



Hundreds came out on Sunday for the first annual Chanukah Menora Lighting in Norwood's recent history.

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Norwood celebrates first Chanukah Lighting

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

While no one is definitely sure Norwood has never had a Chanukah celebration on its Town Common in the past, most residents agree that the lighting on Dec. 2 was a unique event for the Town.

Rabbi Mendy Horowitz and his wife Rivka Horowitz from the Canton Chi Center organized the event, and they said they were amazed to see people numbering in the hundreds show up and celebrate the season with them and their family.

"The message really is that at the end of the day, light will triumph over darkness, positivity will overpower evil, it's just a matter of having the right perspective and giving and really changing the world with acts of goodness and kindness," he said.

"That's what Chanukah is all about, that's what every candle really represents.... It's really amazing to see the momentum and the response, people of all faiths wanted this to happen."

Horowitz said he thought it particularly important to have the lighting due to the recent shooting in a Pittsburgh synagogue, and that he wanted to bring people together after such a dark act.

"Throughout the year, we have to increase the light with acts of goodness and kindness to make the world a better place," said Horowitz. "As some of you may know, one of the reasons why I came up with the reason to have the lighting here tonight is what happened in Pittsburgh several weeks ago. Unfortunately, 11 people were gunned down for the crime of praying in a synagogue,

which is unspeakable and really unbelievable that it happened in the United States of America, the greatest country on Earth, in which Jewish people and all people of all religions should feel safe and secure to practice their religions."

Horowitz led the crowd in a reading of the names of those lost and a moment of silence to remember all who were lost.

"Although these 11 people are not here with us, and are not able to celebrate Chanukah with their family and friends, by us lighting the candle and having them in our minds we are able to continue where they left off at the synagogue, celebrating their religion and customs."

Horowitz bestowed the honor of illuminating the lights and the bless-

Chanukah

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862 Wash St. devs. go before ZBA again

Matt MacDonald
Staff Reporter

The Zoning Board of Appeal (ZBA) met on Tuesday, Dec. 4 for a session featuring three hearings. These ran an hour and a half and drew a capacity crowd to a cramped Room 12.

The main hearing of the night concerned a special permit request for new construction proposed to replace the property located at 862-878 Washington St., near the intersection of Hoyle St.

This was a return engagement for the developers – John Roche of JCR Real Estate Development and Stefan Frey of Charles River Equity Partners – who had gone before the ZBA this past March seeking a variance for lot size insufficient for the 12 units that they had proposed for their residential condominium project.

Despite the enthusiasm of the Board and those who commented during that hearing, the variance application was withdrawn without prejudice when it became clear that the ZBA would not bypass the Town's zoning bylaw regarding the ratio of lot size to units.

The withdrawal without prejudice left the door open for the property's developers to reapply to the Zoning Board without having to wait two years, as would have been required if their variance request had been voted down.

ZBA

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BEH, Airport Commission, and Town to have their day in court

Matt MacDonald
Staff Reporter

On Monday, Dec. 10, the civil action filed by Boston Executive Helicopters (BEH) against the Town of Norwood and members of the Norwood Airport Commission (NAC) is scheduled to be heard in United States District Court.

This will mark the start of the latest installment in BEH's long, contentious dealings with the Airport Commission as it has attempted to expand its business at Norwood Memorial.

This conflict – which began in early 2014 and escalated over the next year and a half – has been driven by

BEH's unsuccessful effort to obtain two things from the NAC:

The first is a fixed based operator (FBO) permit that would enable the helicopter charter service – operating out of the Airport since 2010 – to broaden and diversify the scope of its aviation services to include, among other things, the sale of fuel.

The second is enough Airport apron/ramp space for it to make its FBO business viable.

BEH's case centers on its claim that the NAC retaliated against it for exercising its First Amendment rights, which included its filing of a Superior Court lawsuit and a

formal FAA (Federal Aviation Administration) complaint against the Commission, as well as its requests for public records pertaining to the NAC.

Boston Executive is basing its case on the Airport Commission's demands regarding its FBO application – which it argues were more stringent than the NAC's standard FBO requirements – and by the Commission's leasing practices having to do with Boston Executive in relation to FlightLevel, the Airport's only FBO and its major lessee.

Currently, FlightLevel

Lawsuit

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Selectmen set new tax rate

Average homeowner tax bill to increase by \$102

Amanda Webster
Staff Reporter

The Board of Selectmen voted to set Norwood's tax rate for fiscal year 2019 during Tuesday night's meeting.

During a public hearing, Timothy McDonough, Chairman of the Board of Assessors, along with James Grover and Robert Thornton gave a presentation to the selectmen about Norwood's tax history to help the board make its decision.

McDonough began the presentation by explaining how the tax rate is set, which is done by dividing the Tax Levy by property values. He then proceeded to show the Town's previous tax rates for both commercial and residential properties.

"We've been pretty consistent on the Tax Levy history over the past several years," stated McDonough, while walking the board through a slideshow of the town's data.

"It's like trying to walk a tight-rope. There's a fine line between trying to keep the residential rate to a modest increase without piling it on the commercial and industrial," said Thornton.

"Clearly commercialists already are paying double," noted board member Helen Abdallah Donohue. Donohue commented that Norwood's large commercial base is "what makes the town great" and said that in addition to try to be fair to the town's private residents, commercial residents shouldn't be deterred away from

Norwood either.

"For this past year, fiscal year 2018, the total percentage of our property evaluation commercial is 27 percent and yet, when you look at the percentage of the Tax Levy, they're paying 44 percent almost 45 percent of the tax burden, so close to double (of what residential owners pay)," added William Plasko while reading through the Assessors report.

Once the hearing closed to the public, Plasko made a motion to shift the CIP (Commercial, Industrial, Personal Property) to 61 percent from the current 57 percent.

"I believe that that does a fair job of balancing what we're trying to do between the effects on the commercial and residential," said Plasko.

Plasko said that with the 61 percent shift it would increase the average residential homeowner's tax bill by about \$102. Last year it increased \$169 and the year before \$215.

The percentage increase for commercial properties, according to Chairman Thomas Maloney, would be 1.6 percent and 2.1 percent for residential properties.

Selectman Paul Bishop noted earlier in the hearing that it is possible that not everyone would see the same dollar increase as housing styles, location and lot size all play a role in property values. It is important to note that this does not take into account the possibility of an operational budget

Tax Rate

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OPINION

Norwood continues to suffer from lack of attention

Norwood has been battered and bruised over the last decade, arguably longer. And though present circumstances aren't as bad as some residents have expressed publicly, things inarguably haven't been going well, and the moniker of "The Crown Jewel of the Commonwealth" is only being tossed around by those refusing to acknowledge that serious mistakes have been made on many levels of Town government, tarnishing a reputation constructed by others over centuries.

Not all is the fault of public officials, but a strong argument can be made that running a municipality the size of Norwood requires more than a part-time, unpaid group of elected Selectmen. And with public apathy seemingly at an all-time high, challenges to the existing power structure just don't occur, which is too bad. Nationally, the hue and cry is that the nation needs fresh new blood to invigorate the masses. Well, if this is true nationwide, why is it any different here?

The onslaught of multi-unit housing is the result of poor planning and decision making. Real estate parcels available for the Town to purchase over the years were ignored due to a lack of vision. Recent examples include the Old Stop & Shop on Central Street, now a massive housing complex, and all of the land at Upland Woods, also a monstrous housing facility, just to name a couple. The recent purchase of the Forbes Hill property was the result, in part, of ignorance and poor legal representation, placing the Town in a position to be extorted by developers knowing Norwood had no leverage. Now, the minimum asking price to sell it is less than what the Town paid, and will probably end up with the very same housing the Town was hoping to avoid. The soon-to-be Avalon Woods housing monolith could have been marketed to commercial entities looking to move or expand operations, given its location so close to highways and public transportation. However, no one ran with the responsibility of attracting said companies. No one appeared to have the knowledge, energy and will to do so.

It's this same inertia that has Norwood's infrastructure in dire need of attention. Deferred maintenance motivated by taking the easy way out to balance budgets has some buildings on the precipice of extinction. Lack of leadership has the uptown area of Washington Street continuing to look deserted, littered with empty storefronts. South Norwood continues to struggle.

This newspaper has written before and we continue to suggest that Norwood should seriously consider changing its current form of government. Mayoral leadership, with some sort of a city council, is the direction some other towns have chosen to take. There is no guarantee that such a metamorphosis will provide wholesale positive changes around here, but circumstances suggest that current leadership is incapable of dealing with the challenges municipalities now face on a day-to-day basis.

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Work has been going on at the side streets of Norwood to clean and reline water mains that needed some tender loving care.

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Norwood DPW almost done with side street work

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Department of Public Works (DPW) is almost finished with road work on Vernon, Day and Cottage Streets adjacent to Washington Street in the uptown area.

The work has shut down these streets multiple times and made commutes a little hectic, but DPW Director Mark Ryan said the work is part of an ongoing process the Town is undertaking to make sure water mains in the ground continue to provide clean water.

"The Town of Norwood cleans some water main lines every year, and this helps with the aesthetics of the water and also improves the flows," Ryan said. "The inside of the water main, the old cast iron, builds tuberculation, and that basically is the buildup of metals that are naturally in the water. That's where you might see rusty water, but it's not dangerous."

The buildup can also cause flow problems, and Ryan said they not only clean the lines, but then line the pipes with cement to prevent rust buildup in the future.

"We cleaned and lined about 3,700 feet of six-inch water main for this project and the total project bid price was \$747,000," he said.

The project began this past



An example of the buildup old pipes can garner after being in use for decades.

PHOTO BY NORWOOD DPW

September, and Ryan pointed out that it's not just the water mains they have to worry about.

"We started the project at the beginning of September and because we were going to be shutting the water main down, we had to build an above-ground water bypass infrastructure," he said. "We were providing water service to all the buildings and also for fire protection.... During that time in September, October and November we were installing bypasses, cleaning the water main, lining the water and, as of Monday, Dec. 3, all the properties are back on the newly-lined water main."

Right now, Ryan said they are finishing up and getting rid of the bypass. "And this week the project will be 100 percent complete," he said.

However, the work will continue next year.

"We have 120 miles of water main and, to date, about 70 percent of that is lined," he said. "So each year we try to do about 3,000 feet more or less of cleaning and lining in areas where we have unlined water mains."

Ryan said residents may have noticed a few bypass lines ruptured and overflowing, but said any money lost from that is built into the contractor's bid and contract, and the Town is not paying for water down the tubes.

"It's not uncommon for a pipe to be damaged by a vehicle going over it, something hitting it or something like that," Ryan said. "So the contractor has someone on standby for when that happens. We call them, they come out and they repair it; that's part of the normal workload."

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override, which would add additional levies on residential and commercial properties. The full details of the process of the override, which many Town officials think could be likely if residents do not want to see substantial cuts to services in the Town, is covered in the story on page 5.

The motion was passed unanimously.

Earlier in the meeting the

board entertained two appointments, the first from Norwood Fire Department Chief George Morrice and the second from Superintendent Travis Farley of the Recreation Department.

Both appointments were very brief. Morrice took the time to inform the board and the public about an issue concerning the National Grid lockout. According to Morrice, some town residents

and businesses have looked to install propane tanks as they are unable to access natural gas.

"We just want to make people aware that if they do that, they need to come to the fire department to get a permit to install that. Even if it's temporary, they need to get a permit," said Morrice.

The next Board of Selectmen meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 11.

No rabbits to pull out of a hat for the budget this year

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

Almost 200 residents packed into the Norwood High School auditorium on Thursday, Nov. 29, to hear of Norwood's budget problems and the possibility of an operational budget override proposal.

While the Town has been able to make up several budget shortfalls in the past, Budget Balancing Committee (BBC) Chair Alan Slater said this year will mean either an override or severe cuts to services.

"Quite frankly, we have no more rabbits to pull out of the hat," he said. "I think for the first time this could mean we get a significant reduction of services and possible large-scale layoffs."

The biggest problem with the budget, according to Town Manager Tony Mazzucco, is state law. He explained that in the 1980s, the Massachusetts Legislature placed a cap on municipalities' ability to increase rates for property taxes. Property taxes are, according to Mazzucco, the biggest and most significant income a municipality generates.

He said that when the law was originally envisioned, it

was to be a cap of about \$25 per year, but the state then decided, somewhat arbitrarily according to Mazzucco, that the cap should be a 2.5 percent increase annually of existing taxes for each municipality. This proposition (Prop 2 1/2) went into effect in 1982, with 1.4 million residents voting for it and 988,839 voting against.

"We are dealing with a 30-plus year old system for limiting tax growth and numbers that were artificially set decades ago," he said.

Mazzucco said that while the Town has the ability to charge fees for services, those fees have to be justified by the service, so the Town has to charge what the service costs and can't really increase revenues that way.

He went on to say that the current numbers for creating what the BBC members call a level services budget would require an \$8.7 million increase in revenue.

According to the BBC, this would mean an annual increase of \$574.60 for the average homeowner in Norwood, amounting to a monthly increase of \$48 or \$1.58 per day. Mazzucco said that number could be lowered sometime soon if the Forbes Hill property

gets sold and, though he said he is confident the property will sell, they cannot factor the sale in while creating the budget.

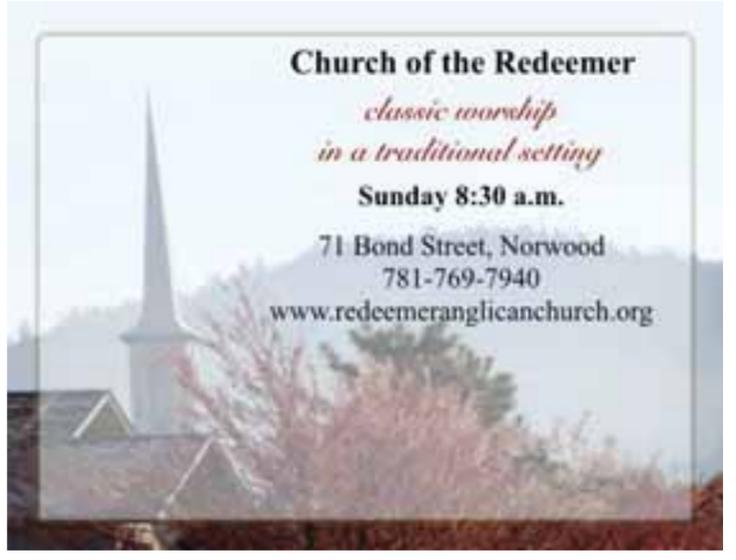
Mazzucco said one of the reasons for the deficit is the fact that much of the maintenance the Town needs to do has been deferred to save money in the short-term. He said this kind of thinking cannot continue, as it has made what were once smaller and inexpensive problems into larger ones. He said the Town's reliance on free cash as a stop-gap measure in the past to keep the budget balanced has resulted in a very small amount of free cash being left over for this fiscal year. He said they have \$1.7 million, and a good chunk of that will most likely have to go into snow removal.

For perspective, he said in the Town of Adams, Massachusetts, where he used to work as a town manager, they had a surplus of free cash of \$1.7 million as well, but the budget he was working with was only around \$9.7 million. Norwood, for this year at least, is working with a total budget of about \$79.6 million.

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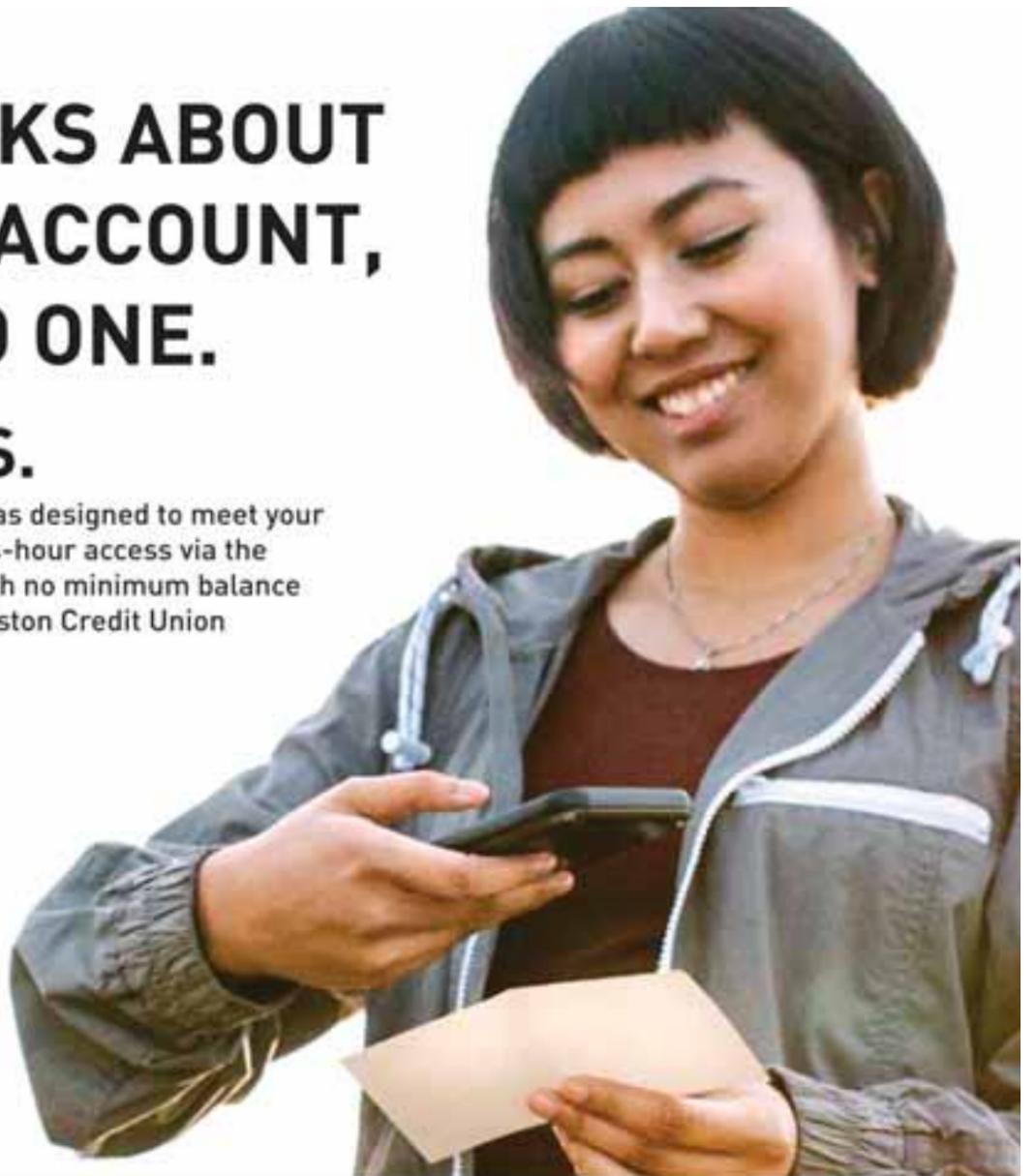
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rents approximately 14 acres of Airport land, while BEH rents about 30,000 square feet of it, 15,000 of which holds a hangar and fuel farm built by the company in 2013 – with NAC approval – in anticipation of receiving its FBO permit.

In November of 2017, Judge Richard G. Stearns – who is presiding over the fed-

eral case – ruled against the Town’s motion for a summary judgment, determining that the dispute over whether or not BEH’s exercise of free speech was a motivating factor in the NAC’s subsequent conduct toward the FBO applicant was worth hearing in court.

Closely related to the case is the FAA Director’s Deter-

mination issued in early November coming down in favor of BEH in its formal complaint against the Town and the Airport Commission. This complaint addressed much of what the civil suit will focus on: the NAC’s FBO permit application requirements and its leasing practices regarding BEH.

The Town has filed an ap-

peal of this decision with the FAA.

Although the FAA and U.S. District Court are separate and independent, the argument that BEH made to the former will be in large part – according to its legal counsel Michael C. Fee (of Pierce & Mandell, P.C.) – the same one that it intends to present to the latter.

Also of note is an earlier ruling by Judge Stearns, made in July of 2017, that relieved the National Union Fire Insurance Company of its obligation to cover the Town in the current litigation, citing the insurance policy’s exclusion regarding “knowing” violations of will-

ful intent on the part of the NAC – and by extension the Town – to injure BEH.

At the time of that ruling, the Massachusetts Interlocal Insurance Association (MIIA) picked up the coverage for the Town’s litigation expenses for the case, although the potential remains for the Town to be liable if the decision comes down against it.

As of going to press, no settlement has been reached between the Town and BEH.

Jury selection, followed by the trial, is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 10 in Courtroom 21 of the Moakley United States Courthouse (1 Courthouse Way, Boston).

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ing to Norwood resident and Holocaust survivor Aaron Greenfield. He said he met Greenfield last week. Greenfield said he was one of nine children before Nazi Germany’s systematic collection and slaughter of Jews throughout Europe. He said only he and one of his sisters survived.

“They were all killed in Auschwitz,” he said. “I lied about my age and said I was 16, but I was 15. They said if you were 16, go to the right. That’s how I survived, my mother said to me to put on long pants to look older. Even though we knew about what was going to happen, there was nothing we could do. We stood there, left, right; they emptied the ghettos, stood in line and went left or right. Nine children, my little sister was five, and all were killed.”

Residents Michael Salzman, Jessica Regan-Salzman and Mike and Helen Regan said they came out to support each other during the holidays. Jessica, Mike and Helen’s daughter converted to Judaism when she married her husband Michael, and the Regans said they came out to support their family and maybe get a few donuts and latkes.

“They live in Attleboro, but she is connected with Norwood through Norwood Now on Facebook and she told us about it,” Helen Regan said. “She was all excited because this is Norwood’s first event. They came to the house and we had latkes and some other food. We came down and I’m amazed at the turnout.”

Jessica and Michael have been married for 15 years and the family has been celebrating along with them ever since.

“I was born and raised in Norwood and it’s just amazing to have the first one here,” Jessica said. “We’re surprised because a lot of the Chabad events we’ve been to in Mansfield and Stoughton have not had large turnouts, so this is awesome.”

Resident Deborah Liu said she’s happy to see the celebration take place, as several children ran around dancing to Chanukah songs.

“We’ve been living in Norwood since 2001, and I grew up here in the 1960s and I don’t remember ever having one of these,” she said. “I’m not of the Jewish faith, but I wanted to come out here and support the community.”

Selectmen Chair Tom Maloney said, “I think the response is outstanding”. “There are so many people from Norwood here too, people I recognize. The organization is from Canton, so I think this is a great turnout and it just shows you how Norwood embraces people of all faiths.”

Rabbi Horowitz said the success of this event has led his family to already start thinking about next year.

“Someone suggested we get a double-height menorah, so we’ll work on that,” he said. “The Canton Chi Center sponsored this, and it was kind of costly... We’re working on it, but thank God we have a nice menorah here. This is a nice starter and maybe next year we’ll have the momentum to do more of an indoor Chanukah celebration for the families.”

Horowitz said there may have been some divine intervention just for this event.

“Thank God we had the celebration here because the rain stopped as soon as we started,” he said.

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is nowhere near what it should be," Mazzucco said.

Norwood Public Schools Superintendent David Thomson said that despite making cuts everywhere they possibly could in the past, this time he thinks the cuts will be felt throughout the district. He said they are about \$2.7 million short in terms of the structural deficit.

"There are not a lot of extra things to cut," he said. "I'm not recommending we lay off 50 people, because we would not be educating, we would be warehousing."

The deficit currently increases by about a million per year. Thomson said they have already cut significant positions to the point where the department cannot guarantee at least two years of foreign language education, which affects the department's ability to apply for grants and participate in other programs. He said they have lost several full-time equivalent positions over the last few years, including 1.4 of a science teacher, 2.0 foreign language teachers, 1.6 social studies teachers, .6 of math .2 of music, and .3 of MCAS remediation, and that's just in the High School.

Residents were then afforded an opportunity to ask the BBC questions during the meeting, and also present ideas to help close the budget gap, but the BBC and Mazzucco said all of the ideas expressed would not get the Town out of this hole.

One resident asked about the possibility of ending the Town's moratorium on recreational marijuana as a means of increasing revenue, and Mazzucco said that while the two dispensaries currently open in other towns are doing amazing business – \$2.2 million in the first five days – once the novelty wears off and other dispensaries open, that will most likely start to go down. He said even if it didn't, it would not likely fix the gap.

Mazzucco said that if the Town was able to build 130 new homes every year it would be enough to close the gap.

"The problem is we don't have enough room for 130 new homes," he said.

Resident Julie Donnelly Mathews asked about changing the tax rate for seniors and disabled persons so that persons with fixed incomes would not be hit so hard by an operational override. Mazzucco said this was something to think about, but pointed out that the state has the final say on how revenues can be collected and, as far as he is aware, there is no law or mechanism that would allow a municipality to charge different rates based on age. He said income would also have to be a consideration, since many residents over the age of 65 still have incomes.

Thomson said he lives in Norton, which is one of the few other towns in Massachusetts not to have had an operational override since the

state enacted Prop 2.5. He said Norton had decided not to pass an override four times now, and the results hit residents hard. This discussion came up when a resident asked why the Town couldn't hire a third party trash removal service and charge a fee for that service. By resident Peter MacFarlane's reckoning, this would free up \$2 million the Town pays for trash collection salaries and equipment each year.

Selectman Bill Plasko said they had done this calculation before and the numbers were not great. He said the fee would start off around \$145 per year and rise to about \$275, with residents absorbing the cost completely. Thomson said something like this was passed in Norton as well.

"I have to pay for my own trash removal," Thomson said. "I wish I was paying \$145."

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Monday November 26

1211 Cellular - B & E Residence *Report Filed Location/Address: Chapel Ct Report door to apartment found open.

1432 Walk-In - Hit And Run *Report Filed Location/Address: Norwood Plaza - Nahatan St Report car side-swiped parked, unoccupied. N666 reports no note left, no camera working at Shaw's.

1438 Cellular - Complaint Of Mv Area Search Negative Location/Address: Elliot St Report of a Mercedes, silver, blue and white plate maybe State of CT, unknown numbers/letters, excess of 50mph, always at high school dismissal.

1450 Initiated - Well Being Chk Spoken To Location/Address: Chapel St N667 received information that resident returned home. N667 reports he is ok.

1530 Phone - Animal Complaint NACO/WACO notified Location/Address: Fairview Rd Report 2 squirrels in attic. N.A.C.O. to call resident.

1729 Phone - Susp Vehicle *Report Filed Location/Address: Arnold Rd Red Honda parked for a week without being moved.

2000 Phone - Assist Other Agency Services Rendered Location/Address: Sturtevant Ave Quincy Police Department requests check of address for MA PC 26D720 which was involved in an armed robbery in their city. Officers identified those parties, notified Quincy PD.

Tuesday November 27

0003 Phone - Susp Activity Services Rendered Location/Address: Bradford Dr Resident reports seeing flashlights at vacant house behind his. Officers spoke to an authorized party on scene who was checking water pumps with a flashlight.

0109 Phone - Noise Complaint Services Rendered Location/Address: Sturtevant Ave Caller reports there is a car running in driveway next door, keeping him up. N669, N664 responded. No car in driveway. Neighbor in same building had air conditioning unit on and turned it off for the night.

1024 Initiated - Citizens Complaint State DPW/Norwood DPW NO Location/Address: Beacon St N661 reports the "Beacon St" street sign is lying on sidewalk.

1031 Phone - Lost And Found Services Rendered Location/Address: Norwood Engineering Co - Bos-Prov Hwy Report bicycle leaning up against a tree on left side of building. DPW assisted with transporting it to station. N667 checks stolen bike reports-no matches. N667 filled out the Lost and Found Entry Form.

1256 Phone - Well Being Chk Spoken To Location/Address: Juniper Dr Subject home and will call family in

Florida.

1257 Phone - Hit And Run *Report Filed Location/Address: Shurfine Market - Nahatan St Vehicle backed into the building bumping the AC unit.

1410 Phone - Lost And Found Transported To Hospital Location/Address: Chapel St DPW workers found a debit card and baseball cards in a leaf bag.

1541 Phone - Well Being Chk Spoken To Location/Address: 49 - Yarmouth Rd Report mailman in mail truck, head on steering wheel for awhile. N663 reports he is ok.

Wednesday November 28

0753 Phone - Warrant Service *Arrest(S)Made Location/Address: Mill Pond Ln WMS arrest. Refer To Arrest: 18-491-AR Arrest: McAuley, Jason D Address: 8 Mill Pond Ln Norwood, Ma Age: 42 Charges: Warrant Arrest

1006 Walk-In - Auto Theft *Report Filed Location/Address: Plymouth Dr Vehicle entered into NCIC.

1034 Walk-In - Assist Citizen *Report Filed Location/Address: Kappys Coins & Stamps - Washington St Party reports a lost wallet with a large amount of cash.

1056 Phone - Threats *Protective Custody Location/Address: Springvale Rd Party transported to hospital on Section 12.

1338 Phone - Susp Activity Spoken To Location/Address: Westover Pkwy SP activity and possible B&E attempt. Officers report all secure.

1420 Phone - Susp Activity Services Rendered Location/Address: Tremont St Male party looking in trash bins. N663 spoke to him and all is well.

1508 Phone - Larceny *Report Filed Location/Address: Dean St Report of two stolen off road motor bikes.

1737 Initiated - Susp Activity Spoken To Location/Address: Lenox St + Washington St Group of individuals gathering. Parties were waiting for a ride.

1757 Phone - Noise Complaint Spoken To Location/Address: Blossom St Caller reports white van playing loud music. Officer's spoke to operator, he was charging his phone and is moving along.

2048 Phone - Susp Activity Area Search Negative Location/Address: Talbot Farm Rd Caller reports 3 male parties knocked on her door then tried to open the door. Parties were in a Toyota Rav 4 color red. N666, N663 searched the area with negative results.

2103 Phone - Well Being Chk Services Rendered Location/Address: Elm St Dedham PD would like a check on the resident at this address. N664, N665 went to the address and the party in question does not live there.

2229 911 - Well Being Chk Services

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Rendered Location/Address: Maple St Caller requesting a check on his friend. N665, N664 spoke to the party and her mother, she is fine. All checked out OK.

2239 911 - Susp Activity Gone On Arrival Location/Address: Mcdonalds - Broadway St Caller reports that four individuals in black clothing keep entering and leaving the store. She believes they left in a green jeep, unknown direction.

Thursday November 29

0157 911 - Assist Citizen Fire Dept Notified/Respo Location/Address: Plymouth Dr Public assist. NFD responded and handled same.

0201 Initiated - Parking Violation Parking Ticket Issued Location/Address: St Paul Ave all night parking, St Paul. Allandale, Pond and Heaton. 5 tickets issued.

0202 Initiated - Parking Violation Parking Ticket Issued Location/Address: Plymouth Dr Plymouth Dr. area 17 tickets issued.

1414 Phone - Susp Activity Area Search Negative Location/Address: Crestwood Cir Ble top and jeans walking around the driveways. Possible utility worker but GOA

1714 Initiated - Assist Citizen Services Rendered Location/Address: Winter St + Spruce Rd Individual from nearby group home did not want to go back. Officer's spoke with the party and they agreed to go back with a counselor.

1836 Initiated - Liquor Law Violation *Report Filed Location/Address: Percival Brewing Company - Morse St

1858 Initiated - Liquor Law Violation *Report Filed Location/Address: The Feisty Greek - Vanderbilt Ave 1904 Initiated - Liquor Law Violation *Report Filed Location/Address: Courtyard By Marriott - River Ridge Dr

1931 Initiated - Liquor Law Violation *Report Filed Location/Address: Emmets Of Norwood - Bos-Prov Hwy

2010 Initiated - Liquor Law Violation *Report Filed Location/Address: Olde Colonial Cafe - Nahatan St 2055 Initiated - Liquor Law Violation *Report Filed Location/Address: Shabu Lee - Washington St

2233 Phone - Susp Person Gone On Arrival Location/Address: Winfield St Caller reports an individual walking up and down the street yelling on his phone.

Friday November 30

0129 Walk-In - Well Being Chk *Protective Custody Location/Ad-

dress: Extra Space Storage - Washington St Party in lobby reports he saw a man sleeping by the door of Extra Space Storage. N667, N663 responded and located party who was taken into protective custody and taken home. Party was released to the custody of his brother.

0209 Initiated - Parking Violation Parking Ticket Issued Location/Address: Washington St 5 tickets issued, Washington St, Sturtevant, St John.

0731 Phone - Assist Citizen Spoken To Location/Address: Railroad Ave + Hill St Traffic supervisor states a male party reported to her that his wallet was stolen. Officers arrived and met with known party that was a little confused today and told several different stories including it being stolen in Boston. Advised.

0832 Phone - Larceny *Report Filed Location/Address: Regal Press Inc - Guild St Caller reports wire stolen.

1100 Phone - Unwanted Party Services Rendered Location/Address: Springvale Rd Both parties spoken to and matter was resolved.

1104 Phone - Unwanted Party Services Rendered Location/Address: Extra Space Storage - Washington St Party moved along.

1159 Walk-In - Bad Check (S) Assisted Party Location/Address: Remarkable Cleanouts - Endicott St Party advised. Victim is away on vacation, will contact station upon return.

1219 Phone - Assist Citizen Gone On Arrival Location/Address: Walnut Ave Caller reports 4 suspicious males, early 20s, sitting on wall.

1342 Phone - Well Being Chk *Protective Custody Location/Address: Winter St + Elm St Female transported to hospital on Section 12.

1416 Phone - Susp Activity Services Rendered Location/Address: Bos-Prov Hwy Caller reports two men in camo walking into the woods. Parties check out, all is well.

1436 Phone - Larceny *Report Filed Location/Address: North Plain St Report of a stolen package.

1720 Phone - Susp Activity Area Search Negative Location/Address: Bos-Prov Hwy + Ellis Ave Caller reports possible hunting in the woods. N661 and N667 to investigate. N667 and N661 reports nobody in the area.

1803 911 - Drunk Driver Gone On Arrival Location/Address: Adam And Eve - Bos-Prov Hwy Caller reports possible DK party came into the business and left. She reported the vehicle as MA Reg 1AN298. N666 and N665 responding to the area.

1948 Phone - Susp Person Could Not Locate Location/Address: Neponset St + Dean St Caller reports male party walking in and out of traffic. N667 and N670 responding.

2122 Phone - Report Of Fight Spoken To Location/Address: Codman Rd Caller reports possible fight in front of her residence. N661, N667, and N666 responding. N661 reports there was no fighting and it was just a large group of juveniles being loud. Parties sent on their way.

2303 Phone - Parking Violation Spoken To Location/Address: Beech St + Day St Caller states there is a party in the neighborhood which is causing parking issues. She states vehicles are parked on both sides of the street which leave no room to drive through. N664 and N666 responding. Parking issue was resolved.

Saturday December 1

0049 Phone - Noise Complaint Spoken To Location/Address: Eaton Village - Neponset St Caller states her neighbor is constantly jumping around and smashing things keeping her up. Officers responded and stated all was quiet upon arrival. Advised caller to speak with property management on Monday morning.

0834 Phone - Larceny *Report Filed

Location/Address: Robinwood Rd Caller reports theft of his passport.

2001 Phone - Unwanted Party Gone On Arrival Location/Address: Bamboo Cafe - Washington St Customer causing a disturbance after being refused service.

2212 Phone - Disturbance *Report Filed Location/Address: Norwood Hospital - Washington St Security requests assistance for a party who may have drugs on his person. See call 18-25244.

Sunday December 2

0119 Phone - Hit And Run *Arrest(S)Made Location/Address: Oak Rd Bolo out of Foxboro @ Patriot Place for Hit & Run of 2 pedestrians. (Ma. Reg# 6CA483) coming back to Norwood Address. N667, N665, N678, N668 respond to home. Driver pulls up and arrested on OUI and probable cause for H&R of 2 pedestrians in Foxboro. Negoshian's towed vehicle. Refer To Arrest: 18-497-AR Arrest: Henry, Matthew Robert Address: 39 Oak Rd Norwood, Ma Age: 23 Charges: OUI Liquor

0413 Other - Susp Activity Fire Dept Notified/Respo Location/Address: Town Hall - Washington St Call from passerby reporting smoke coming from roof of town hall. NFD, N667 responded. NFD reports it is coming from smoke stack. All in order.

0430 911 - Noise Complaint Services Rendered Location/Address: S Sector - Norwest Dr Caller reports yelling and banging against the wall coming from the apartment that abuts her son's bedroom. She did not want to be identified in fear of retaliation. N667, N678, N665 responded, listened and checked on residents in that immediate block. Unable to locate any signs of trouble.

0558 911 - Larceny *Report Filed Location/Address: Olde Derby Rd Caller reports she is missing jewelry from her apartment while she was in the hospital. N667 responded.

0639 Phone - Assist Citizen Assisted Party Location/Address: Barberry Ln N665 assisted resident at his home with his dog.

0725 911 - Well Being Chk Spoken To Location/Address: Westover Pkwy Elder female called 911 trying to reach her son at Norwood Hospital. She seemed a little confused. N679, N666 sent for a well-being check. They said she is fine and assisted her in getting in touch with him.

1350 Phone - Susp Activity Services Rendered Location/Address: Walpole St Door is unlocked to the apartment no apparent B&E. Resident advised and is flying home tonight and will call on arrival.

1709 Phone - Assist Citizen Spoken To Location/Address: Center Auto Body - Carnegie Row Caller reports a customer is being argumentative about taking his car that was towed. N667 spoke to that party and they will return during business hours.

1724 Phone - Assist Citizen Spoken To Location/Address: Walpole St Caller reports she would like to speak to an officer regarding her rights on a past tenant. N665 reports advice given.

1736 Phone - Disturbance Spoken To Location/Address: Norwood Hospital - Washington St Switchboard operator reports code gray an out of control patient at the hospital requesting an officer. N669 reports that party was spoken to and calmed down.

2011 911 - Civil Dispute Civil Matter Location/Address: Mcdonalds - Union/Rte1 - Bos-Prov Hwy Manager requests assistance for an employee who refuses to clock out for break. Matter resolved prior to officer's arrival.

2041 Phone - Susp Activity Area Search Negative Location/Address: Walpole St + Chickering Rd Party out walking heard the sound of glass break. Officers spoke to reporting party and searched the area, negative re-

Deaths**DAUPHINAIS**

Agnes M. (Mahony) Of Norwood passed away on November 26, 2018 at the age of 78. Daughter of the late Thomas U. and Ruth F. (Massey) Mahony. Loving sister of Jane Gulla and her late husband Anthony Gulla and her late husband Frederick of E. Walpole and the late Robert Mahony. Agnes was born in Norwood and was a Norwood High School Graduate and then went on to Graduate from Bridgewater State College receiving a Bachelor's Degree in Teaching. She was a longtime teacher in the Walpole School System before her retirement. Agnes was a member of the Walpole Country Club and achieved 4 holes in one during her years golfing at the club. She was also a Historian and member of the Women's Massachusetts Golf Assoc. A funeral mass was

held at St. Mary's Church E. Walpole, MA. Burial will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in her name to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, JDRF 26 Broadway, 14th Floor New York, NY 10004. kraw-kornackfuneralhome.com Family Owned and Operated 781-762-0482

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Ann D. (Duffie) Of Franklin, formerly of Walpole, Nov 26. Beloved wife of the late Raymond F. Fleck, and dear mother of William D. and his wife Susan, of Franklin, and Carol A. Whetzel and her husband Michael D. Sr., of Chambersburg, PA. Loving sister of the late Jean Gardner and the late Marcia Durfor. Proud grandmother of Melanie Taylor, Michael D. Whetzel Jr., Janet Lundgren, and Timothy, Joyce, and Diane Fleck, and dear great-grandmother

of Nathan and Joshua Whetzel, Malachi Taylor, Susanna, Rosalia, Zachary and Amy Lundgren, and Zoe and Theodore Fleck. A funeral mass was held at First Baptist Church of Norwood Norwood, MA. followed by interment in Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Harwichport. If desired, donations in Ann's memory can be made to the First Baptist Church (address above) or to the Ann D. Fleck Scholarship Fund at Hillside School, 404 Robin Hill St., Marlborough, MA 01752. For obituary and guest book please visit website. Folsom Funeral Home www.folsomfuneral.com

LYDON

Mary A. (McMenamin) Of NH, formerly of Roslindale, passed away on November 28,

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Library Events

DR. HYLANDER PRESENTS "ABANDON SHIP: THE USS INDIANAPOLIS"

Come to the Morrill Memorial Library on Monday, December 10 at 7 p.m. for the final lecture of the year by popular historian Dr. Gary Hylander, who will present "Abandon Ship: The USS Indianapolis."

After delivering an atomic bomb to Tinian Island for the air attack on Hiroshima, the Indianapolis was torpedoed by a Japanese sub on July 30, 1945. An estimated 300 sailors were killed immediately and another 900 swept into the Pacific. Battered by high seas and fighting off sharks, hypothermia, and dehydration, only one-third of the men made it back alive. While Captain Charles McVay III survived the sinking, he was never the same. An official cover-up was already underway. The sinking of the Indianapolis was the single worst naval disaster in American history. To sign up for this program, please call 781-769-0200, x110, email norprograms@minlib.net, or stop by the library Reference or Information Desk.

HOLIDAY FILM SERIES

The Morrill Memorial Library in Norwood will hold a Holiday Movies Film Series this December with a mix of morning and evening show times. From treasured holiday classics to modern gems, these films are sure to spread holiday cheer. The series will kick off on Tuesday December 11 at 10:30 am with the 2008 film, "Thomas Kinkadee's Christmas Cottage," rated PG and running 1 hour 36 minutes, starring Peter O'Toole, Jared Padalecki, and Marcia Gay Harden. Next, on Friday December 14 at 10:30 am we'll show the 1946 classic, "It's a Wonderful Life," rated PG and running 2 hours 10 minutes, starring James Stewart, Donna Reed, and Lionel Barrymore. On Monday December 17 at 6:30 pm we'll show the 1994 comedy/drama "Mixed Nuts," rated PG-13 and running 1 hour 37 minutes, starring Steve Martin, Madeline Kahn, Robert Klein and directed by Nora Ephron. Then, on Friday December 21 at 10:30 am we'll be showing the 2006 film "The Nativity Story," rated PG and running 1 hour 41 minutes, which was the first film to have its world premiere in Vatican City. Finally, on Wednesday December 26 at 6:30 pm we'll show the 1998 feel-good movie "You've Got Mail," rated PG and running 1 hour 59 minutes, starring Tom Hanks, Meg Ryan, and Greg Kinnear. Light refreshments will be served. To sign up for any or all of these films, please call the Reference Desk at 781-769-0200 x110, email norprograms@minlib.net, or visit the Reference or Information Desk.

TEA AND FINE CHOCOLATE

Indulge your taste for tea and chocolate by joining Kim Larkin of Klasic Kreation at the Morrill Memorial Library on Thursday, December 13 at 6:30 pm. Ms. Larkin will present her workshop, "A Pleasant Pairing: Tea & Fine Chocolate" to the first 45 people to sign up. This is an educational talk highlighting the history and health benefits of tea and dark chocolate (cacao), with insights from her background as a commercial chocolatier. The presentation includes samplings of tea, tea-infused food, various chocolates, trivia, poetry, an antique teapot/lace display, and more. To register, please call 781-769-0200, x110 or 222, email norprograms@minlib.net, or stop by the library Reference or Information Desk.

"EASY LIKE WATER"

The fall Sustainability Series on climate change, presented by Together Yes, will continue at the Morrill Memorial Library on Wednesday, December 12 at 6:30 p.m. with a screening of the film, "Easy Like Water." In Bangladesh—the size of Iowa with a population of 160 million—low-lying areas are flooded every year during the monsoon season, upending entire villages and destroying hundreds of schools. On the front line of climate change, architect Mohammed Rezwan is building floating schools from surplus boats to bring education to young people, including girls who have never had the opportunity because of cultural or religious restrictions. To sign up for this evening of film and discussion, please call 781-769-0200, x110, email norprograms@minlib.net, or stop by the library Reference or Information Desk.

BOOK CLUB TO DISCUSS "NORA WEBSTER"

The Morrill Memorial Library's monthly Turn the Page Book Group will meet on Wednesday, December 19 at 10 am and at 7 pm to Colm Toibin's award-winning novel, "Nora Webster." Patty Bailey and guest host Kate Tighe will lead the discussion of this character-driven literary fiction set in Ireland. Widowed at forty, with four children and not enough money, Nora has lost the love of her life, Maurice, the man who rescued her from the stifling world to which she was born. And now she fears she may be drawn back into it, even as she's drowning in her own sorrow and blind to the suffering of her young sons. Copies of the book in a variety of formats are available to check out at the Circulation Desk. Refreshments will be served, and registration is appreciated. Please sign up by calling 781-769-0200, x110 or 222, emailing norprograms@minlib.net, or stopping by the library Reference or Information Desk.

SENIOR NEWS

BINGO: Every Wednesday, from 12:45 PM to 3:00 PM, \$5.00 to get started. We have begun a new game, for \$1.00, with a winner take all prize! You must be here by 12:45 PM to play the new game!

BOOK CLUB: Our next Book Club will be meeting on Dec. 17, at the senior center.

BRIDGE: Our Bridge Club meets on Thursdays at 9:00 AM, in the Library. The Tuesday group has been cancelled.

COMPUTER CLUB: The Computer Club meets every Wednesday at 1:00 PM.

CRIBBAGE: Our seniors meet every Monday at 12:45 PM to play cribbage. New Class on Fridays at 12:45 (except the 4th Friday).

DIGITAL PHOTO ORGANIZATION & EDITING: will take place the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at 11:30 AM.

FOOT DOCTOR: Dr. Michael Mitri is scheduled to be here on Dec 7. \$35.00 charge-call to schedule an appointment.

FRIENDS EVENING DANCE: December 21st, 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM, Dave Valero.

GLEE CLUB: Glee Club meets every Tuesday at 11:15 AM.

HANDCRAFTERS: Handcrafters meet every Monday from 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM.

HEARING SOLUTIONS: Hearing Aide clinic on Wednesday, January 23, 11:30AM.

LEARN TO PLAY MAH JONG: -Thursdays and Fridays at 12:30 PM.

LINE DANCE: Classes are held each Tuesday. Class will be held from 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM.

MAH JONG: Mah Jong players meet Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 10:00 AM - Noon.

MANICURES: December 28, Friday at 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM.

NORWOOD RETIRED MEN'S CLUB: The Board of Directors meets on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 10:30AM, at the Senior Center. The Club Membership meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the Norwood Elks Lodge, at 10:00 AM.

SCRABBLE: Thursday afternoons at 1:00 PM. Come and join us for a game.

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WAXING: -Monday, December 17, 9:00 AM - Noon.

WHIST: Whist players meet on Tuesdays at 12:45 PM, in the library.

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A job description is available at our office. 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.

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Deaths *continued from page 8*

2018 at the age of 80. Beloved wife of the late Joseph Lydon. Devoted mother of Anne Marie Clancy and her husband Brian of Franklin, Patrick J. Lydon of FL, Thomas E. Lydon of Spencer, Maureen Bannon and her husband Michael of NH, Joseph J. Lydon and his wife Tammy of PA, Brian W. Lydon of Plainville and the late Michael C. Lydon. Sister of Patrick McMenamin of Ireland and Ann Walsh of England. Cherished grandmother of 12 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Daughter of the late Thomas and Sarah (McLaughlin) McMenamin. A Funeral Mass was held at St. Theresa of Avila Parish, W. Roxbury, MA.. Burial will be at St. Joseph Cemetery, W. Roxbury, MA. www.krawkornackfuneralhome.com Family Owned and Operated 781-762-0482

McVANE

Michael Joseph "Joe" Korean War US Army Veteran Of Quincy, formerly of Norwood, November 29, 2018, age 88. Joe was predeceased by his wife Marilyn M. (Bernard) McVane, and is survived by his children Marilyn F.

McVane (Florida), Michael J. McVane (Florida), David (Jodi) McVane (Cohasset) and Brian (Kathy) McVane (Hingham). He also leaves three grandchildren, Matthew McVane, Benjamin McVane and Emily McVane and many nieces and nephews. Joe was the dear brother of Mary Hallahan of New York, Judith Cunningham, Jack McVane, Mary Lou McVane and Virginia Alexander, all of Florida and the late Barbara Coulliard, Theresa Moschella, Jean Fielding and Doris Doherty. The McVane family would like to thank the staff of The Atrium at Faxon Woods for their exceptional care and comfort provided to Joe over the past six years. Calling hours will be held on Thursday, December 6, 2018, from 11:00-12:30 PM at the James H. Delaney & Son Funeral Home, 48 Common Street, WALPOLE followed by an in-house Prayer Service at 12:30 PM. Committal Services are private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, PO Box 96011, Washington, DC 20090-6011. Delaney Funeral Home www.delaneyfuneral.com

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Roche and Frey – taking advantage of this option – went before the Board again with the same design proposal: a 12 unit, T-shaped residential building comprised of a three story, five apartment section fronting Washington Street and seven townhouses running to the back of the property that, upon completion, would be put up for sale as condominiums.

This time, however, their request was for several special permits and was presented by Attorney Mark Bobrowski, who replaced David Hern as the project's legal representative.

Starting off, Bobrowski informed the Board that he had, in fact, helped to rewrite the Town's zoning bylaws and referred to one sub-section as a method for nonconforming properties to bypass a variance requirement.

Sub-section 5.2.2 of the zoning bylaws allows a change in use from one nonconforming structure to another nonconforming one as long as it is "not more detrimental to the character of the district in which it is located than the existing use."

Advocating for the project, Bobrowski described the two buildings at 862-878 Washington St. – which were built in 1889 and are nonconforming – as a nightmare.

"They're impossible to repair, to maintain, to keep up, to put in decent wiring under code, not to mention... wireless and other things that are required in a modern building," he said.

He continued by saying that "we want to change the nonconforming structure there today – which everybody, I think, would agree is not a good thing – to something much better."

Much as they had been for the project when it had been first presented, the Board was uniformly receptive to the idea of the proposal, with several wholeheartedly in favor of it. Jack Perry was the first to comment, and – in stating that he thought it would be a huge improvement for the site, touched on making effective use of the Town's zoning bylaws:

"I'm involved in a lot of projects in Dedham, and Dedham has far exceeded us in what they want to have happen with their bylaws – and we've kind of been lax. So I would like to have something like this."

Tom Brady also spoke in favor of the project, referring to the earlier application and the ZBA's reluctance to set a variance precedent, despite generally being in favor of the idea:

"I think 5.2.2 gives us the out we were looking for from

last time," he said.

Chair Patrick Mulvehill was a little more cautious in his approach, stating that he would not ask for a vote on the application during that session and asking Bobrowski some technical questions regarding 5.2.2 in order to better understand it.

Bobrowski commented on his addition of this subsection to the zoning bylaws:

"The whole purpose of 5.2.2 is to offer an easier permitting path by eliminating the soil condition, shape, and topography requirement [of a variance], and by just saying, basically, if it's bad today and better tomorrow, and you're in favor of it, fine."

Philip Riley, while also generally in favor of the proposal, brought up the fact that – by putting in 12 units – the developers would be increasing the nonconformity of the structure and, in doing so, trigger subsection 5.3.3, which would require a variance.

Bobrowski's response that "5.2.2 trumps 5.3.3" set off a 10 minute legal exchange between him and Riley, during which Sec-

tion 4 (Dimensional Requirements), 5 (Nonconforming Uses and Structures), and 6 (General Use) of the zoning bylaws were all cited by both in greater or lesser detail, with Bobrowski agreeing to respond to Riley's questions in writing and to submit those answers to the ZBA.

After hearing public comments, the Board continued the hearing to 7:30 p.m. on Jan. 15.

Two hearings were continued from Nov. 13:

The request to convert four offices at 500 Washington St., one two-bedroom apartment, two one-bedroom apartments, and an office was unanimously approved. The applicant had originally sought a variance in order to convert the four offices to four apartments.

The variance request for 0 Morse Ave. was approved to be withdrawn without prejudice for the applicant to present a defined plan for the size of the proposed home for the lot.

The next ZBA meeting is scheduled for Dec. 18 at 7:15 p.m. at Town Hall.

DAR pins Good Citizen



Norwood High School Good Citizen Luca Colosimo being pinned by his mother Lisa Colosimo.

COURTESY PHOTO

Recently the Aaron Guild Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) honored Norwood High School Senior Luca Colosimo who was chosen as a DAR Good Citizen by his classmates and teachers.

The Good Citizen Award night took place on November 14 at the George H. Morse Historic House on Washington Street in Norwood. Luca received a Good Citizen pin, a framed poster describing the Good Citizen Award, and a flag that flew over the United States Capitol on Patriot's Day. Luca also received a certificate that reads that the flag was flown to honor Aaron Guild Chapter's Good Citizen.

DAR Chapter Chair Sunny O'Malley of Westwood made the presentations. Luca was chosen for his leadership, patriotism, and service to the community. At graduation in June, Luca will receive a framed certificate and a check from the Aaron Guild Chapter. Luca is involved in activities at his school as well as in his community.

Following the presentation, the members and guests were treated to a talk and tour of the Morse House by Morse House Historian Dr. Bill Pudsey. The Morse House is indeed a Norwood treasure, and the Aaron Guild Chapter loves meeting there.

For the holidays the Aaron Guild Chapter makes up ditty bags with toiletries and small gifts for West Roxbury Veterans Hospital patients. The gift bags for both men and women patients are delivered personally by the members at New Years.

The Aaron Guild Chapter is made up of members from the area towns of Norwood, Westwood, Walpole, Canton, Medfield, and Millis, as well as other communities and welcomes new members. Call Regent Terry Whetstone at 781-329-8463 for more information."

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