

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MEETING MINUTES - SEPTEMBER 8, 2008**

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

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

\*Pledge of Allegiance

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – AUGUST 25, 2008 REGULAR MEETING**

Selectman Amberson moved the Board vote to accept the Minutes of the August 25, 2008 Regular Meeting as submitted; Selectman Rutan seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

**7:00 p.m. - DAVID KANE, MIS/GIS DIRECTOR**  
Update on Town Website.

MIS/GIS Director David Kane was present to provide an update to the Board on the Town Website. Mr. Kane's presentation included information on the website's progress since it was first created back in 2001. Mr. Kane reviewed the services that are currently available on the website, adding that his department is constantly looking to add a wide variety of features to better serve the needs of the public.

Mr. Kane also informed the Board that he is currently working on two projects that will allow residents to view the Town's Municipal Code and the most recent GIS maps via the website.

Following Mr. Kane's presentation, several questions and comments were heard from members of the Board.

**REPORTS**

William Pantazis

- Inquired about the roadwork and the apparent lack of clean-up in front of the Library. Mr. Coderre answered that the construction company ran into a problem today with the road work due to the thickness of the concrete.
- Reminded the public that next Tuesday is the State Primary Election.
- Noted the receipt of an update from the DPW Director on Whitney Street.

Fran Bakstran

- Attended the recent Breakfast meeting of the Northborough Democratic Town Committee. Requested that the Board send Representative Resor a letter of thanks and appreciation in honor of her recent retirement from office. The Board agreed.
- Announced that the organization known as "People Who Play With Pups" will hold an organizational meeting on September 12<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. at the Trinity Church.
- Announced that applications for fuel assistance can be obtained at the Senior Center and the Family & Youth Services Department.

Leslie Rutan, Clerk

- Announced that Algonquin High School has been ranked #2 in the State for the best public high school by Boston Magazine.
- Attended the Grand Opening ceremony of the high school. Congratulated everyone who worked so hard to make this happen.
- Thanked Cable Access TV Studio Assistant Terry Crean for videotaping the Grand Opening ceremony.
- Announced that the new CVS is now open and is beautiful both inside and out. Noted the receipt of some complaints relating to the continued problem with traffic flow coming in and turning out of that site.

Jeff Amberson, Vice Chairman

- Reminded the public about the State Primary Election.
- Attended the Grand Opening ceremony of the high school. Congratulated all of those who helped make it happen.
- Noted the receipt of red t-shirts from the Fire Department. Fire Departments around the Country are asking people to wear red on Fridays to show support of our troops. Thanked all the Fire Departments for this effort.
- Reminded residents that the Annual Applefest celebration will take place on September 19, 20 & 21.

Dawn Rand, Chairman

- Requested information on the status of the final audit for the Algonquin High School Addition/Renovation project. Also requested an update on the status of the disbursement of funds.
- Noted the resignation of Linda Grady Backholm from the Community Affairs Committee. Requested that the Board send a letter of appreciation.
- Announced the recent resignation of Tim Pease from the Cemetery Department after 35 years.

John Coderre, Town Administrator

- No report.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Cultural Council Chairman Terry Crean announced that the Cultural Council has started their 2009 Grant Application cycle. She noted that hard copies of the applications are available at the Town Hall, the Senior Center and the Library. Applications must meet the deadline of October 15, 2008 and must be postmarked by that date.

**APPROVAL/EXECUTION OF CEMETERY DEED A782**

Selectman Amberson moved the Board vote to approve and execute Cemetery Deed A782; Selectman Rutan seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane M. Wackell  
Executive Assistant to the  
Board of Selectmen