

Asst. superintendent sacrifices own job for budget

Christopher Roberson
Staff Reporter

Staring down the barrel of a \$3.1 million budget deficit, Assistant Superintendent of Schools Dr. Alexander Wyeth fell on the sword to save at least some of the 30 full-time employees that are in jeopardy.

“Let’s put me on the list, I’ll start looking for another job,” he said during the Jan. 25 School Committee meeting.

However, Wyeth’s chivalry did not sit well with Member Michele Eysie-Mullen.

“I don’t like what you just said, I don’t think it’s necessary,” she said. “We don’t have to get this kind of an attitude going.”

Wyeth’s suggestion came after Member Patrick McDonough said he was surprised that no administrators were at risk of being let go.

“One of the things I noticed right off the bat was that there were no cuts in administration whatsoever, that’s a huge expense,” said McDonough. “Why do we have two vice principals at the middle school, that just confuses me.”

Superintendent of Schools James Hayden said it would be a mistake to remove administrators, particularly during the current search to find a new superintendent.

However, McDonough still made a motion to cut Wyeth’s position, as well as one vice principal at the middle school. The committee subsequently voted 3-2 in favor of the motion.

Although Wyeth put his position on the chopping block, he did not consider it to be an act of resignation.

“I have not resigned from position,” he said after the meeting. “This wasn’t by choice, resignation is by choice.”

The committee also voted unanimously to increase circuit breaker funding by \$200,000 and voted 3-2 to freeze all administrative salaries with the exception of the superintendent.

In addition, the committee voted unanimously to cut \$50,388 in operational expenses, which Hayden had already included in the deficit.

“This is the easy part, this saves people,” he said of the operational cuts. “The problem is 80-85 percent of our budget is people.”

From the other employees that could be let go, Hayden said 10 of them are elementary school teachers.

The middle school is in danger of losing its library and librarian, one physical education teacher, one paraprofessional, one guidance counselor, one reading teacher and one special education teacher.

The high school could lose one accounting teacher, one math

Budget

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Rita Walsh (second from left) of Hyde Park was one of the first volunteers for the annual Neponset River Cleanup.

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NepRWA celebrates half a century

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In the late summer of 1967, nine environmental activists from six communities united to reclaim the Neponset River from the throws of pollution triggered by years of neglect.

During the next 50 years, that small group blossomed into what is now the Neponset River Watershed Association (NepRWA) with 14 communities under its canopy.

Outreach Director Nancy Fyler said NepRWA originally began as the Neponset Conservation Association, a name it retained until 1987.

NepRWA

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A Chrysler New Yorker was pulled from the Neponset River in Hyde Park on April 25, 2016. Police said the vehicle was stolen out of Norwood and had been in the river since the late-1990s.

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“To place the times in context, 1967 predated the first effective federal legislation on water pollution by five years,” said Fyler. “The river was severely polluted, burdened by widespread and uncontrolled industrial discharges as well as grossly inadequate domestic sewer systems that overflowed regularly.”

She said that two years earlier, the state legislature had passed the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act, also known as The Hatch Act. Sponsored by then-State Rep. Frank Hatch, it was the first wetlands protection act in the country.

Although municipal conservation commissions had been in existence since 1958, Fyler said the commissions did not begin passing their own wetland protection bylaws until 1972.

Although dredging had been ongoing for a number of years, Fyler said the river’s stench had gotten pro-

gressively worse.

“At the time, the notion that the Neponset River could ever be anything other than a filthy open sewer would have seemed like a radical proposition,” said Fyler.

In an effort to alleviate the river’s rancid odor, she said a plan was put in place to drain the Fowl Meadow wetlands that stretched 7.2 miles from Sharon to Hyde Park. Once the drainage was complete, there was a second set of plans to pave over the wetlands and incorporate the land into the Southwest Corridor Project.

However, a citizens’ lawsuit was filed and the wetlands were saved.

In 2011, the pollutants, which by then included polychlorinated biphenyl containments, had only continued to multiply, particularly along the Lower Neponset.

In response, NepRWA put out a call to representatives from local neighborhood groups to consider participating in a cleanup effort.

Martha McDonough of Hyde Park was one of the first to answer the call

and was stunned by what she found.

“I kind of looked at it as more of a sewer,” McDonough said in a prior interview, adding that she often enjoyed boating along the Charles River in Dedham, but tended to stay away from the Neponset River. “Nobody had seen pictures of the Hyde Park portion and how it had been used as a dump.”

McDonough said some of the primary trouble spots have included the Tileston and Hollingsworth Dam, the Baker Dam as well as the B Street and Glenwood Avenue pedestrian bridges.

“For decades, kids would go up there and drop shopping carts and bikes,” she said, adding that shopping carts were literally stacked on top of each other. “The first year, we pulled 100 out; people were using come along winches just pulling.”

McDonough said a couple of the more unusual finds have been a state inspection sticker machine and a 33-inch snapping turtle living in a shopping cart.

“In the areas we clean up, we don’t really find new dumping,” she said.

McDonough now sits on NepRWA’s Board of Directors.

During the last cleanup on Sept. 24, 2016, 14 tons of trash and debris were pulled from the river.

Five months earlier, a Ford Gran Torino and a Chrysler New Yorker were hauled out of the Hyde Park section of the river. Police said the New Yorker was stolen out of Norwood and had been in the river since the late-1990s. They said the Gran Torino was stolen out of Avon and had been submerged since the late-1970s or early-1980s.

Board Secretary Francis Hopcroft of Norwood said NepRWA has played a role in alleviating the town’s ongoing battle against the 40B zoning regulations. He said any parcel owned by NepRWA cannot be considered as land that is available for affordable housing.

Hopcroft also looked back on NepRWA’s history.

“It’s come a long way in terms of protecting the river and its resources, the ability to use the river is enhanced,” he said, adding that a new river guide will be coming out in May.

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Light Department's advanced metering project to be finished by March

Christopher Roberson
Staff Reporter

Daniel Morrissey, an electrical engineer for the Norwood Light Department, said he was pleased to report to the Board of Selectmen that the Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) project, which began at the end of October 2016, is nearly complete.

The purpose of the project has been to replace the residential electrical meters around town with AMI meters.

During the Jan. 31 selectmen meeting, Morrissey said 6,800 meters have been replaced thus far and upwards of 1,000 meters are being replaced each day.

"They're looking at being pretty much done by the end of March," he said.

An AMI meter, also known as a smart meter, basically collects and sends usage data from a customer's meter and also allows the energy company to send commands to a particular meter remotely.

Morrissey said that overall, there have been few problems with the changeover to the new system.

"Everything is being checked every day," he said. "We've probably had 100 meters that we've had to take a closer look at."

Before the project began last fall, James Collins, the

department's superintendent, quelled concerns that had been brought to his attention.

"Some people are concerned that they're going to get a greater meter charge when we go to the new system and that's not the case," he said. "The new meters will be 100 percent accurate."

Morrissey also provided an update on the project to replace the town's 3,600 streetlights with light-emitting diode(LED) lights.

He said the project is being funded through a grant from the State Department of Energy Resources and expects installations to begin by the middle of June.

In concert with Energy New England, Morrissey said the Light Department will be inspecting each light pole, including those that are not owned by the town.

The results of the inspections must then be sent back to the state.

However, Selectman Helen Abdullah-Donohue suggested speaking with Town Counsel Brandon Moss about inspecting light poles that are not property of the town.

Broadband Manager Darryl Hanson also reported that Norwood Light Broadband gained 200 customers last year.

Although the number of cable customers has decreased, Hanson said it was

something that he and his colleagues saw coming.

"We've expected that, we don't make a lot of money off it and it's a lot of money to maintain," he said, adding

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OPINION

Not sure they thought this one through

Are we the only ones questioning this whole school department budget process, and what appears on the surface to be utter insanity in cutting Dr. Alec Wyeth's assistant superintendent position?

For those not aware, the schools as is per usual and shouldn't come as a surprise to anyone, is facing a multimillion dollar deficit for the next fiscal budget. And as usual the dire predictions of cutting bus services, eliminating all extracurricular activities, including sports, and gutting teaching positions throughout the system has everyone in a tizzy; pretty much par for the course for this time of year.

However, a new wrinkle has formed. School Committee member Patrick McDonough, in his review of suggested cuts submitted to the board, made the fairly innocuous comment that he was surprised there were no administrative positions included in the ax wielding. And almost immediately after his comment was made, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Wyeth seemingly threw himself upon a sword and said they could include his position among the cuts, and he would start looking for a new job in order to save some teaching positions. How gallant.

This newspaper found it strange that Dr. Wyeth never expressed an interest in replacing James Hayden as superintendent when Hayden announced he would be retiring upon completion of the current school year. It is natural and usually expected for any assistant to anyone to want to move up to the big chair, particularly in school systems. However, Dr. Wyeth has made it clear he is very happy in his current position with his already defined responsibilities and we have no reason not to take him at his word.

What we do find shocking is that the school committee, in a 3-2 vote, did indeed eliminate Dr. Wyeth's position in the proposed budget. What this means is that if the schools don't come up with additional monies from wherever, Dr. Wyeth will be out of a job upon the conclusion of this school year. We're not quite sure the school committee has thought this through because at the same time they are working on the new budget, they are also deeply involved in evaluations of candidates seeking Hayden's job as superintendent.

The assumption here is that during all of the discussions with candidates, particularly their finalists, is that the new superintendent would have Dr. Wyeth to work with. The cutting of Dr. Wyeth's position would, presumably, throw up major red flags for candidates considering the head job in the Norwood School System. It's also very common that superintendents insist that they have an assistant superintendent to work with written into their contract. It would be analogous to an NFL General Manager thinking about taking the Patriots' job only to find out coach Belichick has decided to retire at the last minute. And if this is the case, how much do the schools really save in eliminating Dr. Wyeth's position if they are forced to accept a new superintendent not on their original shortlist because of finalist defections? This was not a smart move.

Of course all of this is moot if the school committee really believes they will come up with the money and are just throwing the terror card out to the public as they do way too often. And if this is the case, they really should rethink current practices. Dr. Wyeth shouldn't be used as a tool to get what they want, not that wanting more money for the schools is anything to be ashamed of.

School Committee Chair Jim Gormley made the comment that the schools don't face a budget crisis, they face a revenue crisis, and we agree with him. Given everything the schools face with growing enrollments of special needs and English as a second language kids, they are continually starting from behind. We also agree that more revenue needs to be found to support the schools, either by Norwood finding a way to cut a bigger piece of their budget pie for the schools, or giving serious consideration to an override.

Selectmen seemed to be pretty self-congratulatory at Tuesday's meeting when they reviewed the area towns' valuations and tax rates compared to Norwood. Yes, Norwood's average home valuations and associated tax costs to homeowners look good in comparison to these towns, but there are costs associated with these glowing numbers, and the bulk of them are being paid by Norwood kids.

Letters to the Editor

SENIOR HOUSING HERE IS A MYTH

To the Editor:

Norwood is a community that caters to apartment dwellers, transients, and folks moving on from our society.

Home ownership is not escalating, even though Norwood has a decent tax rate, and education isn't what it used to be, but with the railroad station it's a perfect bedroom community.

A bus brings one back and forth from Boston right thru Norwood Center and South Norwood to Walpole. How convenient this is. Many people are adept at qualifying for a Section 8 (subsidized rent from the government).

Now, let us consider the original 100-plus year residents that are ready to retire and/or have retired. Where did they go? Well, it wouldn't be surprising to realize everyone is in Florida. Yes, warm sunny Florida with affordable housing. Snowbirds get the best of both worlds. All it takes is money.

Wait a minute! I don't want to go to Florida; I want to maintain a residence in the town I was born in, Norwood. OH NO! You are a single senior woman on social security and Norwood has NO senior housing. They have a wait list that is 2-5 years long. How proud the housing authority must be. Some of the senior dwellings do not

meet code. Some don't even have elevators, etc...The mentality is "if you know someone" you'll get in... In to what? The condition of the existing dwellings is very old, nothing modern or up to date. What a shame. A waiting list is truly inappropriate for the quality of housing in Norwood.

There was a committee for the renovated high school, there is still a rink committee, and yet there is no Coalition for Senior Citizen Housing. As a resident, we have had to fight our way because the attitude and behavior is bully-like and so some of us have had to convert to being a bully and hit back. No one is listening in Norwood. Rents start at \$1,995.00.....not \$19.95, but one thousand, nine hundred and ninety-five dollars. This is why people rent the floor space in an apartment just so they can sleep.

It is sad to watch the decline in this community, especially when I witnessed, participated in, and contributed for the greater good. Do you think it makes a difference when the town manager, policemen, selectmen, etc., LIVE in the same town? This was the best concept of all because they cared enough to speak up.

Madeline Eysie
Norwood

SENIOR NEWS

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BOOK CLUB: Our next Book Club will be meeting on Feb. 27. **BRIDGE:** Our Bridge Club meets on Thursdays at 9:15 a.m. in the Library. The Tuesday group has been cancelled.

CERAMICS: offered the first Friday of the month 1 to 3 p.m. Please sign up. Feb. 3.

COMPUTER CLUB: The Computer Club meets every Wednesday at 1 p.m.

COUNCIL ON AGING: COA Board Meeting will be held on March 2 at 1 p.m. No meeting

in February.

CRIBBAGE: Our seniors meet every Monday at 12:45 p.m. to play cribbage.

DIABETES WORKSHOP: Diabetes Workshop will be held on Feb. 23 at 11 a.m.

DIGITAL PHOTO ORGANIZATION & EDITING: The first and third Wednesday 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

EXCEL CLASSES: Excel classes have resumed. Please sign up.

FOOT DOCTOR: Dr. Michael Mitri is scheduled to begin service in February. \$35.00 charge.

FRIENDS EVENING DANCE: Feb. 17, 7 to 10 p.m. featuring the DB Band.

GLEE CLUB: Glee Club meets every Tuesday at 11:15 a.m. New members are always welcome.

HANDCRAFTERS: Handcrafters meet every Monday from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

LINE DANCE CLASSES: Held each Tuesday. Class will be held from 1 to 2 p.m. **MAH JONG:** Mah Jong players meet Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10 a.m.-noon. Learn to play Mah Jong -Thursday and Fridays at 1 p.m.

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NORWOOD RETIRED MEN'S CLUB: The Board of Directors meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 10:30 a.m. at the Senior Center. The Club Membership meets the second Tuesday of each month at the Norwood Elks Lodge, at 10 a.m.

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WHIST: Whist players meet on Tuesdays at 12:45 p.m. in the library.

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Health Dept. looking at updated food regulations

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Staff Reporter

The Health Department will soon begin the nine-stage process of adopting the state's new food code, which was recently obtained from the federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

Health Director Sigalle Reiss said that although the FDA periodically releases new food codes, Massachusetts has not adopted an updated code since 1999. However, she said the new code is based on data from 2013.

Reiss the new code will bring about several changes, including alterations to inspection forms.

"That's awesome, that will put these restaurants on their toes," said Board of Health Chairman Joan Jacobs during the Jan. 31 meeting.

Reiss said restaurant owners will be given ample notice of the changes.

"Part of regulation is education," she said.

Reiss said the adoption process will begin with a \$2,500 self-assessment. She said the town will be reimbursed for that initial step with grant funding.

"It gives us a baseline of where we are," she said.

Although the department will have one year to complete the self-assessment, Reiss said it

should only take two months to finish.

Reiss said that ultimately, Norwood will have a plethora of options through increased grant funding for conferences, maintaining records electronically and collaborating with other communities about best practices.

"It would standardize us on a national level," she said.

Although the self-assessment could be completed independently, Reiss said she plans to hire an outside consultant.

Member Kathleen Bishop suggested asking college students to assist.

"Sometimes, there are people who need an internship, who need a project," she said.

In other news, the board addressed a Foodborne Illness Complaint that was recently filed against McDonald's.

However, Jacobs said it can be challenging to verify such complaints.

"It could've been they're coming down with a new strain of the flu," she said, adding that the timing of those symptoms may just happen to coincide with a recent meal at a restaurant, thus making the restaurant the target.

Assistant Director Stacey Lane said the symptoms of actual foodborne illnesses become present at different times. She said

some can appear within 12 hours while others do not become present until 36 hours later.

Reiss said that while it can be challenging, it is always necessary to follow up on each complaint.

She also said that in this particular case, two people consumed the same menu item.

In response to any complaint, Reiss said Town Sanitarian Angelo De Luca immediately conducts an inspection and will meticulously search for the item in question.

"He checks specifically for that food product throughout the establishment," she said.

Reiss also encouraged residents to seek medical attention and obtain a diagnosis, if applicable. She said if a diagnosis is available, the problem could possibly be traced back to the restaurant's food service vendor.

In addition, Jacobs called attention to the five drug overdoses that occurred last month in Norwood – three of which were fatal.

"That Fentanyl is just getting out of hand for these kids," she said, adding that police have taken on more of a treatment role as opposed to continually making arrests for drug possession.

Therefore, Jacobs said parents should take whatever action is necessary to protect their children.

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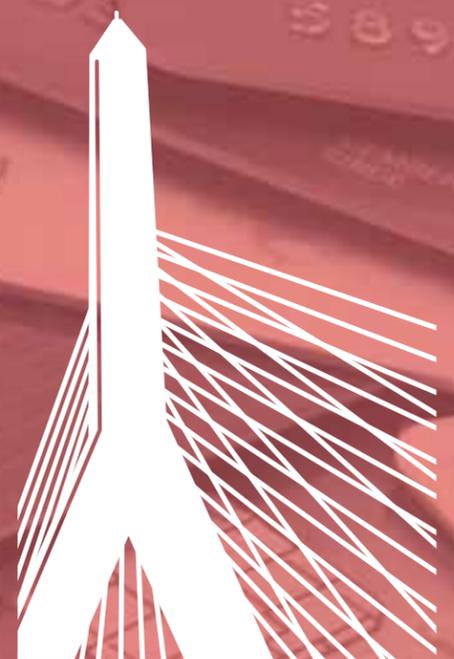
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Greeley to step down from FinCom

Christopher Roberson
Staff Reporter

John Hayes is not the only one leaving the Finance Commission (FinCom) this year, as Member Joseph Greeley also announced his intention to step down.

"The reason I first ran for the Finance Commission was because I was a Town Meeting member and I wanted to be able to volunteer and contribute to the leadership of the town at a higher level," he said, adding that he has been on the FinCom since 2005 and also served as its chairman.

Outside of being an elected official, Greeley said he has been a financial manager throughout his career. However, he maintained that financial experience, although good to have, is not a requirement for FinCom members.

Greeley said he was com-

pelled to step down following a shift in personal priorities.

"I find that I'm not able to meet the standards that I've set for myself in order to be a successful commissioner," he said. "This is a very important position and I don't think it would be fair not to give this position my full attention."

Greeley also cited the differences between being a member and being the chairman.

"The chair is the focal point and takes a lead role, especially at each Town Meeting," he said, adding that as chairman, he worked closely "behind the scenes" with Town Clerk/Accountant Thomas McQuaid.

In contrast, he said members contribute their expertise in certain areas.

"With such a small commission and with such a large volume of detail to absorb and manage, it is very important



Joseph Greeley

that each commissioner be prepared and contribute at every meeting," said Greeley.

Greeley said he also appreciates how the town has been able to maintain a reasonable tax rate, yet "continue to provide a steady stream of tax revenue."

"This large commercial base has impacted the residents

Greeley

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that many residents now watch television online.

Hanson also said the number of telephone customers has basically remained the same with exception of an occasional cancellation.

In addition, Collins said the 115 Kilovolt Transmission Line Replacement Project is just about complete. However, the environmental inspection is still needed and will most likely continue for one year.

"We may need to keep this in place until 2018," said Collins.

In other news, the board also heard from Department of Public Works (DPW) Director Mark Ryan.

He said that including the minor snow event on Jan. 31; there have been eight instances so far this winter when road salt has been needed.

Ryan also said there have been two storms when plows were needed and one full-scale snow removal event. He also said that the town's 32 snowplow routes are updated on regular basis.

In addition to submitting the DPW's budget request to the selectmen on Jan. 24, Ryan said he also sent the department's five-year Capi-

tal Plan to the Capital Outlay Committee.

Ryan also said that because of the lack of snow again this year, his crews have been able to focus on clearing trees and brush from the traffic island at Westover Parkway and Churchill Drive, along Meadowbrook Road and along utility easements ball fields as well.

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teacher, the athletic director and athletic program, the choral music teacher, one special education teacher as well as all clubs and organizations.

“If I’m one of these teachers, I’m looking and asking, ‘Am I

these,’” he said.

Although Hayden said preliminary reports from Gov. Charlie Baker have shown an increase in Chapter 70 funding, Norwood’s share of that money is not expected to be more than

Chairman James Gormley targeted the root of the entire problem.

He said because Norwood has one of the lowest tax rates in the area, the town has not generated enough revenue to fully fund the schools in recent years.

The town’s residential rate

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- Chairman James Gormley

going to have a job next year?” said Hayden.

Vice Chairman Lisa Igoe said she could only approve cutting one third grade teacher at Prescott Elementary School, one third grade teacher at Oldham Elementary School and one second grade teacher at Cleveland Elementary School.

Hayden also said busing would no longer be available for students in grades 7-12, which would save \$200,000.

“We’re going to have to make some decisions, some hard decisions – I don’t want to do any of

\$1 million.

“We’re probably going to have to do \$2 million worth of changes between now and Feb. 8,” said Hayden, adding that the committee will be presenting its budget to the Finance Commission on Feb. 9. “I don’t see anyone coming with \$2 million for us.”

However, Member Myev Bodenhofer said that during the Jan. 19 meeting of the Budget Balancing Committee, it was discovered that an additional \$194,667 was available for the schools, which gave the budget a slight boost to \$41.5 million.

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“This is not a budget crisis, it’s a revenue crisis,” he said. “The only remedy to change that and prevent pitting one group against another is by an override. It’s like trying to shift the deck chairs on the Titanic to save somebody – you’re still going down.”

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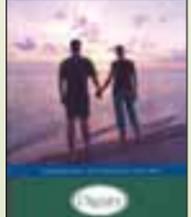
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President Galvani stated: “Julie has played a significant role in the success of our construction and commercial loan business. I look forward to a very successful future with Julie leading the team”.

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**LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF NORWOOD**

The Town of Norwood hereby notifies all residents that the State Attorney General's office has approved the following amendment to the Norwood Zoning By-Laws which were voted in Articles 3 at the Special Town Meeting, October 24, 2016. These zoning changes to amend the Norwood Zoning By-Laws were as follows:

Article 3. To amend the Zoning By-Laws of the Town of Norwood as required by the Town's acceptance of the "Expedited Permitting Program" created by Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 43D. (A complete copy of the by-law has been posted at the different locations listed below throughout the Town and is on file in the Town Clerk's Office).

The above named article is posted in the following public places throughout the Town, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 32: District 1, Municipal Building; District 2, Norwood News and Bookstore; District 3, Morrill Memorial Library; District 4, Rite-Aid Pharmacy, Walpole Street; District 5, Murph's Place; District 6, South End Hardware; District 7, Pam's Market; District 8, Shaws Market, CVS – Shaws Plaza; District 9, Neponset St. Gulf Gas Station.

Thomas J. McQuaid
Town Clerk and Accountant

Norwood Record, 2/2/17, 2/9/17

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The Town of Norwood hereby notifies all residents that the State Attorney General's office has approved the following amendment to the Town By-Laws which was voted at the Special Town Meeting, October 24, 2016 namely:

Article 2. Council on Aging Bylaw. Amend Article XVIII of the By-Laws of the Town of Norwood, entitled "Council on Aging" by deleting in its entirety the existing Section 1 and by substituting a new Section 1, as follows:

Section 1. There is hereby established a Council on Aging consisting of five (5) members appointed by the Board of Selectmen, for terms of two (2) years each. Any vacancy shall be filled by the Board of Selectmen, and the member so appointed shall serve for the remainder of the unexpired term of that member's predecessor. Members of the Council on Aging on the effective date of this amendment shall continue in their positions until their current terms expire. All successive terms shall be for two (2) years each

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Sealed bids for "Rehabilitation of the Route 1 Pressure Reducing Valve Vault - NPW-17-05 for the Town of Norwood, Massachusetts, acting by its General Manager, will be received at the Purchasing Department, Norwood Town Hall, 566 Washington Street, 3rd Floor, Norwood, Massachusetts 02062, until 11:00 A.M. Verizon time on February 16, 2017, and at that time publicly opened and read aloud. THIS IS A RE-BID OF NPW-17-04.

The proposed work includes demolition of existing equipment and replacement of gate valves, couplings, and accessories, installation of small piping and valves and associated electrical and SCADA work. Also included is excavation, backfill, pavement replacement and traffic management for the repair of three exterior gate valves.

The Contract Documents, including Specifications and Drawings, may be examined at the Purchasing Department, Norwood Town Hall, 566 Washington Street, 3rd Floor, Norwood, Massachusetts 02062 (781-762-1240 x106 or 107) and at the office of Stantec Consulting Services Inc., 5 Burlington Woods, Burlington, Massachusetts 01803 on and after February 1, 2017, every weekday between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. and copies thereof may be obtained at the Purchasing Department upon payment of \$50.00 (checks only, payable to the Town of Norwood) for each set, for which a refund will be made if returned to the Purchasing Department in good condition within thirty calendar days after the opening of bids. No refund will be made for documents received after this period. If a bidder requests drawings and specifications to be mailed out to him, an additional check in the amount of \$15.00 made out to "Town of Norwood" shall be required. This is to cover the cost of mailing and handling and will not be refunded. Bids can also be obtained electronically at no charge by registering and downloading online at: <https://bids.norwoodma.gov>.

Each bid must be accompanied by bid security in the form of certified check, cashier's check, treasurer's check or bid bond in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the value of the bid.

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TOWN OF NORWOOD, MASSACHUSETTS
Mr. John J. Carroll, General Manager

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Library Events

A DEMONSTRATION OF LAND- AND SEASCAPE PAINTING

Thursday, Feb. 16, at 6:30 p.m., the Norwood Art Association will present a demonstration of land- and seascape painting at the Simoni Room on the second floor of the Morrill Memorial Library on Walpole Street.

The artist of the month will be Karen Blackwood of Newburyport, Mass., who specializes in plein-air scenes in the California Impressionism tradition and has won multiple awards in prestigious national competitions. During the program, she will share some of the powerful techniques she uses to depict light and convey her emotional response to her subject matter.

Refreshments will be provided, and the event is free to any adult or teen wishing to attend. One of Blackwood's works will also be auctioned off to benefit Art Association activities, which include their popular Art in the Park event, held each June.

The Art Association welcomes new members. You need not be an artist and do not have to live in Norwood to join. Dues are just \$20 a year (\$21 when joining over the Internet) and may be paid at the meeting. For more information, go to the Norwood Art Association website at <https://norwoodartassociation.com>, check out their Facebook page, or email norwoodartassociation@gmail.com.

"LUNCH & LEARN" TECHNOLOGY WORKSHOPS AT THE LIBRARY

Looking for a painless way to improve your technology know-how? Tech Librarian Allison Palmgren is presenting a series of three monthly "Lunch & Learn" workshops on a variety of technology topics beginning Wednesday, Feb. 15 from noon-1 p.m. The first session, "Social Media Demystified," will cover the definition of social media, how to protect your online privacy, and review the basics of Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. Feel free to bring a bag lunch; dessert and beverages will be provided.

The March 15 workshop, "Your Digital Library," will focus on downloading eBooks and eAudiobooks from the library to your personal device. The topic for the April 12 workshop will be announced at a later date. To sign up for any of the Lunch & Learn workshops, please call 781-769-0200, x110 or 222, email norprograms@minlib.net, or stop by either the Reference or Information Desk.

BOOKS TO BLOOMS WORKSHOP

Say it with flowers – papers roses, to be precise – made from recycled books at a Valentine-themed workshop held at the Morrill Memorial Library on Thursday, Feb. 9 at 7 p.m. led by Allison Palmgren. A maximum of 15 crafters, ages 12 and up, will each take home half a dozen paper blooms. All materials are provided. To sign up for this fun, free workshop, please call 781-769-0200, x110 or 222, email norprograms@minlib.net, or stop by either the library Reference or Information Desk.

LOVE AROUND THE WORLD

Indulge in some romantic travel this winter – right on Walpole Street! The Morrill Memorial Library is presenting a series of four film screenings in February and March about finding romance and adventure abroad, beginning with "Eat Pray Love" on Monday, Feb. 13 at 6:30 p.m. Based on the inspiring memoir by Liz Gilbert, Julia Roberts' character, newly divorced, embarks on a yearlong journey to Italy, India, and Bali, seeking self-discovery through food, meditation, and the prospect of finding true love. The series continues on Thursday, Feb. 23 with "Midnight in Paris," starring Owen Wilson, Rachel

McAdams, and Kathy Bates, in which a nostalgic screenwriter finds himself mysteriously going back to the 1920s every day at midnight while in Paris with his fiancée's family. On Wednesday, March 1, see Diane Lane in "Under the Tuscan Sun" – a writer who impulsively buys an aging but charming villa in Tuscany and changes her life. The series concludes on Thursday, March 9 with "P.S. I Love You," starring Hilary Swank and Harry Connick, Jr., about a young widow whose late husband arranged for her to travel to his hometown in Ireland and left her 10 messages intended to help her rediscover joy in life. To sign up for any or all of these films, please call 781-769-0200, x110, email norprograms@minlib.net, or stop by the library Reference or Information Desk. All movies begin at 6:30 p.m., and popcorn is being donated by Regal Cinemas in Bellingham.

EXPERT ON ROSEMARY KENNEDY TO VISIT THE LIBRARY

Join us on Wednesday, Feb. 8 at 7 p.m. for a presentation by Kate Clifford Larson, author of three critically acclaimed biographies, including "Rosemary, The Hidden Kennedy Daughter" (2015) which was just awarded the Massachusetts Book Award for Nonfiction in 2016. Rosemary's life has always been a small side story to the larger drama of the Kennedy family in the scores of books written about them. This is the first full length biography that puts Rosemary – an intellectually disabled child in a household of overachievers – at the core of that incredible family story. By placing her at the center of the narrative, the author was able to see the family in a different light – particularly her parents, Rose and Joe. Their attempts to raise Rosemary to "fit in" with the rest of her more capable siblings is both tragic and inspiring. It is clear, however, that the very existence of Rosemary deeply and profoundly affected the lives of all the Kennedys. The actions and decisions made by them take on a different meaning when you look at them through Rosemary's eyes. Dr. Larson's other biographies include "Bound for the Promised Land: Harriet Tubman, Portrait of an American Hero" (2003), and "The Assassin's Accomplice: Mary Surratt and the Plot to Kill Abraham Lincoln" (2008). She has been a consultant and interpretive specialist for numerous museum and public history initiatives focusing on the lives and contributions of women in the making of our national identity. To sign up for Dr. Larson's fascinating discussion about Rosemary Kennedy, please email norprograms@minlib.net, call 781-769-0200 x110, or visit the Reference or Information Desk.

HYLANDER ON INTERNMENT OF JAPANESE-AMERICANS DURING WWII

Historian Dr. Gary Hylander will present a total of four lectures at the Morrill Memorial Library in 2017, beginning Monday, Feb. 6 at 7 p.m. with "Executive Order 9066." In the aftermath of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941, President Franklin D. Roosevelt issued Executive Order 9066, which resulted in the mandatory relocation of thousands of Japanese-Americans into detention centers for the duration of the war. Over 100,000 native-born Japanese-American citizens and foreign-born Japanese nationals were forced to leave their homes, sell their businesses, and surrender their personal possessions. Despite Roosevelt's fears, not a single Japanese-American was found guilty of wartime sabotage or espionage. To sign up for this program, funded by the Friends of the Library, please call 781-769-0200, x110 or 222, email norprograms@minlib.net, or stop by the library Reference or Information Desk.

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Oh, most beautiful flower of Mt. Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in this necessity. Oh Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my mother. Oh Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech thee from the bottom of my heart to succor me in my necessity (make request). There are none that can withstand your power. Oh Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (three times). Holy Mary, I place this cause in your hands (three times). Say this prayer for three consecutive days and then you must publish and it will be granted to you.
Grateful thanks. —P.M.

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Sports

Boys hockey back on track, playoff push not out of the question



Sean Munro (No. 10) and Joe Spodercia (No. 17) each had goals in Norwood's 5-1 victory over Dedham last weekend.

Jake Levin
Staff Reporter

Forget about a winning streak, Norwood would have settled for incremental wins heading into this season.

Though the Mustangs stand at 4-7-1 and face long postseason odds, Chuck Allen's debut tour in Norwood now features a pair of two-game winning streaks following a successful week of wins over Needham and Dedham.

"The biggest thing for us right now is we're playing disciplined hockey," Allen said, noting the Mustangs have taken just one minor penalty in their last three games overall. "You don't see that much in high school. Playing five-on-five, you're going to be in more games."

Norwood has surpassed the win total of its last two seasons combined, has already scored more goals this season (24) than all of last season (19), and in beating

Needham, secured its first win over a Carey Division opponent since Dec. 13, 2014 (Brookline, 3-1).

"It's a work in progress," Allen said. "I see the kids starting to get confident. Winning makes you confident, too, but just seeing it at practice now...they're playing with some confidence."

The Mustangs never trailed vs. the Rockets, but had to withstand a pair of equalizers from Needham before pulling ahead for good on a Sean Munro tally in the third period.

Prior to that, Charlie Gover struck twice on the power play to give Norwood a 1-0 lead after the first and 2-1 edge after the second.

Munro's go-ahead goal came less than two minutes into the third, but it was a play in the waning seconds which backed up his tally for the win.

Austin Reardon, whose

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Norwood High cheerleading team hopes to be Florida-bound after earning berth to nationals

Jake Levin
Staff Reporter

The Norwood High cheerleading team earned a bid to compete in an international competition next month, but they need your help to make it happen.

After receiving the sixth of nine bids to the Americheer International Cheerleading Competition following a strong showing at the MSSAA meet on Nov. 20, the Mustangs were officially qualified for the event in Buena Vista, Fla. on March 18 and 19.

Now, the 16 girls who comprise the team and head coach Crystal Salisbury need to raise approximately \$25,000 to put their talents to the test at Disney World.

"In order for our team to attend this competition, we have been seeking out generous donations throughout the Norwood community to defray the cost associated with this event," Brenda Augenstene, whose daughter Keri is one of four captains, told the Record.

In addition to Keri Augenstene, Sarah Dupoutot, Ashley Devaney

and Cassie Whitcomb are captains for the Mustangs' cheering squad, which initially secured a spot at states at the Bay State Conference competition last fall.

Salisbury, who is in her first year as head coach at Norwood, has an extensive background in coaching cheerleading – both at the high school level and collegiately. In addition to a stop at Foxboro High, Salisbury headed the cheering team at the University of Rhode Island for several seasons before stepping down to focus more on her career as a gymnastics instructor at Broderick Gymnastics in Walpole and Hyde Park.

"I'm thrilled and proud of these 16 ladies and their accomplishments," Salisbury said. "I hope the school and the Town of Norwood is proud that our girls are representing our town and school at the national level. It's such an honor for these athletes to be able to say they made it to the national level."

Salisbury noted that the Mustangs earned the spot in Florida during the fall season, even though the competition will take place during the winter season. Norwood's cheerleaders are only active during



The Norwood High cheerleading team hopes to be traveling to Disney World in March for the Americheer International Cheerleading Competition, but must raise \$25,000 in order to make the trip.

PHOTO BY BRENDA AUGENSTENE

the fall, meaning many of them are in the midst of other activities at the moment.

"It's a little awkward because

some girls are doing gymnastics, some are doing hockey, some are doing track right now," Salisbury said.

"[But] they made a commitment to the program," she contin-

Cheer

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As league dynamics shift, Norwood remains in limbo

Jake Levin
Staff Reporter

Dominoes are falling statewide in the latest round of conference realignment, and Norwood's status remains up in the air as the musical chairs play on.

Locally, not much has changed since a Nov. 14 public forum was held at Norwood High School on the topic of the Mustangs potentially taking

their athletic teams to the Tri-Valley League from the Bay State Conference, a fuse which was lit after Dedham High announced it was joining the TVL for the 2017-18 school year.

However, the timetable for a decision has become a bit less muddled.

Norwood Athletic Director Jon Longley said that the next steps in determining whether a move is, indeed, the right

move, will be taken after a new Norwood School Committee takes office following April's election.

"We would want the full support of the committee moving forward," Longley said, noting at least one seat on the five-member committee will change hands on April 3. "If it's going to happen, we want

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play in net has been otherworldly at times for the Mustangs, made a sliding save by moving from one post to the other with 7 seconds left on the clock.

The sophomore goaltender has been between the pipes for all 12 of Norwood's games this season, and he's a big reason why the Mustangs are on pace to nearly cut their goals allowed from last season in half.

In 20 games last season, Norwood gave up 104 goals. Through 12 games this season, the number is a much more manageable 33, for a pace of 55.

Playing for the final time as Bay State Conference opponents, Norwood sent Dedham on its way with a 5-1 win – boasting goals from five different goal scorers in the process.

Aidan Reardon scored at 4:58 of the first period for the Mustangs, which was

the only offense they could muster through 15 minutes, but the seas parted in the second for a three-goal outburst for a 4-0 edge before the Marauders could respond.

Ryan Johnson, Munro and Colin Ridge scored in the frame for Norwood, while Joe Spodercia capped things off with a tally at 6:00 of the third. Johnson also had two assists in the game for 1-2—3 totals, leading the team in points vs. Dedham.

The wins over Needham and Dedham followed a six-game losing streak for the Mustangs, during which four games were decided by two goals or fewer.

Allen believes playing in the tight games, even when the results weren't those Norwood desired, are paying off now.

"Being in those tight games, it helps us," Allen said. "As a coach, you see

that. We've had some bad bounces and some bad breaks, and now they seem to be going our way a little bit. That's how hockey goes."

With seven games remaining – not including yesterday's contest vs. Wellesley, in an event held after the Record's deadline – the Mustangs need 11 points to qualify for the postseason for the first time since the 2013-14 school year.

"If you keep working hard, good things are going to happen," Allen said. "Winning is contagious."

Next up for the Mustangs is a home date with the Natick Redhawks on Saturday at 8:10 p.m. at Rodman Arena. Natick won the team's first matchup, 3-0, on Jan. 16 at Chase Arena in Natick.

It will be Norwood's first home game of the season at Rodman, although they have played there once as a visitor already in a 4-2 loss vs. Walpole on Dec. 31.

Third quarter's the charm for Norwood in 55-40 victory



It wasn't the shiniest stat line for Mike James, pictured above, but his one basket of the game was a turning point for the Mustangs on Tuesday night.

PHOTO BY JAKE LEVIN

Jake Levin
Staff Reporter

If you outscore your opponent by a factor of 20 in any single quarter, it's more probable than not you'll be winning that game.

Norwood has had more efficient games over the course of the season, but a third quarter which saw the Mustangs outscore the Wellesley Raiders 20-1 was more than enough to propel Norwood to a 55-40 victory at home on Tuesday night – and more importantly, back to .500 at 7-7.

"I told the guys at halftime, we are an excellent third quarter team and to come out and show that," Mustangs head coach JJ Oliver said after the game. "They certainly did."

Trailing 20-18 at the break, Norwood had possession to begin the third quarter.

Mike James inbounded the ball from around half court to Ricky Meehan in the left corner of the offensive end.

Meehan had a good look at a 3, which he missed, but out of nowhere came James for a put back of Meehan's shot to tie the game at 20-all.

It was far from James' best statistical performance of the season for Norwood – the basket was both his first and last points of the night – but the play exemplified the feel for the moment James has demonstrated all year long. The Mustangs would go on a 12-0 run to open the second half and effectively put the game out of reach.

"Mike's an all-around player," Oliver said. "He's guarding the other team's best player more often than not. He contributes on the boards, we've been harping on him about boxing out and he's taken that to heart. Whatever we ask him to do, he does it, and it's not just scoring."

Meehan was Norwood's leading scorer with 16 points, including four makes from beyond the arc. Richie Watson chipped in 14 points and Kyle Condon rounded out Mustangs in double

figures with 11.

Neither Wellesley nor Norwood exactly lit the world on fire to begin the game, with a dreary first quarter that saw the Mustangs shoot 3-for-18 from the field and the Raiders have as many turnovers (nine) as points. Wellesley led, 9-7.

Things didn't change much in the second quarter, with Norwood again shooting a low percentage from the field and Wellesley again taking little – if any – care of the ball.

But Oliver said he wasn't overly concerned with his team's first half performance, citing fluidity on the offensive end and a strong defensive performance.

"We ran our stuff really well in the first half," he said. "The defense was fantastic in the first half. We just didn't make shots; we missed a couple of layups, and free throws continue to be a work in progress."

The Mustangs were 9-for-19 from the free throw line, but did goad the Raiders into 24 turnovers. Norwood had just 13 turnovers itself – seven in the final quarter, long after it had firm control of the game.

"We're streaky in every component of the game, including free throws, layups...it's just who we are right now, but we're working really hard," Oliver said.

The win gave the Mustangs a season sweep over the Raiders; Norwood won on the road, 46-40, on Jan. 3.

The Mustangs have six games left in the regular season, needing three wins to qualify for the postseason for the second year in a row.

The home stretch begins this Friday at home vs. Natick, a team which "whooped" Norwood on Jan. 6, according to Oliver, 70-40.

"Natick whooped up on us the first time," he said. "We've got to have a couple of good days of practice and show what we are and what we can be on Friday."

Tip-off is at 6:30 p.m. vs. the Redhawks at Norwood High School.



Goalie Austin Reardon has been at the forefront of Norwood's turnaround, the Mustangs allowing nearly two-and-a-half fewer goals per game this season than last year.

PHOTO BY JAKE LEVIN

to do it the right way.”

Norwood’s potential departure is not mutually exclusive with the BSC potentially accepting Marshfield, Bridgewater-Raynham or Boston Latin as members; the three schools, hailing from the Atlantic Coast, Old Colony and Dual County leagues, respectively, have all applied for membership into the BSC.

But with Dedham guaranteed to be gone, Norwood would remain the smallest school enrollment-wise in the conference, no matter which of the three schools joined.

In data released on Jan. 12 on the Massachusetts Department of Education’s (MassDOE) website, Norwood High’s enrollment for the 2016-17 school year is 957 students – 10 fewer than last year.

Marshfield (1,370 students), Bridgewater-Raynham (1,512 students) and Boston Latin (2,043 students – but 1,270 not including seventh and eighth graders) aren’t exactly behemoths from an enrollment standpoint, but they would all still surpass Norwood by a healthy margin.

“That’s the big question for the [Bay State] league,” Longley said in regards to whether or not the applicant schools gain entry, no matter Norwood’s status. “The [athletic directors] and principals in the league are going to have to decide which schools – if any – are a good fit.”

Bridgewater-Raynham, which is part of the three-team OCL with Barnstable and Dartmouth, has also applied to the Patriot League, and has been in talks with a potential merger with the Big Three (Brockton, New Bedford and Duxbury) which would also include Dartmouth.

Bridgewater-Raynham AD Dan Buron said that Barnstable has informed the rest of the OCL that it plans on joining a revamped Cape & Islands League, but another source indicated that was far from a done deal due to Barnstable’s massive size in comparison with other schools on the Cape – Barnstable has 1,866 students in the latest MassDOE report, some 863 more students than the Cape’s next largest school, Dennis-Yarmouth (1,003 students.)

“We have applications in with the Patriot League and the Bay State Conference, and we’ve also been in talks with the Big Three about potentially joining with Dartmouth,” Buron said. “None of these other confer-

ences have officially offered anybody anything right now.”

Longley emphasized that Norwood has neither formally applied nor been formally invited to the TVL yet, but did say the school has been taking the proper steps so that an opportunity to apply and/or be invited comes along.

“That’s what they wanted done with Dedham; they wanted the process fully-vetted and ready to go before they gave any [acceptance],” he said.

Among the groups around Norwood Longley has worked with include the Norwood PTO, the Norwood High School athletic boosters, the Norwood High Hall of Fame committee and the youth sports field committee.

While not a unanimous sentiment, Longley did say that more people seem to be in favor of a potential move than against it.

“The response that we’ve gotten is mainly positive. People think that it’s a good idea to try and make the move,” Longley said. “Now I know there are people in the community that are against it, and we understand that as well. As we moved through and spoke with those different groups – not speaking for every single person in those groups – the overall kind of sentiment was that this is something that the school should do.”

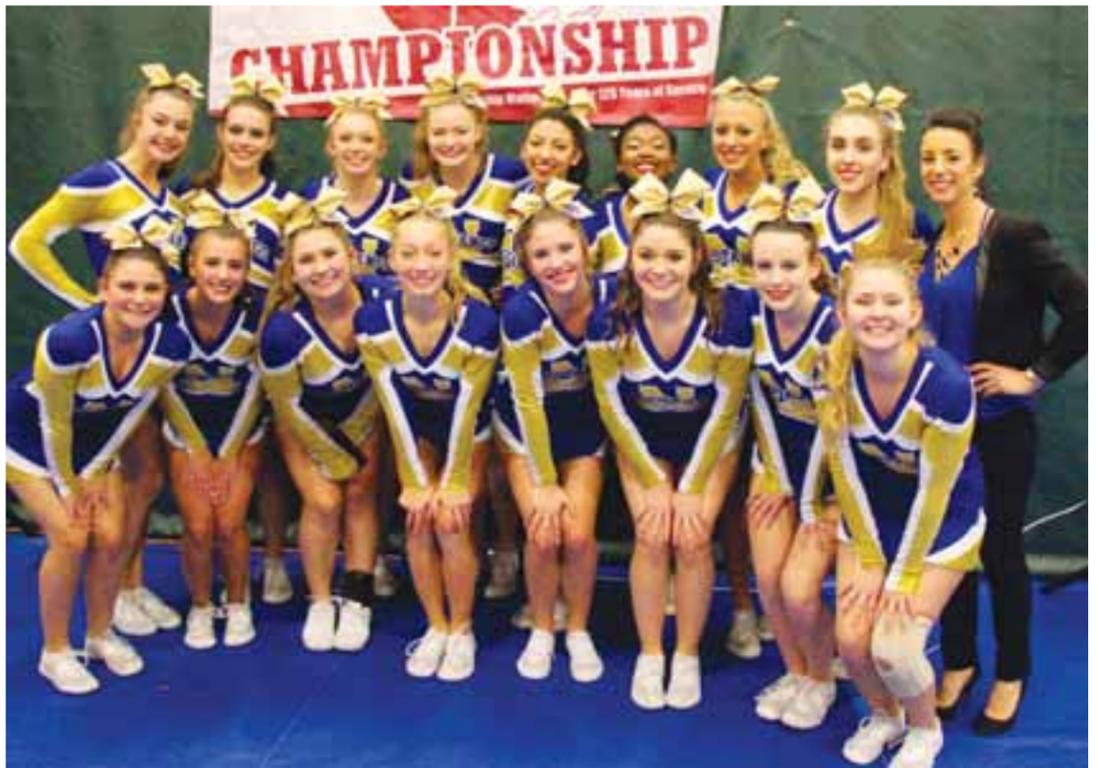
Longley said that a follow-up to November’s meeting may occur in March prior to the beginning of the spring sports season, but that it would be less of a forum and more of a ‘this is where we stand’ type of meeting.

Boston Latin School Athletic Director Jack Owens declined comment his school’s application to the Bay State Conference, while efforts to reach Marshfield High Athletic Director Scott Madden for comment on the matter were unsuccessful.

Hail Mary

Pray nine Hail Marys during nine days. Ask for three wishes, one involving business and two impossible. On the ninth day, publish this article and your wishes will be answered, even though you may not believe.

—E.J.



The next fundraising event for the cheerleading team will be a Super Bowl party at the Olde Colonial Cafe on Nahatan Street, where a \$20 cover charge and Super Bowl squares will help the girls towards their goal.

PHOTO BY JAKE LEVIN

ued. “They gave their time, best effort and tons of energy; now they see results of hard work and dedication. It pays off. I think it’s an amazing opportunity for these ladies to have, it’s not only a reward but it’s an unforgettable life experience.”

Salisbury added that there is no firm deadline on reaching the \$25,000 threshold, but did say that the sooner, the better. March 1 is the tentative deadline she has in place.

Several events will be held in the coming days and weeks to help

continue the push for Florida, the continuation of a process that began on Dec. 30, when the Mustangs found out they’d have an opportunity to go.

There will be a Super Bowl party at the Olde Colonial Café at 171 Nahatan St. this Sunday beginning at 4 p.m., with a \$20 cover charge. Salisbury said that the popular Super Bowl squares game will be played.

On Sunday, Feb. 12, Hair Cuttery, located at 146 Nahatan St., is hosting a cut-a-thon for \$10 a cut. Mug-N-Muffin, located at 716

Washington St, will be hosting a pasta dinner at a later date, and there will be a babysitting night on March 3 for \$10 a child.

Salisbury said that the fundraising efforts, which are 100 percent self-funded, are off to a promising start.

“So far, so good,” she said.

Augenstene said that the team will be on its way to Florida with the generous donations already received, and that the Mustangs will “proudly represent the Town of Norwood and the State of Massachusetts.”

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favorably in terms of tax rates and has enabled Norwood to boast one of the lowest residential tax rates in eastern Massachusetts,” he said.

Greeley also said town officials need to think ahead in terms of fulfilling residents’ changing needs in the years ahead.

“We will never return to the good old days and the town needs to continually reinvent itself,” he said.

In addition to his roles on the FinCom and Town Meeting, Greeley said he also had the opportunity to be on the Public Safety Building Committee of 21, the Norwood High Committee of 21 and the Budget Balancing Committee.

Going forward, Greeley said he will miss “the ability and pleasure of working with each of the other commissioners, the volunteer members of other committees as well as the town’s professional leadership.”

“Each of these people has been a role model for me, and I’ve enjoyed working with each of them,” he said. “To them, and to the people of our community, all I can say is thank you for allowing me to

serve in this position.”

Member Anne Haley said she remembered how well Greeley conducted himself at Town Meeting.

“Joe, as Finance Commission chair, would make sure that when he presented to Town Meeting, he addressed both sides of an issue – he is meticulous in his review of the figures,” she said.

Haley also said Greeley wanted to make sure that the FinCom was in a good position going into this year’s Town Meeting.

“Even knowing that he would be leaving the Finance Commission soon, he wanted to make sure that the commission would meet the needs of the Town Meeting members both online and in our written communications,” she said. “He kept a list of items that he thought were important in our communication to Town Meeting and brought them forward last week for review – Joe has left a vacancy that will be hard to fill.”

Vice Chairman Alan Slater said he has been on the FinCom with Greeley since 2005.

“Joe has always impressed me as one of the most conscientious and hardest working people in town government,”

said Slater. “What also set Joe apart was the work he did outside of regular Finance Commission meetings, particularly his attendance at other events such as the Permanent Building Construction Committee and Blue Hills Regional School meetings in order to gain a better understanding of what they do and what issues they face.”

Selectman Thomas Maloney said that during the past 12 years, Greeley has proven himself as a financial wizard.

“Joe has always been all-in, he mastered the complexity of budget craft and understood better than anyone how the moving parts worked in tandem,” said Maloney. “He was always generous with guidance and assistance. I regard him as a great friend and I look forward to working with him in whatever new capacity he chooses in the town’s affairs.”

Selectman Helen Abdullah-Donohue said she and Greeley were panelists on the Tom Cummings television program.

“Joe was always able to find humor in the topics that came up – he is most polite, yet strong,” she said.

Town Clerk News

Town Meeting Member Vacancies

The Norwood Town Clerk's Office wishes to inform the residents of Norwood there are vacancies for the office of Town Meeting Members in the following Town Meeting Districts. There are currently Forty-Eight (48) 3-Year Term Vacancies; Thirteen (13) Two-Year Term Vacancies (To Fill A Vacancy); and Four (4) One-Year Term Vacancies (To Fill A Vacancy).

The following Town Meeting Member seats are now available for the Annual Town Election to be held on Monday, April 3, 2017.

- District 1: 3 Year Term (3 Seats)
2 Year Term (2 Seats) *(To Fill A Vacancy)*
- District 2: 3 Year Term (7 Seats)
2 Year Term (1 Seat) *(To Fill A Vacancy)*
1 Year Term (2 Seats) *(To Fill A Vacancy)*
- District 3: 3 Year Term (7 Seats)
2 Year Term (2 Seats) *(To Fill A Vacancy)*
- District 4: 3 Year Term (5 Seats)
- District 5: 3 Year Term (4 Seats)
2 Year Term (3 Seats) *(To Fill A Vacancy)*
- District 6: 3 Year Term (3 Seats)
2 Year Term (2 Seats) *(To Fill A Vacancy)*
- District 7: 3 Year Term (6 Seats)
1 Year Term (1 Seat) *(To Fill A Vacancy)*
- District 8: 3 Year Term (7 Seats)
2 Year Term (2 Seats) *(To Fill A Vacancy)*
1 Year Term (1 Seat) *(To Fill A Vacancy)*
- District 9: 3 Year Term (6 Seats)
2 Year Term (1 Seat) *(To Fill A Vacancy)*

Any current Town Meeting Member whose term is expiring on April 3, 2017 who did not file the required "intent to seek re-election form" with the office of the Town Clerk must do so by **Monday, February 13, 2017 at 5:00 PM.**

Anyone else interested in running for the office of Town Meeting Member must file nomination papers signed by at least ten (10) registered voters in their District. Last day for filing with the Board of Registrars is **Monday, February 13, 2017 at 5:00 PM.**

If you have any question, please call the Town Clerk's Office at 762-1240, ext. 152.

Nomination Papers

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, 2017 are available in the Town Clerk's Office.

Requirements for filing nomination papers:

Major offices need 50 signatures of qualified voters.

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

The nomination papers must be submitted to the Town Clerk's office by **Monday, February 13, 2017 by 5:00 PM.**

Dog Licenses

The Town Clerk's Office would like to inform the residents of the Town of Norwood that the 2017 Dog Licenses are now available.

All dogs three months old or over must be licensed. Licenses are issued on a calendar basis, January 1st through December 31st.

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

The Town Clerk's office hours are Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

DEATHS

CLANCY

Mary Z. (Lynch) Of Norwood passed away on Jan. 24, 2017 at the age of 85. Beloved wife of the late John E. Clancy. Devoted mother of Marie T. Ferry and her husband John of Weymouth, Noreen R. Flanagan of Norwood and Anne J. Ohrenberger and her husband Daniel of Plymouth. Sister of Bernard Lynch of Mattapan and William Lynch of Weston, Vt. Daughter of the late Bernard and Rose (Murray) Lynch. Also survived by seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Mary was very active with many organizations. Funeral was from the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home 1248 Washington St., Norwood. A funeral mass was in St. Catherine of Siena Church Norwood. At the request of the family burial will be private. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in her name to the Alzheimer's Assoc. 480 Pleasant St, Watertown, MA 02472 www.alz.org [www.Kraw-KornackFuneralHome.com](http://Kraw-KornackFuneralHome.com)

GIAMPA

FRANCESCO of Norwood passed away on Jan. 30, 2017 at the age of 74. Beloved husband of Concetta "Connie" (Serratore) Giampa. Devoted father of Dominic F. Giampa and his wife Cristiane of Norwood, Antonette Sheehan and her husband Michael of Norwood, Mary Jane Miraglia and her husband Peter of Hanover and Elizabeth Mulroy and her husband Jeffrey of Norwood. Brother of Elizabeth Michienzi and her late husband John of Norwood and the Late Maria Serratore and her husband Anthony of Norwood. Cherished grandfather of 11 grandchildren. Son

of the late Dominic and Antonetta (Torchia) Giampa. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Francesco was a member of the Norwood Italian Social Club. Funeral was from the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home 1248 Washington St. Norwood. A funeral mass was at St. Catherine of Siena Church Norwood. Burial was at Highland Cemetery Norwood. Donations may be made in his name to Mass. General Hospital, Center for Cancer Research, 55 Fruit Street Boston, MA 02114.

GORE

Kenneth J. Of Pocasset formerly of Norwood passed away on Jan. 24, 2017 at the age of 76. Beloved father of Jeffrey K. Gore and his wife Valerie of Acton. Brother of the late Frederick J. "Jack" Gore. Cherished grandfather of Spencer, Hudson and Brody. Funeral home service was at the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home 1248 Washington St. NORWOOD. Burial was at Highland Cemetery Norwood. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in his name to Brigham and Women's, Dept. of Neurosurgery Stroke Research Fund 116 Huntington Ave. 3rd Floor Boston, MA. 02116 www.give.brighamandwomens.org

KAPLAN

Marion (Pearlman) Of Norwood on Jan. 25, 2017. Beloved wife of the late Daniel Kaplan. Loving mother of Charles Kaplan & his wife Deborah of Walpole, Nason Kaplan and his wife Charlene of Sharon, Howard Kaplan & his wife Donna of Onset, Dr. Benjamin Kaplan & his wife April of Hollis, N.H. and the late Michael

Jay Kaplan. Cherished grandmother of Laurie & her partner Robert, Michael Jack & his partner Courtney, Michael Robert, Elizabeth & her husband Michael, Adam, Ashley and Breanna. Great-grandmother of Daniel, Steven and Noah. Dear sister of Dorothy Rutman and Peggy Bernstein. Services were at Schlossberg Solomon Memorial Chapel, 824 Washington St., Canton. Burial was at Sharon Memorial Park, Sharon. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to a charity of choice. Schlossberg-Solomon Chapel.

McGINNIS

Francis L. "Tubby" US Navy Veteran Of Norwood passed away on Jan. 22, 2017 at the age of 85. Beloved husband of Mary T. (Coppinger) McGinnis. Devoted father of Joseph F. McGinnis and his wife Kathleen of Franklin and Ann M. Petrucci and her husband David of Walpole. Brother of the late John, Helen and Josephine. Cherished grandfather of Bryen-Aimee, Taylor, Derek, Meredith and the late Coley. Great-grandfather of Bailey. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Tubby was a Member of the Norwood ELKS and Former member of the VFW Post #722 of Jamaica Plain. Funeral was from the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, 1248 Washington St., NORWOOD. A funeral mass was at St. Mary's Church, E. Walpole. Burial was at Highland Cemetery Norwood. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in his name to Make-A-Wish Foundation, Massachusetts and Rhode Island One Bulfinch Place, 2nd Floor Boston, MA 02114. www.massri.wish.org. US Navy Korean War Veteran.

The Record Book

NPA-TV LAUNCHES NEW MOBILE SITE WITH LIVE STREAMING!

Norwood Public Access Television, Inc. is excited to announce that they are launching a new mobile site in 2017. The mobile site will allow users to watch live streams of all three NPA channels 24/7 and watch programs on demand. The mobile site provides viewers a new way to watch NPA-TV. Users can watch NPA-TV at anytime and anywhere and share links with family and friends. The power is in any mobile device. Users may access NPA-TV's schedules and search NPA-TV's library of programs. If a user finds a program they would like to watch, it can be requested and NPA-TV can make it available if it is not already available. NPA-TV is excited to provide new ways to experience all public access television has to offer. NPA-TV is proud to be your home for all things Norwood.

HYLANDER ON INTERNMENT OF JAPANESE-AMERICANS DURING WWII

Historian Dr. Gary Hylander will present a total of four lectures at the Morrill Memorial Library in 2017, beginning Monday, Feb. 6 at 7 p.m. with "Executive Order 9066." In the aftermath of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941, President Franklin D. Roosevelt issued Executive Order 9066, which resulted in the mandatory relocation of thousands of Japanese-Americans into detention centers for the duration of the war. Over 100,000 native-born Japanese-American citizens and foreign-born Japanese nationals were forced to leave their homes, sell their businesses, and surrender their personal possessions. Despite Roosevelt's fears, not a single Japanese-American was found guilty of wartime sabotage or espionage. To sign up for this program, funded by the Friends of the Library, please call 781-769-0200, x110 or 222, email norprograms@minlib.net, or stop by the library Reference or Information Desk.

PARENT TALKS: RAISING CHILDREN IN THE AMERICAN CULTURE

Are you new to this country? Do you have questions about raising children in America? Together we will talk about: How children learn two lan-

guages, share ideas about keeping family traditions, learn about American school systems and answer questions about American culture. (This workshop will be in English). Please join us on Wednesday, Feb. 8 at 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Savage Educational Center, 275 Prospect St., Room 219. To register please contact Christine Tomasello, Norwood CFCE. Email: ctomasello@norwood.k12.ma.us. (781) 440-5983.

PEER ROLE MODELS ENROLLMENT

Enrollment for the September 2017-2018 School year for Peer Role Models at the Willett Early Childhood Center. Openings are for 3 and 4-year-old children (must be 3 years old on or before Aug. 31, 2017). For more information please call the Willett Early Childhood Center at 781-440-5902 or visit our website for the pre-school application at www.norwood.k12.ma.us

Art Association to present free demo

Thursday, Feb. 16, at 6:30 pm, the Norwood Art Association will present a demonstration of land- and seascape painting at the Simoni Room on the second floor of the Morrill Memorial Library on Walpole Street.

The artist of the month will be Karen Blackwood of Newburyport, Mass., who specializes in plein-air scenes in the California Impressionism tradition and has won multiple awards in prestigious national competitions. During the program, she will share some of the powerful techniques she uses to depict light and convey her emotional response to her subject matter. Refreshments will be provided, and the event is free to any adult or teen wishing to attend. One of Blackwood's works will also be auctioned off to benefit Art Association activities, which include their popular Art in the Park event, held each June. The Art Association welcomes new members. You need not be an artist and do not have to live in Norwood to join. Dues are just \$20 a year (\$21 when joining over the Internet) and may be paid at the meeting. For more information, go to the Norwood Art Association website at <https://norwoodartassociation.com>, check out their Facebook page, or email norwoodartassociation@gmail.com.

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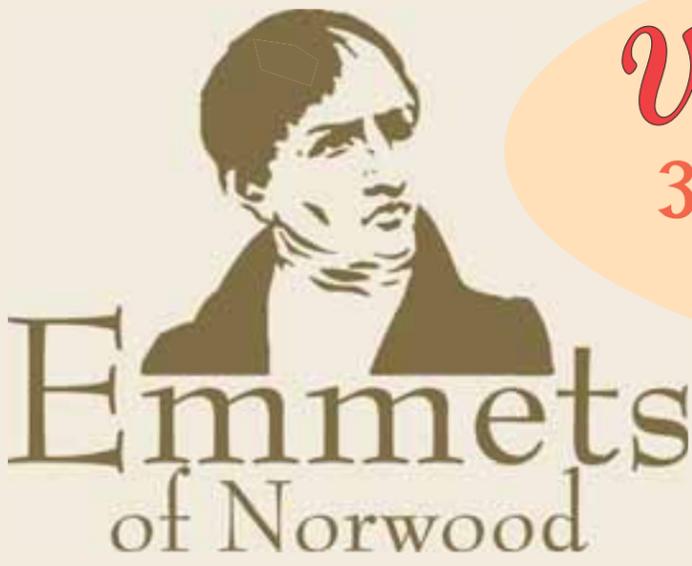
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