

OPINION

The envelope please...

It will come as no surprise to anyone even remotely familiar with this newspaper that The Norwood Record is endorsing Tim Hempton for state representative over incumbent John Rogers. Hempton is a good guy and appears to be willing to end the non-sensical spending on Beacon Hill, including overhauling the current welfare debacle as well as slowing the gifting of public services and privileges to illegal aliens.

Truth be told, if Bubbles the chimpanzee was the only challenger to Rep. Rogers, then this newspaper would be inserting coupons for free bananas. Why? Because we are sick and tired of our public officials thumbing their noses at you and I collectively. We are disgusted with the political patronage which places unqualified knuckleheads next to other hard working state employees. If you've ever wondered why you wait for hours at the RMV or on hold trying to reach a state public service department, or simmered while in line to get through a toll booth because the attendant had to use his fingers and toes to calculate your change, then you have experienced this incompetence. Apparently, the two largest newspapers in the state have had enough as well. On a larger scale, The Boston Globe endorsed Charlie Baker for Governor, while locally the Boston Herald just endorsed Hempton over Rogers. It is time for major change in this state, and a good first step would be replacing Rogers.

If you have any difficulty remembering how to vote on the ballot questions, just remember YES, NO, YES, NO. A YES VOTE on Question 1 would eliminate the requirement that the state's gas tax be adjusted annually based on the Consumer Price Index, which is really a no brainer. Do we really want taxation without representation? And does anyone really believe that this tax money will be dedicated to fixing bridges and roads?

A NO VOTE on Question 2 would make no change in the laws regarding beverage container deposits. This is the toughest question of them all; given both sides make very good points. However, we view this as an unnecessary tax burden and think recycling initiatives are currently working as they should.

A YES VOTE on Question 3 would prohibit casinos, any gam-

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from the vote to expel a fellow state representative, Carlos Henriquez, a newly convicted felon from the state legislature.

*Timothy Hempton
Walpole*

DON'T BE FOOLED BY QUESTION 5

To the Editor:

There is a local referendum item on the ballot, Question 5, that should not deceive voters into thinking that it is a harmless, helpful item and that there are a group of caring men who want to make sure that women do not harm themselves. Question 5 is the camel's nose under the tent of denying a women's constitutional right to

privacy and health care choice. Similar laws have been passed or attempted to pass in many states and they do nothing to make women's health care safer: they are designed to restrict and deny a women's right to health care.

Legal abortions are much safer than pregnancy and live birth. In 2009, only eight deaths were reported for legal abortion in the entire country, or 0.67 per 100,000 according to Centers for Disease Control. On the other hand, women's death rate per live 100,000 births was 12.7 in 2007. Conservative and ideological groups have tried to use the cover of "safety" to

pass laws closing women's health clinics and restricting women's health choices in over 20 states.

If you really feel the need to "protect women's lives and health," please work to pass laws to strengthen help for women in situations of domestic abuse. Work to support organizations that save girls lives and educate them in places like Africa, Pakistan and Asia, groups that work to end genital mutilation of girls and child brides, the list is endless both at home and abroad. Work to support women's choices and rights in healthcare, family life, education and employment and vote NO on Question 5.

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Issue	Tim Hempton	Rep. John Rogers
Taxes: Automatic annual increases	No	Voted to automatically increase gas taxes
Education: Lower educational curriculum to Common Core standard	No	Voted to fund Common Core
Immigration: Revoke in-state tuition breaks for illegal immigrants	Yes	Voted against repealing in-state tuition breaks for illegal immigrants
Veterans: In-state tuition breaks for Veterans	Yes	Voted against the veterans education amendment


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ing establishment with slot machines, and wagering on simulcast greyhound races in this state. If you would like evidence that casinos are no guarantee of financial success, just take a trip down to Atlantic City, or check the current finances of the state of Connecticut. Massachusetts does not need casinos.

A NO VOTE on Question 4 would make no change in the laws regarding earned sick time. This vote could potentially cripple small businesses, which are by far the largest employers in the state, particularly those in high volume, public service industries where an employer would be required to pay twice, once to the em-

ployee on leave and a second time to the employee working the shift. It would essentially double their payroll. Small businesses are already hurting; this would be the death knell for many of them.

That's it. Show up and vote on Nov. 4. For Pete's sake, it's the least you can do.

Storm *continued from page 1*

Police received almost 20 calls from residents regarding flooding, trees in the road, and problems with power lines.

Thankfully, no injuries were reported.

"We were having the issue where the rain has come up so high that it could end up being a rescue situation, but I don't recall that happening. I don't believe there was any," said Norwood Police spokesman Kevin Grasso.

George Morrice of the Norwood Fire Department confirmed the lack of rescue calls.

"It really was a non-event for us for the most part. We were busy with calls, mostly water calls, power issues," Morrice said.

Grasso also said that police

worked closely with other agencies, including the Public Works Department (DPW), the Light Department, and the Fire Department. The Fire Department and the Light Department were notified of several issues pertaining to downed power lines, or in one case on Marlboro Street, a tree falling into power lines.

"I know we did have some outages in some sections of town. Both agencies were running crazy for the almost two-day storm," Grasso said.

According to the police logs, tree debris was reported at Nichols Street and Nahatan Street, University Avenue, and Lincoln Street. Power lines were down as a result of a blown transformer at Pleasant and Neponset Streets.

When it came to the reports of flooding, Norwood Police were on the scene shortly to assist with traffic and provide support to DPW workers clearing the sites.

According to Grasso, they were prepared to address hazards produced by the storm due to experiences in the past.

"I do know that areas where flooding took place were at many of the same locations that we normally have issues during heavy rainstorms," Grasso said.

Many of the flood reports came from along Nahatan Street, including at Lenox Street, Broadway and Rock Street. Other flooded areas were reported at Boston-Providence Highway and Pleasant Street, Olde Derby Road and Wilson Street, Everett Street, and along Washington Street by Limey's Pub and Prospect Street.

DPW Superintendent Mark

Ryan also said that flood-prone areas in town were well known to officials.

"What happens is, it's at low points in roads. The water just can't go any further, so we have places around town we know are the low areas. Those are the first places we'll respond to," Ryan said.

That said, Ryan said that the town's water systems were not overwhelmed by the intensity of the rain.

"It's not a matter of system capacity so much this case is just the catch basins being blocked by all the leaves," he said.

Ryan said that the DPW keeps a person on call at all times who is capable of responding to small tree and water problems, but backup was called in on Wednesday night to handle the multiple flooding reports.

Ryan also said that in all storm or hurricane type events, the DPW sends crews to homes to collect tree debris to put through the chipper. According to Ryan, this service, among others, is available to all residents when they call the DPW to report an issue.

"With larger limbs, cut it up, put it curbside, and we'll come and grab it for you," Ryan said.

Both Ryan and Grasso pointed out how well the various agencies in town coordinated efforts during the storm. "We work closely with the Light Department and the Fire Department. Public Works was called out (and) they were clearing debris from the areas," Grasso said.

"The coordination between all the different departments is just fabulous, we really work well together. It's always been the case. It's a team effort," Ryan said.

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storage only by July 2015.

Ryan said that the Lyman Street project was around eight weeks behind due to soil management and workspace issues. He also said that contractor Colantonio had differing opinions with the site contractor and was now assuming the responsibilities of that site contractor there. Ryan said he expected the project to catch up and be completed by July 2015.

Steel roof work had been completed at the main build-

ing at Lyman Place during the previous week, Ryan said, and the personnel held a tree-topping ceremony, which is an ancient tradition of builders, to commemorate the work.

McKenna assured the Board that officials weekly meetings and exterior appearances were selected with the neighbors in mind. He said neighbors supported a fence installation to separate the Winter Street facility.