



Alexandria will be taking over most of the design and construction duties for the intersection depicted above at Route 1A.

COURTESY PHOTO

Campanelli transferring responsibility for traffic intersection on Route 1A

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

Norwood Town Planner Paul Halkiotis announced on Monday, Jan. 25 that Campanelli Construction is giving up the design and construction of the light for Route 1A and Plantingfield Road (formerly Uland Woods Circle) to property owner at Upland Woods, Alexandria Real Estate Equities Inc. The announcement came at Monday night's Planning Board meeting for which Campanelli had a continued public hearing on an apparent violation of conditions for approval for the Upland Woods Subdivision it

built there about 15 years ago. The condition in question was keeping an accurate traffic counts and, if that count went above a certain level, to design and build a traffic light at that intersection.

"(Campanelli and Alexandria) are in the process of officially transferring that work and following up with the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) and notifying them of who will be managing this project," Halkiotis said. "Campanelli is pulling away, they don't really own much real estate there, and Alexandria has stepped up and has agreed to pay for the cost of designing and signaling that in-

tersection."

Halkiotis said the hearing on Monday was called because he and other members of the Planning Department did not feel Campanelli would "move forward expeditiously" on the project. The company's approved order of conditions from 2004 stipulated it should start design on the light after 2018's traffic numbers.

"We have continued to work with them and Alexandria and it now it looks like we're in pretty good shape to resolve this issue," Halkiotis said. "These two companies have committed to doing this

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Norwood remembers Bernie Cooper

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

It was announced on Sunday night that Norwood Assistant Town Manager Bernie Cooper had passed away. The announcement shocked the community, and everyone who knew Bernie Cooper were effusive in his praise.

Former Town Manager John Carroll said he worked with Cooper for 39 years, and that he's never met someone like him during that time.

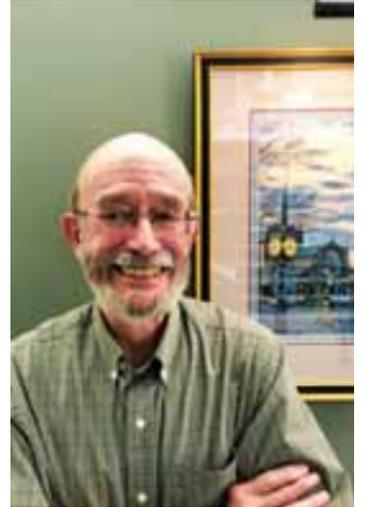
"Bernie is the best husband, the best father and the best assistant town manager that there is in the whole world," he said. "I said that 20 years ago, and I still said it up until yesterday."

Carroll said he was a friendly and capable guy, and he told The Record that you would have to do a lot of digging to find anyone who would say a bad word about him, and even then you might not find anyone.

"I was talking with a friend of mine and she said she didn't know anybody who had a bad word about Bernie Cooper, and that's true," he said.

Carroll said Cooper was someone who was always working to better the Town.

"I'm a really big lunch guy and I think he was too," he said. "If we went to only 150 lunches a year, over 40 years, that's 6,000 lunches. And they were always working lunches or there were always other people with us, like Tom McQuaid,



Bernie Cooper

and the late Steve Costello or a few other people and we always had excellent times."

Carroll added that if there was a snow storm in Town and he and the Department of Public Works were out plowing, removing downed trees or fixing power lines, Cooper would have some harsh words with him if he didn't call Cooper.

"He just wanted to go out and he didn't care if it was even two o'clock in the morning," he said with a laugh. "If there was a snowstorm and for some reason I didn't call him or whatever, he would be so ticked off. That's how much he cared."

Board of Selectmen Chair William Plasko said much the same, that he was one of the nicest people on the planet and the hardest worker in the Town.

"Bernie Cooper was Mr.

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ConCom hears apple orchard upgrade proposal

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Conservation Commission (ConCom) met on Jan. 20 and discussed with local resident Mark Negron the idea of planting around the community's recently-planted orchard to improve growth and reduce maintenance.

The idea, according to Negron, is to place complementary plants around each

of the Town's 48 apple trees planted in 2019 by the Department of Public Works and former ConCom member Cheryl Doyle and former ConCom administrative assistant (but still Zoning Board of Appeals assistant) Ramanda Morgan at Edean Park near the Community Garden.

"I've been working with the Boston Food Forest for a number of years and I've

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Former Conservation Commission member Cheryl Doyle and former Conservation Administrative Assistant Ramanda Morgan installed water bags in 2019 for the fledgling orchard.

FILE PHOTO

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Norwood,” he said. “Beyond being an extremely dedicated employee, almost nothing happened in the life of our community did so without Bernie being involved. Often, he was the force that made these efforts successful. Bernie spent hundreds of hours over the last half century beyond his workweek volunteering to make this Town a wonderful place to live. He has been the driving force for the Fourth of July Parade, Guardian of the Carillon, worked tirelessly behind the scenes for Concerts on the Common, Hazardous Waste Day, Norwood Day and, as I said, almost every event in Norwood. I have known him since he first started with the Town. Bernie Cooper was the kindest person I have ever known.

“We were all blessed by Bernie in Norwood, even those who never knew his name,” Plasko said.

Selectman Thomas Maloney said Bernie was the reason many aspects of the Town government ran as smoothly as they did.

“Few people realize how important Bernie’s contribution to the Town was,” he said. “Town government ran smoothly in great part because of Bernie. Whether we were discussing capital planning or employee benefits or any one of a dozen other areas of town government, Bernie was al-

ways prepared for the conversation. His approach was persistent, but respectful. Bernie understood the importance of collegiality in municipal management. I will miss his counsel and his good humor.”

Town Moderator David Hern said Bernie was the living memory of the Town.

“On a personal level, I always enjoyed my interactions with Bernie,” he said. “He held much of the institutional memory of the Town and its people, and many of the stories he told me were history lessons about why such-and-such is done the way it is or why this or that happened and who was involved. He was kind, he saw the humor in everyday life, and he cared about people.”

Hern added that few people could have been as adept as he was in working with two town managers who had such differing styles, Carroll and current Town Manager Tony Mazzucco.

“Though John and Tony have very different styles, Bernie was able to adapt to those differences and to ensure that what he did and what they did benefited our community,” he said. “While Bernie will certainly be greatly missed by those who knew him and worked with him on so many projects and endeavors over the years, perhaps more importantly his absence will likely

be felt by those who did not know him personally or know of his role in our Town’s successes – the ordinary people who have benefited from Bernie’s many years of quiet and devoted service to Norwood.”

Norwood Record reporter Matthew MacDonald worked for two years at the paper covering Norwood full-time, and he said he’ll never forget the first time he met Cooper. He said he was at Town Hall looking for a few documents for a story he was working on and asked the Town receptionist who might know where those documents would be. She told him to go to Cooper’s office.

“I pivoted and took a step into the doorway of Cooper’s office and my vision was immediately drawn to a desk with a solid wall of files and folders that must have piled up about two feet on top of it,” he said. “I looked back over at the receptionist and said, ‘He’s not there.’ ‘I’m here!’ My head snapped around toward the voice that had chirped from behind the folders, and – stepping further into Cooper’s office, I found this skinny little guy hard at work behind those files. It was kind of like something out of a scene from a Dickens story, and made such an amusing impression to me. “Oh yeah,” he said. “Those files.” And we both had a pretty good chuckle over the



Cooper was called “Mr. Norwood” by colleagues and embodied some of the best aspects of the Town.

PHOTO BY ERNIE PACIORKOWSKI

imagery. That day, Bernie (he insisted that I call him Bernie) had indeed ‘known that’ and – subsequent to that first impromptu meeting – he kept on knowing things and was willing to share them responsibly.”

MacDonald echoed Hern’s sentiment about Cooper’s inexhaustible knowledge of the Town.

“He was a tremendous resource; I don’t think it’s an exaggeration when I write that his death is roughly akin to an interactive library of very particular, necessary, and easily accessed Town information burning all the way to the ground,” he said. “I sure as hell know that I wouldn’t want to have to sort through those files. Beyond that

– and far more importantly – he struck me as a very nice and decent man. I’m very sorry that he’s gone.”

“It’s just a sad day,” said Assistant Town Planner Patrick Deschenes.

“There’s only one Bernie,” said Planning Board Member Ernie Paciorkowski. “He was just one of the good guys. He will be missed.”

“Bernie was the most dedicated public servant I’ve ever met, his dedication, nights, weekends, parades, concerts, Bernie was always there to get the job done and he was one of the nicest people I ever knew,” said Town Planner Paul Halkiotis.

Bernie’s full obituary can be found in this week’s issue.

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Town Meeting quorum lowered to 45 for virtual meeting

Mary Ellen Gambon
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Board of Selectmen on Tues. Jan. 26 approved by a 4 to 1 vote to allow the quorum for the Feb. 4 Town Meeting to be lowered to 45 members because it will be the first time it is held via the Zoom virtual platform. Selectman Helen Abdallah Donohue, who voted against it, made a motion to reduce the quorum to 80 that failed.

Chairman William Plasko said at first he was unsure if the quorum would need to be lowered, given that neighboring towns have run successful virtual Town Meetings. However, after a discussion with Town Moderator David Hern, he thought it would be wise to have the reduced number as a safeguard.

"We've never done this before, so we can't be certain," he said. "There's also a provision that, if Town Meeting members are uncomfortable with it or they don't like it, they can vote to not continue in the virtual meeting but go to a regular, in-person meeting."

"The first order of business for the Town Meeting is to vote whether to hold the remote Town Meeting," Hern explained. "I don't think that will happen, but if the body voted not to go forward with the remote, we would adjourn to the following Monday for an in-person meeting. At that point, we might have some concerns about reaching the usual quorum requirement. That's why I think it's a useful fallback to consider in regard to the quorum."

Donohue asked about the procedure for the substitute moderator in a virtual meeting. Plasko explained that it would be the same as at a regular meeting in that the body would elect a Town Moderator pro tempore, which is usually the Town Clerk. Hern said that he will recuse himself from four articles up for debate "to avoid any possible conflict of interest." Then, a nominee can be chosen from the floor.

"I think that we need to make that point clear to all the

Town Meeting members," Donohue added. "Everyone else who wants to try is welcome to try to get elected."

"Mr. Chairman, that's always how we've ruled and that's always how we've operated," Hern clarified.

Hern said a typical quorum averages 125. There have been four training meetings for Town Meeting members, with about 90 people participating so far. The last one is on Mon. Feb. 1 at 7 p.m., and the link is on the Town website. It is important for members to attend to learn parliamentary procedure.

"It's not the same as having a meeting with friends on Zoom," he said.

In other news, Mark Ryan, Department of Public Works Director and Town Engineer, spoke about the department's activity. Progress has been made on the traffic light design and reconstruction at Plantingfield, Brook and Upland Rds. to accommodate the Moderna facility as it works to "provide safe passage for those people doing the wonderful job of providing the vaccine for the country and the whole world." The larger project at Upland Rd. and Prospect St. and Fulton St. will be done in 2023, he added.

Ryan noted the holiday recycling at the landfill was extremely successful, as was the Christmas tree pickup program.

Selectman Thomas Maloney spoke of his concern about the rise in recycling costs. The fourth year of the five-year contract will start in July.

"When we negotiated this contract, we made sure that recycling costs never exceeded solid waste costs," Ryan said. "That has saved us thousands and thousands of dollars."

The C. Lothrop Rich Pocket Park proposal, brought to the Board by outgoing Assistant Town Planner Patrick Deschenes, raised some discussion, as no sketches were provided. Donohue said she didn't see the need, and it is near another park.

"This looks to make use of the Safe Street funding to help

kind of enhance the area by adding pathways as well as additional benching," he explained. "It is already a very beautiful area, but we're trying to make use of the existing funding to enhance this pocket park."

Plasko termed what Deschenes was trying to accomplish with Norwood's greenspace as an "emerald necklace" along the Washington Street corridor. Safe Street funding is generally used to enhance commercial districts.

Donohue asked if funds could be used to beautify the Balch School front lawn. Deschenes said there was money available for improvements there as well, as the pocket park would cost about \$35,000. There is close to \$70,000 available, which must be spent by the end of the fiscal year.

She asked to postpone action on the motion until the plan was submitted.

"We don't know the site," Donohue said. "We don't know how big it is and we don't know what shape it is."

"Yes, we do," Maloney countered. "Within a couple of feet, we do."

The motion was approved 4-1, with Donohue opposed.

Plasko and General Manager Tony Mazzucco announced they met with representatives from Norwood Hospital regarding its future.

"All I can say is they swore us to secrecy," Plasko said. "They have corporate reasons why they don't feel they can't say much at this time."

He added that they are "fully committed to coming back to the Town," and that more information will be forthcoming in April.

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OPINION

Recycling could be so much easier

Recycling is a big issue in the Town of Norwood, as it should be. As was detailed in a Letter to the Editor in last week's paper, Dame Judith Howard rightly declared it is one of the best services Norwood offers its residents. She went on to explain there are a myriad of ways to recycle, including using food scrap bins, available at the DPW at a reduced cost through a grant, which perhaps many people hadn't previously considered.

On Tuesday's selectmen's meeting, Selectman Thomas Maloney spoke of his concern about the rise in recycling costs. The fourth year of the five-year contract will start in July.

"When we negotiated this contract, we made sure that recycling costs never exceeded solid waste costs," Director of the DPW Mark Ryan said. "That has saved us thousands and thousands of dollars."

So it is clear that in the Town of Norwood both residents and public officials are on board with maximizing recycling efforts. Well, here's wishing product manufacturers and federal agencies would step up efforts to properly label containers to assist in efforts. This writer tries to do the best he can to recycle, but I, like I'm guessing most everyone else, spend ridiculous amounts of time reviewing items to determine if they belong in the trash bin or the recycling bin. Couldn't the feds require, say by a certain date, that ALL packaging, whether recyclable or not, be clearly labeled on the package as "RECYCLE" or "DO

NOT RECYCLE" in big letters? The little triangular symbol they use now is familiar to most people and to most it signifies that the package can be recycled. Well, guess again. It doesn't even always mean that! For example, on baby food pouches the symbol appears, not because you can place it in the recycle bin, but because it is eligible to be mailed in to a location where it will then be recycled. I'm not making this up. And even if a package does display the symbol it is usually surrounded by bigger words and graphics making it very hard to see. And if most don't see it right away, we assume it goes in the trash bin when, in fact, it's recyclable. For such an important national commitment how can packaging remain so obtuse?

There are all kinds of new packaging being developed and shipped every day. Styrofoam, for example, historically has not been recyclable. However, new packaging that looks exactly like the old foam can now be recycled, but most people don't know this because the product message doesn't jump out at folks at the time they are choosing which bin to put it in.

Packaging for items like potato chips and other loose snacks are far more colorful and creative than in the past, but half the time I can't tell what bin it should go in, and looking for the little triangle amidst all the glitz and glamour on the bag just makes me want to say 'the hell with it' and toss it in the trash

bin. It shouldn't be this way. How hard is it to place in big letters on a pizza box to not recycle it? Sure, most people who keep up with recycling know that a used pizza box should not be recycled, but too many don't and think they are being responsible citizens by recycling it, costing the rest of us a lot of money. It really is a national disgrace.

Okay, now that my recycle rant is out of the way, it would be remiss not to comment that everyone here at the Norwood Record Newspaper, and prior to that, the Norwood Bulletin Newspaper, are broken hearted over the loss of Bernie Cooper. In 1992 when my partner Paul and I started this newspaper there were a lot of people hoping we would fail because of their loyalty to another newspaper securely entrenched in Norwood's history. We knew going in there would be some animosities, but were hoping we would get a fair shake from those we needed to do business with to succeed. Bernie Cooper, among others, gave us that fair shake. Since then over the years all of us here were always assisted in our efforts by Bernie, his knowledge of Norwood unparalleled, his commitment to its residents unequalled. Always a gentleman, always at the forefront of helping those in need, this Town is a special place made so in great part by this wonderful person. Bernie Cooper was truly a son of Norwood. Requiescat in pace.

Dennis Cawley

Letters to the Editor

BAD TIMING FOR NEW MIDDLE SCHOOL

To the Editor:

Now is not the time for Norwood to build a new middle school.

For one thing, I have my doubts about what was reported in your January 21st issue, in which the Middle School Task Force claimed that a renovation of the existing building would cost more than building a new school.

I suspect that a renovation (which may include building an addition) would cost taxpayers less than a new building.

Norwood taxpayers also are paying more in property taxes thanks to two Proposition 2-1/2 overrides (one for the new high school, and more recently, an operational override).

But the major reason that this is not the time to build a new middle school is the economic fallout from the coronavirus epidemic. Most people, in Norwood and elsewhere, are suffering financially at the moment. The economic effects of COVID-19 may last for years to come.

There may be a time in the future when Norwood taxpayers can afford a new middle school. But the time isn't now.

Joseph Gallant
Norwood

Library Events

AUTHOR DISCUSSES HISTORY OF AMERICA'S HURRICANES

Join the Morrill Memorial Library, Progress Norwood, and TogetherYes for a very special program with author Eric Jay Dolin via Zoom on Tuesday, February 16 at 7:00 pm to learn about his book, "A Furious Sky: The Five-Hundred-Year History of America's Hurricanes." This book is a New York Times Editor's Choice for 2020, was named One of 50 Notable Works of Nonfiction for 2020 by the Washington Post, and is one of Kirkus Review's top 100 nonfiction books of 2020 (also a finalist for the Kirkus Prize).

From the moment European colonists laid violent claim to this land, hurricanes have had a profound and visceral impact on American history—yet, no one has attempted to write the definitive account of America's entanglement with these meteorological behemoths. Now, bestselling historian Eric Jay Dolin presents the five-hundred-year story of American hurricanes, from the nameless storms that threatened Columbus' New World voyages, to the devastation wrought by Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico and the escalation of hurricane season as a result of global warming. Weaving a story of shipwrecks and devastated cities, of heroism and folly, Dolin introduces a rich cast of characters, including Benjamin Franklin, Ernest Hemingway, Katherine Hepburn, and Steven Spielberg, and puts us in the middle of the most devastating storms of the past, none worse than the Galveston hurricane of 1900, which killed at least 6,000 people, the highest toll of any natural disaster in American history. A necessary work of environmental and cultural history, "A Furious Sky" will change the way we understand the storms on the horizon of America's future. To learn more about this book, and its author, please visit www.ericjaydolin.com.

Registration for this program is required. Please sign up by visiting our online events calendar, norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar, or by calling the Reference Desk at 781-769-0200 x2. Zoom access details will be sent out the day before and the day of the program.

This program is part of Norwood's Civic Hub, a year-long series of LSTA grant programs brought to you with federal funds provided by the Institute of Museum and Library Services and administered by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners. This program is also the latest installment in Progress Norwood and TogetherYes' Spring 2021 Sustainability Series.

Bernie Cooper



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Board of Health looks forward to moving into vaccine response stage

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Board of Health met last week on Jan. 19 and discussed the ongoing response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Norwood Health Department Superintendent Sigalle Reiss said she is excited to be moving on to the vaccination portion of the response, which she said is where most of the department's resources are going.

"We are very excited to be moving on to the vaccine phase of the pandemic response," she said. "We have really allocated most of our resources to that effort, which on a side note means that with contract tracing, a majority of our cases are going to the Community Tracing Collaborative, which is the state contact tracing entity. I think if we had unlimited resources we'd be able to do that, but I think focusing on the vaccine is really going to lead us to the end of the pandemic. We're really excited and we think that's a good allocation of resources."

Reiss said the department will continue to hold vaccine clinics for those eligible ac-



Vaccines are on the mind of people all over the world right now.

FILE PHOTO

ording to the Massachusetts Phases of vaccination. Right now, the state is in Phase 1, which is planned to be ongoing until February 2021. Those included in Phase 1 are COVID-19 testers, staff of test sites, vaccine administrators and support staff, school nurses, public health nurses, first responders, long-term care facility and nursing home staff, federal law enforcement, corrections and shelter staff, front-facing COVID-19 response staff, most medical professionals and chiropractors and acupuncturists (for a full list, go to <https://bit.ly/3pexKtL>).

"There are still some populations in Phase 1 that haven't been reached yet, but we expect those to open in the next few weeks," Reiss said. "Really by the beginning of February, all of Phase 1 should be open."

Reiss also said there are searchable maps on the state website (<https://bit.ly/2MeSvXP>) where one can find the closest or largest vaccination stations in the area. She said the largest local site is Gillette Stadium, but Norwood is also hosting vaccinations for local residents

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of Norwood and other qualified persons.

“They’re hoping to ramp up Gillette to 5,000 doses a day, and I think it will run 24/7 and that’s happening right now,” she said. “We also will be running small closed clinics targeted to specific populations we can reach. An example of that would be at the beginning of Phase 2, which will hopefully be in the middle of February, Housing Authority residents will be eligible. So that’s another great target population to whom we can bring the vaccine. Those are seniors who are high-risk living in close quarters, which puts additional risk on them, so we’re happy to get them vaccinated soon.”

Reiss said the department requests numbers of vaccines on a weekly basis and so far has been getting about half the doses that have been requested. Assistant Health Department Superintendent Stacey Lane said they have been ordering for a total of 10 other communities for the first vaccinations of first responders.

“We were the depot. They were coming here because the state could only really ship to one place and one town until they got everything up and running,” she said.

Lane said that starting this week, the vaccines will

be for Norwood residents only as the state’s distribution infrastructure is more concrete.

“They don’t give us what we order, they’ll give us a percentage of it,” she said.

Reiss added that Phase 2 also include Town staff, like teachers and Town Hall employees. Reiss said that the Town is not privy to any additional information than what is posted on the state website.

“We are getting a flood of calls asking questions and, unfortunately, we only know whatever’s posted on the state website, we don’t know anything more,” she said. “For the majority of the population I would really encourage them to go look there for the answers.”

The Board also discussed the progress, or more accurately lack of progress, regarding the proposed body art regulations in Town. According to Massachusetts State Law, each municipality can regulate what kinds of body art (tattoos, piercing, body modification) it does and does not allow on the premises.

The last time the Board discussed this topic was because upcoming zoning changes may make body art an allowable use in the downtown area (now it is only allowed on Route 1) and light manufacturing zones like the Winsmith



Norwood Health Department Superintendent Sigalle Reiss

Mill. Currently, there are 17 different types of piercings and tattoos the Town does not allow by order of the Health Department, a full list of which can be found in the Oct. 15, 2020 issue of The Norwood Record, available at this newspaper’s website at www.norwoodrecord.com. For the most part they include prohibitions on piercings of the genitals, neck or other deep areas that could result in serious injury if performed incorrectly.

“There’s not much of an update on the body art regulations, but it’s still on our radar,” Reiss said. “We are looking at the Massachusetts Association of Health Boards to see its draft regulations and discussing with maybe a contractor to do the research. We just don’t have the capacity and we don’t want that to fall behind too much.”

Upland Woods

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work and they have this work under contract with VHD right now.”

Alexandria Senior Director of Asset Services John Pauly said they have the 25 percent design schematics right now and they are expecting the 50 percent design schematic draft this week.

“We’ll take a quick one or two days just to turn it around with the expectation of being able to deliver the documents that we can submit to MassDOT and to the Town by this week, which I believe meets the continuity going on with the Prospect Street project as well,” he said, referencing the nearby Prospect Street signalization project. “We’re working with the Planning Department to make sure we’re supporting both projects in a timely manner.”

Campanelli Partner Daniel DeMarco echoed Pauly’s sentiment.

“Although we’re very much done with that project we’d very much like to work with Norwood in the future, thank you,” he said.

The Board voted unanimously to close the public hearing on the issue.

In other news, Halkiotis expressed his recent concern about the fact that this year’s Town Meeting Warrant Articles for the Route 1 Rezoning Article and the Medical Services Overlay District (for the hospital) will not have full explanations on them. He said, instead, there is a summary he wrote that goes through the meat of the articles but not their full details. The Planning Department has posted its full articles with all those articles’ details on the Planning Department page of the Town’s website at norwoodma.gov/government/committees_boards/planning_board/fall_special_town_meeting_articles_-_2020.php.

“This is the first time this has been done, I’ve never seen it done before and I have some concerns with it,” he said. “I feel we will be open to criticism for not having published the full text of the articles on this warrant and I think the public deserves to see the full detail of these articles. I think we’re going to need to have a conversation with the Selectmen next year about this, particularly if there’s any kind of backlash.”

Halkiotis was audibly and visibly frustrated at this move.

“I don’t, you know, I mean they’re trying to save ink and paper for the warrant?” he said. “I’m not a big supporter of the approach we’re doing this year.”

Lastly, the Board wished outgoing Assistant Town Planner Patrick Deschenes luck in his new role as Planner for the Town of Walpole.

“Every one of you has been amazing to work with and it’s definitely bittersweet,” he said. “I’m excited for the next step of my career, but working with Paul and all of you and coming into 566 Washington Street, it’s definitely going to be different, but I am excited.”

Planning Board Chair Al Porro gave Deschenes a New England roast-like send off.

“You had a great mentor here in Town and he’s been carrying you on his back for three-plus years and this is how you thank him?” he said with a laugh. “That’s how it is I guess. But seriously, we do wish you well. It’s been as great an experience on your side as it has been for us. You’ve done a real professional job.”

LEGAL NOTICE

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, February 3, 2020 at 7:30 pm. The meeting will be conducted digitally using GoToMeeting. Public Participation may be accessed through your computer, tablet or smartphone <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/243297997>. You can also dial in using your phone, United States: +1 (669) 224-3412, Access Code: 243-297-997

The following public hearings will be heard:

Request for Amendment to an Order of Conditions, DEP File No. 251-0512, N2019-11. Filed by Glossa Engineering on behalf of Paul Eysie for Lot 5 Brook St. The requested amendment is the addition of a deck in the buffer zone of a bordering vegetated wetland.

Request for Amendment to an Order of Conditions, DEP File No. 251-0510, N2019-09. Filed by Glossa Engineering on behalf of Paul Eysie for Lot 3 Brook St. The requested amendment is a change in layout of the house and driveway in the buffer zone of a bordering vegetated wetland.

Request for Amendment to an Order of Conditions, DEP File No. 251-0511, N2019-10. Filed by Glossa Engineering on behalf of Paul Eysie for Lot 4, Brook St. The requested amendment is a change in layout of the house and driveway in the buffer zone of a bordering vegetated wetland.

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

Holly Jones
Conservation Agent & Environmental Planner

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Four Points won approval for this sign to be replaced with a digital sign to help inform event attendees of what's happening at the Tiffany Ballroom.

COURTESY PHOTO

ZBA approves Four Points Sheraton electronic digital message sign

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) met on Jan. 19 for a short meeting and approved an application from Four Points Sheraton at 1125 Boston Providence Turnpike for a digital message sign in front of the hotel.

The existing sign is not the sign right on the highway, but rather the sign about 90 feet

into the parking lot advertising the Tiffany Ballroom. ProSign Graphics representative Anna Haluch said the idea was to replace the existing sign cabinet with an electronic activated changeable message board.

“The reason we started with this design and asking for the digital message board is that this will be specifically used for the Tiffany Ballroom,” she said. “They have many weddings, corporate events, proms, holi-

day parties, charity galas, and this way when you pull in you know what event is going on. It will not display anything other than the event name, the event time and maybe if there’s a Patriots game or if there is a Town event that can be displayed, but if there is nothing going on that weekend, it won’t be used for any advertising or anything like that.”

Digital Sign
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Norwood Planning Board	Director of Community Planning and Economic Development
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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
NORWOOD PLANNING BOARD

Pursuant to Mass General Law CH 40A section 9 and the Norwood Zoning Bylaw sections 6.2 Signs and 10.4 Special Permits; the Norwood Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, February 8, 2021 at 7:05 P.M. via the GoToMeeting remote meeting platform. The meeting can be accessed from the following link: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/718185669> or it can be accessed by calling in at 1 (872) 240-3212, access code: 718-185-669. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to accept comments on a proposed internally illuminated freestanding sign for Bank of America located in the Central Business District at 699 Washington Street. The subject property is shown on the Norwood Assessor’s Map as Map 1, Block 13 Lot 5. Plans and supporting materials of the proposed signs are on file in the Planning Department at Town Hall and may be reviewed during normal business hours.

Robert Bamber, Clerk

Norwood Record: 01/21/2021, 0128/2021

LEGAL NOTICE

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 PUBLIC HEARING on March 2, 2021 at 7:00PM on the request of Haydar Ali (Case #21-02) with respect to property located on 47 Florence Avenue, in a G-General Residence District. This meeting will be conducted digitally using ZOOM. Participation may be accessed through a computer, tablet or smartphone <http://www.norwoodma.gov/> or by contacting the Zoning Board of Appeal via email at zoningboard@norwoodma.gov

This Application requests a VARIANCE under the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to allow:

- 1) New garage to be 2.1' from right side lot line, rather than 15'
- 2) New garage to have gross floor area of 908.54sf rather than 600sf
- 3) New garage to have roof height of 18'8" rather than 15'

All dimensions from S. 4.1.2.6 of Zoning Bylaw pursuant to Section S.4.1.2.6.

Plans are on file with this application in the office of the Zoning Board of Appeal and may be requested by emailing zoningboard@norwoodma.gov or by calling 781-762-1240 ext. 6064 Monday – Thursday, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm.

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Monday, January 18

0749 Phone - Well Being Chk Spoken To Location/Address: Plymouth Dr

0840 Initiated - Debris On Road State DPW/Norwood DPW Notified Location/Address: Gazebo - Town Common - Washington St N664 reports broken glass on public bench on E. Cottage St. side of common.

1255 911 - Disturbance Services Rendered Location/Address: Tremont St Caller reports a verbal argument between a man and woman outside the building. Units spoke to all parties involved and matter was resolved. Party advised of HPO rights.

1309 Phone - Assist Other Agency Services Rendered Location/Address: Bos-Prov Hwy + Sumner St N666 assists MA DOT with traffic light.

1512 Phone - Fraud No Action Required Location/Address: 6th St Report phone damaged and bank account compromised. N669 reports no answer at home. Message left on voice mail to call back police when he is in Norwood. 9-1-1 Map put him in Boston.

1629 Phone - Civil Dispute Spoken To Location/Address: Lansdowne Way Verbal dispute over a trespass tow. All parties advised, front office confirms vehicle does not have a parking permit.

1704 Phone - Malicious Damage *Report Filed Location/Address: Jack Madden Service Dept - Bos-Prov Hwy Employee reports window on Brookline PD transit van 554 was smashed by an unknown party. Brookline PD notified, report to be faxed.

1903 Walk-In - Lost And Found Services Rendered Location/Address: Cvs Pharmacy - Nahatan St Found wallet. Owner notified.

2200 Phone - Animal Complaint Area Search Negative Location/Address: Callahan School (Acct# 1380d) - Garfield Ave Unattended dog.

Tuesday, January 19

0424 911 - Assist Citizen Services Rendered Location/Address: Norwest Dr Caller asking if an officer can assist him and speak with his mother about family issues taking place. N667,N669 responded and

spoke with her and her son. She is going back to bed. Matter resolved for now. N667 will speak with Resource Officer about issue.

0730 911 - Power Outage Fire Dept Notified/Responded Location/Address: Washington St Caller reports a transformer blew by the dumpster. NFD responded.

0911 Other - Be On The Lookout Services Rendered BOLO for MA DL 791 with unknown letter, 2007 Chevy Silverado P-up black, from Canton St., and a Kia Sorento black that was left behind is a stolen car out of Boston.

1211 Phone - Citizens Complaint Services Rendered Location/Address: Montessori School - Walpole St Report of a helicopter flying around above school area. Call to the tower- flight school just practicing.

1316 Phone - Well Being Chk Area Search Negative Location/Address: Bos-Prov Hwy Report of a man and child walking in breakdown lane on highway.

1404 Phone - Animal Complaint NACO/WACO notified Location/Address: Arcadia Rd Appears of a baby parakeet in area.

1406 Phone - Well Being Chk Spoken To Location/Address: Worcester Dr Report have not had any contact with a friend for a week. N677 confirmed she is still in hospital since last week's incident.

1419 Phone - Trespassing Spoken To Location/Address: Meadow St Report someone on a ride-on mower went into woods.

1704 911 - Susp Activity Spoken To Location/Address: Brookview Cir Caller reports seeing a vehicle last night that she does not believe belongs in the complex. Advised.

1900 Phone - Auto Theft *Report Filed Location/Address: Village Rd WCT PCAZ06688 being used without authority. BOLO to the cars and surrounding cities and towns. Vehicle returned prior to NCIC entry. Matter remains under investigation.

1916 Phone - Phone Harassment Spoken To Location/Address: Dominos Pizza - Washington St Party reports he is receiving annoying phone calls at work. Advised of options.

2211 911 - Disturbance *Report

Police Logs

Filed Location/Address: Lansdowne Way Caller reports a group of males outside of the building, one possibly with a firearm. Westwood PD K9 and MSP K9 responded.

Wednesday, January 20

0101 911 - Unwanted Party Services Rendered Location/Address: Courtyard By Marriott - River Ridge Dr Desk clerk reports large party going on in Rm#174 and would like them removed. N667,N669,N679 responded. Group removed without incident.

0919 Phone - Phone Harassment Spoken To Location/Address: Washington St Harassing text messages. N663 spoke to both parties, advised of Harassment Prevention Order if it continues.

0949 Phone - Sex Offenses Under Investigation Location/Address: Norwood High School - Nichols St Millis School principal reports to Millis PD that they received an e-mail about possible assaults that took place in Norwood this past summer. N468 to conduct an investigation.

1056 Phone - Assist Citizen Spoken To Location/Address: Norwest Dr Female resident, language barrier, reports she is upset over child visitation agreement, could not tell if she meant it was happening now. N677 reports it was not happening now, and she is just upset over the Brockton Probate Court's decision.

1100 Phone - Assist Citizen Services Rendered Location/Address: Washington St Units stand-by and keep the peace while a landlord/tenant issue is resolved by the landlord.

1219 Phone - Hit And Run *Arrest(S)Made Location/Address: Washington St + Tremont St Caller reports his vehicle and a second car hit in traffic on Washington St near Tremont. Driver of MA 1KGS46 fled and is outside at 112 Cedar ST . The operator came out of his car with a six pack and a child. As a result N670 transports one under ar-

rest . Negoshians tows . Refer To Arrest: 21-21-AR Arrest: Reyes, Ever Alexander Address: 112 Cedar St Apt. #3 Norwood, Ma Age: 31 Charges: Child Endangerment While Oui Leave Scene Of Property Damage Leave Scene Of Property Damage Negligent Operation Of Motor Vehicle Unlicensed Operation Of Mv Oui-Liquor Or .08%

1340 Other - Well Being Chk Services Rendered Location/Address: Norwest Dr N407,N435 check on a student.

1417 Walk-In - Larceny *Report Filed Location/Address: Access Rd Report 2 catalytic converters stolen.

1434 Phone - Civil Dispute Civil Matter Location/Address: Elliot St Report family argument over a piece of property's ownership. N667 reports civil matter, resolved for now.

1611 Phone - Mischief (Kids) Spoken To Location/Address: Margaret St Caller reports a group of twelve year olds playing with a pellet gun. N678 states that was a squirt gun, advised.

21-1439 2337 911 - Neighbor Disturbance Spoken To Location/Address: David Terrace Apts. - David Ter Caller reports her neighbor knocked on her door while carrying an axe. N666 spoke to both parties and they are satisfied, party was also apologized to and all checks out ok.

Thursday, January 21

0035 911 - Assist Citizen Services Rendered Location/Address: Washington St + Nahatan St Party Reports She Is Locked Out Of Her Vehicle And Can't open it with spare key. NFD responded and handled same.

0331 911 - Susp Activity Services Rendered Location/Address: Highview St Caller believes her husband is spying on her and coming into her home when she sleeps. She believes he is also bugging her home. She doesn't want to speak with officer but would like an officer to go by the house throughout the night. N666 notified and will make checks.

1149 Phone - Assist Citizen *Report Filed Location/Address: CCS National Llc- Credit Collection Services - Canton St. Caller reports a threatening letter his company received in the mail.

1235 911 - Assist Citizen *Report Filed Location/Address: Warthin Cir Caller reports a female party is walking up to the house trying to get in. Caller does not know this party. Matter resolved and mental health services offered but refused.

21-1495 1445 Phone - Well Being Chk Services Rendered Location/Address: Fulton St Officer attempts to locate a subject for a Warrant Of Apprehension .Officer reports she is out of town and the order will expire today. Family contacted and advised .

1618 Phone - Larceny *Report Filed Location/Address: Mill Pond Ln Caller reports a fam-

ily member is cashing his Social Security disability checks. 1652 911 - Assist Citizen *Report Filed Location/Address: Highview St Caller believes someone may have been in her residence and moved items around.

21-1504 1729 Phone - Civil Dispute Assisted Party Location/Address: Norwest Dr N667 assists with a Family Court order.

21-1507 1815 Phone - Susp Activity *Report Filed Location/Address: Norwest Dr Caller reports an individual who appears to be going through resident's mail.

21-1511 1855 Phone - Susp Vehicle *Arrest(S)Made Location/Address: Coventry Ln Caller reports MA PC 316X70 has been parked for 20 minutes and was seen earlier acting suspiciously. N668 stopped that vehicle Walpole Street and Berwick Place. As a result, N668 placed one party under arrest, N667 transported him to the station. N678 provided a courtesy transport for a passenger to the station S/M 38270 at 1925 E/M 38271 at 1930. Refer To Arrest: 21-22-AR Arrest: Carr, Brandon M Address: 17 Saunders Rd Norwood, Ma Age: 22 Charges: Drug, Possess To Distrib Class D Drug, Possess To Distrib Class C Drug, Possess To Distrib Class C Drug, Possess To Distrib Class C Window Obstructed/Nontransparent

2102 Phone - Assist Fire Dept Fire Dept Notified/Responded Location/Address: Charwell - Walpole St Report of smoke from the basement.

Friday, January 22

0101 Phone - Susp Vehicle Building Checked/Secured Location/Address: Dan O'brien Kia - Bos-Prov Hwy Security reports 2 silver vehicles in rear lot on west side of building. Both are now heading to Rt. 1 s/b. N677,N665 responded and checked outside lot and doors. All is secure. Service vehicles are parked on west side of lot. Everything appears to be secure. No breaks.

0351 Radio - Assist Fire Dept Transported To Hospital Location/Address: Norwood Healthcare - Washington St Request for Police from NFD for a party who is continually setting off the fire alarms. N679 responded. As a result, NFD transported party to the Beth Israel Hospital, Needham for a Section 12.. N679 followed.

1125 Phone - Disturbance Services Rendered Location/Address: Nahatan St Caller reports past verbal argument regarding a face mask. Parties separated and caller satisfied.

1218 Phone - Warrant Of Apprehension *Arrest(S)Made Location/Address: Norwood Police Dept. - Nahatan St With the assistance of Walpole PD, Officers place a subject under arrest at the Fairfield Inn in Walpole. ST MI 33160.5 1249 HRS EN MI 33168.8 1311 HRS to Dedham Court. Refer To Arrest: 21-24-AR

1237 Phone - Mischief (Kids) Spoken To Location/Address: Fr Mac's - Vernon St Kids advised as they were riding dirt bikes on the field. DPW Superintendent on scene and reports the lawn is not damaged.

1255 Phone - Drug Law Violation Spoken To Location/Ad-

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Prayer to the Blessed Virgin
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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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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.
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dress: Washington St BCI and Patrol interact with a subject.
 1404 Phone - Disturbance Services Rendered Location/Address: A&J Automotive/ Also Atlantic Gas Station - Washington St. Caller reports an unwanted male party. Subject left the property, caller advised on LOD. 1450 Phone - Well Being Chk Fire Dept Notified/Responded Location/Address: Walpole St.
 1617 Walk-In - Assist Citizen Spoken To Location/Address: Lenox St Walk in seeking advice about a past motor vehicle accident. N669 advised that party.
 1916 Phone - Hit And Run *Arrest(S)Made Location/Address: Pleasant St + E Cross St Caller reports a Mustang hit the Stop Sign and fled towards Pam's. Older Mustang Grey Coupe. Officers locate the vehicle at 33 Rock ST. One under arrest .MA DANSGT towed by Don&Wallys. Refer To Arrest: 21-25-AR Arrest: Miller, Daniel Iii Address: 33 Rock St Norwood, Ma Age: 57 Charges: Oui-Liquor Or .08%, 4th Or Greater Offense Leave Scene Of Property Damage Negligent Operation Of Motor Vehicle Marked Lanes Violation
 2013 911 - Assist Citizen Area Search Negative Location/Address: Bos-Prov Hwy Caller reports MA PC was following her vehicle very closely. N669 spoke to the calling party and she was concerned about how the driver was operating his vehicle. N669,N679 searched the area.
 2127 Initiated - Warrant Service *Arrest(S)Made Location/Address: Cottage St As a result of the warrent N670 returns back to the station with one under arrest. FD notified to check the prisoner, he is then transported to BI Boston. Refer To Arrest: 21-26-AR Arrest: Bankowski, Steven Spiro Address: 24 Cottage St Apt. #6 Norwood, Ma Age: 33 Charges: Warrant Arrest Warrant Arrest

Saturday, January 23

0059 Phone - Noise Complaint Spoken To Location/Address: St John Ave Caller reports neighbors being loud. N666 spoke to those individuals and they will keep it down for the night.
 0108 Phone - Assist Citizen *Report Filed Location/Address: Hoyle St Caller seeking advice about some past charges to her credit card.
 0119 Phone - Noise Complaint Spoken To Location/Address: Melville Ave Caller reports neighbors being loud. N666 reports residents they are finishing up a birthday party and will be clearing out.
 1439 911 - Susp Person Services Rendered Location/Address: Village Rd E Female believes she saw a male party involved in a Boston shooting from yesterday. Units spoke to the party in question and concluded he was not involved.
 1558 Phone - Susp Activity Services Rendered Location/Address: Neponset St Motorist reports a W/M Tan coat and jeans tried to jump on the hood of his car. Canton advised. Norwood Officers report Canton is off with him in Canton.
 1942 Phone - Assist Citizen Spoken To Location/Address: Neponset St Property damaged in the house last night .Advised on civil matter.
 2146 Phone - Fireworks Area Search Negative Location/Address: Prospect St Caller reports fireworks in the area.

Sunday, January 24

0827 Phone - Well Being Chk Services Rendered Location/Address: Sunnyside Rd Lifeworks requests a wellness check on a client. Units confirm all is well at his home.
 1037 Phone - Assist Citizen Services Rendered Location/Address: Ridgewood Dr Party advised on a possible scam. 1111 Phone - Well Being Chk Services Rendered Location/Address: Highview St Visiting nurse requests a wellness check for a patient who will not open his front door. Units spoke with him, all is well.
 1616 Phone - Assist Citizen Services Rendered Location/Address: Highview St N665 called the number that was provided and there was no answer, he will try again later in the shift.
 2235 Radio - ASSIST CITIZEN Services rendered Location/Address: NORWOOD PARK SOUTH III - NORWOOD PK S Officers assist a dog owner chasing her puppy in the lot. Puppy was found and now with the owner.

BURKE

William P. 85, originally of Norwood, MA passed away on January 18, 2021 in Florida of natural causes. Bill was born on May 20, 1935 to Jeremiah and Julia Burke in Norwood, MA. He raised his family in Walpole and leaves six children - David Burke, Susan Haley, Elizabeth Burke, Paul Burke, Ann Shaw and William Burke, Jr.; 12 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren. His siblings, Anna Verrochi, Jeremiah Burke, Jane Mackie and Evelyn Sylvestri preceded him in death. William served in the Navy and was a shoe salesman most of his adult life. He enjoyed theater, golf and directed musical variety shows. He loved an audience and good humor. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Seasons Hospice at <http://seasonsfoundation.org/donate/> or call 847-692-1000. Services will be held privately at Gillooly Funeral Home. A Funeral Mass will be held at 11:00am on Saturday, January 30th at St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Norwood with interment to follow at Highland Cemetery, Norwood. If you would like to view the Funeral Mass remotely, visit stcatherinenorwood.org/GilloolyFuneralHome.com

CLIFFORD

ROBERT A. "Bob" of Walpole and Falmouth, formerly of Norwood, passed away from complications of COVID-19 on January 19, 2021 at the age of 72. Beloved husband of Marie M. (McCarville) Lawrie and the late Paula C. (Crook) Clifford. Son of the late Thomas E. and Doris L. (Burrell) Clifford. Survived by his own children Robert A. Clifford Jr. and his wife Allyson of South Boston and Katherine P. Clifford of Norwood, as well as Michael P. Lawrie and his wife Cristan of South Carolina, John R. Lawrie Jr. and his wife Courtney of Walpole and Meghan E. (Lawrie) Jaeger and her husband Matthew of Walpole. Devoted brother of Thomas E. Clifford Jr. of Walpole, Anne C. Whitaker of Chelmsford, The Reverend Paul T. Clifford of Braintree and the late John V. Clifford. Cherished Papa of Bobby, Patrick, Ciara, Brendan, Matthew and Jack. Loving uncle of Suzanne and Robert Whitaker. Born and raised in Norwood, Bob was a 1966 graduate of Norwood High School where he was a proud member of the Mustang hockey team. He continued his playing career at Brown University from which he graduated in 1970. Bob dedicated his working career to the students of Norwood High School where he taught for 38 years. He was also a familiar presence behind the bar at Lewis' Bar & Grille in Norwood and the Chart Room in Cataumet. All services will be private with a celebration of Bob's life to be held at a later date. Arrangements by the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, Norwood, MA. Bob's family would like to thank the nurses and doctors at Falmouth Hospital for all their care and efforts over the last few weeks. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his name to The Friends of Norwood Hockey, 64 Jacobsen Drive,

Deaths

Norwood, MA 02062 or The Friends of St. Nick, PO Box 814, Norwood, MA 02062.

COOPER

Bernard S. of Norwood, MA, passed on Sunday, Jan. 24th, at the age of 72, after a brief journey with cancer. Born Feb. 24, 1948, to the late Otis and Yetta Cooper of Norwood. Survived by his wife, Connie, of thirty-seven years; and his four children, Sam and his companion Brinni, Alisha and her companion Sam, Josh, and Amelia and her husband Michael. He is also survived by his sister, Marianne and her husband David, and her children, Daniel and Sarah. Graduate of Norwood High, class of 1965, and graduate of Tufts University, he went on to work for the town of Norwood for forty-nine years where he served as assistant town manager and civil defense director. He loved spending his summers at Blueberry Hill while spending his winters helping other people shovel. You could usually catch him driving around in his recognizable pickup truck, checking in on his neighbors and offering a helping hand. A proud patron of the Mug'n Muffin and the Brookside Cafe, Bernie was a regular and welcome face to local business all across town. He was known to allocate an extra hour whenever he left somewhere just so he could say goodbye to everyone present. A staple of Norwood, Bernie worked tirelessly to the end and wouldn't have wanted it any other way. His family is beyond humbled by the outpouring of love and support. In lieu of flowers, the family is asking for donations in Bernie's name to the Norwood Circle of Hope, P.O. Box 421, Norwood, MA 02062 or the Norwood Food Pantry, 150 Chapel St., Norwood. Schlossberg Chapel on the Hill "Family Owned" (781) 828-6990 www.SchlossbergChapel.com

MUSTIN

Harun Joseph Age 89, of Norwood, passed January 21, 2021. Born December 5, 1931 to Benjamin and Bridget (Doona) Mustin. Harun is survived by his beloved wife Eleanor (Keady) Mustin, dad to Catherine Kemp of Millis, and Joanne Gleason of Norwood, cherished Grampy of Samantha Kemp of Dedham, and Benjamin Kemp of Providence, RI, brother of the late John Mustin, also survived by his sister-in-law Ellen Mustin of Daytona Beach Shores, FL and his niece DeeDee Ybanez and her husband Chris of Port Orange, FL. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Harun's honor to Neponset Valley Humane Society, www.neponsethumane.org/donate or Cops for Kids with Cancer, copsforkidswithcancer.org/donation Services will be held at St. Timothy Church, Norwood, with interment to follow at Highland Cemetery, Norwood. Gillooly Funeral Home Norwood GilloolyFuneralHome.com

O'DONNELL

WILLIAM F. of East Walpole formerly of Norwood passed away on January 20, 2021 at the age of 86. Beloved husband of the late Barbara T. (Wenzel)

O'Donnell. Devoted father of Carol Ann O'Donnell and William C. O'Donnell both of E. Walpole. Brother of the late Marion, Theresa, Marie and Ruth. Also survived by many nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews and great great nieces and nephews. William worked at Plympton Press and then went to work for Polaroid Corp for 22 years until his retirement. He was a US Army Veteran. Funeral from the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home 1248 Washington St. Norwood, MA. A funeral mass was held on Wednesday, January 27, 2021 at St. Mary's Church, East Walpole, MA. Burial at Highland Cemetery, Norwood, MA. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in his name to Boystown 14100 Crawford Street Boys Town, NE 68010 www.boystown.org

QUILES

Francisco Reverend Deacon of Sacred Heart Parish, Roslindale passed away on January 22, 2021. He resided in Norwood and was formerly of Roslindale, Orlando, FL, and Ponce, Puerto Rico. Beloved husband of the late Araminda (Llorens) Quiles for 67 years. Devoted father of Lucy Torrejon and her husband Alfredo of West Roxbury, Francis Quiles of Norwood, Caroline Quiles of Norwood, Annette Quiles of Norwood, and Juan A. Quiles and his wife Rosa of Orlando, FL. Loving grandfather of Natalie, Jasmin, Alisha, Jacqueline, Juan, Jr., and Nirvana. Great-grandfather of Aiden, Jaylen, and Alma. Brother of Sophie, Daisy, Martha, Deacon Jesus Quiles, Edward Quiles, Luis Quiles, and the late Carmen, Tomasita, James, Gladys, and Isabel. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Francisco was a Korean War Veteran, U.S. Army. He served for many years as a deacon at Sacred Heart Church, Roslindale. Long-time member of the Knights of Columbus. He was very involved in the Cursillo Movement through the Archdiocese of Boston. Francisco was a BA graduate of Pontifical Catholic University of Puerto Rico. Back in the 70's, worked as a social worker in Ponce and helped the poorest communities in the town of Ponce and Guayanilla. In Massachusetts and Florida he dedicated his life to service the most needed and always giving advice and guidance to all people that will ask for help. Always helping the immigrants and opening the door at home for everyone. Treated everyone with dignity and respect. He lived his life through his service to God. Funeral from the P.E. Murray - F.J. Higgins, George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home, 2000 Centre St., WEST ROXBURY. Interment Mt. Benedict Cemetery, West Roxbury. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Francisco's memory to Sacred Heart Church, 169 Cummins Highway, Roslindale, MA 02131 or to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Pl., Memphis, TN 38105-1905. For directions and guestbook, pemurrayfuneral.com P.E. Murray - F.J. Higgins George F. Doherty & Sons West Roxbury 617 325 2000.

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Haluch said the sign will replace the existing sign in the parking lot.

"The existing post will remain and the actual display will be four-feet-and-five-inches high by six-foot-and-three-inch width," she said. "The actual display of it is four-foot by five-foot."

Haluch added that the sign will have a timer and be turned off during the late-night hours or when there's not an event going on at the ballroom, and added that it would be one-sided.

"And that timer can be changed with a phone or a computer," she said.

ZBA Chair Thomas Brady said one major concern the Board has had in the past regarding digital board signs is the rate at which a message

changes. He said messages that change too rapidly can be disruptive.

Haluch said you can change it to re-display up to every 10 seconds, but she said this use does not engender itself to change at all.

"Maybe it would have two messages in a day, but if an event is going on I don't see them changing it," she said. "If there was more information, like maybe for a charity gala, maybe they would have the name and every 30 seconds to a minute they could change it to the time if there was more information they wanted to put on there. But because they're not using it for advertising, I don't think it would change faster than every 30 seconds if they wanted to put two messages up there."

Selectman David Hajjar joined the meeting and asked that no other advertisement be allowed on the sign as a condition of approval.

"I'm pretty much a capitalist, but I also don't want this to turn into the Las Vegas strip down the road where people are flashing signs that are about not just the building that it's in front of but also other places down Route 1," he said. "I would hope that the applicant agrees that it's not going to be for any other advertisement except for events that are at the hotel."

Board member Philip Riley pointed out that the ZBA would only allow what's requested, and the request is dealing specifically only with advertising events at the Tiffany Ball Room, and said that extra condition would not be necessary.

For The Record

ELECTION NOMINATION PAPERS NOW AVAILABLE

The Town Clerk's Office wishes to inform the residents of the Town of Norwood that nomination papers for the Annual Town Election to be held on Monday, April 5, 2021 are available in the Town Clerk's Office. Please call (781-762-1240 Ext. 6026) or e-mail: clerk@norwoodma.gov to obtain Nomination Papers.

Requirements for filing nomination papers:

Major offices need 50 signatures of qualified voters.

Anyone wishing to run for Town Meeting Member who is not a candidate for re-election needs to obtain 10 signatures of qualified voters in their district.

The nomination papers must be submitted to the Town

Clerk's office by Tuesday, February 16, 2021 by 5:00 PM.

VIRTUAL TOUR OF BOSTON'S PREMIUM ATTRACTIONS

Join popular Boston tour guide Jay Bazzinotti for another of his illustrated tours, "Boston's Premium Attractions," on Tuesday, January 19, at 7:00 pm over Zoom. Dressed in full uniform of the First N.H. Regiment of Revolutionary War re-enactors, Jay will tell us about some high-end attractions in the Boston area that are well worth a visit. Registration is required. To sign up, please go to our online events page at norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar or call 781-769-0200, x2. You will receive an email with the Zoom link a

day before the program and again shortly before it begins.

DOG LICENSES NOW AVAILABLE

The Town Clerk's Office would like to inform the residents of the Town of Norwood that the 2021 Dog Licenses are now available. All dogs three months old or over must be licensed. Licenses are issued on a calendar basis, January 1st through December 31st.

Fees are \$20 for both Male and Female dogs, \$15 for Spayed Female and Neutered Male. Certificate showing the dog was spayed or neutered must be shown. Rabies Certificate must also be shown.

Due to the Town Hall being closed all dog licenses have to be registered through the mail.

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worked on a number of food projects in Boston and around, and basically a food forest is an edible landscape that mimics a natural forest," he said. "It's really that simple. It's a garden, but more like a natural environment and one of the big advantages is all of the plants work together rather than just trying to independently grow."

Negron said each "forest" would be made up of perennials and annuals that complement the natural life cycle of the apple tree they're placed near. Similar food production methods are being employed by organic farmers and "organic method" farmers (farmers who use organic methods but do not qualify for certified organic labels) to basically use plants and organisms that naturally promote the health of the food producing plant and keep pests away.

"It's got fruit bushes and trees, it's got some vegetables, but it can be almost anything really," he said.

The idea is to build a fruit tree guild around the fruit tree, which uses these complementary plants to provide maximum harvest, use of space, drought tolerance and disease resistance.

"It's mimicking a natural environment but it's also manipulated for efficiency," he said.

Negron said there are plants that include pollinator plants – plants to attract certain insects – but also plants that help to keep certain insects away.

"Lavender is a typical example of that," he said. "There are also nitrogen fixers, which take nitrogen from the air and send it down into the soil. There's mulching plants, and there are several others. But those are some typical plants in a fruit tree guild grouping."

Negron said the idea of polyculturaling helps to not only increase biodiversity and the yield of the fruit tree, the biodiversity also increases the ability of the area to sustain more wildlife. They also suppress grass growth, which he said is not a good plant for the local ecology (the use of lawns for example is a holdover from Great Britain and is not indicative of what a real New England landscape should look like, and this is why it's so hard to maintain a lawn around here. That and the huge number of rocks in the soil).

Negron said each tree guild costs usually around \$600 per tree, which comes in at just under \$29,000 for the whole orchard. He said the work involved could be supplemented by volunteers and members of the nearby Endean Community Garden, of whom he said would likely be interested in supporting the venture. The Community Orchard is itself an instance of a public food source open to any Norwood resident when it begins to produce fruit in a couple of years.

"This also provides fresh whole foods to the in-need community where they would typically get canned goods," he said, which are typically processed foods. "This is a really important point, and I don't want to get to into that, but it's something that I believe is really important."

Negron added he's started helping Father John Brockmann convert his apple orchard to a fruit guild system on the church grounds.

"The pandemic got in the way of that but the idea is to provide food for the Food Pantry," he said.

Negron also said that local students can use the area to learn about the importance of biodiversity and how it works in the local environment.

ConCom members said they see the value of this idea for the Community Orchard, but pointed out that there would be a need for volunteers to care for the area. Negron said he's hopeful the local business community of Norwood – of which he's a part – would want to pitch in and provide a work force to start the process of converting the orchard. But he added that after the basic network of plants and pollinators is set up and running, there's virtually no maintenance after that.

"Basically the best examples of how this works and works well would be with volunteers," he said. "We would have to create a pool of volunteers and that could happen through the Boston Food Forest Coalition and/or my individual efforts. Some of them would be local volunteers, some of them would probably be community garden people. And most of them would be organized on Facebook, but it doesn't take a lot of people to start this project. As it goes on, more and more people are needed but then again the more it goes the more it generates interest. The other thing that's very important is that a system of corporate sponsorship really needs to be developed."

For more information, go to BostonFoodForest.org.

GROUNDKEEPER/JANITOR

The Norwood Housing Authority is seeking an individual to assume a role in our Maintenance Department as a Groundskeeper/Janitor. This position requires performing a variety of basic grounds maintenance duties including but not limited to: landscaping maintenance, pick-up and removal of debris, sweeping, raking and snow removal. Janitorial duties will include cleaning and sanitizing restrooms, windows, floors, common area, etc. This position will also include duties associated with apartment turnover, such as heavy cleaning, mechanical repairs, and changing of lights and plumbing fixtures.

The ability to lift items up to 75lbs is required. A valid Massachusetts driver's license is also required.

A job description is available on the NHA website (www.norwoodha.org). This is a forty (40) hour per week position with benefits. The salary for this position is set by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Workforce Development.

Applications for employment should be submitted before 2:00 pm on Friday, January 29, 2021 via email to smerritt@norwoodha.org or by mail:

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Occupant rescued from burning vehicle on 95

The Norwood Fire Department reported that on the night of Jan. 21, Engine 5 and Norwood Ambulance 1 responded to a motor vehicle collision report from the Massachusetts State Police on 95 North. Early reports stated that one person was trapped inside a vehicle while it was heavily on fire. Upon arrival, the NFD reported that the Massachusetts State Police officers first on the scene were able to remove the person from the engulfed vehicle. The NFD also reported finding the occupant of another vehicle involved in the crash outside their vehicle and in critical condition. Canton and Norwood ambulances transported three people from the scene to a local hospital.

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Signed: Uncertain Lady

Dear Uncertain Lady: By taking your Social Security benefit now you will be locking into a benefit amount that is smaller than it would otherwise be if you wait longer to claim. You've already reached your Social Security full retirement age (FRA) of 66 and, since then, have been earning delayed retirement credits (DRCs) at the rate of .667% per month of delay past your FRA. You will continue to earn those DRCs – an 8% higher benefit for each year you delay - until age 70 when your benefit will be 32% more than it would have been at 66 and 24% more than at age 67. Can you do better than that by taking a smaller benefit now and investing it? That depends upon what type of investing you intend to do. I cannot answer that for you, but a guaranteed 8% increase in your benefit amount for each year you delay, resulting in a much higher benefit for the rest of your life, is pretty hard to beat.

It is true that continuing to work now may help increase your Social Security benefit, but that's true regardless of when you claim. Your benefit will be based upon the 35 highest earning years over your lifetime (adjusted for inflation) at the time you claim. If, after your benefits start, your current earnings are higher than any of those used to originally compute your benefit, you will get credit for those higher earnings and your benefit will increase. Even after you claim benefits, Social Security examines your new earnings every year to see if you're entitled to a higher benefit. And you will get credit for your current earnings even if you wait and continue to earn those DRCs for a much higher benefit later.

In the end, when to claim Social Security is a decision that should consider your current and future financial needs, and your health and estimated longevity. If you are working and don't need the extra money right now, and like the idea of a higher benefit later, after you are done working, then waiting to claim makes sense, especially if you're in good health and expect at least average longevity. Average life expectancy today for a woman your age is about 87, and if you attain at least the average, you'll collect much more in cumulative lifetime benefits by waiting longer to claim. Conversely, if your longevity outlook is less than average and you need the money now, claiming earlier is a perfectly good strategy.

One last thing to consider: if you are married and your husband is collecting benefits, you are eligible to file a "restricted application for



Russell Gloor
AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

spousal benefits only" which would let you collect a spouse benefit equal to half of your husband's FRA benefit amount, while allowing your own benefit to continue to grow until age 70. You can do this because you were born in 1953, before the cutoff date of January 2, 1954. The option was eliminated for anyone born after that date.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Section A - Advertisement
Request for Proposals – Town of Norwood

Sealed proposals shall be received up to 11:00 A.M. (Verizon time), February 18, 2021, in the Purchasing Department, Town Hall, 566 Washington Street, 3rd Floor, Norwood, MA 02062 for the following service:

"Personal Property Maintenance Services for the Assessors' Office"

This contract is for a three-year period. Fees shall remain fixed and firm for all three years of this contract. A copy of the Request for Proposals may be obtained from the Purchasing Department, 566 Washington Street, Third Floor, Norwood, MA 02062 (781) 762-1240, Extension 106 or 107 or electronically by registering at <https://bids.norwoodma.gov>.

The proposal must be filled out and signed as directed therein, sealed in an opaque envelope addressed as follows: "Purchasing Department, Norwood Town Hall, 566 Washington Street, 3rd Floor, Norwood, MA 02062, endorsed with the name and address of the offerer, and marked "Assessors' Personal Property Maintenance, CONTRACT #NGM-21-03". The proposer shall submit an original and two (2) copies of the sealed proposal as well as an original and two (2) copies of the pricing pages. THE PRICING PAGES SHALL BE SEALED IN A SEPARATE ENVELOPE AND MARKED "PRICING PAGES – Assessors' Personal property Maintenance." Proposers shall also submit one (1) electronic version on CD or thumb drive, with the pricing page as a separate file. The estimated cost of this multi-year contract is \$90,000. The Norwood Town Hall building is open by appointment only due to COVID-19. Bids are to be mailed via the U.S. Postal Service, Fedex, UPS, or delivered to the Town Hall mailbox located beneath the Town Hall tower at the corner of Nahatan Street and Washington Street. Bids must still be delivered prior to 11:00 A.M. Call 781-762-1240, x6036 to confirm delivery.

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The Town of Norwood shall have the right to reject any and all proposals or parts thereof, or items therein, and to waive any defect of irregularities as to form, therein in accordance with MGL. A copy of the planholders' list can be obtained at the Town's website: purchasing.norwoodma.gov.

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