said Court by **Timothy L. Dunn of Mattapoisett** in the county of Plymouth County representing that they hold as **Tenant in Common a 16.666%** undivided part or share of certain land lying in Norwood in the county of Norfolk, and briefly described as follows 50 Emerson Drive, Norwood, MA and setting forth that they desire that all of said land may be sold at private sale or public auction for not less than \$650,000.00 and praying that partition may be made of all the land aforesaid according to law, and to that end, that a commissioner be appointed to make such partition and be ordered to make sale and conveyance of all, or any part of said land which the court finds cannot be advantageously divided, either at private sale or public auction, and be ordered to distribute and pay over the net proceeds thereof in such manner to make the partition just and equal.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance and answer in said Court at Canton before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the **March 15, 2023** the return day of this citation.

WITNESS, Hon. Patricia Gorman, First Justice of this Court

Date: February 9, 2023

Colleen M. Brierley, Register of Probate *Norwood Record: 2/16/23, 2/23/23, 3/2/23*

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The Record Book

FINAL REGISTRATION DEADLINES TO VOTE

The Board of Registrars wishes to inform the residents of the Town of Norwood that the final registration date has been set for the April 3, 2023 Annual Town Election.

The deadline to Register to Vote for the upcoming Annual Town Election is 5:00 PM FRIDAY, MARCH 24, 2023. This is the final Voter Registration session before the Annual Town Election.

Daily registration of voters will be conducted at the Town Clerk's office, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 P.M.

A mail-in registration form is now available at Norwood Morrill Memorial Library and the Norwood Post Office.

You may also register to vote on-line at sec.state.ma.us

Qualifications to register to vote are that the applicants must be 18 years old on or before election day and must either be born in the United States or be a Naturalized Citizen.

COPS WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT!

Officer Justin LaRoche and Det. Sgt. Timothy M. McDonagh will be running the 2023 Boston Marathon for the great charity Cops for Kids with Cancer. This is our sec-

ond year, we ran last year and raised over \$13,000. This year our goal is just a bit higher at \$15,000. Most of our donations come from co-workers, family, friends but we were very lucky to have big donors like Ernie Boch and Peter Catanese. We plan to have police patches made as well for the public to buy. All funds raised by CFKWC are given to the children and families diagnosed with cancer, generally a \$5,000 check. Several Norwood families have received the benefit of these checks! I know times are tough now with the economy so we are trying all methods of getting our story out to as many people as we can to help this organization and its mission.

UNDERSTANDING ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND OTHER DEMENTIAS

In an effort to continue providing ongoing resources and support to area families affected by memory loss, Bridges® by EPOCH at Westwood is proud to be hosting a four-part educational series, "Learning at the Library: Understanding Alzheimer's Disease and Other Dementias."

Throughout the three remaining sessions in the series, Bruce and Kuriakose will present a wealth of information on the effects of demen-

tia and how to manage its symptoms, as well as offer helpful tips and guidance for family caregivers. The series is proudly co-sponsored by Cornerstone Caregiving and the Westwood Public Library.

Upcoming sessions will take place from 6:30-8 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of the month through April. The dates and topics include: Signs & Stages of Dementia (February 22), Effective Communications (March 22), and Panel Discussion: Where Do I Begin? (April 26).

All series sessions will be held at the Westwood Public Library at 660 High Street. RSVPs are required and can be made by calling the library reference desk at 781-320-1045 or by visiting WestwoodLibrary.org.

WOMAN'S CLUB TO MEET

The Norwood Woman's Club will be meeting on Tuesday March 14, at 12:30 P.M.

The meeting will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 572 Nichols St, Norwood MA. Tim Quinn with The Black Velvet Band will help us celebrate St. Patrick's Day. A light lunch will be served. Guests are welcomed. Any questions please call Trina at 781-762-8173. Hope to see you there.

Deaths continued from page 9

Mack and Bodie. Dear sister of Jane Gulla of Walpole and the late Dorothy Mattson and William Walsh. She is also survived by several loving nieces and nephews. Peg's Funeral Mass will be held Monday, February 27, 2023 at 11:00 am at St. Catherine of Siena Church in Norwood. Visitation will be held Monday from 9-10:30 at the Kraw- Kornack Funeral Home 1248 Washington St. NORWOOD. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Peg's memory may be made to littlesistersofthepoorpawtucket.org Development Office, Little Sisters of the Poor, Jeanne Jugan Residence, 964 Main St., Pawtucket, RI 02860. Peg will be laid to rest at Knollwood Memorial Park in Canton.

YPHANTES

Eugenia "Jeanne" of Norwood, MA, formerly of Walpole and Westwood. Jeanne passed away peacefully on February 16, 2023 surrounded by her loving family. Jeanne was born on April 30, 1941 to George and Bessie Poulos. She grew up in Jamaica Plain in a large extended Greek family. She graduated from Jamaica Plain High School in 1958 and continued her education at Boston Business School. Jeanne worked as a secretary for many years while raising her three children in Westwood. She was a fiercely independent woman who loved the beach, reading, cooking, playing cards with the "girls," Elvis, singing, and dancing. Above all, Jeanne loved her family. Devoted mother of Christine Yphantes and her wife Melinda Coneys of Somerville, MA; Stephanie Andrews and her husband Paul of Norfolk, MA; and Paula Tsetsilas and her husband Shawn of Rye, NH. Adored Nona of Nathan, Matthew, Alexis, Ryan, Zoe, Nicholas, and Tyler. Beloved sister of Peter Poulos and his wife Lucy of Marshfield, MA; and Christina Lambrenos and her husband Constantine of Dedham, MA. Loving niece of Christos Kanakis of Jamaica Plain. Lifelong friend of Kay Sullivan of Westwood, MA. Jeanne also leaves behind many cherished cousins, nieces, nephews, grandnieces, grandnephews, and friends. Funeral from the Kfoury Keefe Funeral Home, 8 Spring St. (at the corner of Centre St.), WEST ROXBURY. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Jeanne's memory may be made to Rosie's Place, 889 Harrison Ave., Boston, MA 02118. https://secure2.convio.net/rsp/site/Donation2?df_id=1440&440.donation=form1 Interment Mt. Hope Cemetery, Boston. Guestbook and other information at KfouryFuneral.com

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