



The bill surrounding Norwood Fire Chief David Hayes stalled in the State Legislature, and some Town officials aren't happy about how it went down.

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Fire chief waiver bill sparks firestorm of allegations

Mary Ellen Gambon
Staff Reporter

The fallout from the failure of a home rule petition to pass in the state Legislature that would have granted a waiver for Fire Chief David Hayes to work past his 65th birthday has sparked a series of allegations from the chief, Norwood's state legislators, the leadership of the local firefighter's union, and Board of Selectmen Chair Bill Plasko.

What has emerged is an apparent lack of communication and compromise among the stakeholders on several instances. The end result is that Norwood is faced with having to search for a new fire chief – the fourth chief in five years – at a time when major changes are happening in the department.

In an interview with The Norwood Record on Jan. 9, Hayes expressed his disappointment with state Sen. Michael Rush and Rep. John Rogers for not advocating for the bill's passage, which he called "embarrassing." State law requires that he retire when he turns 65 next month.

At Special Town Meeting in October 2021, members voted 64-54 to support the Board of Selectmen's filing of a home rule petition to extend Hayes's employment to age 70. The legislative session ended on Jan. 3 with the bill stalled in the Senate's Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, where it sat since June 30, 2022.

"I was trying to give the legislators a chance to represent the Town of Norwood

and do what the Town of Norwood asked without being unduly critical," said Hayes. "But at this point, I am not going to hide what happened. The people need to know that this kind of stuff happens in the back room, and there's very little that people who want to do it right can do, except be honest and be a gentleman."

While he noted that Rogers "did his job" by helping guide the bill through the House, he criticized Rush harshly for not doing the same in the Senate. He said he

"would have had more respect" for Rush if he had said he was against the measure.

He didn't have the courage to put it to a vote," Hayes said of Rush. "I'm not going to say that I consider him to be spineless. But I am going to say that he has less courage than the average 3-year-old. The situation was explained to him, and he didn't see fit to represent the Town of Norwood."

Hayes's allegation of a "backroom deal" was in reference to a proposal put forth to him by Norwood Firefighters Local 1631 spokesperson Paul Ronco and Dennis Mawn, the union's secretary. In this compromise offered on Jan. 3, 2022, he said that Ronco and Mawn said they would approve of an amendment to the bill that would allow him to serve for three years as chief. Ronco and Mawn agreed with this statement. There also was a proposal to extend his tenure by one year offered at the Special Town Meeting.

"I have respect for the union – except for this particular action," Hayes said. "I

Hayes

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Gardeners have been honing their collective green thumbs at the Norwood Community Garden for 11 years now.

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Community Garden expanding, plots available Organizers push for even more gardening

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Community Garden at the corner of Mylod and Washington Streets is expanding by 16 plots come this spring, and Together Yes Founder and Community Garden Organizer Sue Clare said she couldn't be happier.

"We are expanding two rows of eight plots each to the western side of the garden, away from Washington Street," she said. "That will put us a little closer to the Food Forest, but we've taken the measurements and even had an engineer come out to double check us. We will not be encroaching on any trails, the Food Forest or anything else. And the Conservation Commission has approved this expansion and

offered to provide the fencing for it."

Clare has been working as the garden organizer for 11 years now. "No one has ever had a better retirement than I have had," she said. "I cannot imagine a better way to spend my retirement and by now I don't have to look up every plant I want to grow."

The expansion will now allow for 88 plots every season. Clare said residents need to reach out to her at sustain@tgyes.org to start placing dibs on plots. She said they are at a first-come, first-serve basis. Each plot is about 128 square feet.

She advised any new gardeners that the garden wishes to keep 85 percent of each plot's space dedicated to food production,

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Tensions flare at School Committee meeting Wyeth to retire in June

Mary Ellen Gambon
Staff Reporter

School Committee Chair Anne Marie Mazzola had to bang the gavel during the two-hour meeting on Wed. Jan. 11 to halt a tense exchange between members Teresa Stewart and Joan Giblin during a subcommittee update on a draft policy.

Giblin, a member of the Policy Subcommittee, gave an update on the group's work during the final half-hour of the School Committee meeting, with the major topic being the school improvement policy template. She noted that this was discussed at the previous

meeting, and that a draft template would need the committee's approval.

Stewart commented that the draft in the members' packet was different from the one sent out the Friday before the meeting. She asked Giblin if the school principals were consulted on the changes to the previous template. Giblin responded that the new document was based on input solicited by the subcommittee from Norwood High School Principal Hugh Galligan and Prescott Elementary School Principal Bryan Riley.

Stewart questioned why several items were removed from the document

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Prospect St. subdivision hearing continued

Planning Board approves Aston Martin dealership

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Planning Board met recently with Attorney David Hern, representing the developer for the proposed 19 single-family home project at 76 Prospect St.

The Board voted unanimously to continue the hearing to Jan. 30 at 7:05 p.m.

Hern said he was looking to continue the hearing because the developers have submitted a large swatch of materials relating to the site that would need to be analyzed by the Town's hired consultant, Tetra Tech. Norwood hired Tetra Tech earlier in 2022 because of drainage issues and the unique nature of the site.

Residents back in the spring of 2022 hired lawyers to represent them at the Planning Board when this project was initially presented to contest the drainage analysis provided for the plan. The Planning Department recommended a third party, which ended up being Tetra Tech, to act as an arbiter of sorts.

Hern said at the Board's most recent meeting that Tetra Tech is still reviewing those materials his client sent and is not ready with an analysis of the plan at this time.

"We expect to hear from them, but we haven't yet, and to allow them time to do their review and for our engineers to review their review, we're asking, and I've discussed this with (Acting Town Planner Sarah Bouchard) last week, and I notified the attorneys who have introduced themselves as representing some of the neighbors, we're asking that the matter be put over until Jan. 30," he said.

The Board voted unanimously to grant the continuance.

The Board also approved a plan from local dealership owner Michael Argiros for a brand new Aston Martin dealership just off of Route 1, adjacent to Advance Auto Parts.

Hern represented Argiros during the meeting, and said the application for a special permit would essentially be a modification of the former use of the site, which was a Di-



The Planning Board met and discussed a proposal for a new Aston Martin dealer in Town.

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rect Tire store. He pointed out that before being a Direct Tire store, it was a Hyundai dealership.

"So this would not be the first time that this property would be used as an automobile dealership," he said.

Hern said the only reason they need special permit approval is because of the use of a car dealership. He said they need approval for selling vehicles, leasing vehicles, storing vehicles in an open lot and maintaining and repairing vehicles.

"We believe this is a good use of the property, and an appropriate use based on the his-

tory of the property," he said. "It is not likely to create traffic problems. This site is tested by experience."

Hern pointed out that Direct Tire was a busy store for many years and rarely saw appreciable congestion when it was in operation.

"We don't expect to have a significant increase in traffic and the type of vehicle that my client is proposing to sell there, Aston Martin automobiles, that is not something that attracts crowds," he said.

Hern said they are not proposing any changes to the exterior of the building except for signage, and there are no environmental impacts expected. He said that the new Aston Martin dealership would add value to the surrounding area. The dealership would be approved for

141 parking spaces for storage, showing and customer parking.

"Does 007 still drive this type of vehicle?" member Joseph Sheehan asked.

"I guess so," Hern said.

The 1964 Aston Martin DB5 is the most prominently featured vehicle in the James Bond film series, starting with the movie Goldfinger and then appearing most recently in No Time to Die. Board Chair Ernie Paciorkowski asked Sheehan if he wanted the somewhat dangerous added features like oil slicks, rotating plates, machine guns, and more (the vehicle had also featured a fax machine in some instances).

"You never know when you're going to need them," Sheehan said with a laugh.

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Section 8 Inspection Services

The Norwood Housing Authority, the awarding authority, is seeking proposals (Proposal or Proposals) from qualified consultants (Proposers) to perform inspection services of units in the **Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Programs**. Detailed information by electronic copy of the RFP may be obtained at: www.norwoodha.org under news. The initial term of the Professional Service Contract (Contract) shall be two (2) years. The NHA reserves the right to make multiple awards and to reject any proposals and waive any informality if in the public interest to do so.

Proposal Submission

Proposers responding to this RFP must submit proposals no later than **February 2, 2023, 11:00 AM to: Todd Rego, Operations Manager / H.Q.S Inspector, Norwood Housing Authority, 40 William Shyne Circle, Norwood, MA 02062**

1. Service Proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope, clearly labeled as such, and must include the Proposer's company name.
2. Fee Proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope, clearly labeled as such, and must include the Proposer's company name.

Upon receipt proposals will be date stamped by NHA staff. A photocopy of the date stamped envelope will be provided as receipt of submission upon request.

The service proposals and fee proposals must be submitted in separate sealed envelopes.

Proposals that do not conform to these requirements will be rejected. The NHA shall not accept nor review Proposals received after the designated submission deadline. The NHA, at its sole discretion, reserves the right to re-designate the submission deadline upon reasonable notice to all RFP recipients. The NHA reserves the right to reject any and all proposals if it determines it to be in the best interest of the NHA to do so.

Inquiries, Letters of Intent, and Modifications

Inquiries regarding this RFP or requests for clarification must be submitted, via email, no later than January 26, 2023, 11:00 AM to Todd Rego at trego@norwoodha.org.

Proposers considering responding to the RFP must submit a Letter of Intent, via email, no later than **January 26, 2023, 11:00 AM to Todd Rego at trego@norwoodha.org**.

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The Morrill Memorial Library has some new windows for residents to use, but not on the building's facade.

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Library reviews tech updates, upcoming movie night

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Library Board of Trustees met recently and discussed several technology security updates with Technology Librarian James Perlman.

Perlman provided a laundry list of updates, which included upgrades to library computer operating systems, which were still running Windows 7 (released in 2009), as well as Internet WiFi upgrades and other systems.

Perlman also gave an update on the Morrill Memorial Library website, which had been plagued with broken links and less-than-great web security.

“Before we made the change, our website was all HTTP, it had no secure socket layer, SSL, which basically is a protection that encrypts website traffic as it communicates across the Internet back and forth with your machine,” he said. “This was a significant amount of work to get going, because our website, as you can imagine, has different providers, hosts, IP people and different SSL providers and so forth. It was really important to get that done and within a couple of weeks of starting that work I had the website up to SSL standards and capabilities. That was a big improvement to the website just behind the scenes.”

Library Technical Services Department Head Lydia Sampson said during that time, Perlman has helped her staff update the website and clear out hundreds of broken links and old information.

“There was still information up there pointing to

(former staff members) Brian and Allison and Charlotte’s email addresses; there was still information pointing to our COVID-19 policies and hours, and more,” she said. “I think there were 500 problem links and he used a tool to identify those and clean them up. It’s going really well.”

In other news, Library Director Clayton Cheever said they are hosting recent films from 2022 on the big screen in the library. The library is hosting *Nope* on Thursday, Jan. 19 at 6 p.m. and *The Banshees of Inisherin* on Thursday, Jan. 26 at 6 p.m.

“It’s for folks who perhaps missed the opportunity to see some of the great films that came out in 2022 in the theater and we are showing them on multiple nights,” he said. “If you missed them in the theater you can come and see them in the Simoni Room on the big screen and have a great experience seeing some of the great movies of last year.”

Perlman said they had to do a big project to fix the HDMI cables in the Simoni Room recently as well, as the outputs from the video player

were not getting to the screen or speakers.

“After much work in trying to get that resolved and at significant cost, that Simoni Room audio visual was completely repaired,” he said. “So now we have the capability to play full BluRays and DVDs without the workaround we had which was an external DVD drive, connected to a laptop, and the laptop connected to the video ports and a headphone jack connected to the audio out port. Getting the Simoni AV room fixed made it much more functional for people presenting and for programs we’re offering to the public.

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

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OPINION

What does four chiefs in five years suggest?

Here are some comments on quotes attributed to me and this newspaper in an article on Page 1 of this week's issue that I think should be directly addressed:

"He (Cawley) is a coward and a scumbag." - Dennis Mawn, Union Secretary

Well, at least it's not personal. In fact, he may have a point. Every year right after the Thanksgiving blessing, my mother in law adds the prayer by adding "and here's praying that the cowardly scumbag at the end of the table drops dead before we serve the tea and crumpets..." And this whole time I thought she was referring to Old Uncle Phil asleep on the chair right next to me. Who knew? I guess the good news is I wasn't issued the deathly "Vote of No Confidence." Half of those recipients are never heard from again.

"In the editorial after Town Meeting, this newspaper predicted, because the vote was so close, the vote will probably fail. Yet here we are, months later, and we're the problem. This newspaper predicted it would fail. And now it's blaming us! The hypocrisy knows no bounds. I think it should be mentioned that this newspaper predicted that it would fail."

Done! Now to put this soothsayer's prediction in proper context, I did predict it would fail, but I didn't absolve the union of complicity then, just like I don't currently. The exact wording in the editorial in the October 21, 2021 issue was, *"And the fact of the matter is, because of the lackluster support for the motion to file the legislation, undoubtedly in part due to the perceived sleight to the union, the legislation will most likely fail at the state level because the vote was so close. This was not the Town Manager's or Selectmen's finest hour. Both parties need to grow up and stop acting like children. The union needs to stop throwing tantrums and Selectmen need to stop thinking they are oh so clever..."* So much for using our words against us.

"This could be a proposal for Dennis Cawley," added Ronco. "If he would like to come down here and ride a day on the ambulances, I'm sure we could make it happen with this chief. Or if we ever do a live burn, which I think we will be, we would love to throw him in some carcinogen-soaked turnout gear for a day and have him take a look at what we actually do in a daily basis. We're throwing the offer out there, but it's not going to happen."

Mr. Ronco is correct; it is not going to happen. Not because I have little doubt that during such a ride the door to the ambulance would mysteriously swing open hurdling me to an untimely demise, but because such a ride isn't necessary. Never has this newspaper questioned the abilities of Norwood firefighters in performing their duties, as this offer suggests. On the contrary, by all accounts they perform excellent work for those requiring their services. What I and this newspaper have done on multiple occasions is point out what we consider to be the questionable, perhaps at times unethical behavior of the leadership too numerous to mention here but include continued attempts to flex the union's muscle when it is completely unnecessary. What does the fact that this union will have torn through four chiefs in five years suggest; certainly not stable, productive union leadership.

We perceive some of these actions to be motivated by nothing more than a sense of entitlement. Neither I nor this newspaper believes union leadership when they state it's nothing personal regarding their actions against Chief Hayes, and we also believe that the majority of Norwood firefighters would have no problem with Chief Hayes extending his tenure. We believe the root of union leadership actions stem mainly from a power struggle and personal animosities they have with the Board of Selectmen and Town Manager, with Chief Hayes caught in the middle. And finally, we believe that using the career of Chief Hayes and his ability to provide continued excellent stewardship of his department and financial support to his family as some kind of tool to thumb their noses at the Selectmen and Town Manager is unconscionable. That's what I believe, and that's why I write the Opinion column.

Dennis Cawley

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upon the review of both principals.

"As we discussed at the last meeting, we don't feel that the MCAS scores are particularly relevant at the school-by-school level for school improvement plans," Giblin explained. "And we get extensive reporting on MCAS scores as a district. Especially at the elementary school level, it really doesn't make sense to be targeting school improvement plans on a school-by-school basis because it's district-wide curriculum."

Stewart then asked about the professional development outline, which was her main point of contention. Giblin said that those reports are also "more district wide."

"And it's not law that professional development is supposed to be in the school improvement plan?" Stewart, the former chair, pressed.

"It's all professional development," responded Superintendent David Thomson. "But it's not required."

Thomson said that the MCAS improvement plan is separate from the school improvement plan. He also stressed that "the school improvement plan is a district-wide document."

"This actually gives more detail than other school improvement plans that I've seen in other districts," he added.

While she said she could understand not including the MCAS scores, Stewart noted that the templates are used by the principals with their school councils, and she said she believed they should include the professional development component.

After some more debate, Giblin made a motion to table the discussion as Stewart was about to bring up a state law. She stressed that "nobody in the room could answer that" because no one present had a law degree.

"If we have a superintendent who says the law says one thing, and a School Committee member says the law says another thing, than we need to seek the advice of our counsel," Giblin said.

Stewart tried to make a motion to bring the document back

to the Policy Subcommittee for a legal review, but a motion was already on the table. Vice Chair David Hiltz seconded that motion for discussion. Stewart asked to make a friendly amendment, which Giblin flatly denied. Mazzola said she believed that the document would go back to the Policy Subcommittee anyway after counsel reviews it.

Stewart countered that she sent an email with questions including to both Thomson and Charisse Taylor, the director of strategic initiatives and initiatives, about the removal of several items that had not been addressed.

Giblin noted that Stewart sent those emails the day of the meeting, so it was unfair to critique people for not answering them. Stewart's response was that she couldn't have sent them earlier because the document in the link was not the same as the one issued previously.

"It reflects poorly on the Policy Subcommittee if you're saying that these emails were not addressed," said Giblin.

"What reflects poorly on the Policy Subcommittee is your unwillingness to take my feedback back to the subcommittee," Stewart shot back.

"You're not the committee!" Giblin said, clearly frustrated as she directed Mazzola to use the gavel, which Mazzola did.

The motion finally was approved, with Stewart the lone vote against it.

This was the second exchange of the evening between the two members. Early in the meeting, there was a discussion about the Callahan Elementary School's Parent Teacher Organization wanting to begin fundraising for the creation of an outdoor sensory path on an older play space, Thomson said in the superintendent's report. He explained that the School Committee needed to approve the fundraising effort before the project is completed.

Because it will be a multi-year, phased effort, Giblin made a motion to delegate the ability to accept donations to Thomson to streamline the acceptance of donations.

"The point of the policy is that we're aware of capital projects and that money is being raised in an appropriate manner," she said.

Mazzola said that her understanding is that the PTO would give a report on the donations annually, which the School Committee would then accept, but it could be whenever they raise enough money to do a phase of the work. Member Kate Sibbing-Dunn called it "a good checkpoint."

When Giblin said that her

concern was that the money could only be used for that project, Stewart said, "That's so not true."

"Before they can expend the money, the donation has to come before the School Committee," she explained.

Giblin clarified that her theory was that the donations be accepted on a "project-based timeline" rather than a chronological one.

Stewart said a policy that was voted on at the last meeting changed the authority from the superintendent to the School Committee, "and that was based in law."

"I think I made a motion," Giblin said, waiting for a second to emerge from the discussion. She repeated her motion, which Mazzola amended to include regular updates to the School Committee.

Mazzola noted that the motion should have been seconded before she amended it, so Hiltz seconded it for discussion.

When Stewart said she wanted the motion to give Thomson the authority to accept donations and approve the fundraiser separated into two motions, Giblin retracted her motion.

"We're expending an extraordinary amount of time over an attempt to be more operationally efficient," she said.

Hiltz made the motion to accept the fundraiser only, which was approved unanimously.

In other news, Thomson announced "with a heavy heart" that Assistant Superintendent Alec Wyeth will be retiring in June after "a long and storied career."

"Stories that will remain untold," replied Wyeth as everyone laughed.

There are also a number of other job openings, Thomson said, including a school psychologist, special education teachers, a long-term substitute reading teacher, extended day staff, and substitute teachers.

Wyeth announced that the district won a grant for \$95,401 to fund the math February acceleration academy. The next step is to find teachers for this program and identify the students who would benefit from it. The grant was accepted and memorandum of understanding (MOU) that allows for hiring to begin was approved unanimously.

The ELA students in grades one and two as well as for middle and high school students will be funded through an ESSER grant over the February vacation.

"It's a robust program, and we can't wait to get it going," Wyeth said.



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VFW hosting pancake breakfast, scholarship contest

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Norwood VFW Auxiliary Post 2452 will be hosting its annual pancake breakfast at the post on 193 Dean St. on Feb. 12 from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Auxiliary Post President Lisa Silletti said the idea is to have a relaxing social event with lots of good food and conversation.

“There will be eggs, pancakes, hash browns, sausages and juices, but it will also have the Missing Man Ceremony,” she said.

The ceremony mirrors the Polish tradition of leaving one chair empty during Christmas dinner. The tradition stems from a practice of at least a thousand years to remember the recently dead in Polish tradition, and while Silletti said it’s not exactly the same ritual, the intent of honoring those not present is the same.

“It has a single red rose, a light, an overturned glass and other symbolic things,” she said. “It’s set in honor of those in POW camps, missing in action and killed in action. It’s a powerful statement, and anytime you go to



An example of a submission to the VFW's Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest.

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an event at a VFW and an American Legion, they’ll have one of these. It’s a memorial to the Fallen. It also honors those who did come back and those still unaccounted for.”

Silletti said the event is free to all veterans.

“We do suggest a \$5 donation from others,” she said. “The Girl scouts and Boy scouts have also been invited to come by and help.”

Silletti also mentioned the

VFW

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Library Events

LIBRARY FILM SERIES: SAW IT IN 2022

Please join the Morrill Memorial Library for our film series to kick off the new year and beat the winter blues: the "Saw it in 2022" film series, exclusively featuring films from 2022. Did you miss any of these 2022 films? No worries, the library has you covered! All films in this series will start at 6:30 pm and will be shown in the library's Simoni Room. Please register on our website calendar, norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar, or by calling the Reference Desk at 781-769-0200 x2.

Please register for each film separately. The full line-up includes: Thurs. 1/26: The Banshees of Inisherin, rated R, 109 mins. Mon. 1/30: Bros, rated R, 115 mins.

"CALM YOUR MIND"

The Morrill Memorial Library is excited to bring an in-person mindfulness workshop called Calm Your Mind by instructor Emily Egan Bright on Monday January 23, from 6 pm to 6:45 pm. Emily will explain the concept of meditation and mindfulness followed by some techniques and exercises that will engage the participants. Emily holds a Bachelor of Psychology degree, and a Masters in Public Health. She has facilitated various group therapy sessions with an emphasis on psychoeducation, and positive psychology. She also has extensive experience in facilitating different types of mindfulness groups, learning from members/clients and from colleagues on helpful and enjoyable techniques. Emily works at Riverside Community Care, a local organization providing mental health services. This program is free and open to anyone 18 or older. Registration is required. Please visit the Morrill Memorial Library events calendar at norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar, or call the Reference desk at 781-769-0200 x2.

AUTHORS TO SPEAK ABOUT RANSOMWARE AND CYBERCRIME

Join us for a fascinating virtual program on Wednesday, January 25 at 7:00 pm, as Pulitzer Prize finalist Renee Dudley and local Pulitzer Prize winner Daniel Golden discuss their latest book, The Ransomware Hunting Team. Urgent, uplifting, and entertaining, Renee Dudley and Daniel Golden's The Ransomware Hunting Team is a real-life technological thriller that illuminates a dangerous new era of cybercrime.

Scattered across the world, an elite team of code crackers is working tirelessly to thwart the defining cyber scourge of our time. You've probably never heard of them. But if you work for a school, a business, a hospital, or a municipal government, or simply cherish your digital data, you may be painfully familiar with the team's sworn enemy: ransomware. Again and again, an unlikely band of misfits, mostly self-taught and often struggling to make ends meet, have outwitted the underworld of hackers who lock computer networks and demand huge payments in return for the keys.

This virtual program is offered in partnership between the

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but added the rest could be used for ornamental plants. She also advised new gardeners to have a handle on what varieties of produce they want to grow in the space.

"Most new gardeners will be told that their family of three or four does not need eight tomato plants," she said. "They will plant them anyway because they're real excited. I mean they're going to taste real tomato plants for the first time in years, right? But they don't know what to do with all the tomatoes because they all seem to ripen on the same day in July! And then you've got bushels of tomatoes! But the Food Pantry does quite well at those times."

Clare said they have an arrangement to bring food to the Norwood Food Pantry at 150 Chapel St., which acts as a kind of overflow for produce at the garden. Much of the excess fruits and vegetables go there. They provide hundreds of pounds of food to the pantry every year.

"Gardeners put it out the night before or come out early that morning and set it on a particular bench we have inside the garden," she said. "And then we have a couple of volunteers who pick it up and get it to the Food Pantry in time to have ready for Saturday, Food Pantry day."

Clare said the garden keeps her very busy, and though she'd like to expand more and help Norwood produce more of its own food, she cannot expand beyond managing 88 plots they'll have come spring. She did say, however, that any resident or group can reach out to her for any and all advice on how to get another community garden started. She said it's a lot of work, but it's very, very rewarding.

"If anyone is interested in starting a small community garden or

a shared garden with friends or neighbors, and they have found a spot, I would like to hear from them," she said. "I will advise them, as I am the one who started this one. I have a lot of experience in how it works. It would be most welcome if they wish to contact me and ask questions."

Clare said there are a lot of options for starting a new community garden. The first issue is space. The Together Yes Community Garden is sited on Town-owned land, hence the collaboration and support with/from the Norwood Conservation Commission. But there isn't a lot of cleared space in Norwood owned by the Town that is plowed, hoed and ready for planting.

"But there are smaller bits of land, like an island in the center of cul-de-sac, which has enough space to grow some food, but right now is just growing turf grass, which is useless for the environment," she said.

Any resident can go to the Town to ask for any Town-owned property to use and at least get a start on the process, but that's not the only way to get a community garden together. Norwood's Conservation Agent and Environmental Planner Holly Jones said this was something her department would definitely be interested in pursuing.

"I can confidently say that our department is very amenable to more community gardens," she said. "I think there is starting to be some momentum in Town around the idea; I know the Health Department is interested in helping promote gardening to address issues of food justice and food security, as is the Senior Center."

Jones added that as climate change worsens, securing local food sources would be vitally important.

"I would never have imagined the problems with supply chains that we saw during the COVID-19 pandemic," she said. "Even the high price of eggs right now is being driven by a different pandemic – avian flu, which caused the wide-spread slaughter of chickens nation-wide. We can expect similar diseases to become more prevalent among humans, livestock, and wildlife as the climate continues to change. Locally-grown and preserved food is one part of the puzzle to our

community continuing to thrive in the face of these changes. Both community and private gardens are helpful in that way but community gardens are particularly important because people most severely impacted by high food prices are often renters without their own property to garden on. The Norwood Community Garden also contributes extra produce to the food pantry. The Conservation Commission also hosted a workshop on foraging for wild edible plants at Endean last summer, which can be a part of the puzzle as well when practiced responsibly."

Clare also said folks with yards but no inclination could open their spaces up for those who want to grow their own produce as well. "If they share the work and the trouble of it, why not?" she said. "People can work together to build their own community gardens too."

To set up a garden like hers, liability and insurance is an issue, which is one of the big reasons she set up the 501c3 Together Yes in the first place (which she said she'd also be happy to advise folks on). A little over 11 years ago, she spoke with the Conservation Commission about creating a community garden, and the members said they were interested in making some conservation land available for such an endeavor.

"And so I reached out to (former Town Manager) John Carroll and Helen Abdallah-Donohue got interested and they drove around Town with me to look at possibilities," she said. "We hit on the Endean Pasture up there and so typed up the request for the Conservation Commission... and they agreed."

She said they then went to the Board of Selectmen for approval, and after a few questions they approved.

"They were marvelous; everybody was 100 percent behind us," she said. "They wanted us to succeed. (Former Assistant Town Manager) Bernie Cooper gave us quite a bit of guidance too, particularly around the liability form."

And that was that. She said they started planting as soon as they could, with a little help from PJ Hayes and Southridge Farm & Nursery, and the rest is history.

The waiting list for plots is significant so sign up soon.

TOWN OF NORWOOD ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Norwood will hold a **PUBLIC HEARING on January 31, 2023 at 7:00 PM** on the request of Edward Musto regarding property located at 241 Pleasant Street (**Map 4 Block 18 Lot 2**), Norwood, MA 02062, in the **General Residence (G) Zoning District**. The hearing will be held at the Norwood Senior Center, 275 Prospect Street, Norwood, MA 02062 and will also be available for remote participation via GoToMeeting:

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/464775693>
United States: +1 (669) 224-3412
Access Code: 464-775-693

The appellant wishes to appeal the decision of the Building Commissioner that a previously granted variance (ZBA Case 19-15) has lapsed and that the building permit issued pursuant to said variance (Building Permit 139391) has expired. Interested persons are encouraged to attend the hearing and make their views known to the Board.

The application for appeal and all appeal documents are on file in the office of the Zoning Board of Appeals and may be requested by emailing cped@norwoodma.gov Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm.

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Watertown Free Library, Morrill Memorial Library, and other MA libraries. To sign up for this Zoom program, please visit the library's website calendar.norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar, or call the Norwood Library reference desk at 781-769-0200 x2.

VIRTUAL PROGRAM: HOPEPUNK AUTHOR PANEL DISCUSSION

The Morrill Memorial Library is excited to partner with Watertown Free Public Library and other Massachusetts public libraries for a virtual panel discussion on hopepunk with authors Renan Bernardo, Brianna Castagnozzi, Susan Kaye Quinn, and T.K. Rex on Tuesday, January 24 at 7pm on Zoom.

Do you wish you felt more hopeful about the state of our world? Then you'll want to hear from Renan Bernardo, Brianna Castagnozzi, Susan Kaye Quinn, and T. K. Rex—they're writing hopepunk stories that challenge us to look up from our doomscrolling and envision a future filled with defiant optimism!

Registration is required for this virtual event. Sign up at norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar, or call the Reference Desk at 781-769-0200 x2. Zoom access details will be sent out by the Watertown Free Public Library, the hosting institution, prior to the event.

NEXT SENSORY-FRIENDLY FRIDAY ON 27TH

The Morrill Memorial Library is offering an in-person sensory-friendly movie on the 4th Friday of the month for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Join us for our Sensory-friendly Friday Movie at the Library, a program specially designed for adults with intellectual

and developmental disabilities. This program will be held in-person in the Simoni Room on Friday January 27, 2023, from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Our January movie in the Sensory-friendly Friday series is the Disney hit Jungle Cruise rated PG 13. The Morrill Memorial Library and Lifeworks Inc of Norwood are excited to bring this program series to the Norwood community. We will be showing a movie in a sensory-friendly and inclusive environment on the last Friday of the month for adults with developmental disabilities. Registration is required. This event is recommended for attendees aged 18 and up. Please register at <https://www.norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar/> or call 781 769 0200 Ext 2.

BOLLYWOOD BEAT FITNESS CLASSES

The Morrill Memorial Library is offering a series of in-person fitness classes to the beats of Bollywood music with Purnima Thakre on four Thursdays in February. The dates are February 2, 9, 16, and 23 from 6 pm to 6:45 pm. The sessions will be held in the meeting room at the First Congregational Church at 100 Winter Street, next to the library. Parking is available at the library and the FCC parking lot. Purnima Thakre, one of the popular BollyX- Bollywood Dance workout instructors, takes pride in making the magic of Bollywood accessible to everyone. With her youngest student at 3 years old and oldest at 96 years old, she believes everyone can create joy and happiness through BollyX. Enjoy a 45- minute workout to the rhythm of Bollywood music. All you need to do is bring water, wear workout clothes and be at the First Congregational Church in Norwood at 6 pm on Thursdays

The Norwood Record in February. No previous dance experience necessary. This program is generously supported by the Friends of the Library. Registration is required; space is limited. This event is recommended for attendees aged 16 and up. Please visit <https://www.norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar/> to register online or call 781 769 0200 ext 2

REVISIT THE BLIZZARD OF '78

The Morrill Memorial Library is excited to host a unique and hyperlocal program in the library's Simoni Room on Tuesday, February 7, 2023 at 6:30 pm. This February marks the 45th anniversary of the Great Blizzard of 1978. Norwood was hit very hard by the incredibly destructive snow and wind of February 6 and 7 during what has become known as the worst storm of the 20th century. We've all heard the tales of commuter nightmares, stranded motorists, and transportation by sled or skis. Everyone who witnessed the blizzard has their own recollections to share.

On February 7 at 6:30 pm, Norwood native Frank Ciavattone, Jr. will tell us what it was like to fight that storm on the ground, as it happened. As a 23-year-old Norwood DPW employee, Frank worked the blizzard from its first flakes to the clean-up operation several days later. Come and hear what it was really like battling one of nature's fiercest winter storms. And, we're inviting you to bring your own stories and photographs so we can all share what it was like to survive the most memorable blizzard in history.

Registration is required for what is sure to be a popular event. Please reserve your seats through our online calendar, norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar, or by calling the Reference Desk at 781-769-0200 x2.

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Auxiliary is working with its national counterpart for getting submissions to the Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest. The contest is open to students in grades 9 to 12 and requires submissions be sent by March 31. This year they're opening the contest up to three-dimensional sculpture pieces, whereas before it was strictly a two-dimensional affair.

"We usually have beautiful art projects in Norwood," she said. "Last year, our Norwood-winning submission was a painting called 'America the Beautiful,' and it was just amazing... And Massachusetts does very well in these kinds of competitions."

Norwood has placed in the state several times in the past, and Massachusetts actually had a submission for a similar essay contest place second in the country.

Silletti said the imagery they get every year always sparks a response, at least in

the Auxiliary's membership. "We literally get choked up when we're looking at these pieces or when we're reading the essays, because it's all coming from young people," she said. "The patriotism can really come through, and it evokes all kinds of emotions. It's just wonderful that young people are taking the time to honor veterans like this."

And Silletti said she has first-hand experience of what this kind of service can grow into. She said her son started at the scouts in sixth grade.

"He just graduated high school and he has joined the military, as have other scouts who have been to the VFW to volunteer," she said. "It kind of all comes full circle."

For more information on the scholarship contest, go to: <https://bit.ly/3iNKGc7>.

Members of the Auxiliary and many others will be heading out to the Our Community Salutes celebration at Gillette Stadium in Foxboro on April 29. The ceremony

starts at 2:30 p.m., and will feature speakers from the U.S. Armed Forces, as well as several Norwood youths entering military service.

"It's when they have hundreds of high school age teenagers planning to enter military service, and they have a swearing-in ceremony," she said. "We're just one of a number of veterans' organizations that plans to support that."



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Coakley Middle School Project



COMMUNITY FORUM

Sponsored by:
The Middle School Building Committee (MSBC)

Thursday, January 26, 2023 at 7:00PM

Please join us for a project update and continued discussion regarding the new Coakley Middle School Project! All residents are invited to attend and encouraged to participate.

The project team will provide updates regarding:

- Introduction of WT Rich Company as Selected Construction Manager
- Design Summary and Update
- Overview of Construction Project Logistics and Safety
- Project Timeline and Construction Schedule
- Question & Answer session(s)

This forum will be conducted in person and virtually using Zoom.
You must register in advance for this webinar at:
www.newcmsproject.org

For more info, visit the project's website at:
www.newcmsproject.org

Questions or comments can be sent to:
cmsproject@norwoodma.gov

The Record Book

NOMINATION PAPERS FOR ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION 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 3, 2023 are available in the Town Clerk's Office.

REQUIREMENTS FOR FILING NOMINATION PAPERS:

Major offices need 50 signatures of qualified voters.

There are openings in all Precincts for Town Meeting Members. 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 precinct.

Nomination papers must be submitted to the Town Clerk's office by Monday, February 13, 2023 by 5:00 PM.

SENIOR CENTER TO HOST STORY BEHIND THE WAR OF 1812

The Norwood Senior Center will host a presentation called The War of 1812; Dolley Tells All! on February 10. First Lady Dolley Madison, whose husband President James Madison declared this War with England, will share stories of mishaps, miscalculations, and triumphs as well as the War's influence on our nation's growth. The performance honors the day the War of 1812 officially ended, February 17, 1815.

Topics will include military mishaps and victories, the history of the USS Constitution (Old Ironsides); the origin of our National Anthem; the burning of Washington, significant lessons our government learned the hard way and more.

Janet Pames, owner of Historical Portrayals by Lady J, Millis will portray Mrs. Madison. (www.women-history.com)

The performance will take place at Norwood Senior Center 275 Prospect St., Norwood on February 10 from 1-2 PM. Free of charge. Registration not required but please sign in at the front desk. Questions: Call the Norwood Senior Center at 781-762-1201

60'S AND 70'S OLDIES DANCE

The dance is being held on February 3, from 7-10pm at the Norwood Senior Center. \$10 per person includes coffee, tea and desert. Music provided by Chuck Palmer.

The senior center is located at 275 Prospect Street, Norwood. Dance is sponsored by Senator Mike Rush and Representative John Rogers, and is presented by the Friends of the Norwood Council on Aging.

WINTER CONCERT SERIES ANNOUNCED

The Town of Norwood Concerts on the Common Committee is pleased to announce our Sunday Winter Concerts series for 2023. This year there will be four concerts each Sunday afternoon beginning on Sunday, January 29 and ending on Sunday February 19.

Kicking things off on January 29th will be the Tom Nutile Band, followed by Acoustic Fire on February 5th. Returning favorite Dan Gabel and the Abletones perform on Sunday, February 12th and we close out the Winter Concert Series on February 19th with Portrait in Jazz.

Concerts are generously sponsored by: GOLD BATONS - Bank of Canton, Dedham Savings, Rojo/Dean Street Car Wash by Dianne Shalbey & Family, The Norwood Record; SILVER BATONS - Honey Dew Donuts, Horizon House Publications, Norwood Bank, Norwood Engineering, Norwood Women's Community Committee, The Skate Club of Boston; BRONZE BATONS - Central Dental Associates, Dempsey Insurance, Myer Dana and Sons, Norwood Firefighters - Local 1631, Norwood Police Association, Norwood Rotary Club, Poirier Sales & Service, The Regal Press, Rockland Trust; FRIENDS - Attorney David Hern, Committee to Elect Bob Donnelly, Democratic Town Committee, Republican Town Committee and Robert Donnelly/Michelle St. Pierre.

As has been done in past years a free raffle sponsored by local businesses will be held during intermission each week. All performances

are 2 - 4 pm at the Paul M. Alberta Performing Arts Center, Norwood High School. For more information please call the Norwood Town Hall at 781.762.1240 or visit <http://www.norwoodma.gov/>.

FRIENDS JANUARY MONTHLY BALLROOM DANCE

The Friends of the Norwood Council on Aging will be sponsoring their monthly Ballroom Dance, on Friday, January 20th at 7 p.m. at the Norwood Senior Center, 275 Prospect St., Norwood. Music will be provided by The D B Band and the cost is \$12.00 per person for your Ballroom Dancing pleasure. Coffee, tea & desserts are served & there are also door prizes. We look forward to welcoming newcomers.

There is a Facebook page so you can check the status of events offered by the Friends: Friends Of The Norwood Council On Aging | Facebook

VOLUNTEER MEALS ON WHEELS DRIVERS NEEDED

HESSCO Elder Services is seeking volunteer Meals on Wheels drivers in South Norfolk County. Volunteers spend approximately one hour a week from 11 a.m. to noon delivering meals to homebound older adults. Learn more and complete a volunteer application at www.hessco.org/nutrition-volunteer-opportunities. For more information, call Lisa at 781-784-4944 or email lboockoff@hessco.org.

As the Aging Services Access Point and Area Agency on Aging for South Norfolk County in Massachusetts, HESSCO is a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping older adults and individuals living with a disability remain safe and independent at home for as long as possible. HESSCO serves the communities of Canton, Dedham, Foxboro, Medfield, Millis, Norfolk, Norwood, Plainville, Sharon, Walpole, Westwood, and Wrentham. Visit www.hessco.org for more information.

DEATHS

HUTCHENS

Diane Elizabeth (Latimer) Hutchens, a resident of Norwood, died Monday, January 2, 2023 at her home in Norwood. She was 80. Diane was born in Cleveland, Ohio, a daughter of Ray Harry and Sarah Marguerite (Semple) Latimer. Diane was an active member of the Women's Community Committee in Norwood and a former member of Grace Episcopal Church in Norwood. She was the wife of the late Hylie Willbert Hutchens Jr. who predeceased her in 2016 and is survived by her two sons, David Hutchens, and his wife Carolyn, of Norwood, and Kenneth R. Hutchens, and his wife Laura, of Marlboro; her three grandchildren, Chris, Tyler, and Ashley Hutchens, all of South Carolina; her sister, Valerie Rudar; and her two brothers, Floyd and Ray Semple. Relatives and friends are invited to attend her Memorial Service Saturday, February 4, 2023 at 10 am at St. Paul's Anglican Church, 701 Pleasant Street in Brockton. In lieu of flowers donations to the Arthritis Foundation, 29 Crafts Street, Suite 450, Newton, MA 02458 would be appreciated. For guestbook please visit www.folsomfuneral.com



LAMBERT

BARBARA A. (Thomas) of Norwood passed away on January 9, 2023 at the age of 83. Devoted mother of Melissa A. Tonry and her husband Sean of Oak Bluffs, MA and Jeffrey W. Lambert and his wife Erin of Maine. Sister of George Thomas of Norwell. Cherished grandmother of William, James, Cole, Gus and Rourke Lambert. Daughter of the late Sam and Ida (Latvis) Thomas. Funeral from the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home 1248 Washington St. Norwood. Burial at Highland Cemetery, Norwood.

LYNCH

Jeannine (Chassé) Lynch, 93, of Norwood passed away peacefully January 11, 2023. She was in her own home until the end, lovingly cared for by her faithful daughter Kathy for many years. As she passed from this life into Jesus' arms, she was surrounded by her children. Jeannine was born on July 22, 1929 in Van Buren, Maine, the 10th of 14 children to Belonie and Marie (Desrosiers) Chassé. She was always known for her love of singing and playing the piano for the glory of God. After high school she attended St. Joseph Nursing School in Lawrence MA, earned her RN diploma, and ended up at Boston City Hospital, where she met the love of her life, her husband of 41 years, Dr. Charles Lynch Jr. Together they lived in many countries and states as an Army family. Ultimately they returned to reside in Norwood. Jeannine relished playing the piano, singing, and writing praise music for her church prayer group, studying the Bible with friends, and spending time with her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Jeannine is survived by her loving children, Michael and Katie Lynch (Pepperell MA), Peter Lynch (St. Thomas VI), Kathleen Lynch (Norwood), and Elizabeth Taillon (Towson, MD). She is also survived by her brother Emilio Chassé (Liverpool NY) and her sister Susan L. Chassé (Van Buren ME) as well as many beloved nieces and nephews. In addition, she loved being with her 11 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren. Services were held through Gillooly Funeral Home, Norwood. GilloolyFuneralHome.com



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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE NORWOOD COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

In accordance with the requirements of Norwood Local Bylaw Article 47 Section 2.1, the Community Preservation Committee will hold a Public Hearing on **Wednesday, January 25, 2023 at 5:30 P.M.** at the **Norwood Senior Center, 275 Prospect Street, Norwood, MA 02062**. This meeting will be held in a hybrid format where Committee members and the public may choose to attend in-person or remotely using Google Meet at: <https://meet.google.com/hda-kniw-eya> or by dialing in at: **402-946-0125** Access Code: **547 694 165#**.

This public hearing is the first of two hearings to accept questions and comments on applications for CPA funding. The proposed projects under consideration at this hearing include: funding for a feasibility study/master plan of Winslow Park (aka **Veteran's Memorial Park**); funding for the restoration and preservation of up to thirteen (13) historic Annual Town Reports; funding for the restoration and preservation of an 1890 Norwood History and Directory Book published by A.E. Foss & Company; and funding for the restoration of original Memorial Hall furniture. Any questions or concerns can be directed to the Planning Department at Town Hall during normal business hours.

Joseph Sheehan
Chairman

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Thank You Novenas

For Favors or Prayers Answered

Prayer to the Blessed Virgin

(Never known to fail!)
Oh, most beautiful flower of Mt. Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in this necessity. Oh Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my mother. Oh Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech thee from the bottom of my heart to succor me in my necessity (make request). There are none that can withstand your power. Oh Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (three times). Holy Mary, I place this cause in your hands (three times). Say this prayer for three consecutive days and then you must publish and it will be granted to you.
Grateful thanks. —K.B.

St. Jude's Novena

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

Miracle Prayer

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

All Prayers: \$22 (1 column x 3 inches)

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MANY PRAYER CHOICES AVAILABLE

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don't believe they have the hubris to attempt to take over a Town Meeting vote. The fact that they got away with that is pretty disappointing."

Ronco and Mawn criticized Hayes, General Manager Tony Mazzucco and Plasko at length in a meeting with The Norwood Record on Sat. Jan. 14 for not communicating directly with them. They also said they wanted to set the record straight on a letter from the state firefighters union that misconstrued that a compromise had been reached between Hayes and the union, that the legislators in turn took to initially believe that a compromise had been ironed out. In addition, they said an editorial in Jan. 12's edition of The Norwood Record essentially vilified the union.

Ronco said Hayes knew at the outset that the age restriction was in place.

"Before he had even been appointed chief, we told him we could not support that," said Ronco. "The chief is well aware of that."

Ronco added that, while the union position all along was not to support the bill, there was never any activity to thwart it. The union did not submit testimony on the bill either way to the Legislature's Joint Committee on Public Service last January – but neither did Mazzucco or any members of the Board of Selectmen – he said.

Ronco said is the union's policy not to support any firefighter's tenure past age 65, a position echoed by the state union, the Professional Fire Fighters of Massachusetts (PFFM), in a previous article in The Norwood Record. Representatives from both unions said that extending a firefighter's service beyond age 65 prevents upward mobility and could potentially affect an older firefighter's health.

Mawn said he and Ronco proposed article amendments on the floor of the Special Town Meeting to adjust the number of years, which Hayes said "muddied the waters."

"There were only about 120 people at Town Meeting because of COVID, so the quorum was lower," Mawn said.

Mawn accused Hayes of "union busting" by trying to solicit support for the bill from younger firefighters. But Hayes said the union prevented those who wanted to support him from testifying on his behalf. Ronco said members complained to him about being asked by Hayes, which was when he told them to let him know if Hayes approached them.

Mawn noted that it was Ronco who notified Hayes of the January hearing on the bill the day before. Hayes agreed that Ronco told him shortly before the meeting.

"We have been opposed to this the whole time, but we haven't abandoned the guy," Mawn said. "We told him nobody's looking out for you. Paul was the one who told him about the hearing. So what does that say?"

As for the accusations of Mawn and Ronco brokering a deal with Rush and Rogers, Ronco said he hasn't spoken to Rush "in two years" and spoke to Rogers at a "handful of events."

Hayes was appointed to serve as chief in September 2021 after the previous fire chief, George Morrice, received a vote of no confidence from Local 1631 in Janu-

ary 2021.

Hayes alleged in his interview that Ronco and Mawn tried to lobby people against the STM article. Ronco and Mawn countered in their interview they were unaware of the article's existence until they saw the STM yellow sheets.

"We were not involved in the process whatsoever," said Ronco. "When it was brought to our attention, we met with Tony Mazzucco and [former Selectman and former Chair] Tom Maloney. We also reached out to a couple of members of the Board of Selectmen. We just asked them if they could just pump the brakes and put this on the Spring Town Meeting."

Ronco did not name the selectmen he contacted.

Hayes said if this had been held until the spring, there would not have been enough time for the bill to work its way through the legislative process.

Ronco said that waiting until that spring "would give the chief the time to prove himself, not just to the guys but to the Town."

The one point on which the union representatives and Hayes agree is that a compromise was offered to Hayes but the chief didn't accept. Ronco said that some confusion may have been caused when he and Mawn explained the offer to the PFFM's legal agents.

"I think they misconstrued that he had agreed to the compromise," Ronco said of Hayes. "Our purpose was that the compromise was made."

In a March 2022 letter from the PFFM to the Legislature's Joint Committee on Public Service, it was stated that "it was [their] understanding" that Hayes's employment would be extended "no more than a year's time." The legislators spoke of a compromise being reached in a letter to the Board of Selectmen shortly thereafter.

Ronco and Mawn were also critical of the portrayal of the union by The Norwood Record in several editorials by Dennis Cawley, the newspaper's editor and co-publisher. Mawn referred to him as "a coward and a scumbag."

"You can tell personally that I don't like the paper," Mawn said during the interview. "But I'm hoping that we can change that. When something happens, just hear us out and tell the truth. Your editorial, there are people who think that it's the truth."

Mawn was particularly vocal that Cawley compared the behavior of Local 1631 to that of the Kardashians on Oct. 21, 2021.

"In the editorial after Town Meeting, this newspaper predicted, because the vote was so close, the vote will probably fail. Yet here we are, months later, and we're the problem. This newspaper predicted it would fail. And now it's blaming us! The hypocrisy knows no bounds. I think it should be mentioned that this newspaper predicted that it would fail."

It should be noted that Cawley said in his October 2021 editorial that he predicted the legislation would fail because of a "perceived sleight to the union." Go to <https://bit.ly/3IWSTWf> for the full editorial.

"This could be a proposal for Dennis Cawley," added Ronco. "If he would like to come down here and ride a day on the ambulances, I'm sure we could make it happen with this chief. Or if we ever do a live burn, which I think we will be, we would love to throw him in some carcinogen-soaked turnout gear for a day and have him take a look at what we actually do in a daily basis. We're throwing the offer out there, but it's not going to happen."

"I'm probably going to get destroyed for doing this by my own guys because they don't like being in the limelight," Ronco said as the union spokesperson. "But in the same breath, I can't let the slander and all the comments that the Board of Selectmen and your editor are making [slide]. I would not be a good leader let-

ting them take a pounding over this that they don't deserve. Somebody needs to stick up for them and let them know that these men and women are doing an unbelievable job down here with their hands tied behind their back basically."

Ronco added that the union has been working the past week with a borrowed ambulance from the Westwood Fire Department, as both of the Town's ambulances are out of service. Hayes was alerted to the transmission failing on the second ambulance during his interview with The Norwood Record on Jan. 9. Ronco had advocated for a third ALS ambulance in the past, but he said he was told it was "not cost effective."

Hayes stressed that the reason for his wanting to remain as chief was because of two major initiatives he spearheaded during his tenure: the upcoming switch to an emergency regional dispatch center that will go online in March, and his work to make Norwood the home of a new regional firefighter training center.

"I want to be clear," Hayes said about some confusion over the bill. "It's a waiver, not a contract extension. The contract ended because the bill was not approved."

On Oct. 13, 2021, Mazzucco and Hayes signed a five-year contract, effective Sept. 1, 2021, that would allow Hayes to be employed through Aug. 31, 2026 when he will be 68, according to a copy of the contract obtained by The Norwood Record. This contract was contingent upon legislative approval of H. 4287, the aforementioned bill. Rogers and Rush jointly filed the bill at the request of the Board of Selectmen, and it was initially referred to the House's Committee on Public Service on Dec. 13, 2021. It proceeded to the Senate and advanced as far as the Senate Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, where it remained for six months and essentially died.

Hayes added that, had the bill passed, he would not be entitled to receive any funding toward his pension for the remainder of the contract.

The implications of the bill were explained to both Rush and Rogers at a State House meeting between him, Mazzucco, and Plasko and Selectman Helen Abdallah Donohue on Nov. 17, Hayes contended.

At the Board of Selectmen meeting on Jan. 10, Plasko spoke out about the failure of the bill to pass, saying that he was "totally disgusted" by the lack of action by the legislators. He added that a similar bill had been passed for Dedham's fire chief, William Spillane. Dedham is also in Rush's district.

In a lengthy statement received on the evening of Jan. 13, Rush and Rogers leveled their own accusations against Hayes, Mazzucco and Plasko, calling some of their behavior into question.

"First, we correct the misleading statements of Mr. Mazzucco, Mr. Plasko, Mr. Hayes, and others that the Legislature failed to pass our bill," an excerpt from the release stated. "The Senate Committee on Bills in the Third Reading chose not to act on this legislation due to how controversial it became during deliberations in the Senate. This Committee acts as a final safeguard against controversial and substandard legislation. H.4287 fits that description."

"Plasko's, Mazzucco's, [sic] and Hayes' actions led to the demise of our bill," it went on, saying that the three "hardly ever communicated with us."

"Plasko never interacted in any way with Rep. Rogers or his office and called Sen. Rush only once," according to the joint statement. "Mazzucco, Plasko, and Hayes requested their first meeting with us on November 17, 2022, more than one full year after the passage of the article by Norwood Town Meeting. They never collaborated with the union; never collaborated with us, the House and Senate petitioners of the bill; and never compromised on the bill, as contemplated by the language approved by Norwood Town Meeting."

The legislators asserted that Spillane's

bill passed because it had unanimous support from Dedham's Select Board and its firefighters union, whereas Norwood's did not.

The legislators' statement also alleged that "Plasko uttered defamatory words when he falsely accused us and without foundation stating that we held up our own bill for two friends at Norwood Fire Department. Plasko is lying."

The statement referenced a complaint by the legislators to both the state's Ethics Commission and the Attorney General's office. It was unclear in the release when information was filed with these state entities, and this could not be corroborated with the state because of the holiday weekend. Neither could allegations that Plasko made against Rogers in an email to The Norwood Record on Sun. Jan. 15.

"The actions of Mazzucco, Plasko, and Hayes are now the subject of investigations by the Massachusetts Attorney General and the Massachusetts Ethics Commission," the release stated. "All three owe the People of Norwood an apology and each owes an explanation to state investigators."

In his email, Plasko said he has not been notified by either the AG's office or the state's Ethics Commission as of Jan. 15.

"Unfortunately because these matters appear to have been turned over to the State Massachusetts Attorney General and the Massachusetts Ethics Commission I am unable to directly respond to them at this time as they relate to me," he wrote. "I am confident after an opportunity to present facts, evidence, and respond to these charges I will be cleared of any suggested wrongdoing, and when able to provide detailed response to the public they will understand that I acted appropriately based on the best information and beliefs available to me at the time in this matter."

He also called the accusations made by Rush and Rogers "defamatory, blatantly untrue inaccurate, and misleading." He added that this may have resulted from an old disagreement between him and Rogers as part of Rogers's "ongoing attempts to cause me personal harm."

Plasko explained in his email that it is his belief that Rogers initiated this investigation as a result of a "public disagreement" over the Town of Norwood's attempts to help the Skating Club of Boston to receive a special liquor license. The Skating Club of Boston, Plasko said, ultimately decided to buy a private license.

"[Rogers] joined efforts trying to interfere with the Selectmen's proper approval of a valid business transfer of a license, as it was determined by the State Alcoholic Control Commission," Plasko continued in the email. "Representative Rogers then shamefully tried to use his public position to extract political revenge against me."


Plasko also said that Rogers previously filed HD389, a bill that would restrict an employee of a housing authority from serving simultaneously as an elected executive officer in the same municipality. At the time, Plasko served as the deputy director of the Norwood Housing Authority.

If this became law, Plasko would have been faced with the choice of leaving his job, he said, or resigning from the Board of Selectmen. If he resigned, he said it would have triggered a special election, costing the Town between \$25,000 and \$30,000.

In an interview on Jan. 15, Donohue said she hoped that all parties would be able to move on from this situation.

"Here's what I think," said Donohue, who announced her retirement from the Board on Jan. 10. "All of this is in the past, and the damage has already been done."

Mazzucco currently is on vacation and could not be reached for comment by press time. The Norwood Record also reached out to Selectmen Matt Lane and Bob Donnelly, who declined to comment.



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Monday, January 9

0608 Phone - Susp Activity Area Search Negative Location/Address: 5th St LifeLine reports client believes there is a person looking in her window, no description.

1515 Phone - Well Being Chk Spoken To Location/Address: Aqua Tots - Bos-Prov Hwy Business reports party has been inside three times today, asking strange questions, currently in parking lot. Officer spoke to party, checked OK, did not want to identify herself, moved along.

1637 Phone - Soliciting Spoken To Location/Address: Windsor Gardens - Walpole St Management reports past issue with solicitors asking tenants if they want a cleaning service. Officer made contact with operator of NH PC 4857078, agreed to leave property. Caller notified.

1712 Phone - Well Being Chk Spoken To Location/Address: Rock St Report tenant has posted odd messages on her own door. Officers state party refused to open the door but stated she was OK.

1806 Walk-In - Fraud *Report Filed Location/Address: Margaret St Party had multiple car loans created in her name.

1941 911 - Report Of Fight *Report Filed Call Source: 911 Location/Address: Hillside Ave Multiple callers report 2 males fighting in the street. Officer reports those parties are friends, do not wish to pursue charges. Returned to their respective residences.

Tuesday, January 10

0800 Other - Citizens Complaint State Dpw/Norwood Dpw Notified Location/Address: Bullard St + Day St N432, on private detail, reports the "Stop" sign is missing off the post.

0805 Cellular - Well Being Chk Spoken To Location/Address: Howard St Passing pedestrian reports 2 dogs were barking at her as she passed home, 1 jumped up and broke the window to the home, does not appear anyone is home. N674 reports tenant was home and has called landlord.

0930 Phone - Weapons Charges *Complaint/Summons Location/Address: Neponset Gulf Gas Station - Neponset St Employee bringing rental in for oil change reports a hand gun in center console. N661 confiscated same. N661 to file a Complaint Application and report.

1322 Radio - Larceny *Report Filed Location/Address: Upland Woods Cir Report missing packages.

1435 Other - Report Of Fire Police & Fire Notified/Respond Location/Address: Riverside Comm Mental - Lenox St NFD responding for smoke in the building. NFD reports no fire, no damage, steam issue and maintenance will handle same.

23-902 1629 Phone - Noise Complaint Services Rendered Location/Address: Lansdowne Way Report alarm clock going off for 2 hours. Officer reports all quiet.

1711 Walk-In - Assist Citizen Spoken To Location/Address: Richland Rd Walk in seeking on an RO. N669 spoke to and advised that party.

2003 Phone - Well Being Chk Spoken To Location/Address: Plymouth Dr Caller from Judy Bake emergency line wishing a well being check on an 11 yr old that lives in the apartment. All parties checked OK.

2049 Phone - Warrant Service *Arrest(S)Made Location/Address: St James Ave As a result, N677 placed one party under arrest. N664 transported him to station. Arrest: Moffett-Latimore, Gregory E Address: 8 St James Ave Apt. #31 Norwood, Ma Age: 28 Charges: Warrant Arrest

2115 Phone - Susp Person Spoken To Location/Address: Washington St + Dean St Report of a suspicious party taking items. Officers spoke to him, believed items were scrap. Items to remain at location, party advised.

2228 Phone - Assist Other Agency *Report Filed Location/Address: Queensboro Ct DCF requesting PD to stand by while they conduct an interview of a resident.

2248 Phone - Larceny *Report Filed Location/Address: Wilson St Caller reports some tools were taken from his garage.

Wednesday, January 11

0832 Phone - Parking Violation Parking Ticket Issued Location/Address: Peabody Rd Report cars parked in area where there is "No Parking" signs during school hours. N665 issues 4 tickets and noted those cars in spots under a 2 hour limit and will return at appropriate time and tag same if necessary.

1308 Cellular - Well Being Chk Transported To Hospital Location/Address: Olde Derby Rd Report friend is crying and not talking right. NFD transported for voluntary evaluation. Caller notified.

1422 Radio - Report Of Fire Police & Fire Notified/Respond Location/Address: Pleasant St NFD responding to area reporting smoke coming from outside a grey colored home. NFD reports no fire, chimney here.

1615 Walk-In - Unwanted Party Services Rendered Location/Address: Railroad Ave Party not welcome at address. Officer spoke to that individual and advised him. Reporting party advised on letter of disinvite.

1704 911 - Assist Citizen Assisted Party Location/Address: Winter St Resident reports suspicious phone call from Town Hall employee. Advised to make complaint with Town Hall.

1908 911 - Disturbance Services

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Rendered Location/Address: Jefferson Dr Report of an argument. Officer reports that was verbal in nature. Parties separating for the night.

Thursday, January 12

1139 Phone - Animal Complaint NACO/WACO notified Location/Address: Fairview Rd Caller reports hurt owl in her backyard. NACO notified.

1238 Phone - Assist Citizen Spoken To Location/Address: Monroe St Walk-in reports they are accused of damaging neighbors property by the neighbor. Walk-in seeks advice and seeks to document that they did not damage any property.

1331 Radio - Report Of Fire Spoken To Location/Address: Nichols St SRO takes report of fire across the street from NHS. Fire and police respond and report resident with controlled fire in the backyard. Resident spoken to by NFD.

1434 Phone - Assist Citizen Civil Matter Location/Address: BMW Gallery - Bos-Prov Hwy Caller reports he is unsatisfied with service work at dealership. Reports he brought the vehicle in with 1 warning light and now has multiple lights on after service. Caller advised.

1438 Initiated - School Resource/Liason Spoken To Location/Address: Norwood High School - Nichols St SRO requested a unit for a student acting up. Matter was resolved and parent was also on scene. Short shelter in place issued until the student left.

1451 Phone - Assist Citizen Civil Matter Location/Address: BMW Gallery - Bos-Prov Hwy Caller in a civil matter requests police presence. Officers help and advise caller.

1609 Initiated - Search Warrant *Arrest(S)Made Location/Address: David Ter BCI to conduct a search warrant. N665, N661, and N669 each return to the station with one male under arrest. Arrest: Peguero Paniagua, Angel Rafael Address: 55 David Ter Apt. #9 Norwood, Ma Age: 31

Charges: Heroin/Morphine/Opium/Fentanyl, Trafficking In 200 Grams Or More Methamphetamine, Trafficking In 200 Grams Or More Drug, Possess To Distrib Class B Conspiracy To Violate Drug Law Refer To Arrest: 23-18-Ar Arrest: Garcia Feliz, Robinson Address: 112 Magnolia St Apt. #12 Boston, Ma Age: 30

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Charges: Heroin/Morphine/Opium/Fentanyl, Trafficking In 200 Grams Or More Methamphetamine, Trafficking In

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Friday, January 13

0722 Phone - Well Being Chk Services Rendered Location/Address: Lansdowne Way Caller seeks a well being check on her neighbor whom she has not seen in a few days. FD reports they transported that party to the hospital.

0933 Initiated - School Resource/Liason Spoken To Location/Address: St Catherine Of Sienna School - Nahatan St Officer advised the school about a parking issue and they are sending a notice to the parents.

1245 Phone - Well Being Chk Spoken To Location/Address: Shaws Supermarket - Nahatan St Employee from Shaw's stated they were concerned about the well being of a party sitting outside on the bench. N674 reports party is declining services.

1256 Phone - Susp Activity Spoken To Location/Address: Norwood Airport Inc - Access Rd

1436 Phone - Unwanted Party Fire Dept Notified/Responded Location/Address: Rock St

1642 Phone - Animal Complaint NACO/WACO notified Location/Address: Nichols St Caller reports large dog running around with no tags or collar. NACO notified.

1749 Initiated - Susp Person Spoken To Location/Address: Nichols St N669 speaks to a individual running on the sidewalk. N669 reports that juvenile is just out for a run and lives in the neighborhood.

1835 911 - Well Being Chk Spoken To Location/Address: Engamore Ln Caller reports a male party running around the area yelling. Described as a male wearing a black sweatshirt, possibly wearing shorts and carrying a black bag. N669 spoke to that party he reports talking on the phone arguing with someone he checks out ok.

Saturday, January 14

0225 Phone - Well Being Chk Services Rendered Location/Address: Vanderbilt Ave Caller requests a well being check on two co workers sleeping in their cars.

0654 Phone - Noise Complaint Spoken To Location/Address: Davis Ave Caller reports loud music and yelling throughout the night N667 reports party spoken to and obliged

0826 Phone - Harassment Civil Matter Location/Address: Washington St Caller reports that her lease is not being renewed and believed that it is racially based; Officer spoke with her, other tenants and the property manager. Property manager states it is due to ongoing issues between the tenant and the restaurant. Caller advised that is a civil matter and advised of her options.

1254 Walk-In - Neighbor Disturbance Services Rendered Location/Address: Vernon St Resident in lobby reports neighbor at #174 yells at her daughter and causes problems. N667 advised resident to call police when incidents occur, #174-there was no answer at the door.

1256 Phone - Forge/Counterfeit Under Investigation Location/Address: CJM Services - Kerry Pl Report ex-employee stole and forged 2 checks. N661 to conduct an investigation when banks are open

during week day.

1257 Walk-In - Susp Activity Police & Fire Notified/Respond Location/Address: Pleasant St Party in lobby placed a package that she started to open in the bomb box as she did not order anything and was not expecting anything to be delivered. NFD to go check package. NFD reports it is only jewelry. Given her options.

1505 Walk-In - Unwanted Party Services Rendered Location/Address: Norwest Dr

1657 Phone - Hit And Run *Arrest(S)Made Location/Address: Shaws Supermarket - Nahatan St Caller reports a vehicle that left the scene of an accident is pulling into Norwood Plaza. As a result, N663 placed one party under arrest and transported him to the station. Center Autobody towed MA PC 3GZE78. Arrest: Parker, Donavin S Address: 71 Messenger St Apt. #759 Plainville, Ma Age: 29

Charges: OUI-Drugs C90 S24(1)(A)(1) Norwood Police Department Page: 64 Dispatch Log From: 01/09/2023 Thru: 01/16/2023 0600 - 0600 Printed: 01/16/2023 Negligent Operation Of Motor Vehicle C90 S24(2)(A) Drug, Possess Class A Leave Scene Of Property Damage C90 S24(2)(A) Drug, Possess Class E License Not In Possession * C90S11

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MCKEOWN



Carol Ann (Riley) of Norwood and Westwood passed away peacefully on December 31, 2022. She was the beloved wife of the late Francis Xavier "Frank" McKeown and was pre-deceased by her son F. Joseph "Wiff" McKeown. Loving mother and mother-in-law of Maura & Scott Nieuwenhuis of Taunton, Martha McKeown of Needham, Christopher & Lisa McKeown of Westwood, James McKeown of Newton, Donna McKeown of Florida, Timothy McKeown and partner Justyna Jaskiewicz of Boston, David McKeown, partner Jamie Allison Brown, and Sean McKeown of Norwood. Proud and

adoring "Nanie", and constant cookie maker, to Kaleigh, Thomas, Daniel, Maddy, Griffin, Matthew, Lindsay, Michael, John, and Victoria. Carol was born in Quincy on February 1, 1935 to the late Joseph F. and Mary J. (Griffin) Riley. She was the dear sister of Jane Sissons of Abington and the late Donald J. Riley of Quincy and the dear sister-in-law of Christopher J. Sissons of Abington and Kathleen Riley of Quincy. Carol was a cherished aunt to many nieces, nephews, grandnieces, and grandnephews. She graduated from the Catherine Laboure School of Nursing in 1955. In addition to raising 8 children, and acting as a 2nd Mom to many nieces and nephews, Carol had a long career as a Registered Nurse (RN). She was always dedicated to her patients' well-being at Camey Hospital, Hebrew Rehabilitation Center, Charlwell House Nursing Home, and the Visiting Nurse Associates of Dedham. She also volunteered as year-round medical coordinator, and weekend site medical staff, for the Pan-Mass Challenge (PMC) for several decades. In her retirement years, Carol was active in the Norwood Womens' Club, Norwood and Westwood Senior Centers, The Ecumenical Community Food Pantry of Norwood, St. Timothy's Parish and Friends of the Norwood Library. Arrangements under the direction of Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, Norwood. Memorial services for Carol will be held in the spring.

PALMATEER



NOLAN Michael of Sharon, formerly of Norwood, MA, and Tunkhannock, PA, passed away unexpectedly of heart failure on January 10, 2023, at the age of 34 (b. Mar. 8, 1988, Wilkes-Barre, PA). Beloved son of Brian Patrick and Jean (Stevens) Palmateer. Loving brother of Brianna Lee Palmateer of Allentown, PA. Grandson of Janet Elizabeth (Henry) Palmateer of Holland, NY, and the late Sanford DD Palmateer, Richard E. Stevens, and Judith L. (Simpson) Gilvey. Also survived by scores of uncles, aunts, and cousins. Nolan was best known for his sense of humor, his love of drawing and singing, his meticulously choreographed movements while watching his favorite movie musical, Annie, and his positive influence on so many people. He enjoyed hiking, swimming, kayaking, family vacations, trips to Grandma's, Norwood Challenger Ball, Cub Scouts, outings & bowling with peers at the South Norfolk County ARC, and horseback riding at the Mass Hospital School. Nolan faced many medical and cognitive challenges throughout his life, starting with his first

brain surgery at age 6 months. He benefited from inclusive special education at the Norwood Public Schools—where he helped pioneer inclusion in the pre-school and after-school programs—plus specialized education at the May Centers in Randolph and Brockton before completing high school at Cardinal Cushing, Hanover, in 2010, where he enjoyed waiting tables at the Iron Kettle restaurant and working in recycling & central supply. He thrived at the Charles River Center's Opportunities & Visions program in Needham and Natick where he worked small jobs and volunteered at thrift stores and Meals on Wheels. By age 31, he moved into an Amego group home in Sharon and became a cherished part of their program. He learned about God and community as a joyful parishioner of St. Timothy's Church, at coffee hour, at gatherings of Faith & Light and Young Life Capernaum, and communing with nature while helping Norwood Trails with trailblazing and cleanups. He will continue to help others through the donation of his brain and other tissue for scientific research. Visiting hours will be held Friday, January 20, 2023, 4-8 PM at Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, 1248 Washington St., Norwood. Funeral, Saturday, January 21, 2023, includes 9 AM prayers at Kraw-Kornack and a 10 AM funeral mass at St. Timothy Catholic Church, 650 Nichols St., Norwood, followed by a repast in the parish hall where all are invited to celebrate Nolan's life and share memories. A private burial will be held at a later date. A springtime memorial service is being planned for extended family in Western New York. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Nolan's memory to the ARC of Massachusetts or the American Brain Foundation.

PHANEUF

Leslie J. (Leavitt) of Norwood, MA, died at home on January 10, 2023, surrounded by her loving family. Beloved wife of Wayne, Sr.; and mother of Scott of Norwood, Michelle of Walpole, and the late Wayne, Jr. Loving sister of Donald Leavitt and his wife, Gail of Chatham. Special thanks to Chi-Chi at Beacon Hospice and Sue Spear of Millis for their unconditional support and care. Funeral Services will be private. Donations may be made in Leslie's memory to the Circle of Hope Foundation, P.O. Box 401, Norwood, MA 02062 or to info@norwoodcoh.org

WIN

Elizabeth A. passed on January 11th, 2023, succumbed to natural causes. She was the daughter of Anne (Ramish) Foppes and Stuart Foppes. She was born in Syracuse, New York and died shortly before her 88th birthday. Elizabeth was predeceased by her husband, Khin Maung Win, who was born in Burma (Myanmar). She is survived by her sons, John S. Win and Peter S. Win, and her beloved dog, Stubby. She is also survived by many cousins and good friends. Elizabeth loved reading, collected cookbooks and had a lovely collection of children's books. Elizabeth also loved teaching and taught public school for over 50 years. Her favorite things to do were cook and bake and share with friends and neighbors. Elizabeth wishes to thank two favorite principals, Andrew Ciarletta and John Condlin, for her time spent at the Balch Elementary School, as well as the lovely staff who were so helpful. Memorial services will not be held at this time. Per Elizabeth's requests, a future luncheon will be held in early Spring 2023. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the MSPCA in her honor. Arrangements by the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, Norwood, MA.

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