

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES - JANUARY 28, 2008**

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

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

*Pledge of Allegiance

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JANUARY 14, 2008 REGULAR MEETING

Selectman Rand moved the Board vote to accept the Minutes of the January 14, 2008 Regular Meeting as submitted; Selectman Bakstran seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

7:00 p.m. - MICHAEL EDMONDS

- Request for Town Meeting Warrant Article for Board of Selectmen to Petition to the State Legislature for an Additional Liquor License for Korean BBQ Kitchen at 290 West Main Street.
- Request for Town Meeting Warrant Article for the Town to accept MGL, Chapter 138, Section 12, Paragraph 14 to permit the sale of Cordials and Liqueurs by Common Victuallers who also hold a license to sell wine and malt beverages on behalf of Yama Zakura and Mikaku Restaurants.

Attorney Michael Edmonds was present along with representatives of Korean BBQ Kitchen, Yama Zakura and Mikaku Restaurants.

Attorney Edmonds informed the Board that Mr. Rhim of Korean BBQ Kitchen is asking the Board for their support in his application for a site specific liquor license by asking them to place an Article on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant. The Warrant Article would authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the State Legislature for this site specific license.

Selectman Rand moved the Board vote to place a Warrant Article on the Town Meeting Warrant for the Town to petition to the State Legislature for an Additional Liquor License for Korean BBQ Kitchen at 290 West Main Street; Selectman Amberson seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

On behalf of Yama Zakura and Mikaku Restaurants, Attorney Edmonds asked that the Board consider placing an Article on the Town Meeting Warrant that would provide for the Town to accept Chapter 481 of the Acts of 1993. Acceptance of this law would allow the Town to issue a separate license to serve cordials and liqueurs to those establishments who already hold a beer & wine restaurant license.

ATTORNEY MICHAEL EDMONDS CONT. . .

Attorney Edmonds stated that both restaurants have an excellent record of proper management and there are no reported violations in regards to their wine & malt restaurant licenses. Chief Leahy added that he has no concerns with any of the restaurants who currently hold a beer & wine restaurant license being able to offer cordials and liqueurs.

Selectman Amberson moved the Board vote to place an Article on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant for the Town to accept Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 138, Section 12, Paragraph 14, to permit the sale of cordials and liqueurs by common victuallers who also hold a license to sell wine and malt beverages; Selectman Rutan seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

REPORTSDawn Rand

- Attended the Winter Ball. Thanked the Community Affairs for coordinating the event.
- Noted that the Senior Center Building Committee continues to meet. A presentation will be made at the Annual Town Meeting that will include an accurate amount of what the project will cost.

7:15 p.m. - ADAM LAST, CEA ENGINEERS
Presentation on 119 Colburn Street Remediation.

Adam Last from CEA Engineers made a presentation to the Board on the current status of the remediation process for the clean-up of lead and arsenic found on the property at 119 Colburn Street. See attached letter addressed to Mr. Brenner dated January 28, 2008 for detailed information. Mr. Last informed the Board that the clean-up project will need to be completed by July 1, 2009 at a projected total cost of \$2.1M.

Mr. Brenner reviewed the history of the property and provided some additional background information. He indicated that \$200,000 is remaining in the Escrow Account. That amount along with a Federal EPA Brownfields Grant in the amount of \$200,000, as well as the funds received from the owner of 175 Bearfoot Road, provide over \$600,000 towards the cost of completing this project.

Following several questions by members of the Board, the Board stressed the importance of making a presentation at the Annual Town Meeting that will convince the residents to approve the article that will provide the funding for this project.

See attached document entitled "Remediation 119 Colburn Street" for detailed information on the history of the property. See the attached letter addressed to Mr. Brenner dated January 28, 2008 for detailed information on the process of cleaning up the site.

REPORTS CONT. . .

Jeff Amberson

- Attended the Winter Ball. Thanked all who organized and attended the event.
- Reminded residents to shovel their sidewalks and fire hydrants in the event of snow.

Fran Bakstran, Clerk

- Attended a recent Eagle Scout Court of Honor in honor of Miles Ferguson. Offered her congratulations to Miles and his family.
- Noted that the Solid Waste Advisory Committee continues to meet. Informed the Board that the Committee will be asking the Board of Selectmen to place a non-binding question on the Annual Election Ballot in order to poll the citizens on the pros and cons of the different solid waste alternatives.
- Noted that the 4th Annual Chocolate Spectacular will be held at the Senior Center on February 9th. Tickets are \$20.

Leslie Rutan, Vice Chairman

- Thanked John Coderre, MJ Fredette and Diane Wackell for their efforts in coordinating a training seminar on the Open Meeting Law.
- Reminded residents that bins are located at both the Melican Middle School and the High School for residents to drop off recycled paper.
- Noted that the Library's Comedy Night fundraiser will be held on March 8th at Guiseppe's Grille. More information to follow.
- Announced that nomination papers are available in the Town Clerk's Office beginning today. Last day to take out papers is March 20th.
- Thanked Fire Chief Durgin for his quarterly report. Highlighted some of the statistics included in the report. Thanked both the Fire Chief and the Police Chief, as well as their staff for all they do.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No comments. Chairman Pantazis encouraged the public to come forward and take advantage of this opportunity to speak and be heard.

FY 2009 BUDGET POLICIES

At the December 10, 2007 Board Meeting, the Board requested that Mr. Brenner provide two Budgets for FY 2009: the first to maintain existing Municipal Programs, Services and Operations; the second to remain within Proposition 2½.

Mr. Brenner provided a summary of the draft FY 2009 Budget which provides for the continuation of existing Municipal Programs, Services and Operations. He reviewed each of the significant cost factors, including Health Insurance, County and State Assessments, Workers Compensation/FICA and Wage Adjustments for contractual and non-contractual Municipal employees.

FY 2009 BUDGET POLICIES CONT. . .

Mr. Brenner advised the Board that in order to maintain current Municipal Programs, Services and Operations, a 7.5% expenditure increase is needed for FY 2009.

At the request of Selectman Bakstran, the Board agreed to send a letter to the State Legislature communicating their concerns over State Aid for FY 2009.

Following a brief discussion on the specifics of the Governor's proposed Budget, Mr. Brenner informed the Board that he is in the process of preparing the second Budget that will reflect remaining within Proposition 2½. This budget will be presented to the Board at their next meeting.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD

Chairman Pantazis discussed with the Board his ideas on how to best educate the newest Board members once they are elected.

Following a brief discussion, members of the Board agreed with the importance of new members being trained and educated, but did not feel that the process should be formalized.

8:35 p.m. – EXECUTIVE SESSION

Selectman Bakstran moved the Board vote to enter into Executive Session pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 39, Subsection 23B, Subsection 3, Personnel Matter and Collective Bargaining; Selectman Rutan seconded the motion; the roll call vote was taken as follows:

Bakstran	“aye”	Pantazis	“aye”
Amberson	“aye”	Rand	“aye”
Rutan	“aye”		

Chairman Pantazis announced that the Board would return from Executive Session only to adjourn.

9:20 p.m. – RETURN TO OPEN MEETING**ADJOURNMENT**

Selectman Rand moved the Board vote to adjourn; Selectman Bakstran seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane M. Wackell
Executive Assistant to the Board of Selectmen