

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES – JUNE 14, 2010**

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: William Pantazis

*Pledge of Allegiance

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MAY 24, 2010 REGULAR MEETING

Selectman Amberson moved the Board vote to approve the Minutes of the May 24, 2010 Regular Meeting as presented; Selectman Rutan seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

7:00 p.m. - **POLICE CHIEF MARK LEAHY**

Presentation of Life-Saving Award to Officer Nathan Fiske

Police Chief Leahy publicly presented a Life-Saving Award and Metal to Officer Nathan Fiske in recognition of his efforts that resulted in saving the life of a 78-year old woman who was in cardiac arrest. Officer Fiske quickly arrived on the scene and delivered a life-saving shock to the woman, using the cruiser's automatic external defibrillator.

Officer Fiske also received a commendation metal from the Sudden Cardiac Arrest Association.

Presentation on Re-accreditation

Chief Leahy proudly announced that the Northborough Police Department has recently completed its re-accreditation process by successfully meeting the requirements of the 236 mandatory standards, as well as 85 optional standards of the Massachusetts Police Accreditation Commission.

Chief Leahy recognized the efforts of Lieutenant Bill Lyver in his role as Accreditation Manager. He also recognized the entire staff of the Northborough Police Department.

Executive Director of the Massachusetts Police Accreditation Commission Donna Taylor Mooers publicly presented the Certificate of Accreditation.

7:10 p.m. - **TOWN ENGINEER FRED LITCHFIELD**
Discussion regarding Woodstone Estates Order of Taking.

Mr. Litchfield informed the Board that Town Counsel has recommended that the Town defer acceptance of Woodstone Estates (Woodstone and Fawcett Orchard Roads) for one more year due to the outstanding issue with the status of monies pledged under two of the individual security agreements.

TOWN ENGINEER FRED LITCHFIELD CONT. . .

Mr. Coderre stated that he supports the recommendation of Town Counsel to defer the acceptance of Woodstone Estates due to the lack of assurances at this point in time that the funds dedicated to repair the roadways will be released.

Mr. Litchfield stated that he will follow up with a letter to the property owners of Woodstone Estates informing them of the Board's decision this evening.

Mr. Guyer of 40 Woodstone Road questioned why the funds must be released prior to the street acceptances. Mr. Litchfield explained that by not having the dedicated funds formally released prior to executing the orders of taking, the legal process of receiving the funds once the streets are accepted could be jeopardized.

DPW Director Kara Buzanoski stated that the paving of Woodstone Estates would not take place until the Fall of 2011 regardless of the Board's decision this evening. She added that the funds to be received from the individual security agreements will be significant in helping to defray the cost of the paving.

REPORTSFran Bakstran, Chairman

- Thanked Chief Leahy, Lieutenant Lyver and the entire staff of the Northborough Police Department who implement the professional standards of the Massachusetts Police Accreditation Commission on a daily basis. Also noted that out of the 351 communities to receive this accreditation, only 29 have reached this level of excellence.
- Noted that the Wind Committee continues to move forward. The met tower at Tougas Farm should be up and running by mid-July.
- The last day to drop off brush at the DPW Department is June 18, 2010.
- The last day for the Applefest Parade Grand Marshall nominations is June 15, 2010.
- Thanked all who participated in and attended the Memorial Day Parade.

Leslie Rutan, Clerk

- Thanked Chief Leahy and Lieutenant Lyver for their efforts in the re-accreditation process.
- Attended the Senior Center Volunteer Recognition Dinner. Thanked Senior Center Director Kelly Burke for coordinating the event and thanked the volunteers for their service.
- Congratulated the Algonquin Freshmen Jazz Combo.
- Thanked Police Officer Noel for speaking at the Algonquin SADD presentation on May 27, 2010.
- Participated in the Memorial Day Parade. Thanked Gerry Bourque for his efforts.
- Congratulated the Algonquin Class of 2010.
- Congratulated the high school band groups who participated at the High School's Pops Night.

Leslie Rutan's Report Cont. . .

- Noted that the Melican Middle School has scheduled an Anti-Bully Run on October 16, 2010 to raise funds for anti-bully awareness. The Recreation and DPW Departments will play a role in the event as well. Corporate sponsors can contact Michelle Karb at the Middle School.

Jeff Amberson

- Thanked all who organized, participated in and attended the Memorial Day Parade.
- Congratulated Chief Leahy and his department on the re-accreditation process.
- Congratulated Officer Fiske for helping to save a life and thanked Nicholas Michaels for their donation several years back that helped to purchase the automatic external defibrillators for the police cruisers.
- Congratulated the Algonquin Class of 2010.

Dawn Rand, Vice Chairman

- Agreed with all of the congratulatory reports this evening.
- Thanked Selectman Bakstran for her Memorial Day speech on behalf of the Board.

John Coderre, Town Administrator

- No report.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

DESIGNATE A MEMBER TO THE NORTHBOROUGH K-8 NAMING COMMITTEE

Chairman Rand expressed her interest in serving as the Board's representative to the Northborough K-8 Naming Committee.

Selectman Amberson moved the Board vote to designate Chairman Rand to serve as the Board's representative to the K-8 Naming Committee; Selectman Rutan seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

BOARD MEMBER LIAISON ASSIGNMENTS

The Board was in agreement with the Board Member Liaison Assignments as proposed by Chairman Rand.

APPROVAL/EXECUTION OF CEMETERY DEED A836

Selectman Bakstran moved the Board vote to approve and execute Cemetery Deed A836; Selectman Amberson seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

OTHER BUSINESS

None

8:15 p.m. – EXECUTIVE SESSION

Selectman Amberson moved the Board vote to enter into Executive Session pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 30A, Section 21, Subsection 2, personnel matter. Selectman Rutan seconded the motion; the roll call vote was taken as follows:

Bakstran	“aye”	Amberson	“aye”
Rutan	"aye"	Rand	“aye”

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

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane M. Wackell
Executive Assistant to the
Board of Selectmen