

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES - OCTOBER 19, 2009**

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

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

*Pledge of Allegiance

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 28, 2009 REGULAR MEETING

Selectman Rand moved the Board vote to approve the Minutes of the September 28, 2009 Regular Meeting as presented; Selectman Rutan seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

7:00 p.m. - **PUBLIC HEARING**

To consider an application to transfer the Wine & Malt Package Store License from Jack Azar and Elias Azar d/b/a Northboro Center Gasoline to Jack Azar d/b/a Northboro Center Gasoline for premises located at 36 West Main Street.

Jack Azar informed the Board that this transfer is necessary due to the death of his brother Elias. Jack and Elias held the liquor license through a partnership where both had 50% interest in the license. The partnership has since been dissolved and Jack has purchased all of the right, title and interest in the license.

Following Mr. Azar's presentation, Chairman Bakstran invited public comments. There were none.

Selectman Amberson moved the Board vote to approve the application to transfer the Wine & Malt Package Store License from Jack & Elias Azar d/b/a Northboro Center Gasoline to Jack Azar d/b/a Northboro Center Gasoline for premises located at 36 West Main Street and to further vote that the transfer of this license will not be detrimental to the educational and spiritual activities of the Unitarian Church located at 40 Church Street; Selectman Rand seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

7:03 p.m. - **HEARING**

To consider an application to change the DBA Name only for the All Alcoholic Beverages Restaurant License from the West Side Grille to Celtic Tavern for premises located at 45 Belmont Street (Route 9).

Kenneth Koury was present to request that the DBA Name for the All Alcoholic Beverages Restaurant License at 45 Belmont Street be changed from the West Side Grille to Celtic Tavern. Mr. Koury assured the Board that the only change is the name of the restaurant. All directors and/or stockholders of the corporation KLRR Foods, Inc. remain the same. The name change coincides with his efforts to change up the pub menu to include more Irish fare.

HEARING CONT. . .

Selectman Rutan moved the Board vote to approve the application to change the DBA Name only for the All Alcoholic Beverages Restaurant License from the West Side Grille to Celtic Tavern for premises located at 45 Belmont Street (Route 9); Selectman Rand seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

7:05 p.m. - CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

To Michelle Gillespie for her efforts in coordinating this year's Annual Applefest event.

Michelle Gillespie was present to accept a Certificate of Appreciation from the Board for her efforts in coordinating this year's Annual Applefest event. Ms. Gillespie extended her thanks and appreciation to Steve Georgeson, President of the Rotary Club, as well as to the other members of the Applefest Committee, of which some were present in the audience.

7:10 p.m. - JUNE HUBBARD-WARD, TREASURER/COLLECTOR

Approval and Execution of Bonds for the Haitsma Property.

Treasurer/Collector June Hubbard-Ward informed the Board that \$1,550,000 in 15-year taxable Bonds will be issued on October 15, 2009 at a Net Interest Cost of 5.919%. The principal and interest cost for these Bonds will be paid entirely from the Sewer Enterprise Fund. As discussed at the August 17, 2009 Board of Selectmen Meeting, the taxable Bonds have been issued in order to provide the necessary flexibility for the Sewer Enterprise Fund to market and dispose of any surplus acreage of the Haitsma Property.

Ms. Hubbard-Ward added that as part of the bonding process, Moody's Investors Service retained our very favorable Aa3 bond rating. Moody's cited the Town's conservative revenue budgeting, judicious management practices and healthy available reserves as positive factors in retaining the Aa3 bond rating.

Selectman Rand moved the Board vote to approve and execute the sale of the \$1,550,000 General Obligation Land Acquisition Bonds for the Haitsma Property in accordance with the attached written document entitled "Vote of the Board of Selectmen" as submitted by Treasurer/ Collector June Hubbard-Ward; Selectman Amberson seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

7:20 p.m. - DAVID KANE, MIS DIRECTOR

Presentation on the New Town Website.

Mr. Coderre made a presentation on the newly redesigned Town website. MIS Director David Kane was present as well. Mr. Coderre's presentation highlighted the new look and functions of the website.

Following Mr. Coderre's presentation, Board members praised Mr. Coderre and his staff for their efforts in creating a new website that is both informative and user-friendly.

7:30 p.m. - **JAMIE TERRY, BOARD OF HEALTH AGENT**
H1N1 Update.

Board of Health Agent Jamie Terry provided a brief update on the H1N1 Flu. She advised the Board that flu clinics will be scheduled as soon as the vaccines become available. The Health Department is working closely with the schools in order to help prevent an outbreak and to monitor absentee rates. Updates will continuously be provided on the Town website.

REPORTS

William Pantazis

- Announced that the Women's Auxiliary from the American Legion are making Holiday baskets to be shipped to soldiers serving overseas. Donations are being accepted between November 13th – 17th.

Jeff Amberson

- Reminded residents to keep fire hydrants and sidewalks in their area clear of snow.
- Noted that the Interview Committee met with applicants for Boards, Committees and Commissions just prior to tonight's meeting. See below for appointments.

Leslie Rutan, Clerk

- Thanked the DPW Department for the recent paving of Collins Road. Added that the residents in that area are very pleased.
- Announced that the high school will hold an Open House for parents on October 1st.
- Noted that the Northborough Mom & Tots Group is continuing with its Winter Coat Drive.
- Noted a recent letter to the editor, in which a resident complimented the efforts of Town Engineer Fred Litchfield and Building Inspector William Farnsworth.

Dawn Rand, Vice Chairman

- Noted that the reimbursement issue will be discussed at the November 17th meeting of the Regional School Committee.
- Questioned why trees are being taken down on Boundary Street? Mr. Litchfield stated that the City of Marlborough is working with Mass Highway to build a utility bridge in preparation of repair to the permanent bridge in that area.
- Noted that the Northborough Interfaith Clergy Association will host a Dinner Dance to honor Pat Griffin at the White Cliffs on November 6th.
- Announced that the Annual Winter Ball will be held on January 30th.

Fran Bakstran, Chairman

- Noted that the Planning Board has postponed the public hearing for the National Grid Communication Tower until November 17th.
- Announced that the Rotary Club will be hosting their Annual Spelling Bee on November 13th at the Proctor School.
- Announced that the Firefighters Local 3057 will host their 2nd Annual Comedy Night on November 13th at the Double Tree Hotel in Westborough.

Fran Bakstran Report Cont. . .

- Noted the resignations of Joan Clowes from the Community Preservation Committee and Michael Edmonds from the Cable Television Advisory Committee. Requested that letters of appreciation be sent on behalf of the Board.

John Coderre, Town Administrator

- Announced that Assistant Town Administrator Kim Hood has coordinated with the Worcester County Sheriff's Office to use inmates to paint the Police Station. By taking advantage of this Community Service program, the Town was able to save approximately \$20,000 on this project. Mr. Coderre extended his appreciation to Ms. Hood, as well as to Chief Leahy. This is just another example of finding alternate paths to meet our fiscal needs other than through tax revenue.

APPOINTMENT TO THE CABLE TELEVISION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

APPOINTMENT TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Selectman Amberson moved the Board vote to appoint Chan Byun as a regular member on the Zoning of Appeals for a partial three-year term; Selectman Rand seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

APPOINTMENT TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Selectman Amberson moved the Board vote to appoint Peter Chandler as an alternate member to the Zoning of Appeals for a partial three-year term; Selectman Rand seconded the motion; all members voted in favor. Note: The following day, Mr. Chandler declined his appointment.

APPOINTMENT TO THE OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

Selectman Amberson moved the Board vote to appoint Dan Clark to the Open Space Committee for a partial three-year term; Selectman Rand seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

**DESIGNATION OF REPRESENTATIVE TO THE ASSABET VALLEY
FEASIBILITY STUDY BUILDING COMMITTEE**

Mr. Coderre informed the Board that the Assabet Valley Regional Vocational School District has requested that the Town designate a representative to serve on the Assabet Valley Feasibility Study Building Committee.

Selectman Rutan moved the Board vote to appoint Selectman Amberson to serve as the Town's representative to the Assabet Valley Feasibility Study Building Committee; Selectman Rand seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

UPDATE ON SOLID WASTE STUDY COMMITTEE REPORT

Town Engineer Fred Litchfield requested that the Board reactivate the Solid Waste Study Committee so that he may share the information that he has collected to date and get their input before proceeding any further with the issuance of a new Solid Waste Collection Contract. Mr. Litchfield acknowledged that the Committee did an enormous amount of research and offered valuable recommendations. Because their report is now a year old and the market conditions have changed somewhat, it is appropriate to once again ask for their involvement. He anticipates meeting with the Committee over the next month or two and returning to the Board with a revised recommendation.

Selectman Rutan moved the Board vote to reconvene the Solid Waste Study Committee for purposes of reviewing the latest information compiled by the Town Engineer and reporting back to the Board their recommendations; Selectman Rand seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

APPROVAL/EXECUTION OF CEMETERY DEED A824

Selectman Pantazis moved the Board vote to approve and execute Cemetery Deed A824; Selectman Amberson seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane M. Wackell
Executive Assistant to the
Board of Selectmen