

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 27, 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
William Pantazis

*Pledge of Allegiance

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 13, 2010 REGULAR MEETING

The Minutes of the September 13, 2010 will be scheduled for approval at the October 18, 2010 Selectmen's Meeting.

7:00 p.m. - **PUBLIC HEARING**
Set Fees for Plowing/Sanding Private Ways.

Mr. Coderre informed the Board that the DPW Director has proposed that the base charge for plowing and sanding/salting of private ways and unaccepted streets which are 100% complete be increased approximately 3.1% from last year to cover the increased costs of labor, equipment maintenance, sand, salt and other materials, and diesel and gasoline fuel.

Residents of the private ways that received plowing and sanding/salting services during the last Winter Season were notified of tonight's public hearing to increase the fees. None were present.

Selectman Pantazis moved the Board vote to set the fees for plowing and sanding/salting of private ways for the 2010/2011 winter season as follows:

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| Streets less than 3,000 feet | \$160.00 per storm for plowing |
| | \$160.00 per storm for sanding/salting |
| Streets 3,000 feet in length or greater | \$320.00 per storm for plowing |
| | \$320.00 per storm for sanding/salting |

Selectman Amberson seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

7:03 p.m. **PROCLAMATION – 138th HOMECOMING DAY**
NORTHBOROUGH HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
Presentation by Richard Sargent.

Richard Sargent was present to inform the Board that the 138th Annual Homecoming Day for the Northborough High School Alumni Association will be held on Saturday, October 2, 2010. He invited members of the Board to attend.

NORTHBOROUGH HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION CONT. . .

Mr. Sargent added that as of this year, there are no longer any Northborough High School graduates that will be celebrating their 50th anniversary. Therefore, this will be the last year with multiple events held throughout the day. The Association is looking to hold one gathering at next year's celebration. He suggested that attendees at this year's event think about possible suggestions for next year.

7:07 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 Northboro Center Gasoline, Inc. for premises located at 36 West Main Street.

Jack Azar was present and stated that the transfer is necessary due to the death of his brother Elias. Late last year, an application was submitted by Mr. Azar to transfer the Wine & Malt Package Store License from the former partnership to himself as an individual. The application was returned by the ABCC recommending that the license be transferred to the corporation, Northboro Center Gasoline, Inc. rather than to himself as an individual. The only difference in the application presented this evening is that it reflects the transfer to Northboro Center Gasoline, Inc.

Police Chief Leahy informed the Board that the application and supporting documents have been reviewed by Sergeant Brian Griffin and he recommends approval of the application.

Selectman Rutan moved the Board vote to approve the application to transfer the Wine & Malt Package Store License from Jack & Elias Azar to Northboro Center Gasoline, Inc. 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 Pantazis seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

**7:10 p.m. SUPERINTENDENT CHARLES GOBRON AND
DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS CHERYL LEVESQUE**

Approval of Statement of Interest for the Green Repair Program for Melican Middle School.

School Superintendent Charles Gobron and Director of Business Cheryl Levesque were present. Superintendent Gobron informed the Board that the Northborough School Committee recently voted in favor of moving forward with a Statement of Interest (SOI) for the repair/replacement of windows and boilers at the Melican Middle School through the Green Repair Program offered by the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA). The estimated cost of the project is approximately \$3M with a potential reimbursement rate from MSBA of about 50%.

Approval of Statement of Interest Cont...

Mr. Gobron added that in order to complete the application, formal votes are required by the Northborough School Committee and the Board of Selectmen. The votes will give the Town the opportunity to look into whether or not this is feasible and will allow the SOI to be processed. The votes do not obligate the Town in any way to appropriate funds for the project if it is decided at a later date to go in another direction.

In answer to questions from members of the Board, Superintendent Gobron assured the Board that this will come from stimulus funding and that it does not appear that this would have any influence on other projects already before the MSBA.

Selectman Bakstran moved the Board vote to authorize the School Superintendent to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the Statement of Interest dated September 22, 2010 for the Robert E. Melican Middle School located at 145 Lincoln Street, Northborough, MA which describes and explains the following deficiencies and the priority category for which the Town of Northborough may be invited to apply to the Massachusetts School Building Authority in the future that addresses Priority 5 replacement, renovation or modernization of school facility systems, such as roofs, windows, boilers, heating and ventilation systems, to increase energy conservation and decrease energy related costs in a school facility; and hereby further specifically acknowledges that by submitting this Statement of Interest, the Massachusetts School Building Authority in no way guarantees the acceptance or the approval of an application, the awarding of a grant or any other funding commitment from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, or commits the Town of Northborough to filing an application for funding with the Massachusetts School Building Authority; Selectman Rutan seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

REPORTS

Fran Bakstran

- Announced that the annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day is scheduled for October 30, 2010. More information can be found on the Town website.
- Asked that residents educate themselves on the issues and vote on November 2nd.
- Reminded the public that campaign signs can only be posted on private property with the permission of the owner.

William Pantazis

- Encouraged those residents eighteen and over who are not already registered to vote to do so by October 13th, which is the last day to register for the November 2, 2010 State Election. The Town Clerk's office will be open until 8:00 pm on that day.
- Participated in an interview session for various Boards, Committees and Commissions. See below for appointments.

Leslie Rutan, Clerk

- Thanked the DPW Department for the recent brush clearing at the corner of Brigham and Leland Streets.
- Noted that in response to a request by a resident, the DPW did some recent patch work on a portion of Bartlett Street.
- Noted that the Town Hall hours are now listed on the Town website.
- Requested that the address for the new Senior Center be updated on the Town Website.
- Attended the recent grand opening for the Avalon Bay Development. Thanked everyone involved with the development of the project for being so cooperative with the Town officials.

Jeff Amberson, Vice Chairman

- Attended the recent grand opening of the Avalon Bay Development. Added that this is a great example of a business and the Town officials working together. Thanked everyone involved.
- Thanked the Building Department for their efforts in helping families on Milk Porridge Circle with their concerns regarding a neighboring house that was in disrepair. The structure has since been removed by the Town.

Dawn Rand, Chairman

- No report.

John Coderre, Town Administrator

- No report.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

APPOINTMENT TO THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Selectman Pantazis moved the Board vote to appoint Stephanie Stockman to the Historical Commission for a partial three-year term; Selectman Amberson seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

APPOINTMENT TO THE CULTURAL COUNCIL

Selectman Pantazis moved the Board vote to appoint Catherine Arcona to the Cultural Council for a three-year term effective October 1, 2010; Selectman Amberson seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

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Selectman Pantazis moved the Board vote to appoint Ande Lockwood to the Cultural Council for a three-year term effective November 1, 2010; Selectman Amberson seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATE MEMBER TO THE ZBA

Selectman Pantazis moved the Board vote to appoint Craig Gugger as an Alternate Member to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a partial three-year term; Selectman Pantazis seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

RENAME NORTHBOROUGH ROAD TO BERKLEY ROAD

Mr. Coderre stated that the Board declared their intent to rename Northborough Road to Berkley Road at their meeting on August 16, 2010. A legal notice indicating same was placed in the Worcester Telegram & Gazette on August 21, 2010.

Selectman Amberson moved the Board vote to rename Northborough Road to Berkley Road and to so amend the Official Town Map as recommended by the Town Engineer; Selectman Pantazis seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

PROCLAMATION – KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS DAYS FOR THE PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED

Mr. Coderre informed the Board that the Knights of Columbus has requested that the Board designate October 1, 2 & 3, 2010 as Knights of Columbus Days for the Physically Challenged in recognition of their Annual Fund Raising Campaign.

By agreement, the Board designated October 1, 2 & 3, 2010 as Knights of Columbus Days for the Physically Challenged.

OTHER BUSINESS

None

7:30 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 3 (collective bargaining) due to the Chair's determination that a discussion regarding this matter in an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the position of the Board; Selectman Rutan seconded the motion; the roll call vote was taken as follows:

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| Bakstran | “aye” | Amberson | “aye” |
| Pantazis | "aye" | Rand | “aye” |
| Rutan | "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 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane M. Wackell
Executive Assistant to the
Board of Selectmen

Documents used during meeting:

1. Information packet - Fees for Snow Plowing
2. Information packet - Northboro Center Gasoline Public Hearing
3. Proclamation - Northborough High School Alumni Association
4. Information packet - Statement of Interest - Melican Middle School
5. Information packet - Rename Northborough Road to Berkley Road
6. Proclamation - Knights of Columbus