

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES - JUNE 25, 2007**

7:00 p.m. - Selectmen's Meeting Room, 63 Main Street, Northborough, MA

MEMBERS PRESENT: William Pantazis, Chairman
Leslie Rutan, Vice Chairman
Jeff Amberson
Dawn Rand

MEMBERS ABSENT: Fran Bakstran, Clerk

*Pledge of Allegiance

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JUNE 11, 2007 REGULAR MEETING

Selectman Rand moved the Board vote to accept the Minutes of the June 11, 2007 Regular Meeting as submitted; Selectman Rutan seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JUNE 14, 2007 SPECIAL MEETING
WITH REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

Selectman Rutan moved the Board vote to accept the Minutes of the June 14, 2007 Special Meeting with the Regional School Committee as submitted; Selectman Rand seconded the motion. Vote 3-0-1 (Selectman Amberson abstained).

**7:00 p.m. - NORTHBOROUGH SCHOOL COMMITTEE AND CHARLES
GOBRON ACTING SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT**

Approval of Revised Statement of Interest Form to the State School Building Authority for the Lincoln Street School.

Acting School Superintendent Charles Gobron and Northborough School Committee Chairman Cecil Adderley were present. Also present in the audience were Northborough School Committee Members Susan Sartori, Shirley Lundberg, Nancy Berglund and Karen Richardson.

Mr. Gobron informed the Board of the need to submit an amended Statement of Interest to the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) for the Lincoln Street School. The original Statement of Interest was filed with the MSBA about one year ago. Since then, the deterioration of the roof has been a concern. During a recent inspection, it was found that the deterioration has escalated at a faster rate than what was previously expected.

Mr. Gobron stated that in conversations with the MSBA, he was told that a new vote will have to be taken by both the Northborough School Committee and the Northborough Board of Selectmen. The amended Statement of Interest along with the supporting documents regarding the recent roof inspection will help to stress the importance of replacing the roof as soon as possible based on the potential damage to the building and for the health and safety of its occupants.

ACTING SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT CONT. . .

Several questions and comments were heard from members of the Board.

Selectman Rutan moved that having convened in an open meeting on June 25, 2007, the Northborough Board of Selectmen, in accordance with its charter, bylaws, and ordinances has voted to authorize the Superintendent to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the Statement of Interest Form as revised on June 25, 2007 for the Lincoln Street Elementary School located at 76 Lincoln Street, Northborough, Massachusetts which describes and explains the following deficiencies and the priority categories for which an application may be submitted to the Massachusetts School Building Authority in the future that addresses: Priority 1 renovation of a building that is structurally unsound; Priority 2 severe overcrowding; Priority 4 development expected to increase enrollments; Priority 5 replacement, renovation or modernization of the heating system; Priority 7 replacement or addition to obsolete buildings (see Statement of Interest for details); and hereby further specifically acknowledges that by submitting this Statement of Interest Form, the Massachusetts School Building Authority in no way guarantees the acceptance or the approval of an application, the awarding of a grant or any other funding commitment from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, or commits the Town of Northborough to filing an application for funding with the Massachusetts School Building Authority; Selectman seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

7:15 p.m. - CLAUDIA MCGUIRE, DOG OFFICER
Update of Recent Dog Cases.

Dog Officer Claudia McGuire provided an update on the following Dog Hearings:

Marie McGuirk – 80 Crestwood Drive

Fence has been completed to enclose the rear yard area. There have been no complaints since the hearing on January 22, 2007.

Christian Potter – 255 West Street

The older male “Duster” was euthanized on February 5, 2007. The property is currently for sale. There have been no complaints since the hearing on January 22, 2007.

Brant Viner/Margaret Harling – 85 West Street

Work has been scheduled to enclose the entire front 6 acres of the property, including the house and the pond area. They intend to put a gate across the driveway, which Ms. Harling will be able to open with a remote control device. There have been no complaints since the hearing on May 21, 2007.

REPORTS

Dawn Rand

- Announced that the Community Affairs Committee will be sponsoring a Summer Concert Series at the Ellsworth MacAfee Park on Route 135.
- Announced that the Cable Television Advisory Committee is looking for volunteers.

Jeff Amberson

- Attended the Annual Senior Picnic. Thanked the Rotary Club for coordinating the event.
- Announced that the Recreation Director is looking for nominations for the Grand Marshall for this year's Applefest Parade.
- In the absence of Selectman Bakstran, he conducted interviews with Selectman Rand for various Boards, Committees and Commissions prior to tonight's meeting. See below for appointments.

Fran Bakstran, Clerk

- Absent.

Leslie Rutan, Vice Chairman

- Attended the recent meeting of the Regional School Committee. Thanked David Tobin for his very informative presentation on Chapter 70 funding.
- Congratulated Carol Harrington on her recent retirement from her position as Outreach Coordinator with the Senior Center.

Barry M. Brenner, Town Administrator

- No report.

William Pantazis, Chairman

- No report.

APPOINTMENT TO THE BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Selectman Amberson moved the Board vote to appoint Joyce Isen to the Board of Library Trustees for a partial three-year term; Selectman Rand seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

APPOINTMENT TO THE PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

Selectman Amberson moved the Board vote to appoint Sean Durkin to the Parks & Recreation Commission for a partial three-year term; Selectman Rand seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

APPOINTMENT TO THE CABLE TELEVISION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Selectman Amberson moved the Board vote to appoint Michael Edmonds to the Cable Television Advisory Committee for a partial three-year term; Selectman Rand seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING –
NORTHBOROUGH FAMILY & YOUTH SERVICES, INC.**

Mr. Brenner informed the Board that effective June 30, 2006, Northborough Family & Youth Services, Inc. (NFYS) no longer wished to retain the services of the Town Office of Family & Youth Services staff to provide executive and administrative support related to programs within the mission of NFYS, Inc.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING CONT. . .

Effective July 1, 2006, a Memorandum of Understanding replaced the former Management Services Agreement which expired on June 30, 2006. That Memorandum of Understanding is being renewed effective July 1, 2007 with terms and conditions that take into consideration the NFYS, Inc. Board's decision to close its FunCare Program at the end of August 2007.

Following Mr. Brenner's presentation, NFYS, Inc. Co-Directors Cindee Morin and Lois Kirk said a few words about the decision to close the FunCare Program after 18 years. The decision was a difficult one, but necessary due to the decreased enrollment as a result of Northborough moving forward with full-day kindergarten. The extended-day program will provide after-school care for kindergarten students at each of the elementary schools.

Selectman Amberson moved the Board vote to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Northborough Family & Youth Services, Inc.; Selectman Rand seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

7:35 p.m. - PUBLIC HEARING

Exercise of Option to Purchase Chapter 61 Land – Borgatti Property, Southwest Cutoff.

Mr. Brenner read aloud the Public Hearing Notice. He informed the Board that the Town has received Notice of the Sale of Chapter 61 Land by the Borgatti Family to Kevin Giblin (Brendon Properties) for 150 acres located at Southwest Cutoff which is being purchased by Kevin Giblin for the Loop Retail Development and the Avalon Bay Housing Development. Since this land is Chapter 61, the Town has the Right of First Refusal to purchase the property.

Mr. Brenner informed the Board that reports have been received from the Planning Board, Conservation Commission, Parks & Recreation Commission and the Open Space Committee. All have recommended that the Town not exercise its Right of First Refusal to purchase the property.

A brief presentation by Kevin Giblin of Brendon Properties and Attorney Marshall Gould followed. Questions and comments were heard from members of the Board.

Selectman Amberson moved the Board vote to not exercise its option under Chapter 61 to purchase the Borgatti Property at Southwest Cutoff; Selectman Rand seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Pantazis announced that a Public Comments section will be added to each regularly scheduled meeting agenda. The amount of time dedicated to public comments will be determined based on the number of topics and the number of persons in the audience who wish to speak.

PUBLIC COMMENTS CONT. . .

Kevin Carroll of 45 Auger Avenue was recognized. He thanked the Board for reinstating Public Comments. Mr. Carroll inquired as to how to apply for the Solid Waste Citizens Study Group. He also requested that information be posted on the Town Website outlining the official process of how a resident can schedule an agenda item for discussion at a future Board of Selectmen Meeting.

TOWN OF WALPOLE – CHAPTER 40B STATE LEGISLATION

At an earlier request of Selectman Rand, Mr. Brenner spoke about the Town of Walpole's request for support in filing legislation that will cause the immediate suspension of MGL, Chapter 40B, the Comprehensive Permit Law, as it applies to applications for comprehensive permits not supported by the community, applications more commonly referred to as "unfriendly 40Bs".

A brief discussion amongst members of the Board ensued.

Selectman Rand moved the Board vote to support the efforts of the Town of Walpole Board of Selectmen in having State Legislation filed concerning Comprehensive Permits; Selectman Amberson seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

ACCEPTANCE OF DEED OF PUBLIC WAY EASEMENT – STIRRUP BROOK LANE AND JENKINS DRIVE (ARTICLE 22 – 2007 TOWN MEETING)

Mr. Brenner informed the Board that the acceptance of this Deed of Public Way Easement is a follow-up to the April 2007 Annual Town Meeting where Article 22 passed in the affirmative; thereby providing for the acceptance of Stirrup Brook Lane and Jenkins Drive as public ways. Article 22 also granted authorization to the Board of Selectmen to accept Deeds and Easements. The acceptance of this Deed of Public Way Easement is the final step in the acceptance process.

Selectman Rand moved the Board vote to accept the Deed of Public Easement for Stirrup Brook Lane and Jenkins Drive as authorized by Article 22 of the April 2007 Annual Town Meeting; Selectman Rutan seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

APPROVAL/EXECUTION OF CEMETERY DEEDS A-741 & A-742

Selectman Rand moved the Board vote to approve and execute Cemetery Deeds A-741 & A-742; Selectman Amberson seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Selectman Amberson moved the Board vote to adjourn; Selectman Rutan seconded the motion; all members voted in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane M. Wackell, Executive Assistant
to the Board of Selectmen