

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES - JANUARY 12, 2009**

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 – DECEMBER 22, 2008 REGULAR MEETING

Selectman Amberson moved the Board vote to accept the Minutes of the December 22, 2008 Regular Meeting; Selectman Rutan seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

7:00 p.m. - PUBLIC HEARING – JUNIPER HILL GOLF COURSE

To act on an application by Juniper Hill Golf Course, Inc. to alter the premises at 202 Brigham Street where an All Alcoholic Beverages License is in effect.

Dudley Darling of Juniper Hill Golf Course was present to request permission to alter the premises for his All Alcoholic Beverages Restaurant License at 202 Brigham Street to include any and all locations on the grounds of the golf course as deemed reasonable and proper.

Mr. Darling informed the Board that the perimeter of the Riverside Course is bounded by fences, stone walls and wetland areas. Alcohol will be sold from a mobile concession cart throughout the golf course and will allow consumption of the beverages on the playing surfaces of the Riverside Course. He assured the Board that the concession cart servers, as well as other beverage servers, are trained in alcohol and food service.

Selectman Rutan expressed her concern with the comfort level of teenage employees who may have to deal with alcohol concerns. Mr. Darling stated that all employees who sell alcohol must be 18 years of age. He added that radio communication is ongoing throughout the course between the employees, rangers and managers. All staff is trained to call a manager for assistance when they are having any kind of a problem with a customer.

Following some additional comments from members of the Board, Lt. Lyver indicated that the Police Department does not have any objection to this application. He referred to his memo of January 6, 2009, which lists a number of conditions that he would recommend become part of the license. He feels that these conditions fairly address the concerns in relation to the sale and service of alcohol. He applauded Mr. Darling for taking his licensing responsibilities seriously.

Mr. Darling stated that he did not agree with the license condition that would require clearly defined barriers that would separate the parking lot and non-licensed areas from

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licensed areas. Mr. Lyver stated that the intent of this condition is to direct patrons through an entrance/exit portal that will prevent alcoholic beverages from being taken beyond licensed areas. Lt. Lyver and Mr. Darling will work together to address how best to define non-licensed areas from licensed areas.

Selectman Amberson moved the Board vote approve the application to alter the premises as submitted by Juniper Hill Golf Course at 202 Brigham Street where an All Alcoholic Beverages Restaurant License is in effect, with the conditions set forth by Lt. William Lyver in his memo dated January 6, 2009; Selectman Bakstran seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

7:35 p.m. - PUBLIC HEARING – JUNIPER HILL GOLF COURSE

To act on an application by Juniper Hill Golf Course, Inc. to alter the premises at 169 Brigham Street where a Wine, Malt, Cordials & Liqueurs License is in effect.

Dudley Darling of Juniper Hill Golf Course was present to request permission to alter the premises for his Wine, Malt, Cordials & Liqueurs Restaurant License at 169 Brigham Street to include any and all locations on the grounds of the golf course as deemed reasonable and proper.

Mr. Darling informed the Board that the perimeter of the Lakeside Course is bounded by fences, stone walls and wetland areas. Alcohol will be sold from a mobile concession cart throughout the golf course and allow consumption of the beverages on the playing surfaces of the Lakeside Course. He assured the Board that the concession cart servers, as well as other beverage servers, are trained in alcohol and food service.

It was noted by Lt. Lyver that the Police Department does not have any objection to this application. He referred to his memo which lists a number of conditions that he would recommend become part of the license.

Selectman Bakstran moved the Board vote approve the application to alter the premises as submitted by Juniper Hill Golf Course at 169 Brigham Street where a Wine, Malt, Cordials & Liqueurs License is in effect, with the conditions set forth by Lt. William Lyver in his memo dated January 6, 2009; Selectman Pantazis seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

**7:40 p.m. - VIRGINIA SIMMS GEORGE, CHAIR
COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
Winter Ball Presentation.**

Ms. George was present to announce that the 24th Annual Winter Ball will be held on Saturday, January 31st at the White Cliff's. Tickets are \$50 each and can be purchased at Lowe's and in the Town Clerk's Office. Donations to help sponsor the event are still being accepted.

7:20 p.m. - KARA BUZANOSKI, DPW DIRECTOR
Status Report on FY09 Snow and Ice Budget.

DPW Director Kara Buzanoski made a presentation to the Board on the status of the Snow and Ice Budget, which has already been exceeded due to the number of storms this winter that have required sanding, salting and plowing.

Ms. Buzanoski confirmed that the Town will be applying for reimbursement from the State for the Ice Storm in December. She stated that she is hopeful that the reimbursement funds from the State will be received before the end of this fiscal year.

Following a brief discussion, the Board thanked Ms. Buzanoski for her update.

REPORTS

William Pantazis

- Requested that a section of Southwest Cutoff be renamed in honor of Governor John Davis who was a local lawyer and politician. The 222nd anniversary of Governor John Davis' birth here in Northborough is being recognized by a proclamation this evening. The Board expressed their concerns with safety issues when changing street names. Mr. Coderre suggested that Town Staff have the opportunity to provide their input relative to public safety. Once he has this information, he will report back to the Board.

Fran Bakstran

- Encouraged all residents to contact the State Legislators stressing that any mid-year local aid cuts would be devastating to our community.
- Noted that she would like to see some type of celebration for the grand opening of the newly rebuilt shopping plaza at 243 Main Street.
- Attended a recent Eagle Scout Court of Honor ceremony. Congratulated Ethan Langer and Ben Hamilton who were both honored for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.
- Thanked the DPW Department on behalf of the Historical Commission for their assistance in the placement of the "Historic Meeting House District" signs on Church and Whitney Streets and Church and Howard Streets. These signs were paid for with a Community Preservation Fund Grant.
- Announced that the Registered Democrats of Northborough will be holding their caucus on February 4th at Romaine's – 299 West Main Street. The caucus is open to all registered Democrats in Northborough. Following the caucus, the Northborough Democratic Town Committee will be hosting a forum on transportation in central Massachusetts. All are welcome. Lt. Governor Tim Murray will be there to speak about the commuter rail in central Massachusetts.

Leslie Rutan, Clerk

- Congratulated Fire Captain Rob Theve for a very successful Toys for Tots Drive this year.
- Noted that she has received many questions from Verizon customers who want to know when the cable access channels will be available. She would like to see that Verizon commit to a certain date as to when their customers can expect this service. Mr. Coderre informed the Board that under their contract, Verizon has a specified amount of time to provide this service, although they clearly represented to the Board that it would be two to three months for most customers. He added that his office has asked Verizon to provide a written update on this issue. He will follow up on the status of this and report back to the Board.
- Noted some of the details reported in the Fire Chief's quarterly report.

Jeff Amberson, Vice Chairman

- Noted that the Library is due to open soon. He and other members of the Board recently toured the facility. He assured the public that it will be worth the wait.
- Noted that the Community Preservation Committee will begin to hear proposals for CPC funds from various individuals and/or groups in town. Meetings will be held at the Town Hall on January 15th & 29th and are open to the public.
- Reminded residents to shovel their sidewalks and keep nearby fire hydrants clear of debris.

Dawn Rand, Chairman

- Noted that the Senior Center Building Committee continues to meet. The project is moving along and remains on target.

John Coderre, Town Administrator

- Noted that a Stimulus Package for infrastructure projects has been announced by the Federal Government. The Lt. Governor is in the process of compiling all Massachusetts infrastructure projects that are considered "ready-to-go" – to be included for consideration if and when the funds become available. Mr. Coderre informed the Board that the following two projects were submitted for consideration: the Downtown Traffic Signal Improvement project and the water main projects on Brigham and Collins Streets.
- Presented a draft of the proposed Fiscal Years 2010- 2015 Capital Improvement Program in its newly revised format. He briefly reviewed the new format and noted that the document will be available to the public on the Town's website. He plans to make all future budget documents more user friendly.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

PROCLAMATION – GOVERNOR JOHN DAVIS DAY

Selectman Pantazis moved the Board vote to proclaim January 13, 2008 as Governor John Davis Day in recognition of the 222nd anniversary of his birth here in Northborough; Selectman Bakstran seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

APPROVAL/EXECUTION OF CEMETERY DEEDS A795 THROUGH A797

Selectman Pantazis moved the Board vote to approve and execute Cemetery Deeds A795 through A797; Selectman Rutan seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

8:15 p.m. – EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

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

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

8:50 p.m. – RETURN TO OPEN MEETING

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane M. Wackell
Executive Assistant to the
Board of Selectmen