

ZBA denies Avalon 40B

Sam Nickerson
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) voted to deny Avalon Norwood a comprehensive permit for its proposed 218-unit 40B development at the former Plimpton Press site on Lenox Street.

During the March 8 hearing, Chairman Philip Riley said the ZBA believed that the Town had already met its local needs for affordable housing even before the applicant had made its presentation.

“The Board intends to assert...that the town has satisfied required local needs for affordable housing by reason of having affordable housing (on)...1.5 percent of the available land,” Riley said.

Attorney for the project Peter Freeman said the development was not the one on which to make that assertion because it could be a “win-win.” The site would be improved and revitalized through a hazardous waste cleanup.

He said Avalon had met the three requirements to come forward for the comprehensive permit for a 40B project, as the Plimpton site was controlled by Avalon, it had received a project eligibility letter from Massachusetts Housing Partnership and it had agreed to abide by the profit restrictions with 55 affordable units.

The developers said the site as it stands now is an eyesore and all existing buildings would be demolished.

Avalon Senior Development Manager Julia Winyard spoke of

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Friends of the Visual Arts Norwood held its Youth Art Month benefit show on March 2. The show featured student and professional artworks and live musical performances by local youth musicians. See story on page 8.

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Open Meeting Law complaint filed against School Committee

Sam Nickerson
Staff Reporter

A former School Committee member believes the Norwood School Committee violated Open Meeting Law on Feb. 24.

Roger Ferris, who served on the School Committee for 13 years, filed a complaint alleging that the School Committee violated Open Meeting Laws three times during the meeting.

Ferris alleges that a quorum of committee members privately “deliberated” a topic during recess that had been discussed during the formal proceedings, that the chairman, James Gormley, did not state the purpose or subjects of executive session and that the subject of the executive session discussion was not given 48 hours notice, nor did that party

submit a written waiver.

“They can’t deliberate public business that happened in open session outside of the public hearing. You can’t go off camera (like that),” Ferris said. “The public has a right to know, that’s the whole purpose of the (Open Meeting) Law.”

Ferris wasn’t watching the Feb. 24 meeting live, but heard it described as a “shouting match” and went back to watch the tape. During the School Committee Addenda - when members are given a chance to speak about events or happenings of their choosing - member Patrick McDonough brought up the issue of whether or not school nurses carry the opiate reversal drug Narcan.

During that discussion, McDonough claimed Superintendent James Hayden said one thing on the topic during an

earlier private meeting, but was saying otherwise during the meeting.

McDonough said he would like a third party present when he has meetings with the Superintendent in the future, and requested the discussion be held in executive session at the next meeting because it was a personnel matter. As discussion of McDonough’s claim continued to heat up, member Courtney Rau Rogers made a motion to go into recess. During this time, NPA-TV cut its cameras, but the audience was allowed to remain in the room.

During that time, members discussed decorum during public meetings - what is considered acceptable, as well as protocol for addressing issues like these - and read aloud the regulations for go-

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I am presently a Town Meeting Member from District 4 and volunteer my spare time to the Norwood Food Pantry. Years back, I assisted one of my daughters in a tremendously successful project collecting donations all across Norwood to make care packages for our troops serving overseas and for years I also

volunteered as an assistant coach for my daughter's softball team. One of my proudest achievements, besides being a dedicated family man, is my 34-year career with the Massachusetts Department of Correction. I began at MCI-Walpole during a period of chaos where we took care of the safety of all employees, inmates and visitors. I remained there for over 25 years, working alongside some of the most dedicated, courageous and self-less men and women of this state. Over my tenure I climbed through the ranks retiring at Bay State Correctional Center as a Lieutenant / Shift Commander. I have always been open minded to concerns, suggestions and ideas on how to make the system safer and more efficient for all parties involved.

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David J. Butters

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Selectmen discuss future projects and job openings

Jonathan Lourie
Staff Reporter

The Board of Selectmen met with the Norwood School Committee and Norfolk County Mosquito Control, and also heard of two impending vacancies at the Norwood Recreation Department during a March 8 meeting.

Several months ago the School Committee submitted a statement of interest to the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) to replace the Coakley Middle School's HVAC system, the project is estimated to cost \$7.7 million. The project has been on the Committee's radar for some time, but has not yet been selected by the MSBA to be funded. The Selectmen voted to work with the School Committee to sign the paper work for the project and work towards approving development.

The second item on the agenda was Norfolk County Mosquito control.

"With Zika virus, everyone is scared. As summer is approaching, we need to take extra precaution," said Board Chairman Paul Bishop.

Earlier this year, state health officials confirmed the Zika virus in the Commonwealth.

"We are aware of one case in mass, a person who has traveled the area where we know Zika is being transmitted," said Dr. Larry Madoff, director of the division of Epidemiology and Immunization at the Department of Public Health

Due to alarming rate of mosquitoes in Norfolk County, it was determined that preventive measures such as landfills for disposing waste should be approved. Come spring, Norfolk County Mosquito Control plans to take preventive action against mosquitoes, but discussed with the Selectmen whether or not it should use Norwood Airport or the landfill.

The Board also determined during the meeting that having public input sessions during the



The Selectmen discussed supporting the School Committee's request to the MSBA to replace the Coakley School's HVAC system. It also met with Norfolk county Mosquito Control regarding spring operations.

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meeting schedule would not be appropriate for future Selectmen meetings. This notion was proposed by resident Kevin Pentowski in a letter to the Board.

"These meetings have to be organized in order for things to move forward. Public input sessions could possibly jumble that process," said Bishop.

The Selectmen also discussed several vacancies at the Norwood Recreation department in the coming months. Linda Berger will be leaving her position as program director and Superintendent Gerry Miller will be retiring a year from now.

General Manager John Carroll brought to the attention of the board that he will be looking for qualified candidates to fill the position in the coming weeks.

The board expressed deep gratitude for Ms. Berger's service and wished her well in future pursuits.

Selectman Helen Abdallah Donohue, suggested that Carroll hire people based in Norwood. Carroll voiced disagreement on this point. The board determined, however, that it may be prudent to hold off on the hirings and instead assess the efficiency of the Norwood Recreation Department.

"Now is the perfect time to step back and assess the department," said Selectman Bill Plasko. "We don't even know if we need those two positions, or we may need more positions."

Selectman Mike Lyons also weighed in on the matter.

"I think it's worthwhile to determine if things can be improved in the Recreation Department, if the structure needs to be changed," said Lyons.

Selectman Allan Howard suggested that Recreation Department take two weeks and work with the Selectmen, specifically Lyons, to assess the department and work together in a committee in determining new hires and necessary steps to improve the Department.

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Letters to the Editor

ZONING REQUEST BEYOND UNACCEPTABLE

To the Editor:

The Saturday prior to Christmas, the abutters of 82-84 Chapel St. received a notice in the mail stating that the owner of the property sought a Special Permit and that neighbors were invited to participate in the hearing process through the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA). Initially, I was excited to learn that this house might now be getting some long over-due attention. Unfortunately, my excitement proved premature as we quickly learned that the permit request called for the demolition of this alleged nonconforming structure, to be replaced with the construction of a large condominium development (the neighborhood is zoned for residential single and two-family use). If you are not familiar with "nonconforming status" - in the simplest terms - it grants permission for a building being used against the zoning bylaws at the time those laws were enacted to continue to be used in that way. The Norwood zoning bylaws went into effect between 1926 and 1935; this house was purchased in 1920 and has remained in the same family since. Now, 80 years from the time the zoning bylaws went into effect, the applicant, upon demolition, is applying for a special permit to not only retain but perpetuate and extend this alleged nonconforming status. My contention is that the owner has clearly showed no interest in preserving the integrity of the neighborhood, as renovating the building is certainly not as financially beneficial to him as demolishing the property and erecting EIGHT one-bedroom condominium units in its place. In response to this, a group of concerned neighbors organized ourselves and retained legal representation in an effort to better understand the proposed project and its potential impact on our neighborhood.

With regard to the ZBA and its hearing process, their unwillingness to objectively question (as an entire board and not simply from one or two members) the project's impact has left this resident sadly disappointed in the statutory process. The owner has applied to build something that the neighborhood is not zoned for, against the objection of nearly all abutters. When an overwhelming majority of the neighborhood directly affected by the proposed development is so vehemently opposed to this specific plan, what's the impetus for moving the project forward? It's a sad state of affairs when one individual's desire to maximize on his potential to make a substantial profit takes precedence over the safety and vitality of those actually liv-

ing in that neighborhood and the overall integrity and character of the town.

I am grateful that the ZBA has twice allowed for more time with regard to the process, but I'm still very concerned that this development, as it is currently proposed, is going to be approved. My hope is that the ZBA acknowledges the negative impact this project will have on the neighborhood and the message it would send were it to be approved. Surely, the Town of Norwood officials could and should take the opportunity to honor the Town's own zoning bylaws and decline this application and others like it. There can be no logical reason to carry on, three generations later, with an action whose spirit and intent was a long way from erecting eight condominiums. The next hearing of the continuation of the 82-84 Chapel St. case is scheduled for March 22 at Town Hall and I ask that readers who have a vested interest in seeing overdevelopment in this town come to an end strongly consider attending.

Matthew Lane
TMM District 5

TROUBLED BY CANDIDATE'S ABSENTEEISM

To the Editor:

While perusing last week's edition of the Norwood Record, as I do each weekend with my breakfast, I noticed on page 9 the names of Town Meeting members who did not show up for a single meeting in 2015. Among those listed was the name of a current candidate for the office of Selectman.

Although I am not suggesting that the candidate should necessarily withdraw from the race, it behooves that candidate to explain his absenteeism. The last thing this Town needs is someone who is not able or willing to fully commit to the responsibilities of the Office of Selectman.

Randall Sheets
Norwood

IS THIS THE SAME MAWN RUNNING FOR SELECTMAN?

To the Editor:

It's time for Norwood's local elections in less than a month. We already see signs on front lawns for various candidates for various town offices. One sign that caught my eye was for a Dennis Mawn running for Selectman. It caught my eye because in last week's Norwood Record, a Town Meeting member also named Dennis Mawn was listed as someone who failed to attend any of

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Budget is balanced, override still being considered

Sam Nickerson
Staff Reporter

The Town-wide Budget Balancing Committee approved a balanced budget - its third pass at the budget - for fiscal 2017 during a March 7 meeting.

Well, just about. The approval is dependent on the School Committee making \$15,320 more in cuts to its side of the budget this week. And the committee determined it did not need to meet again, unless there are unforeseen circumstances that arise.

The total estimated revenues for this third pass budget total \$174,848,778 and total budget requests from both parties reflected \$174,864,098 (this includes the \$15,320 deficit). The third pass general government budget totaled \$33,400,891 while the School Department totaled \$40,838,631.

“Essentially, both the general government and school side met targets for this year,” Town Accountant Tom McQuaid said. “The painful part of the process kind of happened, what can and cannot be

done with the budget.”

Judith Langone asked the School Committee representatives on the committee if there were any items for the Fiscal 2017 budget that were not there that they still intended to fund.

“I’m assuming if we go along with this, this is your budget and this is what you’re going to live within for this year,” she said. “In other words, not come back in the fall (at Town Meeting) and ask for (money for) negotiations.”

The School Committee had originally budgeted \$272,000 as a contingency for the two union negotiations that would be taking place, but the money was instead put towards teacher salaries.

James Gormley, who chairs the School Committee, said they did not know what final numbers would be yet, as negotiation figures had not yet been given, special education plans were still being written and new students could always move into the district at any time.

“We basically made all the puzzle pieces fit. We don’t have any more money in ...

pockets or nooks or crannies. This is it,” Joseph Greeley said of the budget before them.

The committee also voted to have the School Committee and Selectmen review numbers and projections to determine whether an override would be needed in the near future. If the groups decided that this was the case, then Bill Plasko would call a meeting of the Committee of 21, which would act as a vetting group for the viability of an override process.

McQuaid presented the committee with a report detailing what overrides would look like in the town.

He was of the impression that the Town doesn’t “need an override for this year” because they balanced the budget, though “not without pain.” He did say that given the timing, such a vote would likely be more appropriate in fiscal 2018 at the earliest, in order to give time for advocates to educate the public on the matter.

He said an override would need to consider annual spending increases. For instance, a

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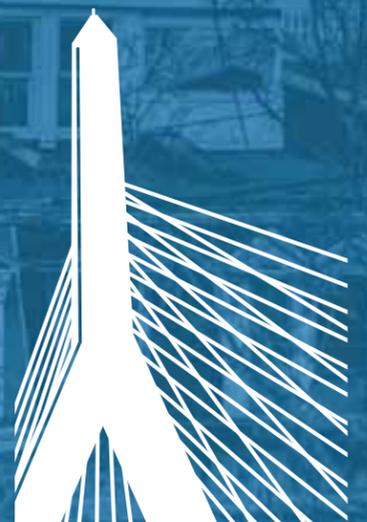
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\$5 million override - or a 7.2 percent increase to the tax levy, with a \$340 increase in the first year to the average home - with a spending increase of 3.5 - 4 percent could be sustained into the 2020s. A smaller override, such as

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a \$1 million request, with lower spending rates would not even sustain the first year.

He said that, historically, both schools and general government had compounded spending rates of around 3 percent, with the schools sitting just below and the general government just above that rate.

The most ideal scenario, McQuaid said, was a higher override amount (\$5 million) combined with a lower spending rate of around 3.5 percent. That said, McQuaid acknowledged that this would also place the greatest burden on the taxpayer.

Under this scenario, however, there would be an increased spending of \$723,694 to allow for continuity of programs and the creation of a new stabilization fund with the override money of just over \$4 million - which would grow to \$14,231,554 by 2022 - to provide several years' worth of inflation protection.

An override would still require "extremely disciplined spending" on the part of the Town, McQuaid said, and the 4 percent increase was "kind of aggressive." He also noted that the spending level only supports the current level of services that Town of Norwood currently provides.

McQuaid also recommended that while spending increases should not exceed 3.5 percent, the most logical approach might be to shoot for a 3.25 percent increase. At this rate, he felt the most effective minimum override request would be for \$3 million, which represents a \$204 increase in taxes for the average Norwood home in the first year.

Town Manager John Carroll said that while he didn't think the general government needed an override, he had been pressuring the Committee of 21 to push for an override for the Schools. Plasko disagreed that the gen-

eral government might not need an override, saying that while the budget this year was balanced "without great pain," the general government was relying on capital borrowing or putting off requests to keep things in line.

At some point, however, without new revenue sources, Plasko said the Town would be faced with the question of letting school services dip, town services dip, or both. He said an override would not be a one-year solution, and that the creation of a stabilization fund with spending limits would allow the town to bank most of the funds and stretch it out over at least 5-7 years.

Greeley said they were still missing the strategic component and said it was a matter of what the public would want Norwood to look like in 5-10 years.

"Unless everybody comes to the table with that multi-year and strategic, not-taking-sides outlook, we're really going to be right back in this position every year," he said.

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The School Committee, pictured here in the back row, is the subject of an Open Meeting Law violation complaint from a former member.

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ing into executive session. Upon reconvening, member John Badger moved to go into executive session that evening, which was unanimously approved by a poll of members. Badger's motion did not include a reason.

Gormley, reached the Monday after the complaint was filed, was unaware of the complaint, but stood by the Committee's procedure.

"Without seeing the tape, I thought we proceeded in a judicious manner to try and resolve this," Gormley said. "The original complaint should've gone through the chair to begin with and it had not."

Gormley said he did not believe the matter had anything to do with the School Committee's mission - which concerns setting policy, the budget, and the hiring and firing of the superintendent - and that the matter was personal and something that "never should have come up during an addenda session."

Gormley said prior to the recess he had asked McDonough "specifically what the reason for going into executive session was and he said 'personnel.'" Gormley also said he didn't believe what was discussed during the recess qualified as deliberation, as far as he was aware.

Ferris, an Attleboro-based attorney who serves as North Attleboro's Town Counsel, said he did not feel that the standards for going into executive session had been met.

"They're looking for an excuse to discuss something not in public. That is a flag," he said. "In this case, there were several flags and I think they violated the open meeting law, when they discussed an issue outside of open session and decided on it in session."

Ferris said he would like to see whether there was a written waiver from Hayden foregoing the 48-hour notice which is a requirement if public officials or personnel are being discussed in executive session.

Gormley said the Superintendent appeared willing to handle the matter that evening.

"I was under the impression the superintendent was fine with that. He wanted to deal with it at that time. I think that's why we proceeded the way we did," he said.

Ferris said that the Open Meeting Laws exist so that governing bodies "make a public discussion of public policy. That's what the requirement of the law is."

Ferris said he wants the School Committee to acknowledge its violations and to attend a workshop held by the Attor-

ney General's office within 90 days.

"How is the public going to know what is important and what is not important if they're not made aware of it," Ferris said.



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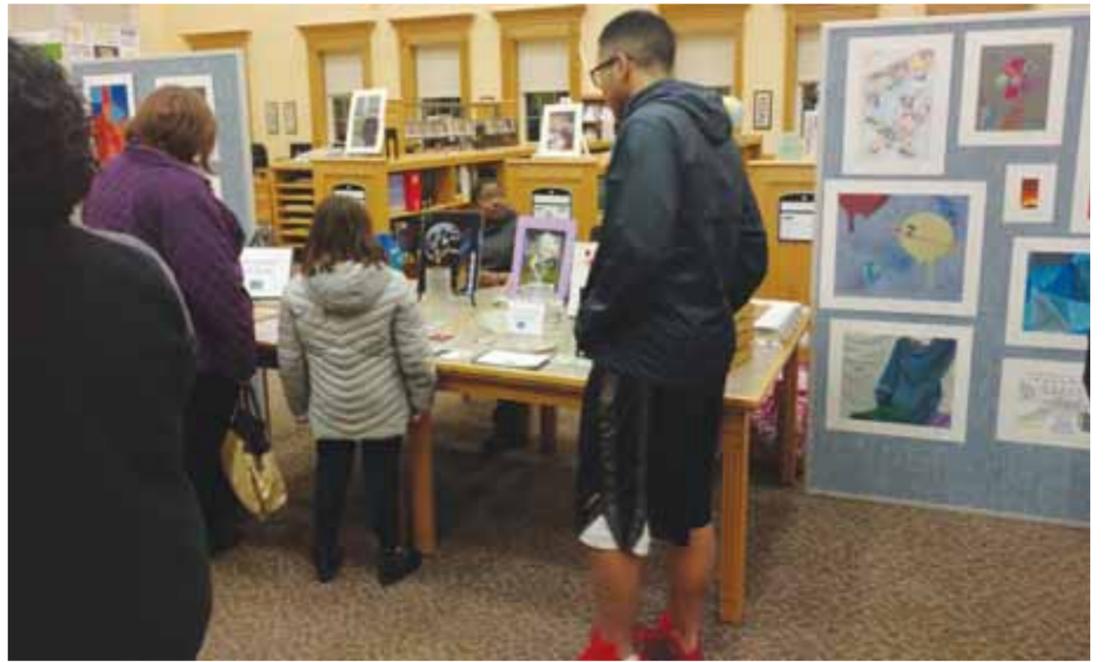
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Attendees to FoVA's benefit show at the NHS library were able to view artwork by students, teachers and alumni as they celebrated Youth Art Month.

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Big turnout for FoVA art show

Jonathan Lourie
Staff Reporter

Art lovers gathered at Norwood High School on March 2 for Friends of Visual Arts (FoVA) Norwood's Youth Art Month Benefit.

"We have a strong turnout, we get more people every year" said Laurie McGrory, the organizer of the event and the Department Chair of Visual Arts 6-12. The event took place in the Norwood High School Library, where those in attendance had the opportunity to peruse the various student and alumni pieces while live music was performed and refreshments were also provided.

"We have all sorts of artists featured in the show," said McGrory. "Anyone from sixth

grade to seniors to professional artists."

Many of the artists themselves were also in attendance. "Look, here's what I made," said Max, 12, as he led his parents to an abstract portrait of geometric blocks, which he proudly displayed to an impressed audience. Max was one of the younger artists featured in the show.

The art consisted of all types, ranging from impressionism to cubism. Some of the art was on sale. There were also donation jars and a raffle to raise money. Prizes included gift cards from Lewis' Restaurant, Sky Spa, JoAnn Fabrics and the Chateau restaurant, among others. There were also drawings for gift baskets, a hand painted rocking chair from a Norwood art student and movie passes.

"We do this every year as a way to raise money for school (art) programs and give out scholarships to gifted art students," said McGrory. "People can either donate or even purchase some of the art."

Some of the items for sale included glass bowls, original Disney artwork and even a student piece. A rocking chair painted white with checkered patterns at the top.

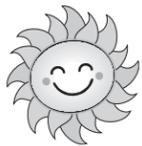
"We usually get quite a few sales," said Saquora Lowe-McLaurin, an art teacher in Norwood Schools. "Two (ceramic) bowls have already sold."

Many of the volunteers hosting the event were teachers simply trying to get more people interested in art.

"Arts in education are truly underappreciated," said McGrory. "However, art is central to creative thinking. It helps us to think in different ways and see things abstractly."

McGrory said her greatest hope for these events was to not only inspire kids to make art, but also to give them their first professional experience.

"At this show, students get the opportunity to feel what it's like to have your work displayed in public. That is what we want (for them)," said McGrory.



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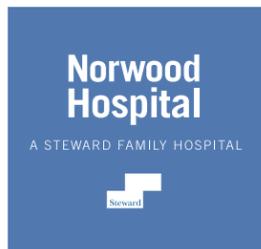
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Avalon's reputation in the area, citing a 350-unit community in Marlborough and the Assembly Row development in Somerville. She said Avalon runs its communities similar to a high-end hotel with branded experiences.

The project calls for the tallest building to be four stories, with one and two-story buildings to blend in with the surrounding neighborhood. The developers also insisted that the site would include three acres of permeable surfaces and green space, compared to an almost completely paved site now. They also announced their intention to open Lenox Street from the existing shopping area side through the development and to the other side.

Winyard said the project would be very attractive to their typical customer base, which includes young professionals and empty nesters.

Riley said the Town had done substantial work in the 1.5 percent study, and had concluded that based on 61.45 acres on the subsidized housing inventory and just over 4,000 acres of total developable land, the study stated Norwood already had 1.51 percent of de-

velopable land in the town dedicated to affordable housing.

Riley said that the Department of Housing and Community Development's (DHCD) decision against Norwood in the Forbes Hill case had few definitive findings. Instead, it largely asked for more information from the Town to back up certain assertions.

Riley said that the only area DHCD definitively found to be erroneous was the Town's exclusion of private roadways and railroad right of ways. But he argued that even if these calculations were deemed ineligible to be counted, the calculations minus these roadways would still put the Town over 1.5 percent.

The ZBA voted 5-0 to deny Avalon the comprehensive permit based on the Town's 1.5 percent calculations and said that it would provide that in writing to DHCD and the applicant within 15 days. Avalon would then have 15 days to respond, and DHCD would then have 30 days to render a decision. Riley said that while Forbes Hill was scheduled for hearings this month, no decision was anticipated for at least several months.

last year's 7 days of meetings.

Here's hoping it's not the same person as I would hate to see him get elected to the Board of Selectmen and have to watch only four selectmen show up for Tuesday night Board of Selectmen's meetings every week.

Bert Forest
Norwood

THE STRAIGHT DOPE ON MARIJUANA

To the Editor:

It is time that we take a serious look at the issue of medical marijuana here in town. In 2013 thru 2014, The Marijuana Rules Committee was formed to prevent dispensaries from coming to Norwood. We also created districts to contain where they would be. For the most part, the efforts made were to keep this out of our community. That all changed last Aug. 14 when the Board of Selectmen upped the ante and gave ARL Healthcare a letter of approval (non-opposition) to the State that included a cultivation center. That act was the start of a partnership in the Medical Marijuana industry by the Town of Norwood. Article 1 in the last Town Meeting was the fine tuning of rules to allow this to take place. There were no discussions on Article 1, with exception to my comments made pointing this out. My request to have all the details of this Article discussed and explained before the vote was denied. It was approved without full knowledge of what we voted for. It is amazing how many times things like this happen at Town Meeting.

Feb. 23's BOS meeting offered up another sad chapter in this saga. Mr. Plasko questioned why the State web site listed an approved cultivation center at University Ave. Mr. Schnibbe from Green Harbor informed Mr. Plasko that the approval was given by the BOS on Aug. 14, 2015. Who made the motion that night to give

the letter of approval? Bill Plasko did. He did that during his personal agenda that evening. The motion passed unanimously. How can the BOS act as if that never took place? Here's another one. On Aug. 14, ARL Healthcare was given the letter of approval WITHOUT filing that non-refundable application fee that is required. ARL was in that evening for an "informative" meeting with the BOS. How did ARL Healthcare end up with a letter of approval that includes a cultivation center during an "informative" meeting? A cultivation center was never discussed here in Norwood until that evening.

Now, we are looking to add a second cultivation facility center here in Town with the Green Harbor Gang. The Green Harbor team was welcomed with open arms last Tuesday night. It seems to me that our town leaders are more interested in those juicy excise fees a town generates as it partners with the folks in the Medical Marijuana industry. The town will be given a percentage of all sales made. Is that the driving force? There is only one other approved cultivation center in our state located in Salem. We are about to become the South Shore hub for marijuana. When this turns up a notch and recreational marijuana becomes reality, Norwood is going to be paying a very large price for these decisions by our BOS. Is that excise tax revenue worth the price we are going to pay? Our community deserves better. A simple letter of disapproval to each applicant, along with not returning their application fees would keep medical marijuana out of our community. That is how it works. It's that easy to keep this out of our town. We are not getting the straight "dope" from our BOS on this Medical Marijuana issue here in Town.

Kevin Pentowski
District 7 Town Meeting Member

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Sports

Boys Hoops downs Hingham 43-40 as Bell and Curry shine

Jake Levin
Staff Reporter

Down 10 with 3:29 left in the fourth quarter, Norwood's first trip to the postseason since 2012 teetered on leaving the legacy a massive bust.

Instead, Jordan Curry secured his place in Mustangs basketball lore by leading a 19-6 Norwood fury to end the game, including the go-ahead 3-pointer with 16 seconds left as the Mustangs took down the Hingham Harbormen, 43-40.

"I don't know...I'd like to tell you I know," said an incredulous Rich Cormier after the game, his voice barely audible in the packed gym at Norwood High School. "It just speaks to the guys and the amount of resiliency they've shown throughout their high school careers. Tonight was the epitome of that."

Curry and teammate Chris Bell combined for 17 of Norwood's 19 points during the run, which began with the Mustangs facing a 34-24 deficit.

Defensively, Norwood (the No. 5 seed in the Division 2 South sectional) had been playing phenomenal basketball, holding Hingham (No. 12) considerably below its season average of 53 points per game. But offen-

sively, the Mustangs had been a train wreck.

That is, until an and-one play by Bell-Norwood's first points of the fourth quarter, over four and a half minutes in.

"I think most of us didn't lose confidence," said Bell, a senior captain who'd started every game for the Mustangs since his freshman season, after his postseason debut. "We knew that we just had to play hard and comeback."

Curry, another senior who had 10 of his team-high 13 points in the final stretch of the fourth quarter, connected for a 3 with 2:52 remaining to get Norwood within four. Natanael Fonseca Castro sank a pair of free throws with 2:17 on the clock to make it a one-possession game again, a 34-32 lead for the Harbormen.

"Shooting is contagious," said Cormier after the game. "That's a basketball saying and it really is true. Once one went in, I think the other guys just felt a little bit better."

Logan Larsen, who led Hingham with 16 points, did his best to reverse the downward spiral for the Harbormen. The 6-foot-8 center emphatically blocked a Joe Mazzotta potentially game-tying shot with 1:35 left and showed off some post moves on the offensive end to stretch Hingham's lead

back to 37-32.

Enter Curry, again.

"Jordan wanted the ball," recalled Cormier after the game. "He said 'give me the ball.' He made a big, big shot."

Several big shots, really.

Curry responded to Larsen's basket with a 3 as the fourth quarter entered its final minute, getting Norwood back within two.

A stunning 5-second violation was called on the Harbormen when they failed to inbound the ball in the requisite amount of time, setting the stage for Curry's shining moment.

With the ball in the offensive end all of a sudden, Bell bounced a pass to Curry along the perimeter, who had been left wide open by the Hingham defense. After a split-second of hesitation, he launched a shot from beyond the arc. By the time it had landed, the crowd was in pure euphoria, Norwood leading 38-37.

"They never gave up," said Cormier. "Obviously being at home and having our crowd was huge. Once we hit that first shot to get them back into the game...the kids really fed off that."

Bell echoed the sentiment of the role the Norwood fans played in the game.

"We had the crowd, we're home," he said. "We had the



In the final home game of his high school career, Chris Bell saved his best play for the fourth quarter, when he had seven points--as well as an assist on Jordan Curry's go-ahead 3-pointer.

PHOTO BY JAKE LEVIN

advantage."

There was still the matter of holding the lead, which the Mustangs had for the first time since a 14-13 advantage in the second quarter. Not necessarily a team strength during the regular season, Norwood would need to make its free throws to complete the epic comeback.

Bell went 4-for-4 from the line to ice the game for the

Mustangs, with Curry also going 1-for-2.

"Guys made their free throws down the stretch, which I think sometimes goes unnoticed," said Cormier. Norwood shot 58 percent from the free throw line as a team during the regular season. "People just expect you to make them."

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Girls Hoops get tourney win before exit vs. Hingham

Jake Levin
Staff Reporter

Five points: the combined total of Norwood's back-to-back postseason losses from 2014 and 2015.

Those losses still weighing on the collective mind of the team, which is comprised mainly of players who are veterans of the defeats, the Mustangs left nothing to chance in a sound 52-36 opening round victory over the Dartmouth Indians last Thursday at Norwood High School.

Junior captain Meghan

Reen, a starter in each postseason loss, led Norwood with 17 points and had eight assists for the first postseason victory of her illustrious career.

"It's all for the girls, they've worked so hard getting to this point," said Mustangs head coach Amy Lepley after the game. "They didn't forget the last two seasons, losing that close, so they really put it together tonight and you saw some special basketball."

Lepley, too, was on hand for the 47-45 loss to Sharon in 2014 and the 53-50 loss to

Hingham in 2015. She was an assistant coach for those games, however; this was her first foray as a head signal-caller in the tournament.

This game was rarely, if



Meghan Reen

ever, in doubt. The Mustangs never trailed, while the score was never tied after 2-2. Sporadic spurts of offense gave Norwood plenty of breathing room, as Dartmouth failed to get back within single digits after a 12-0 by the Mustangs spanning the end of the second and beginning of the third quarters. Norwood led 24-13 at the half.

Kaylin Reen finished with 14 points, including four 3-pointers. Alyssa Chamberlain also cracked double figures, finishing with 10 points. Chamberlain scored the final

six points of the Mustangs' wraparound run, while the younger Reen launched three of her 3s in the second half to lock the game up and throw away the key.

"She's a great shooter and we've told her all season, 'shooters shoot,'" said Lepley of Kaylin Reen's hot hand from deep. Reen's final make of the night gave the Mustangs their largest lead—a 20 point cushion, at 49-29. "In the first half we said, 'shooters shoot, keep shooting.' We want her to

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take those shots. I would rather her take that wide open shot and miss it [than pass it up].”

Defensively, Lepley had her team keyed in on Jenn Wheaton, who finished with a game-high 18 points. After a quick start to the tune of six first quarter points for Wheaton, Lepley placed Maura O’Neill on the Indians’ most dangerous scoring threat. The tactic worked, as Wheaton wasn’t able to rediscover her groove until garbage time, long after the outcome of the game had already been decided.

“We knew that she [Wheaton] was a great player and all season we’ve put Mo [O’Neill] on every single best player other teams have had,” said Lepley of O’Neill, one of her three captains along with Meghan Reen and Hannah Benson. “We made that defensive switch and I thought that was really important for us. She’s such a selfless player that she’ll play anybody. She’ll play a 4, she’ll play a point guard, she doesn’t care.”

Another significant advantage for Norwood came in the turnover department. The Mustangs took considerably better care of the ball, giving it away only 10 times compared to 20 Dartmouth turnovers.

O’Neill, Ally Copponi and

Caitlan Shaugnessy also scored for Norwood in its first tournament win as a program since all the way back in 2003.

The game was played at a brisk pace, made possible by only 11 total free throws between the teams. The Mustangs went 4-for-6 from the line, the Indians 5-for-5.

On Saturday night in Hingham, Norwood’s season came to an end at the hands of the Harbormen for a second season in a row, 51-39. Meghan Reen finished with 18 points, but the Mustangs were unable to overcome Hingham’s size advantage. After taking a 13-12 lead in the second quarter, Norwood wound up trailing by six at the half, 25-19. The deficit ballooned to 14 points by the end of the third quarter, 40-26.

The following seniors played their final game for the Mustangs: captains O’Neill and Benson, Chamberlain, Cait Brincklow and Kara Mahoney.

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Meghan Reen was Norwood's leading scorer in the postseason, averaging 17.5 points per game. Only a junior, she still has one year left at Norwood High, when the Mustangs should again be among the favorites in the Bay State Conference.

PHOTO BY JAKE LEVIN

Wrestling wraps up first season back under coach Billy McDermott with bright future ahead

Jake Levin
Staff Reporter

Billy McDermott’s first year back with the Norwood wrestling program is in the books following the sectional and state tournaments.

Held at Marshfield High School during the second weekend of February vacation, the Mustangs sent nine wrestlers to the Division 2 sectionals on Friday and one wrestler to Div. 2 states on Saturday.

Seniors Jake Wilson and Greg Williams, juniors Sylvain Appolon and DeVaughn Carter, sophomores Colin Plasko and David Benjamin and freshmen Jon Maffeo, Kevin Curtis and Cordell Souther made the cut for sectionals, with Appolon also qualifying for states.

“Sectionals were great for all our guys because

there were a lot of successful teams in it,” said McDermott. “Since we have a young team, a lot of guys were hit with the reality that ‘I want to get better for next year in the offseason.’”

In the 120 pound weight class, Maffeo went 0-2 and was pinned twice.

At 132 pounds, Williams went 3-2 and came in fifth place. He was named an alternate for states after losing to the No. 1 seed in the semifinals.

Wilson, at 138 pounds, went 1-2, losing to the No. 2 seed in his class in his first match before pinning an opponent from North Quincy.

In sectionals, Appolon went 3-2, seeded sixth but finishing fourth in his weight class (145 pounds) to qualify for states.

At the state tournament, he lost first 9-0, which de-

spite the seemingly lopsided score, means he wrestled all three periods. “Going the distance,” as McDermott said. Appolon lost his next match to a wrestler from King Philip, 7-6.

“He had a great season and next year we will definitely be hearing his name in the winter,” said McDermott.

Carter went 2-2 in the 152 pound class, finishing fifth and receiving an alternate bid for states.

Plasko went 0-2 after being bumped up from 152 to 160, receiving the No. 1 in the process.

“He wrestled well but lost in the third period,” said McDermott of Plasko’s performance. “It was a good test for Colin for next year.”

At 170 pounds, Benjamin went 1-2, but McDermott believes with

some offseason wrestling, he’ll “be a much better competitor for next year.”

Curtis, in the 220 pound class, is “someone who is going to grow in his weight class,” according to McDermott. “He had a tough year, being a first year wrestler and wrestling guys who are juniors and seniors. So down the road, he’ll be making a name for himself.”

Souther, in the heavy-weight 285 pound division, went 1-2. “He has a lot of fight in himself,” said McDermott. Souther is some 30-40 pounds lighter than the maximum 285 pounds for the division. “He’ll have a good future.”

The Mustangs did not win a match as a team during the season, going 0-15, but with plenty of success in terms of individual results, McDermott believes the team can turn a corner in the near future.

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Cormier himself had a hand in Norwood's holding of the lead, making a strategic decision with six seconds left on the clock that would pay major dividends: up three, 40-37, he called for an intentional foul of Hingham's Ryan Cahoon, forcing him to the line for free throws rather than giving him a chance to tie the game with a 3.

The decision paid off, especially with Cahoon missing one of two, enabling the Mustangs to seal the deal on their first postseason victory since a 62-50 win over the Medfield Warriors on Feb. 28, 2012.

"It was our worst shooting game of the season," said Cormier, the Mustangs shooting 23 percent (14-for-60) from the floor. "But defensively, man, they really got

after it-held a good team to 40 points. I can't ask for anything more from the defensive side of things."

Unfortunately for Norwood, its postseason thrill ride came to an end vs. the No. 4 Randolph Blue Devils on Friday night, dropping a 64-60 back-and-forth affair. Castro led the Mustangs with a career-high 26 points, while Curry's 3-point shooting barrage continued with five makes to finish with 15 points.

Norwood will graduate 10 seniors from this year's team: Bell and Curry, captains Jove Dorisca and Brian King, as well as Dan Ugochukwu, Joe Mazzotta, Jake Vail, Conor Riggle, Adley Eugene and David Saad.



Richie Watson got big air at the Dunkin' Donuts Center in Providence, R.I. when the Mustangs knocked off the Canton Bulldogs on Jan. 31, 52-42. Including the postseason, Norwood finished with 15 wins, triple the amount of the 2014-15 season.

PHOTO BY JAKE LEVIN

Norwood fighter to make MMA debut

Jake Levin
Staff Reporter

Ten years in the making, Norwood-trained Matt Tullos is set to make his professional mixed martial arts (MMA) debut this weekend.

The 5-foot-10, 145-pound Tullos, a 2011 graduate of Dedham High School, will square off with Russian-born Alvi Mochigov (2-0) in a featherweight bout on Friday night at Championship Entertainment & Sports (CES) 33 at Twin River Casino in Lincoln, R.I. at 9 p.m.

Tullos, who trains at the Connors MMA Academy in Norwood, is jumping up to the professional ranks after an impressive amateur career that he wrapped up with an unblemished 7-0 record. Nicknamed "The Paperboy," Tullos has been pursuing the mixed martial arts since he was a 13-year-old living "a stone's throw away" from his original gym in Dedham, as he recalls.

"My dad kept asking me if I wanted to try it," said Tullos, now 23 and a resident of Westwood. "And I was like 'nah, I don't really wanna do it.' But I was always in to watching UFC (Ultimate Fighting Championship) and mixed martial arts in general. Then one day I decided for some reason, I don't remember what the reason was, but I came home and asked my oldest brother if he would take me down there [to the gym]."

"So we went down there, sat in and watched a class. I thought it looked fun so I came

back again and tried out a class and never looked back."

Tullos, the No. 5 ranked amateur featherweight in New England, has had his eyes on the prize of a professional career for some time now by dedicating himself to the gym with a rigorous training method and a keen sense of perspective. Rather than participate in other sports in high school, he focused strictly on MMA, and is about to see those efforts pay off.

"I've never really stopped training, I've been pretty consistent," said Tullos, who added that he gave baseball a whirl, but found no sense of fulfillment from it. "I'm basically at the gym seven days a week. Even if I'm not training, I'm coaching a class or something."

"I'm training year round, but if a fight comes around the training gets amped up. We really focus on getting in perfect shape."

He isn't particularly fond of his nickname, but realizes he's stuck with it for now. He laughs it off, saying a reporter gave him the moniker due to his unassuming "average, everyday paperboy" looks.

Specializing in Brazilian jiu-jitsu, Tullos is able to differentiate between the struggles he may encounter in the gym and the struggles people less fortunate than him deal with on a daily basis.

Tullos will be part of a card that includes 10 fights overall, headlined by Andre Soukhamthath vs. Kody Nordby in a bantamweight (135 pounds) bout for the CES title.

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NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR NORWOOD TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Nominations are now open for the 2016 Norwood Teacher of the Year Award. Organized by the Norwood Masons, this annual award program recognizes teaching excellence in primary and secondary education. Nominations may be made online at www.orientlodge.net through April 1.

Any full time teacher working in a Norwood school during 2015-16 is eligible. A reception will be held in honor of the nominees on May 6 at the Masonic Building on 76 Day St. in Norwood. The winner will receive an award and cash stipend. A donation will also be made to the winner's school in honor of the award winner.

JAZZ CONCERT AT FIRST PARISH OF WESTWOOD

On Saturday, March 19 at 7 p.m., First Parish of Westwood presents an exciting concert, "Nostalgia Jazz," performed by The Worcester Jazz Collective. The concert will be held in the Meeting House at 248 Nahatan St. Tickets are \$15 (\$10/seniors, \$35/family of up to five), and will be available at the door or in advance by contacting the church office at 781-326-5344. The Worcester Jazz Collective consists of a sextet of musicians, performing on drums, percussion, bass, piano, trumpet and sax. Their repertoire, a medley of jazz standards made famous by Frank Sinatra, Miles Davis, Art Blakey, Duke Ellington and more, promises an exciting evening for music lovers of all ages. Mark your calendars now for March 19, tell all your friends and neighbors, and get ready for this exciting trip down memory lane!

TEMPLE ALIYAH PURIM CARNIVAL

Come join the fun at the Temple Aliyah Purim Carnival on Sunday, March 20 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. There will be unlimited games and activities for tots to tweens. Lunch, hamantaschen, and cotton candy will be available for purchase. Be part of our Purim mitzvah, "Soap for Hope." Please bring full- or travel-sized toiletries (shampoo, conditioner, body wash, toothbrushes and toothpaste) to donate to Circle of Hope in Needham. Admission is \$20/family or \$15/single. Pay at the door or register in advance at www.templealiyah.com.

SHOW YOUR MUSTANG LOVE!

On Friday March 18 from 7:30-11 p.m. at the Norwood Elks Club, 152 Winslow Ave., join us for some fun sharing live music and lite bites, while showing your support for our Mustangs benefiting the Boys Hockey and Lacrosse teams of Norwood High. Tickets are \$20 pp in advance, \$25 at the door. For tickets call Pauline @781-801-4844 or pmakmccue@gmail.com

BALCH SCHOOL ITALIAN DINNER

On Friday, March 11 from 5:30-7:30 p.m., the Balch School is holding its annual Italian Dinner. This won-

derful family event has been a tradition at the school for many years. Our 5th graders will be serving our guests as waiters/waitresses, host/hostess, and pastry chefs. Please join us for dinner with family and friends. The cost of the event is \$5 per person which includes pizza, salad, beverage, coffee and dessert!! Soda will be sold separately. There will also be raffles!! All proceeds from this event go towards the 5th grade class end of the year events which include yearbooks, T-shirts and party!

PROPERTY TAX REDUCTION FOR SENIORS

The Town of Norwood provides opportunities for Norwood senior citizens who meet certain criteria to reduce their property tax by working in a Town department. The Norwood Human Resources Department is currently accepting applications from interested seniors for the FY17 tax year. Additional information can be found on the Town's website at www.norwoodma.gov under the links for JOBS. Information is also available by visiting the Town Hall or the Norwood Senior Center.

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY ARTICLE

Come join us for a Lenten Bible Study at the First Congregational Church in Norwood continuing through Palm Sunday, March 20. The Lenten study will look at the account of Jesus' last days in the Gospel of John. We'll meet in the church parlor at 8:15 a.m., and begin each class with a time of fellowship including coffee, muffins, and bagels. Each of the Lenten classes will end with a time of quiet and meditation, as well as the lighting and extinguishing of the Lenten candles.

SEEKING ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME NOMINATIONS

The Norwood High School Athletic Hall of Fame is looking for nominations for the Class of 2016.

Student-athletes, teams, coaches and special contributors are eligible. Candidates must meet the following criteria: Student-athletes must have graduated from Norwood High School, attended NHS for more than two years and be 10 years removed from graduation. Coaches must have worked at Norwood High for at least seven years and have completed their coaching career. Teams must have achieved a significant accomplishment. Special contributors are individuals who have made a considerable contribution of time and energy to Norwood High School Athletics. For more information and nomination forms, see the Norwood High School Athletic Department web page, www.norwoodmustangs.com. Submit nominations in writing to the Norwood Hall of Fame Committee, Attn: Jonathan Longley, Athletic Director 245 Nichols Street, Norwood, MA 02062. The deadline for nominations is April 30, 2016. The enshrinement ceremony will be held in November.

DEATHS

CROSSEN

Robert J., Sr., 87, of Norwood, on March 5. WWII US Navy Veteran. Beloved husband of Barbara E. (Cox) Crossen. Devoted father of Catherine A. Avellino and her husband Vincent of Braintree, Susan E. Pepin and her husband James of Norwood, Robert J. Crossen Jr. and his wife Margaret of Norwood and John F. Crossen and his wife Mary of Florida and Cape Cod and the late May Hart. Cherished grandfather of nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Son of the late John and Mary (Duggan) Crossen. Robert was a Past Grand Knight for the Norwood KofC #252. He was a retired Electrical Engineer for Boston Edison. Funeral arrangements by the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, 1248 Washington St., Norwood. Burial will be at Highland Cemetery with US Navy Honors. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in his name to American Diabetes Association, 10 Speen St., 2nd Floor Framingham, MA 01701.

DANAHER

Margaret M. (Cahill), 90, of Norwood, on March 6. Beloved wife of the late Thomas J. Danaher. Devoted mother Mary Kate Danaher of Norfolk, Sean T. Danaher and his wife Tobey of Norwood and Joan Cofsky and her husband Mike of E. Walpole. Cherished grandmother of Katie Brito, Michael Danaher, Erin Villaverde, Liam Danaher, Samantha Cofsky, Kesley Cofsky, Michael Cofsky and Seana Cofsky. Sister of the late Brendan Cahill, Jack Cahill, Frank Cahill, Kevin Cahill and Joan Allen. Daughter of the late William M. and Catherine M. (Roche) Cahill. Margaret was a member of the Norwood Tennis Assoc. and a member of the Norwood Women's Community Committee (WCC). Funeral arrangements by the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home 1248 Washington St., Norwood, Thursday at 8:30 a.m. followed by a funeral mass at 10 a.m. in St. Mary's Church, E. Walpole. Visiting hour will be held on Thursday morning only from 8:30-9:30 a.m. Burial will be at Highland Cemetery Norwood. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in her name to the Alzheimer's Assoc. 311 Arsenal St. Watertown, MA 02472.

DANAHER

William M. Sr. "Bill," 61, of Burlington, Vt., on March 6. Born in County Cork, Ireland on May 10, 1954, he was raised in Norwood and spent most of his adult life in Vermont. He was the son of the late Thomas J. and Margaret M. (Cahill) Danaher. Bill was an inspiring and devoted father to Erin M. Villaverde and her husband, Jorge Villaverde, and his son, William "Liam" Danaher. He also eagerly awaited his first granddaughter, who will join the family in April. Bill is the brother of Mary Kate Danaher of Norfolk, Sean T. Danaher and his wife Tobey of Norwood and Joan Cofsky and her husband Mike of E. Walpole. Bill was a voracious reader, an avid outdoorsman, a talented carpenter and a devoted friend to all; he will be missed by many and forgotten by few. Funeral arrangements by the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home 1248 Washington St. Norwood Friday March 11, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. followed by a funeral mass at 11 a.m. in St. Catherine of Siena Church, Norwood. Visiting hours will be held on Friday morning only from 8:30-10:30 a.m. Burial will be at Highland Cemetery Norwood. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his name to the Committee on Temporary Shelter, a cause he held dearly, www.info@cotsonline.org or to the Vermont Respite House <https://www.vnacares.org/donating-to-vna/make-an-online-donation/>

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DONOVAN

Mary Alice (Adams), 87, of Norwood, on Feb. 29. Beloved wife of the late Francis J. Donovan. Devoted mother of Daniel F. Donovan and his wife Joy of N. Attleboro and Maureen H. Donovan of Norwood. Daughter of the late James F. Adams and Margaret A. (Davis) Crowley and stepdaughter of the late Daniel F. Crowley. Cherished Nani of Connor F. and Owen J. Donovan of N. Attleboro. Sister of the late Paul E. Pepper and his late wife Gladys and Henry Adams and his late wife Mabel. Sister-in-Law of Theresa Adams of New York. Aunt of Ann Pepper of California, Nancy Quadros of Haverhill, Frank Adams of Georgia, Cheryl Hannigan of Tennessee, Paul Barker of Norwood, Mary-Alice Waldrop of Norwood and many other nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews. Mary was raised and educated in Norwood graduating from St. Catherine of Siena School, class of 1943, graduate of Norwood High School class of 1946 and graduate of Fisher Business School class of 1948. She was a retired Medical Secretary for Norwood Hospital working there for 47 years until her retirement. Funeral arrangements by the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, 1248 Washington St., Norwood. Burial will be at Highland Cemetery Norwood. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in her name to The Norwood Circle of Hope Foundation, P.O. Box 421, Norwood, MA 02062 or to a charity of your choice.

HENNESSY

Claire M. (Crowley), 87, of Norwood, on March 2. Beloved wife of the late Justin D. Hennessy. Beloved mother of Marie A. Hennessy of Malden, Justin D. Hennessy, Jr. and his wife Karen of Norwood, Theresa H. Hill of Malden, Donna M. MacKinnon and her late Husband John Y. MacKinnon of Mansfield and Claire-Marie Ryan and her husband John W. of Norwood. Loving sister of Janet Shea of Norwood and the late Joseph Crowley. Cherished grandmother of 11 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Daughter of the late Joseph and Mary (Connors) Crowley. Claire was a Member of the Norwood Bowling League, Norwood Senior Center, Norwood Red Hats and the Norwood Wacky Women's Club. Funeral arrangements by the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home 1248 Washington St. Norwood. Burial will be at Highland Cemetery Norwood. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in her name to the Perkins School for the Blind 175 N. Beacon St., Watertown, MA 02472

KEEFE

Lucy Mae (Foster), 92, of Norwood, on Feb. 28. Beloved daughter of the late Noel and Annie (Dias) Foster. Beloved wife of the late Charles M. Keefe. Devoted mother of Richard Keefe and his wife Patricia of S. Weymouth, Paul Keefe and his partner Kevin Bilotas of Boston, and John Keefe and his wife Jenny Schubert of S. Portland, Maine. Sister of Noel Foster and his late wife Betty of Peabody and sister of the late Eleanor Foster. Aunt of Susan Foster of Wakefield, Paula Foster of Peabody, Gail Cullen of Stoneham, and Jeanne Hailer and Charles Webb both of Kailua, Hawaii. Also survived by her sister-in-law Evelyn Levine of Kailua, Hawaii. Funeral arrangements by the Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole St. (Rt. 1A) Norwood. Interment Highland Cemetery, Norwood. Expressions of sympathy in Lucy's memory may be made to The MSPCA-Angell, 350 So. Huntington Ave., Jamaica Plain, MA 02130.

KOUFOS

Patricia M. (McCallum), 73, formerly of Norwood, on Feb. 23. Loving mother of Lorraine Koufos of Hull, Debora Girouard of E. Walpole, Paul Troy Koufos of Randolph and Stephen Koufos of Hull. Sister of one late brother and one late sister. Also survived by five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Funeral arrangements by the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home 1248 Washington St. Norwood Saturday March 27, 2016 at 9am followed by a funeral mass at 11 a.m. in St. Catherine of Siena Church Norwood. Visiting hours will be held on Saturday Morning only from 9-10:30 a.m. At the request of the family burial will be private. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in her name to the American Heart Association, 20 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701.

NICHOLSON

Neil B., Sr., 77, formerly of Norwood, on March 1. Beloved husband of the late Jacqueline B. (Goodwin) Nicholson. Devoted father of Neil B. Nicholson, Jr. and his wife Louise of Mansfield, Nidine Bombardier of Attleboro, Mark J. Nicholson and his wife Suzanne of Walpole, Shawn P. Nicholson and his wife Akikio of Rehoboth and Toni Jean Hampe and her husband Christopher of Norton. Brother of Winifred Collins of Norwood. Cherished grandfather of 15 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Son of the late Thomas J. and Sylvia (Black) Nicholson. Neil was a retired Heavy Equipment Operator for the Town of Walpole DPW. He was also a member of the Norwood Elks and Elk of the Year five times. Neil also volunteered for many organizations over the years. At the request of the family all services will be private. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in his name to the American Cancer Society 30 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701. Arrangements by the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home Norwood, MA.

OSHRY

Leon, of Norwood, on Feb. 29. Beloved husband of the late Evelyn (Wallace). Devoted father of Debra Gellerman & her husband Benjamin of North Smithfield, R.I. and the late Carl Oshry. Cherished grandfather of Gary & Andrea Oshry, Marc Oshry, David & Elizabeth Gellerman and Jason & Alyssa Gellerman. Great-grandfather of Gianna, Nicholas and Cole. Dear brother of the late Morris, Bernie, Frank and Joseph. Graveside Services at the David Vicur Cholim Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 480 Pleasant St., Watertown, MA 02472.

SANTOSPAGO

Shirley H. (Shepard), 88, of Norwood, on March 1. Devoted mother of Judith Garza and her husband Joe of Missouri, Michael Santospago and his wife Debi of South Carolina, Paula Allen of Marion, Dianne M. Balfour and her late husband Paul of Dedham, Deborah Shepard-Huttenun and her husband Malcolm Huttenun of Norwood and the late Peter and Richard Santospago. Mother-in-law of Mary Santospago of Norwood. Sister of the late Frances Lewis. Cherished grandmother of 18 grandchildren and 37 great-grandchildren. Daughter of the late Forrest and Ruby (Craft) Shepard. Funeral arrangements by the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, 1248 Washington St., Norwood. Burial will be at Highland Cemetery Norwood. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in her name to the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, P.O. Box 849168, Boston, MA 02284-9168.

TOWN OF NORWOOD – ZONING BOARD OF APPEAL
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeal of the Town of Norwood will hold a **PUBLIC HEARING** in **Room 12 of the Municipal Office Building** on **April 5, 2016 at 7:15 PM** on the request that 82 Cedar Street Realty Trust (**Case #16-03**) with respect to property located on **82 Cedar Street**, in a **G-General Residential District**.

This Application requests a VARIANCE under the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to allow: The construction and maintenance of a two-family dwelling on Lot 7 and a two-family dwelling on Lot 8 and an unnamed parcel, said lots being pre-existing non-conforming lots having less area, lot frontage, and lot width than required under the zoning by-law, and the attachment of said dwellings to each other, pursuant to Section 4.1.2 (note 6), together with such other or further relief as the Zoning Board of Appeal may determine to be appropriate.

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

BOARD OF APPEAL
Philip w. Riley, Patrick J. Mulvehill, Harry T. Spence
Barbara A. Kinter, John R. Perry

Norwood Record, 03/10/16, 3/17/16

PUBLIC NOTICE – TOWN OF NORWOOD
APPLICATION FOR ALTERATION OF PREMISES
OF RESTAURANT/ALL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSE
PUBLIC HEARING

Application has been made to the Licensing Board of the Town of Norwood for approval of alteration of premises of Bobcon, Inc., dba Conrad's Pub II, 728 Washington Street, Robert Conrad, Manager of the license under Section 12, Chapter 138, and Common Victualer license under Chapter 140 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended, for the sale of All Alcoholic Beverages to be drunk on the premises of 728 Washington Street.

Present description of premises: 1st floor of 1 story building - 1 cocktail lounge, 1 dining room and 1 function room, 1 enclosed patio, 1 outside patio, 1 service bar - function room, 1 entrance/exit from side lot, 1 rear for delivery. Patio closes at 11 p.m.

Altered description of premises: 1st floor of 1 story building - 1 cocktail lounge, 1 dining room and 1 function room, 1 enclosed patio with bar, 1 outside patio, 1 service bar - function room, 1 entrance/exit from side lot, 1 rear for delivery and 2 entrances and exits in front. Patio closes at 11 p.m.

Public hearing on this application will be held on Tuesday, March 22, 2016 at 7:15 p.m. in the Harry B. Butters Chambers, Room 34, Norwood Town Hall.

Paul A Bishop, Chairman
William J. Plasko
Helen Abdallah Donohue
Michael J. Lyons
Allan D. Howard
Selectman of Norwood as Local Licensing Board

Norwood Record, 03/10/2016

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
WARRANT FOR TOWN ELECTION
APRIL 4, 2016



TOWN OF NORWOOD

Norfolk, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Norwood in said County, Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Norwood qualified to vote in elections to meet in the various voting precincts designated for their districts in Norwood on Monday, the Fourth day of April, 2016 at 7:00 o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following:

To choose all necessary Town officers. The following are to be chosen by ballot, namely: Two Selectmen for three years; one Moderator for one year; one Member of the Board of Health for three years; Two Members of School Committee for three years; Two Members of the Finance Commission for three years; Two Trustees of the Morrill Memorial Library for three years; One Member of the Town Planning Board for five years; One Member of the Norwood Housing Authority for five years; One Constable for three years; Eight Town Meeting Members for District One for three years; Eight Town Meeting Members for District Two for three years; Eight Town Meeting Members for District Three for three years; One Town Meeting Member for District Three for two years (to fill a vacancy); One Town Meeting Member for District Three for one year (to fill a vacancy); Eight Town Meeting Members for District Four for three years; One Town Meeting Member for District Four for one year (to fill a vacancy); Eight Town Meeting Members for District Five for three years; Ten Town Meeting Members for District Six for three years; Nine Town Meeting Members for District Seven for three years; Two Town Meeting Members for District Seven for one year (to fill a vacancy); Eight Town Meeting Members for District Eight for three years; One Town Meeting Member for District Eight for two years (to fill a vacancy); Eight Town Meeting Members for District Nine for three years; One Town Meeting Member for District Nine for one year (to fill a vacancy).

For these purposes, the polls will be open at 7:00 o'clock in the forenoon and shall be kept open until 8:00 o'clock in the afternoon when they may be closed.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof in ten public places in this Town seven days at least before the time and day of said meeting.

Given under our hands at Norwood this first day of March, 2016.

(Handwritten signatures of town officials)

Norwood Record, 3/10/16

Selectmen of Norwood

MONDAY FEB 29

0726 phone - Noise complaint services rendered Location/address: Endicott St Caller reported loud TV. No answer at the door.

0907 phone - Found syringe, services rendered Location/address: - Hill St Report syringe in the street alongside the curb, 10 feet to right of driveway. N677 properly disposed of same.

1016 walk-in - Assist citizen services rendered Location/address: Washington St Resident turns in an air-soft hand gun. The "firearm/ammunition surrender form" was filed and the gun was placed into an evidence locker.

1125 other - Warrant of apprehension Location/address: Norwood Hospital - Washington St N665 places subject under arrest and transports directly to Dedham District Court s/m 72958 1150 hrs., e/m 72962 1203 hrs.

1148 phone - Motor vehicle accident services rendered Location/address: Norwood Bank - Central St Report on Sunday at 0430 hrs. A car went onto the Central St. sidewalk and passenger side mirror hit building and was left behind. N667 reports bank did not wish to pursue matter as there is no damage to building. Also unable to identify the vehicle.

1200 phone - Warrant of apprehension unsuccessful service Location/Address: Walpole St N664 reports subject was not home.

1216 walk-in - Assist citizen spoken to Location/address: Custom Art Design - Central St Employee getting Facebook messages. N677 reports she will block the other sites.

1233 phone - Phone harassment spoken to Location/address: Central Kia of Norwood - Bos-Prov Hwy Report fired employee keeps calling the business. N666 reports advice given.

1324 walk-in - Fraud *report filed Location/address: Highland St Resident received a bill for services set up in his name.

1339 phone - Susp person spoken to Location/address: Elks - Winslow Ave Report of a w/m, red sweatshirt and a w/m, brown jacket are in/out of woods, also left red duffle type bag on ground. N667 reports both the men and the bag are together and they are collecting cans.

1342 phone - Susp activity spoken to Location/address: Silver St Neighbor reports to home owner, whom is not on scene, that there is a green

Police Logs

pick-up truck parked outside his home and a male walking around home. N666 reports it is the home owner's daughter's boyfriend.

1500 phone - Well being chk Location/address: Adams St Subject not home .

1530 phone - Assist other agency services rendered Location/address: Norwood Hospital - Washington St Report prisoner enroute to hospital by ambulance with court officers on board. N665 stood by until settled in and N.C.S.O. arrived to guard same.

1653 initiated - Warrant service *arrest(s)made Location/address: Ash Rd Arrest: Cedrone, Stephen A Address: 20 Ash Rd Norwood, Ma Age: 23 Charges: warrant arrest

1746 911 - Assist citizen services rendered Location/address: Supreme Gas (Dba) S&H Supreme Norwood Gas - Broadway Caller reports that she is having difficulty with her daughter who has mental illness. Units spoke with her, matter was resolved.

2023 911 - Robbery *report filed Location/address: Rite Aid (Store# 10145) - Walpole St Caller reports that the pharmacy was robbed by a white male in his 20's. Units searched the area. Bolo given out to all the cruisers and surrounding towns.

TUESDAY MARCH 1

0905 phone - Unwanted party services rendered Location/address: Cottage St Landlord dispute resolved .

1045 phone - Susp activity Location/address: Custom Art Framing - Central St Employee getting messages at work.

1156 other - Assist other agency services rendered Location/address: St Paul Ave N678 conducts a residency check.

1209 phone - Animal complaint NACO/WACO notified Location/address: Windsor Gardens - Walpole St Management corals a stray dog.

1236 walk-in - Susp activity Location/address: Myrtle St Report of a check that came in a Fed-Ex package that is not from Fed-Ex.

2055 initiated - Warrant service *arrest(s)made Location/address: Washington St One male placed

under arrest. Arrest: Macedo, Edson Desouza Address: 252 Hill St Apt. #4 Norwood, Ma Age: 38 Charges: Warrant Arrest Warrant arrest Unlicensed operation of mv Speeding

WEDNESDAY MARCH 2

0149 phone - Noise complaint spoken to Location/address: Burnley Rd Caller reports operator of a dark 4 door sedan, with several kids in car keeps pulling in and taking off from #36 Burnley with loud exhaust keeping his family up. N665,n666 responded and spoke to operator who stated he just came back from store. Officers advised.

0931 phone - Well being chk services rendered Location/address: Tremont St Request check of child who has not showed up for school this Week. N663 reports this is a 2 family home-no answer at either door, D.C.F. notified.

1017 phone - Susp activity area search negative Location/address: Cramer Productions - University Ave Report 2 males, claiming they are just locked out, may be trying to steal a car from the spaces that run along the street. N664 reports Norwood and Westwood units checked area-no victim and bolo given for MA pc 326yg2, plate does not match description, which may also have been involved.

1131 911 - Assist citizen services rendered Location/address: E Cross St Resident believes her pill dispenser was deliberately filled with wrong pills. N665 spoke to resident, home health aide, and doctor-this is the right medication.

1505 cellular - Animal complaint NACO/WACO notified Location/address: Countryside Ln Party corals a stray dog.

1534 phone - Susp activity spoken to Location/address: Edgehill Rd Caller reports a teen opened the back window and crawled in. Subject may live there but he had hood on and the caller could not id him. Officers find the front door open and confirm the teen lives there and was locked out.

2153 911 - Disturbance civil matter Location/address: Day St Civil matter with landlord. Both parties spoken to and advised.

THURSDAY MARCH 3

0840 phone - Drunk person *protective custody Location/address: Elm St Report son left home and is dk. Units locate him at Shattuck Park and n661 places him in protective custody and transports to station.

1239 phone - Shoplifting *complaint/

summons Location/address: Stop & Shop - Bos-Prov Hwy Loss prevention reports a subject loading his items in the bag and has a history of leaving without paying. B/m 40's white top and black bottoms. Subject leaving the store now. as a result one subject detained and charged.

1313 phone - Hit and run *report filed Location/address: D&G Deli Inc - Nahatan St

1420 walk-in - Larceny Location/address: Stop & Shop - Bos-Prov Hwy Party in the lobby reports that on Tuesday night around 1900 hrs they left their wallet in a carriage. A worker might have found same ,but now claiming they do not have the wallet.

1543 phone - Drunk person *protective custody Location/address: Hill St Ups driver reports a dk male stumbling walking up the street. w/m dark top and tan pants. N664 places subject in protective custody and a friend came and took responsibility for him.

1853 phone - Noise complaint *report filed Location/address: Endicott St Caller reported loud tv. No answer at door. Norwood Fire responded. Party at home is partially deaf.

2033 phone - Civil dispute *report filed Location/address: Day St Caller reports dispute with landlord. Officers report landlord turned off heat. Health department and building inspector to be notified.

2214 initiated - Susp person area search negative Location/address: Fulton St Possible intoxicated party in the area. Officer searched area, nothing found.

2223 phone - Noise complaint services rendered Location/address: Endicott St Caller reported loud tv. No answer at the door.

FRIDAY MARCH 4

0150 911 - Well being chk *arrest(s)made Location/address: Burger King Restaurant - Bos-Prov Hwy Manager of Burger King reports a female at his drive-thru asleep at the wheel. N664,n677 responded. As a result n664 returned with female under arrest for oui/st. Mil: 18795 @2:05 / end. Mil:18797 @ 2:09. Negoshian's towed MA.reg# 7211kk Arrest: Ferrera, Judith Ann Address: a1 Cedar Ct Mansfield, Ma Age: 68 Charges: oui liquor or .08% Negligent operation of motor vehicle

0808 phone - Larceny *report filed Location/address: Nahatan St Report 4 car tires stolen.

0934 phone - Death at home *report filed Location/address: Wheelock Ave Work request check of employee who has not shown up today. NFD,Norwood B.C.I., M.E., C.P.A.C., funeral home, N.A.C.O.

Substitute officer all notified and responded.

1230 other - Susp activity *report filed Location/address: Rama Fitness - Washington St SRO advised of suspicious activity. Report filed.

1413 phone - Assist other agency services rendered Location/address: Cedar St Information received that there may be a fight in this backyard after school, school spoke to all the kids while in school. N663 sent to check the address. N663 reports no fight.

1427 phone - Assist citizen gone on arrival Location/address: Boch Toyota Scion - Bos-Prov Hwy Customer reports he decided not to buy a car and dealership will not refund his money. N665 reports no one waiting at front door for police, employee believes the man left the premises.

1503 phone - Susp person gone on arrival Location/address: St John Ave Report 2 b/m's, winter coats, some type of i.d. badge, Asking to conduct a survey for the gas company, no gas company vehicle in area, they left towards the dead end part of the street. N669 reports they are GOA, spoke to caller.

1509 phone - Assist other agency services rendered Location/address: Norwood Hospital - Washington St Report section 12 walk-a-way with staff and security chasing same. N665 locates her Winter St./Walpole St. and transport her back to the hospital

1523 phone - Susp person *protective custody Location/address: Petco - Bos-Prov Hwy Customer was in store looking to speak to manager and fumbling through his pockets, now sitting in his car flashing lights on/off. N669 reports MA pc 4an569 allowed to remain in parking lot. N669 places the subject in protective custody until a responsible party came and picked him up.

1527 phone - Violation of town by-law spoken to Location/address: Press Ave Report of a w/m and w/f going door-to-door trying to get people to buy gas from NRG/Direct Energy. N664 checks same neither are wanted. N664 informed them to register and informed the male that he was already denied permission. their boss will come pick them up.

2031 initiated - Motor vehicle stop Location/address: Newbury Comics - Bos-Prov Hwy MA pc 2kl288. As a result, n664 places one party under arrest and transported him to the station. Don and Wally's towed MA pc 2kl288. N677 provided a courtesy transport for a female party to the station. S/m 40506 at 2054, e/m 40508 at 2058. Arrest: Joseph, Peterson Address: 11 Hood St Apt. #2 Lynn, Ma Age: 20 Charges: warrant arrest

2119 initiated - Susp vehicle spoken to Location/address: Norwood Sportsmens Assoc - Nichols St MA pc 1pf817 parked in the Norwood Sportsman Club lot. N666 Reports they checked ok and were sent on their way.

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2213 initiated - Susp activity spoken to Location/address: Nahatan St + Clapboardtree St N492 requests a Westwood cruiser to investigate a male and female with a backpack that came running out of a yard. Westwood PD spoke to those parties, they checked ok.

2351 911 - Disturbance Location/address: Buckminster Dr First caller from 301 Engamore Ln. Reports someone yelling outside.n661,n666 responded. Second call from 250 Buckminster Ln. reports the same. N664,n678 responded. Officers locate intoxicated male on ground outside back door of 250 Buckminster Ln. and is transported in protective custody to station by n666.

SATURDAY MARCH 5

0235 initiated - Susp vehicle Location/address: E Hoyle St + Broadway St MA. Reg# 3lg535

- n664 reports suspicious vehicle in hospital employee's parking lot. N668,n678 responded. Juveniles drinking in vehicle. N664 returned with 1 under arrest. n678 stoodby for parents to respond to that location. Juvenile arrest Age: 17 Charges: minor transporting/carrying alcoholic beverage Drug, possess to distrib class d

0345 phone - Well being chk unsuccessful service Location/address: Nichols St Sharon P.D. requests well being check on Norwood Resident whose vehicle was involved in a motor vehicle accident and abandoned. N678,n662 responded to his home of which no one answered door.

0751 911 - Unwanted party Location/address: Norwest Dr Verbal argument over living arrangements.

1800 walk-in - Assist citizen civil matter Loca-

tion/address: Boch Honda - Bos-Prov Hwy Party in the lobby reports possible fraudulent activity at car dealership. N664 advised them on their options, not a criminal matter.

2120 911 - Susp vehicle area search negative Location/address: Norwood High School - Nichols St Report of a blue Subaru sedan flashing it's high beams.

2257 phone - Motor vehicle accident *complaint/summons Location/address: Bos-Prov Hwy + Union St Nfd notified and responded. Don and Wally's towed MA pc 1574dv and MA pc 4cxb80. Negoshian's towed MA pc 1cv946. Summons: Obrien, Joseph Address: 43 Kenney St Canton, Ma Age: 22 Charges: oui liquor or .08% Negligent operation of motor vehicle State hwy - wrong way Seat belt, fail wear Lights violation, mv

SUNDAY MARCH 6

0228 phone - Noise complaint group moved Location/address: Keegan's Norwood Jewelers - Washington St Caller reported loud

group. Group moved. 0256 phone - Noise complaint area search negative Location/address: Rock St Caller reported female screaming. Officers checked area, nothing found.

1328 911 - B & E of motor vehicle *report filed Location/address: launch trampoline park - bos-prov hwy Caller reports that her vehicle was broken into and her purse was stolen.

1626 911 - Unwanted party Location/address: Rama Athletic Club - Washington St Employee reports an argument that just occurred.

2204 911 - Susp activity area search negative Location/address: David Terrace apts. - Resident states a male party was looking into his window then fled on foot.

2338 911 - Disturbance services rendered Location/address: E Cross St Dispute between visiting nurse and patient. All parties advised.

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Anyone interested in entering the essay contest may stop by the library for details and the entry form, or find them online at www.norwoodlibrary.org. To qualify, the essays need to be submitted between Tuesday, March 15 and Friday, April 15, 2016 before midnight, either by email to nling@minlib.net or delivered to the library's Outreach Department. Three prizes will be awarded for each age group. The first, second, and third prizes are \$35, \$25, and \$10 gift cards to Barnes & Noble, respectively. A celebration will be held at the library to honor the contest winners and hear their essays read on Monday, May 9 from 7-9 p.m.

TUTORS NEEDED!!

Morrill Memorial Library will sponsor a Volunteer Tutor

Orientation for literacy tutors on Monday evening, March 21, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Attendees will learn about the literacy program and the required trainings to become either an ESOL (English as Second Language) or Basic Reading Tutor. Each training is 18 hours, and following the training, tutors are asked to commit to meeting with a student once a week for two hours. Neither prior teaching experience nor knowledge of another language is required. However, volunteers must have a high school diploma or equivalent and must register for the orientation. Please call 781-769-4599 for registration or further information.

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The duo of Beth Purcell (vocals) and Chris Roppola (piano) will perform at the Morrill Memorial Library on Sunday, April 3 at 3 p.m. as part of the spring Musical Sundays concert series. Beth Purcell has a broad background in musical theater which enriches her interpretation of songs in the American Songbook. From jazz cafes to performance halls, she has entertained through New England, with leading roles in Rodgers & Hammerstein, Cole Porter, and Sondheim produc-

tions. She is also a Cantorial Soloist at Temple Beth Shalom in Melrose where she has worked for the past 15 years.

Chris Roppola is a music director, accompanist, vocal coach, and pit musician. Since beginning his work in the Boston area 15 years ago, he has been involved in nearly 100 musicals, cabarets, and revues and has worked with dozens of theater companies, community and arts

organizations, and schools.

To sign up for this concert, made possible through the library Endowment Fund, call 781-769-0200, x110 or 222, email norprograms@minlib.net, or stop by the library Reference or Information Desk.

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DEMOCRATS TO HOLD CAUCUS

The Norwood Democratic Town Caucus to select delegates for the 2016 Massachusetts Democratic Party's Convention will be held on Saturday, March 12, at 2 p.m. at the Norwood Civic Center (165 Nahatan St.) Doors will open at 1:30 p.m. for Registration; there will be no registration after 2 p.m.

Registered Democrats who attend the Caucus will vote to elect delegates and alternates to the 2016 Massachusetts Democratic Convention where Democrats from across the state will gather to meet fellow activists and hear from elected officials. The convention will be held on Saturday, June 4, at the Tsongas Center in Lowell.

Caucus attendance and eligibility for election as a convention delegate are open to all Norwood residents who are registered Democrats as of Jan. 31, 2016.

The caucus is open to all registered Democrats in Norwood, and the Democratic Committee welcomes participants. Delegates will be divided equally

between men and women, and all ballots will be written and secret. Unless you are serving in the military, you must be present at the meeting to be elected Delegate. Youth, minorities, and people with disabilities who are not elected as delegates or alternates may apply to be "add-on" delegates. Details on the rules can be found at www.massdems.org.

Discrimination on the basis of race, sex, age, color, creed, national origin, disability, religion, ethnic identity, sexual orientation or economic status in the conduct of the caucus is strictly prohibited. Challenges to the delegate selection process can be filed with the Massachusetts Democratic Party, 77 Summer St. 10th Floor, Boston, MA 02110 no later than ten days after the caucus date.

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