

Selectmen's Meeting
Room 34, Town Hall

December 6, 2022
Meeting is Recorded

In Attendance: Chairman William Plasko, Vice Chairman Helen Abdallah-Donohue (via Google Meet), Selectman Amanda Grow, Selectman Matt Lane, Selectman Robert Donnelly, General Manager Tony Mazzucco, Executive Assistant Jess Jozwik

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:30pm and began with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silent prayer or reflection.

The Board Welcomed Steve Hook and Lauren Mielke from the Holbrook Regional Emergency Communications Center. Representatives from the Norwood Police Department were also in attendance.

General Manager Tony Mazzucco gave some history on the search for a regional dispatch center. In 2018, it was determined that 50% of the Dispatch staff would be retiring in or before 2023, and the management and department heads knew this would be a problem, and doing nothing about it was not an option. The town researched many options including a different regional dispatch center, but in the end, has negotiated a draft agreement with HRECC, which would go into effect in phases from April through September, if approved.

The representatives from HRECC shared information about their services, how this would integrate with Norwood's systems, and the other communities that they serve. They discussed the fact that they had already begun bulking up their staff to be able to accept a larger town like Norwood into their system, but they would also encourage current Norwood Dispatch employees to apply, so they may bring their experience and expertise on Norwood with them.

Discussion ensued, and HRECC answered the questions from the Board. Selectman Lane would like to see transparency, and they shared that they have quarterly stakeholder meetings.

On motion of Selectman Donnelly, seconded by Selectman Lane, the Board voted 4-0 to approve the Inter-municipal Agreement and authorize the General Manager to sign the Inter-municipal Agreement on behalf of the Town.

On motion of Selectman Lane, seconded by Selectman Grow, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn.

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ATTEST: _____
Executive Assistant