



Children dyed Easter Eggs at the Civic Center as part of a slate of programs hosted by the Recreation Department. The eggs took on every color and pattern under the sun as youngsters celebrated the holidays. The Department also hosted an Easter Egg hunt for small children at the Willett School and a flashlight Easter Egg hunt at the Balch School for middle school-aged children.

PHOTO BY JOE DIFAZIO



Egg-cellent egg dying part of busy spring

Fishing Derby this Saturday

Joe DiFazio
Staff Reporter

Children got a chance to decorate eggs just in time for Easter in one of many events Norwood hosts for its younger residents in the spring.

"We're always looking for new pro-

gramming," said Jerry Miller, the Superintendent of Recreation. "[This event] is wonderful to see."

The Willett room of the Civic Center was full of color Thursday, as children dyed eggs to take home for Eas-

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Wetland lines could slow Upland Woods project

Safe Harbor protection at risk

Joe DiFazio
Staff Reporter

Outdated site plans are causing a hiccup, which might delay the groundbreaking of Upland Woods.

Selectman Bill Plasko asked the Conservation Commission to work as expeditiously as possible in resolving all outstanding issues with the site at the last Board of Selectman meeting. The Upland Woods project granted the town of Norwood a safe harbor for 40B projects, contingent upon the project starting construction by September 4.

The 262-unit Upland Woods apartment project is part of Norwood's Housing Production Plan, which was certified by the state Department of Hous-

ing and Community Development. The certification is effective for a two-year period through September 4, 2015.

The Chapter 40B law established in 1969 mandates that all towns in Massachusetts meet a minimum requirement of 1.5 percent of developable land area in a town or 10 percent of housing stock be dedicated to affordable or subsidized housing. If the minimums are not met, towns are open to having developers build 40B affordable housing projects that are denser than local zoning bylaw permits. A recent stipulation in the law allows towns to file a housing production plan, which shows the town is work-

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Special Town Meeting to accompany Annual

Joe DiFazio
Staff Reporter

There will be another Special Town Meeting (STM) this year to go along with the Annual Town Meeting, and Plimpton Press, medical marijuana and school department finances will be on the docket.

After causing a long debate at the last STM, the Plimpton Press Overlay District (PPOD) will again be an article on the upcoming STM warrant. The article asks that an overlay district be created that would allow the Plimpton Press building to become a smart growth 40R project. The developer for the project is the Plimpton Press Partnership, a union of Criterion

Development Partners and Creative Development Company. The building they propose to build in the overlay zoning is a 240-unit apartment and condominium complex that will include retail space.

The Board of Selectmen (BOS) withdrew the article last time, at the request of the developers, and STM voted to indefinitely postpone the creation of an overlay district.

The Planning Board originally voted 4-1 in favor of the PPOD because they said it was a much better use of the building and area than its current industrial zoning and the PPOD's ensuing development would reopen

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SECTION A
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID
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Sealed bids will be received up to 10:00 A.M.(Verizon time), May 13, 2014, in the Purchasing Department, Norwood Town Hall, 566 Washington Street, 3rd Floor, Norwood, MA 02062 for the following Public Project:

**Bid Package "A", Interior Repairs to General Building Area –
Norwood Town Hall**

The complete bid package may be obtained in the Purchasing Department during regular business hours. The bid must be filled out and signed as directed herein, sealed in an opaque envelope addressed to the Purchasing Department, endorsed with the name and address of the bidder, and marked, "**Interior Repairs – General Building Area - CONTRACT #PBC-14-03**". A pre-bid will be held on May 6, 2014, at 10:00 A.M. at the Norwood Town Hall, 566 Washington Street, Room 24, Norwood, MA 02062.

Bids will be valid only when accompanied by:

1. A certified check or bid bond, by a surety company licensed to do business in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts satisfactory to the awarding authority in favor of the Town of Norwood and equal to at least five percent (5%) of the total bid price must be submitted with the Bid.

The successful bidder shall, within ten (10) days of notification of award furnish the Town a performance bond and a payment bond in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the first year award.

Bids shall be prepared, considered, and the contract awarded in accordance with all statutes governing such contracts (MGL Chapter 30 and Chapter 149 as amended). Every General Bid shall be on forms furnished by the Town. Bids submitted on other forms may be rejected. The award of the contract shall be made within 30 working days after the opening of General Bids, Saturdays, and Sundays excluded.

An award will not be made to a Contractor who is not properly equipped to undertake and complete the work. The right is reserved to waive any informality and to reject any or all bids or any part of any bid in accordance with the provisions of MGL as amended.

In order to be eligible and responsible to bid on this project, General Bidders shall submit with their bid a current list of similar project experience and project references filled out in the enclosed Schedules C and H respectively.

The Town of Norwood notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, creed or national origin in consideration for an award. As part of his obligation of remedial action under the foregoing section, the Contractor and Subcontractors shall maintain not less than 5% ratio of minority employee work hours to total work hours in each job category specified in Section 44F of Chapter 149 MGL.

The successful bidder shall be required to submit documentation that all employees to be employed in the work subject to this bid have successfully completed a course in construction safety and health approved by the United States Occupational Safety and Health Administration that is at least 10 hours in duration. Any employee found on a worksite subject to this section without documentation of successful completion of a course in construction safety and health approved by the United States Occupational Safety and Health Administration that is at least 10 hours in duration shall be subject to immediate removal.

Wages are subject to minimum wage rates under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 149, Section 26 to 27D inclusive, as most recently amended.

The right is reserved to reject any or all bids or to accept any part of a bid or the one deemed best for the Town. Questions can be addressed to Catherine Carney, Contract Administrator, Town of Norwood, at (781) 762-1240, Ext. 107.

BY: William Kinsman, Chairman, PBCC

Norwood Record, 4/24/14

Meet your new Town Planner

Joe DiFazio
Staff Reporter

On May 5, Paul Halkiotis will step in as Norwood's new Town Planner, a role he knows a lot about.

"The Planner position has a big learning curve, and the Planner has to learn his way around the town physically and understand what's going on with a lot of different issues," said Halkiotis. "It will take me a little bit to get up to speed and that will be my first challenge."

Halkiotis grew up in Belmont and went to the University of Massachusetts Amherst for his undergraduate and Masters in regional planning. He was previously the Town Planner in Tewksbury and Orleans and worked in private sector in telecommunica-



Paul Halkiotis will become Norwood's new Town Planner on May 5.

tions. Halkiotis then became the Economic Development Planner in the town of Weymouth.

"I got to work on the redevelopment of the South Weymouth Naval Air Station which was really interesting," said Halkiotis. "I think the work

I did in Weymouth is much closer to the work I'll do in Norwood. It's closer to Boston, [is a] much more mature suburb [and has] a lot of economic development."

His most recent job was as the Town Planner for Marshfield, where he had also served on the Conservation Commission. He has served in that position for ten years and had to navigate several environmental issues such as flooding and sea level rise.

"I've done some interesting work ... [such as] cutting-edge sea level pilot projects to study sea-level rise on the South Shore," said Halkiotis. "I saw the opportunity in Norwood and the salary range

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ing towards its goals, and gives the town a safe harbor to deny 40B projects.

While towns are in a safe harbor, it is expected that they work towards getting to their minimums. At the time the site review plan was approved, two other 40B projects were proposed in Norwood, one called Forbes Hill and Robert Folsom's proposal on Washington Street. Safe harbor allowed these projects to stall.

The Conservation Commission is asking for a peer review of the site plans of Upland Woods because of how large the project is and because they want to close out original site plans that called for a four-story 200,000 square foot office building filed in 2008. The office building didn't come to fruition because of financing,

according to the developer, Campanelli Thorndike LLC.

The Commission needs to have the old plan certified as "no build" before approving a new plan. Part of the peer review entails ensuring that no construction took place. Commission member Joseph DiMaria also worries about storm water runoff causing problems at Upland Road and Prospect Street, which he said is subject to flooding already.

"[I want] a second set of eyes, [I] want to say we've done everything in our power," said DiMaria about assuring that the project meets all acceptable drainage standards.

Another point of contention in a Conservation Commission meeting with the developers earlier this month was wetland lines. Representatives from

Campanelli Thorndike argued that the wetland lines in the original plans could be used under the Permit Extension Act of 2012. This act extends expiration of project permits and approvals to spur economic growth.

Chairwoman of the Conservation Commission, Cheryl Rogers, felt differently.

"[You] must come before us to get an extension and we haven't seen anybody ... this project wasn't there at the time," said Rogers.

The Commission contends that the wetland lines have to be revisited.

"Peer review is taking a little bit of time," said Selectman Helen Abdallah Donohue, explaining that she felt that the Commission wasn't given all the proper materials.

The Campanelli Company purchased the property Upland Woods is being built on in 2003. It was a former campus for Polaroid. Two redevelopments have already happened on the site, one for a medical office building and another for the Universal Technical Institute.

Currently, the Conservation Commission is seeking out candidate companies to do the peer review. Campanelli Thorndike had planned to break ground in June.

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DPW says play ball, Light Department asks to sell easement

Joe DiFazio
Staff Reporter

Director of Public Works Mark Ryan appeared before the Board of Selectmen (BOS) to speak on a number of projects the Department of Public Works (DPW) is handling around town.

"The new DPW facilities are full steam ahead," said Ryan about the new DPW yard being built.

The DPW holds meetings about construction of the new facilities every Friday at 9:00 a.m. for neighbors and the general public. Ryan said people are encouraged to come ask town officials and representatives from the developer, Colantonio Inc., questions. Ryan also noted that road work by National Grid in the town center is complete except for some sidewalk paving which is scheduled for completion in the first week of June.

After 26 salting operations, 12 snow plow operations and 5 snow removal operations, the DPW declared the snow and ice season over. Ryan said that all the athletic fields have been opened, prepared and are ready for the spring season. The Highway and Parks Department has begun spring clean up, which includes planting annual flowers and patching potholes.

The DPW is currently putting out bids for two projects, one through the Engineering Department to resurface roads after a harsh winter, and the other is a water main project. Ryan explained the project is for cleaning and lining water pipes. He added that there would be minimal disruption and only a small amount of excavation. Water meters for each house are turned off while above ground services are attached to houses during the project.

The next appointment the Board had was with the Norwood Light and Broadband Department (NLBD). Assistant Superintendent of NLBD James Collins explained an article regarding a transmission easement that is being put on the Special Town Meeting Warrant. Norwood Gardens' property was built within an easement that the town has around its power lines in the area. The article is to ask the town if they would abandon part of the easement in exchange for giving the Light Department legal access to the rest of the

easement and cash considerations. Norwood Gardens has always allowed the NLBD access to the easements via its driveways as a courtesy.

"That's a big infringement," said Selectwoman Helen Abdallah Donohue while looking at a map of the easement.

Town Manager John Carroll, using his knowledge of surveying, explained that the issue was very complicated and that the mistake was made on what he thinks was a reasonable assumption. He said the surveyor for Norwood Gardens might have used existing property lines, which wasn't the best way to do survey the land.

"I want to make sure our plan for the town of Norwood is correct," said Donohue about making sure the town has the proper maps.

The NLBD also announced that in order to add more channels and create faster Internet they would be digitizing many analog channels as a way to recapture broadband. Channels two through 27 would remain analog, so that people with a television set older than 2007 would not need a cable box for those channels. It also means that residents with several televisions would need to get a box for each television.

Collins also touched on the telephone pole issues around town and that progress was being made after the Board's letters to Verizon and Comcast. The Board was still displeased with the speed at which poles were replaced and the amount of double poles around town. Selectman Bill Plasko also voiced displeasure about the NLBD being late on a payment of \$15,000 as part of a Norwood Light contract.

Plasko then detailed his continuing work on the 1.5 percent issue with Town Meeting Member Brian Hardiman. In order to be compliant with state 40B law, the town must dedicate 1.5 percent of its developable land area to affordable or subsidized housing. As part of his opposition to the proposed Plimpton Press Project in his neighborhood, Hardiman commissioned an independent study of the 1.5 percent.

Plasko brought to the attention of the Board information regarding residences in Norwood serviced by the federal Community Development Block Grant Program.

Hardiman, who was at the meeting, said to the Board that these residences should be included in the 1.5 percent land area total. Plasko, on the other hand, said that the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) indicated that these residences would not count because of a provision in the deeds of the houses that do not make them permanently subsidized. Furthermore, Plasko added that moving forward, Norwood could change how they service the program in order for future residences to count towards the 1.5 percent.

The Board voted to officially apply these residences to the DHCD to see if they would be considered.

"I'd like to thank you for your work," said Chairman of the Board Mike Lyons to Hardiman.

At the end of the meeting, Lyons announced his wish to have a mini-town meeting about the downtown area and its diminished economic vitality, saying that its been done in the past and that it could be the key to revitalizing the area.

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The proposed work includes cleaning and cement lining approximately two thousand seven hundred (2,700) feet of 6-inch cast iron water main and installing valves, hydrants, fittings and replacement pipe sections on Hawthorne Street, Lincoln Avenue and Vernon Street. Also included is the replacement of approximately nine hundred and fifty (950) feet of 6-inch cast iron water main and with 8-inch ductile iron water main on Davis Avenue. Additionally, water services are to be replaced on Davis Avenue.

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 Fay, Spofford & Thorndike, LLC, 5 Burlington Woods, Burlington, Massachusetts 01803 on and after April 14, 2014, 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) for each set, for which a refund will be made if returned to the Purchasing Department in good condition within thirty 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.

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 (5) percent of the value of the bid.

Attention of bidders is called particularly to the requirements as to conditions of employment to be observed and minimum rates to be paid under the contract as determined by the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development under the provisions of the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 149, Section 26-27H inclusive.

All bidders shall make positive efforts to achieve: (1) a minority employee work force hour goal of 10.00 percent, (2) a woman employee work force hour goal of 6.90 percent, (3) a goal of 7.00 percent participation of Minority-Owned Business Enterprise(s) (MBE), and (4) a goal of 4.70 percent participation of Woman-Owned Business Enterprise(s) (WBE). The contractor shall take all affirmative steps necessary to achieve these goals. The bidder shall submit completed MBE and WBE forms with the bid. No bid may be withdrawn within thirty (30) days (Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays excluded) after the date of opening thereof.

A Performance Bond and a Labor and Material Payment Bond, each in an amount equal to 100 percent of the contract price, will be required for the faithful performance of the Contract and provided within ten (10) calendar days of the award letter. The right is reserved to waive any informalities in or to reject any or all bids received, and to award the contract to any of the Contractors bidding on the work if, in the Town's opinion, the best interests of the Town thereby will be promoted.

The successful bidder shall be required to submit documentation that all employees to be employed in the work subject to this bid have successfully completed a course in construction safety and health approved by the United States Occupational Safety and Health Administration that is at least 10 hours in duration. Any employee found on a worksite subject to this section without documentation of successful completion of a course in construction safety and health approved by the United States Occupational Safety and Health Administration that is at least 10 hours in duration shall be subject to immediate removal.

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Potential marijuana zoning reviewed by planning board

Joe DiFazio
Staff Reporter

With Norwood's moratorium on a medical marijuana dispensary almost over, town officials agree it's time to have a plan in place.

Planning Board member Ernie Paciorkowski, who represented the board on a marijuana subcommittee, detailed the plan. The marijuana subcommittee also included members of the Board of Selectmen, the Board of Health, and representatives from the Police Department.

Paciorkowski stated that the plan calls for two medical marijuana overlay districts in Norwood. One will be around Vanderbilt Avenue and one will be around the University Avenue area, near the Westwood town line.

"The police don't want to see them on Route 1," said Paciorkowski.

The zoning plan will have a public hearing at the next Planning Board meeting on April 28 and then will go to Town Meeting. According to Paciorkowski, the Planning Board wants to get the zoning settled before Norwood's moratorium is over, so that the town won't be subject to having a dispensary just anywhere in town. He also said that the zoning had to be large enough so that a potential dispensary would have options, and the state didn't want towns to zone out dispensaries.

"If you don't do this, the

town is wide-open," said Paciorkowski.

On January 31, the Massachusetts Department of Health (DOH) issued 20 Medical Marijuana Dispensary licenses. Neither of the two Norwood applications, The Anita W. Compassion Center, Inc. nor Middlesex Integrative Medicine, Inc., received licenses. The state did not issue all the licenses the law allows, which means that there could be more dispensaries to come.

"I think we still need to continue planning, it doesn't mean we won't get any in the future," said Superintendent of the Norwood Health Department Sigalle Reiss about Norwood not getting a dispensary. "It doesn't really change the trajectory in our planning. I think we still go ahead and look at our zoning."

The Board also elected new leadership, voting Paul Donohue as Chairman, and Alfred Porro as Vice Chairman. The leadership switch comes after the April 7 election in which Joseph Sheehan was re-elected to the Board. He ran unopposed.

The meeting ended with discussion of the Plimpton Press 40R project. Brian Hardiman, a newly appointed member of the Downtown Steering Committee, raised his concern about the issue.

"If a 40R is the town's application, is Norwood reapplying the project?" asked Hardiman.

He was trying to ascertain

whether the Planning Board or Norwood was bringing the project back up at the next Town Meeting.

Paciorkowski said that the developer of the Plimpton Press project has the right to come back to Town Meeting if they wish. He said that the Planning Board voted 4-1 on approving the Plimpton Press Overlay District (PPOD) that would allow the development to happen. If the zoning change passes, then the developer would have to come before the Planning Board for the building itself.

The article to approve the PPOD was on the Special Town Meeting warrant in February, but was indefinitely postponed.

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Students hold mock Town Meeting

Arguments and speeches about town issues were on full display at Town Meeting, but the voices were much younger. Students met at the Police Department earlier this month to hold a mock Town Meeting where they debated several fake warrants. Each student ran for a position of one of the town officials back in March. Some positions were appointed with the submission of an essay as the criteria; it

was open for grades nine through 12.

“If they’re elected to be Airport manager they go out to the airport and the person with that position in town government talks to them about what they do everyday, how what they do impacts the town, everything that goes into running a town the size of Norwood,” said Jennifer Orlinki, who chairs the Social Studies Department for grades six through 12.



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In the event that all business is not completed on May 12th, said Meeting will be adjourned until 7:30 P.M. Norwood High School Auditorium on the following dates: Thursday, May 15; Monday, May 19; Thursday, May 22; Thursday, May 29; Monday, June 2; Thursday, June 5.

ARTICLE 1. To see what sum or sums of money the Town will vote to raise by taxation and/or transfer from Surplus Revenue for the purpose of appropriating such sum or sums for wage increases for all Town employees, including the School Department, or take any other action in the matter.

ARTICLE 2. To hear and act on the reports of Town Officers and Committees.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Collector of Taxes to use the same means as a Town Treasurer may use when acting as collector.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept and enter into contract for the expenditure of funds allotted by the Commonwealth and/or County for the construction, reconstruction and improvement of public ways under the provisions of Section 34, Chapter 90 of the Mass. General Laws, Ter. Ed., and acts in amendment thereof and in addition thereto, or take any other action in the matter.

ARTICLE 5. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise, borrow, or transfer from available funds in the treasury and appropriate for the fiscal year beginning **July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015** for the following purposes, or take any other action in the matter. “All sums voted for salaries are to be expended in conformance with the official budget of the Finance Commission unless otherwise voted by the Town Meeting. All sums voted for New Equipment shall be expended for items listed in the budgets approved by the Finance Commission and voted by the Town Meeting.”

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- X. ARTICLE 1 WAGE/SALARY ADJ.
- Y. CAPITAL OUTLAY EQUIPMENT

ARTICLE 6. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to meet overdrafts and unpaid bills incurred for the period July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013 and fiscal years prior, or take any other action in the matter.

ARTICLE 7. To see what sum the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Assessors to apply from free cash in the treasury in offset to the amount appropriated to be raised by taxation for the fiscal year beginning **July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015**, or take any other action in the matter.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to allow the Treasurer (from time to time) to enter into compensating balance agreements with banks in accordance with General Law, Chapter 740, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, or take any other action in the matter. (On petition of Town Treasurer and Tax Collector)

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning **July 1, 2014**, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the use of a Revolving Fund in Fiscal Year 2014 in accordance with the provisions of MGL Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ for the purpose of funding programs administered by the Council on Aging, or take any other action in the matter.

ARTICLE 11. To see what sum or sums of money the Town will vote to raise or transfer from taxation or from surplus revenue or other available funds, or borrow, and to appropriate for the costs of capital projects not otherwise provided for elsewhere on this Annual Town Meeting Warrant, including construction, reconstruction and major renovations and repairs to buildings, facilities, and other public works; the purchase of new equipment; and engineering, design and other costs incidental and related to such capital projects; and for other capital projects not otherwise specified;

And further, to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen to borrow said sums required for the aforesaid capital projects; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen or other appropriate authority to expend the aforesaid funds for the specified purposes; or take any other action in the matter.

Any individual with a disability who needs accommodations related to accessibility/communications or other aspects of participation in town meeting or other related programs should contact: John J. Carroll, General Manager, Town of Norwood, 566 Washington Street, Norwood, MA 02062 (781-762-1240) or David Hern, Jr., Town Meeting Moderator, Town of Norwood, 566 Washington Street, Norwood, MA 02062 (781-762-1240). The Town of Norwood does not discriminate on the basis of disability.

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. Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen on or before the day and time of said meeting.

Given under our hands at Norwood this Eighth day of April, A.D. 2014.

William J. Plasko
Michael J. Lyons, Chairman
Helen Abdallah Donohue
Paul A. Bishop
Allan D. Howard
NORWOOD BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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Lenox Street, improving emergency response to South Norwood. The Board also stated the state would give Norwood incentive payments for the project and it would add units and acreage towards affordable housing minimums. The proposed development would be over 60 percent one-bedrooms units, which the Board felt would not add many school-aged children to the town.

Massachusetts’s law mandates all towns to have 1.5 percent of their developable land area or 10 percent of total housing stock dedicated to affordable or subsidized units. According to town officials, Norwood has not reached its state mandated affordable housing minimums and because the proposed Plimpton Press project is a 40R project, which includes affordable housing, it would get them closer.

Several neighbors from the Plimpton Avenue area, lead by newly elected Town Meeting Members Kevin Pentowski and Brian Hardiman, have been vocal opponents against the project. Pentowski ran for a BOS seat with opposition to 40Rs as his main platform. Hardiman even financed a \$10,000 private study contending that Norwood has reached the 1.5 percent. An increase in traffic, parking issues and an influx of school-aged children are among their chief concerns.

The STM will also see articles regarding Medical Marijuana by-laws and districting.

All Massachusetts cities and towns have had to create districts in which Medical Marijuana dispensaries can be zoned since the state voted to allow for the medicinal use of Marijuana in the 2012 election. Companies vied for li-

censes earlier this year, but the two groups who competed to set up in Norwood were not awarded licenses by the state. Norwood has a moratorium on dispensaries for now. The Planning Board worries, however, that if a Medical Marijuana Overlay District isn’t established by the time the moratorium is over, the state could allow a potential licensee to build anywhere in town.

The School Committee has submitted several articles for STM, most developed in conjunction with the Budget Balancing Committee to help the School Department balance its Fiscal Year 2015 budget. The items, if approved, would allow money transfers in excess of \$250,000 to the school department’s budget. One article, separate from the budget balancing measures, asks for an appropriation of \$37,500 for a legal settlement regarding Special Education.

Norwood will also be discussing snow and ice for perhaps the last time for a few months because of an article asking for an appropriation for excess snow removal expenditures. The article asks for \$125,000 for the Department of Public Works going over budget and 217,132 for the School Department.

Each town in Massachusetts is required to have one Town Meeting a year, but is allowed to have as many special meetings as deemed necessary. The Selectmen may issue a warrant for a STM or must call one if requested by 100 registered voters in writing.

Town Meeting is scheduled for May 12 at 7:35 p.m. at Norwood High School. It will continue on consecutive Mondays and Thursdays until it is finished. There will be over 20 articles for the upcoming STM.



From left to right: An Long, Jack Curran and Mike Whitehead in front of all the food donations from last year. COURTESY PHOTO

Food pantry and letter carriers team up

Joe DiFazio
Staff Reporter

Helping the hungry has never been easier; with the Letter Carriers' Food Drive, you won't even have to leave your house.

"This is the largest one-day food drive in the country," said Jack Curran, Vice-President of Local 742 of the National Association of Letter Carriers (AFL-CIO) and Food Drive Coordinator. "Last year, in Norwood and Westwood alone, letter carriers collected 16,730 pounds of food to help the hundreds of families who are struggling with hunger right here in our hometowns. That adds up to about eight and one third tons. And this year, we're hoping to do even better."

The drive will take place on Saturday, May 10. Norwood residents who wish to participate can

leave one or more bags of food by their mailbox on Saturday, marked for the Letter Carrier's Food Drive. The food will then be picked up as carriers go about their regular mail deliveries, taken to a central location for sorting, and then delivered to both the Norwood and Westwood pantries. This event will directly aid the Norwood Ecumenical Food Pantry.

"All types of non-perishable food from peanut butter and jelly to baked beans and brownie mix are welcome," said Bill Discepolo, Stock and Rotation Manager at the Norwood Food Pantry. "But right now, we particularly need canned fruit and tomatoes, fruit and vegetable juices, tuna and other canned meat, cereal, canned pasta and boxed meals like Tuna and Hamburger Helper. The only requirement is that all cans and boxes

must be new and in good condition. Anything outdated or opened has to be thrown away for health reasons."

Norwood is just one of over 10,000 cities and towns across America that will be taking part in the Letter Carrier's Food Drive, which began in 1992. Other postal employees, volunteers and sponsoring organizations, also help letter carriers in this event. Their efforts have resulted in the delivery of over 1.3 billion pounds of donated food to regional food banks and local food pantries since 1992. In 2013 alone, 74.4 million pounds of food were collected.

"We're proud to be part of

Food pantry
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Letter Carrier Jim Morris takes a break from sorting food for a slice of pizza. COURTESY PHOTO

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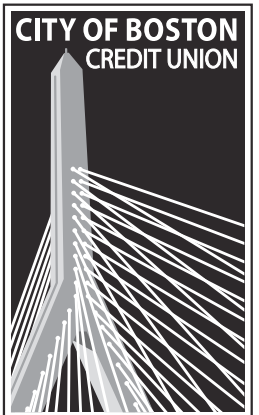
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SECTION A
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID
TOWN OF NORWOOD, MA

Sealed bids will be received up to 11:00 A.M.(Verizon time), May 13, 2014, in the Purchasing Department, Norwood Town Hall, 566 Washington Street, 3rd Floor, Norwood, MA 02062 for the following Public Project:

Bid Package "B", Interior Repairs to Main Stairwell and Memorial Hall Area – Norwood Town Hall

The complete bid package may be obtained in the Purchasing Department during regular business hours. The bid must be filled out and signed as directed herein, sealed in an opaque envelope addressed to the Purchasing Department, endorsed with the name and address of the bidder, and marked, "Interior Repairs – General Building Area - CONTRACT #PBC-14-04". A pre-bid will be held on May 6, 2014, at 11:00 A.M. at the Norwood Town Hall, 566 Washington Street, Room 24, Norwood, MA 02062.

Bids will be valid only when accompanied by:

1. A certified check or bid bond, by a surety company licensed to do business in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts satisfactory to the awarding authority in favor of the Town of Norwood and equal to at least five percent (5%) of the total bid price must be submitted with the Bid.

The successful bidder shall, within ten (10) days of notification of award furnish the Town a performance bond and a payment bond in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the first year award.

Bids shall be prepared, considered, and the contract awarded in accordance with all statutes governing such contracts (MGL Chapter 30 and Chapter 149 as amended). Every General Bid shall be on forms furnished by the Town. Bids submitted on other forms may be rejected. The award of the contract shall be made within 30 working days after the opening of General Bids, Saturdays, and Sundays excluded.

An award will not be made to a Contractor who is not properly equipped to undertake and complete the work. The right is reserved to waive any informality and to reject any or all bids or any part of any bid in accordance with the provisions of MGL as amended.

In order to be eligible and responsible to bid on this project, General Bidders shall submit with their bid a current list of similar project experience and project references filled out in the enclosed Schedules C and H respectively.

The Town of Norwood notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, creed or national origin in consideration for an award. As part of his obligation of remedial action under the foregoing section, the Contractor and Subcontractors shall maintain not less than 5% ratio of minority employee work hours to total work hours in each job category specified in Section 44F of Chapter 149 MGL.

The successful bidder shall be required to submit documentation that all employees to be employed in the work subject to this bid have successfully completed a course in construction safety and health approved by the United States Occupational Safety and Health Administration that is at least 10 hours in duration. Any employee found on a worksite subject to this section without documentation of successful completion of a course in construction safety and health approved by the United States Occupational Safety and Health Administration that is at least 10 hours in duration shall be subject to immediate removal.

Wages are subject to minimum wage rates under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 149, Section 26 to 27D inclusive, as most recently amended.

The right is reserved to reject any or all bids or to accept any part of a bid or the one deemed best for the Town. Questions can be addressed to Catherine Carney, Contract Administrator, Town of Norwood, at (781) 762-1240, Ext. 107.

BY: William Kinsman, Chairman, PBCC

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this powerful effort to help our neighbors in need," said Curran. "One in every six Americans is not sure where their next meal is coming from, including 17 million children and three million seniors over 65. Veterans and military families are often affected too. We see the need every day on our routes, and we feel this is a great way to lend a hand."

The Norwood Food Pantry, located at the rear entrance of Grace Episcopal Church, started in 1989 and will have its 25th anniversary in May. It is supported by several of Norwood and Westwood's churches and synagogue and is affiliated with the Greater Boston Food Bank. Since it began, the pantry has served over 2,500 families.

"The Letter Carriers' Drive is probably the single most important day for our pantry all year," said Norwood Food Pantry's Executive Director Ruth Taeger. "We depend on it to get through the lean summer months, when donations always dip because people are so busy or away on vacation, and into the fall. The people of Norwood ... have always responded to the

Letter Carriers' Drive with a huge outpouring of generosity. And we thank each and every one of you, carriers and donors alike, for caring and sharing."

Those looking to make a food donation to the pantry, outside of The Letter Carrier's Drive, may do so by dropping food items off at the pantry Thursday mornings

between 8:30 and 9:30 a.m. or Saturday mornings between 7:30 and 11 a.m. In addition, drop-off boxes are located in various Norwood businesses and organizations including Hannaford's, Shaw's, Stop & Shop and Morrill Memorial Library.



Mei Rodenbush carrying food donations.

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was better. I've known [former Town Planner] Stephen Costello for a long time... it seemed like a great opportunity for me. I'm really excited to start work there in a couple weeks."

Halkiotis will have a few key challenges to face in his new role. As indicated by The

Board of Selectmen's race and lengthy Town Meeting discussions, Norwood has some weariness of Massachusetts' 40B law.

"40B has been around since the 70s and it has been controversial the whole time. Every town that I've worked in and in every community it's a controversial state regulation, and many communities really resent the fact that the state is trying to regulate local zoning," said Halkiotis. "Having said that, without 40B there wouldn't be nearly as many affordable units in this state."

Halkiotis said that the issue is an important one throughout the state. He also points to the failure of the 2010 referendum to repeal 40B as a sign that people understand that the law is necessary for the bigger picture. In Marshfield, Halkiotis said he worked with consultants to create affordable housing units through existing houses and placing a deed restriction on them so that they would stay affordable.

"The program has been fairly successful ... it may be something Norwood is interested in taking a look at," said Halkiotis.

Another issue that has caused some concern in Norwood is the large amount of business vacancies in the downtown area.

"I understand there has been some turnover and va-

cancies in the downtown [area]. It certainly isn't unusual for any downtown. Our whole country is struggling to come out of this recession and tough economic times," said Halkiotis. "Some businesses come and go ... that's something that we can try and work on, but it's not something the government can completely control."

Halkiotis believes Norwood's role is to foster development through making sure businesses have the proper groundwork.

"The town has its role in economic development and that's to try and provide the basic infrastructure for a downtown area, making sure there's enough parking ... making sure its regulations are current in regards to things like signs and that's what we can focus on," said Halkiotis.

Though there may be some tough challenges ahead, Halkiotis said he is excited for his new role, and thinks it will be a positive change for him. He also said his reception has already gone well.

"So far from what I've seen with my dealing in Town Hall ... they've been very welcoming and that's been a pleasant surprise, because it's not what I'm used to dealing with," Halkiotis said. "I'm looking forward to coming on board."

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