

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MEETING MINUTES - MAY 19, 2008**

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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  
Dawn Rand

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Jeff Amberson

\*Pledge of Allegiance

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – APRIL 28, 2008 SPECIAL MEETING**

Selectman Rutan moved the Board vote to accept the Minutes of the April 28, 2008 Special Meeting as submitted; Selectman Rand seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

Chairman Pantazis informed the public that due to the absence of Selectman Amberson, the Election of Officers will be considered at the Board's June 9, 2008 Meeting.

**7:00 p.m. - REQUEST FOR CABLE TELEVISION LICENSE RENEWAL  
PROPOSAL TO BE ISSUED TO CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS**

Cable Access Director Kathy Dalgliesh provided a brief history leading up to tonight's request. For detailed information see attached document "*Town of Northborough Request for Cable Television License Renewal Proposal issued to Charter Communications – May 19, 2008*".

In response to a request from Selectman Rand, Mr. Brenner provided an update on when Verizon cable services will be available to Northborough residents. He assured the Board that the Town is doing nothing to slow down or impede in any way, the ability for Verizon to provide cable service. The timing of its availability will depend on Verizon's marketing and delivery strategies.

Ms. Dalgliesh added that the cable service should be available by Verizon within the next few months. She will post updates on the Town's website as they are available.

Selectman Rutan moved the Board vote to authorize the Town Administrator to issue the Request for Cable Television License Renewal Proposal to Charter Communications; Selectman Bakstran seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

## **ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD**

### World War Two and Korean War Memorials

Mr. Gerard Bourque, Service Officer of the Vincent F. Picard Post 234 was present to inform the Board of the WWII and Korean War Memorial Committee's progress on installing memorial plaques at various locations in Town.

On behalf of the WWII and Korean War Memorial Committee, Mr. Bourque offered his appreciation to the families of the Casualties of WWII and Korean War, members of the Vincent F. Picard Post, the Northborough Patrolman's Association, the DPW Department and Veterans Services, Crown Trophy, Auciello Ironworks, Ritchie Bus Company, Bill Ellsworth, Lt. Col. Irving Shanley, Metro Wire & Cable, Sartori Electric and Armand Charest for their donations and support of this cause. The Fund has reached \$7250.

Mr. Bourque reviewed the details of the four plaques that will be installed at three locations throughout Town. The Dedication Ceremony will be held at 2:00 pm on Sunday, May 25, 2008 at the American Legion, 402 West Main Street. Those to be honored by plaques are: S/Sgt. Pasquale Acampora, WWII; PFC William H. Hinkson, Korean War; PFC Francis McShane, WWII and Captain Francis E. Flanders, WWII.

## **REPORTS**

### William Pantazis, Chairman

- Congratulated Selectmen Rand and Bakstran on their recent re-elections to the Board.
- Thanked all those residents who dedicated their time in running for various offices during the recent Town Election.

### Leslie Rutan, Vice Chairman

- Congratulated Selectmen Rand and Bakstran as well as the others who were either elected or re-elected to their respective Boards and Committees. Appreciates the efforts of all who choose to volunteer their time.
- Noted the recent article about the shortage of donations to the food pantry. Any donations would be greatly appreciated. Thanked the postal service for their recent food drive. Also noted that the Pantry Gourmet store on Main Street has a tip jar that goes directly to the food pantry.
- Wished the best of luck to the Algonquin Class of 2008.

### Fran Bakstran, Clerk

- Attended a recent awards dinner where Mark Donahue was honored with the 2008 Good Scout Award by the Knox Trail Council – Boy Scouts of America. Thanked Mark Donahue for his service to the community.
- Attended the "Take it or Leave it" Day sponsored by the Recycling Committee. Collections included five tons of scrap metal, a dumpster full of cardboard and a tractor trailer truck full of electronic devices. Ten bicycles were also donated to Barney's Bicycles in Worcester where they will find them new homes. Thanked everyone who was involved in helping with this event.

Fran Bakstran Report Cont...

- Noted that the DPW Department is still street sweeping and will continue to do so until all of the streets are clean.
- Attended the joint meeting of the Planning Board and ZBA where they are continuing to fine tune the Zoning Subcommittee's Zoning Bylaw draft.
- Noted that the Algonquin High School is sponsoring an Art Show where art can be viewed from 5:00-7:00 pm.
- Noted that the Solid Waste Advisory Committee will hold it's Listening Public Hearing on May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall for the Town's Municipal Solid Waste Program. Encouraged the public to attend.
- Noted that the Interview Committee held several interviews prior to tonight's meeting. See below for appointments.

Dawn Rand

- Thanked all who voted in the recent Town Election. Encouraged everyone to vote in the National Election.
- Noted that the Senior Center Building Committee met today and is excited to move forward.
- Requested that the DPW Director provide an update on the Whitney Street development and the construction on Whitney Street itself.
- Thanked the members of the NAC Group and The Record for their support of candidate's night.
- Thanked the Town Clerk and the Assistant Town Clerk and all of the Poll Workers for their efforts in ensuring that the elections ran smoothly.

**APPOINTMENT TO THE YOUTH COMMISSION**

Selectman Bakstran moved the Board vote to appoint Sandra Scott to the Youth Commission for a three-year term; Selectman Rand seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

**APPOINTMENT TO THE COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

Selectman Bakstran moved the Board vote to appoint Linda Abusamra to the Community Affairs Committee for a three-year term; Selectman Rand seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

Selectman Bakstran moved the Board vote to appoint Marnie Frankian to the Community Affairs Committee for a one-year term; Selectman Rand seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

Selectman Bakstran moved the Board vote to appoint Betsy Moore to the Community Affairs Committee for a three-year term; Selectman Rand seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD CONTINUED...**

Easement for Installation of Electrical Facilities for the New Library at 34 Main Street

Mr. Brenner informed the Board that this easement will allow Massachusetts Electric Company the right to install, operate and maintain electrical equipment on Town-owned land – the Library at 34 Main Street.

Selectman Bakstran moved the Board vote to approve and execute the easement with National Grid for the installation of electrical facilities for the new library at 34 Main Street; Selectman Rand seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

**7:50 p.m. – EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Selectman Rand moved the Board vote to enter into Executive Session pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 39, Subsection 23B, Subsection 3, Labor Negotiations; Selectman Bakstran seconded the motion; the roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

Chairman Pantazis announced that the Board would return from Executive Session and make an announcement.

**7:55 p.m. – RETURN TO OPEN MEETING**

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF CONTRACT WITH DISPATCHERS’ UNION**

Mr. Brenner announced that the Town of Northborough and the Mass. Coalition of Police, AFL-CIO, Local 165B, Northborough Dispatchers’ Union have reached an agreement for a new contract.

The contract is for three years retroactive to July 1, 2007 and is designed to maintain the wage schedules for the Dispatchers in a competitive market position. The contract provides for annual wage increases of 3%, 3% and 3%.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane M. Wackell  
Executive Assistant  
to the Board of Selectmen