

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MEETING MINUTES – JANUARY 10, 2011**

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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 20, 2010 REGULAR MEETING**

Selectman Bakstran moved the Board vote to approve the meeting minutes of the December 20, 2010 regular meeting as submitted, Selectman Amberson seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

**7:00 p.m. - BJ'S WHOLESALE CLUB**

To consider an application for a new site specific All Alcoholic Beverages Package Store License as submitted by Mormax Corporation d/b/a BJ's Wholesale Club for premises located at 6102 Shops Way.

Attorney Marshall Gould was present along with BJ's representative Peter Hopley and the proposed Manager of Record Mark Massicotte. Attorney Gould informed the Board that a BJ's Wholesale Club will be located at 6102 Shops Way, near the Northborough Crossing Shopping Plaza. They are applying for the All Alcoholic Beverages Package Store License that was granted to the Town under Special Legislation following the 2009 Annual Town Meeting.

Detective Sergeant Brian Griffin informed the Board that he has reviewed the application and has met with Mr. Massicotte and several other representatives of BJ's Wholesale Club to discuss their plans with regard to the retail sale of alcohol at the Northborough store. He has no concerns with the application and found nothing in Mr. Massicotte's background which would prevent him from being a suitable manager.

Selectman Amberson moved the Board vote to approve the application for a new site specific All Alcoholic Beverages Package Store License as submitted by Mormax Corporation d/b/a BJ's Wholesale Club for premises located at 6102 Shops Way; Selectman Bakstran seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

**7:05 p.m. - PUBLIC INPUT SESSION  
SOLID WASTE PROGRAM OPTIONS**

Presentation by the Town Engineer - followed by public discussion and input.

Town Engineer Fred Litchfield provided a brief summary of the events leading up to tonight's continued discussion on the options for the Solid Waste Program. He then reviewed a cost comparison chart, along with the FY12 budget projections for both the current PAYT Program and the optional Container Based Programs.

**PUBLIC INPUT SESSION ON SOLID WASTE PROGRAM OPTIONS CONT. . .**

The containers that would be available under the Container Based Program were on display throughout the meeting and will continue to be on display at Town Hall.

Following the presentation and a number of questions and comments from members of the Board, Mr. Coderre stated that this process is a culmination of more than two years of study and review and that the information needed to make a decision is before the Board this evening. He added that a policy decision should be made by the Board at their January 24th meeting in order to be able to move forward with the FY 2012 Budget. Following the first year of transition, the program can be reviewed; and if necessary, adjustments can be made at this time next year.

Following some questions and comments from members of the audience, Selectman Rutan reviewed the pros and cons of each of the options as expressed to her from a number of residents in town.

Chairman Rand urged interested residents to personally call members of the Board or the Selectmen's Office in order to provide further input prior to the Board making their decision at the January 24<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

**REPORTS**Fran Bakstran

- Noted that the Interview Committee met with applicants for the Board of Library Trustees. See below for appointments.
- Urged able residents to clear snow from the sidewalks in front of their homes.

William Pantazis

- Thanked the DPW employees for doing a great job plowing the streets following the recent snow storm.
- Acknowledged the recent passing of Louise Houle. Ms. Houle was very active in our community for many years.

Leslie Rutan, Clerk

- Thanked the Fire Chief for his report. Reviewed some of the highlights.
- Noted that the Recreation Department is leasing new space for additional programs at no cost to the taxpayers.
- Thanked the Police Chief for his report. Reviewed some of the highlights.
- Attended a recent Eagle Scout Court of Honor ceremony. Congratulated Eagle Scouts Harrison Gore and Colin Wall for their recent achievements.

Jeff Amberson, Vice Chairman

- Acknowledged the members of both the Police and Fire Departments, considering that their efforts often go unrecognized.
- Noted that the Annual Winter Ball will be held on January 29<sup>th</sup>. Tickets can be purchased at Lowe's and in the Town Clerk's Office.
- Reminded residents to keep fire hydrants clear of snow and debris.

Dawn Rand, Chairman

- Announced that the Annual Chocolate Spectacular sponsored by the Friends of the Senior Center will be held on February 12th at Whitney Place.
- Noted the receipt of a request by a resident for a truck exclusion on Maple Street, Ridge Road and Collins Road. A brief presentation will be made at the Board's next meeting. Selectman Rutan requested that Bartlett Street be considered as well. The Board agreed that the Town Engineer should be present.

John Coderre, Town Administrator

- No report.

**APPOINTMENTS TO THE BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES**

Selectman Bakstran moved the Board vote to appoint Tonya List to the Board of Library Trustees for a partial three-year term; Selectman Amberson seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

Selectman Bakstran moved the Board vote to appoint Ralph Parente to the Board of Library Trustees for a partial three-year term; Selectman Amberson seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

John Fouracre asked a question regarding the Planning Board's approval of the A. Duie Pyle facility with regard to restricted truck traffic on Bartlett Street.

**MSBA GREEN REPAIR PROGRAM FOR MELICAN MIDDLE SCHOOL**

School Superintendent Charles Gobron was present. He informed the Board that after much review and several meetings with the MSBA, it has been determined that the use of mitigation funds would be acceptable to move forward the potential window and/or boiler repair/replacement project at the Melican Middle School.

The intent is to bring this project forward with little or no impact to the Northborough taxpayers by using mitigation funds in the amount of \$180,000 designated for the school department, coupled with a 48% reimbursement grant from the MSBA. By releasing the requested mitigation funds, the Town will be able to meet all of the "fast track" timeline requirements of the MSBA. The anticipated completion of the project would be during the summer of 2011.

The pursuit of this project was unanimously recommended by the Northborough School Committee, as well as both the Financial Planning and Appropriations Committees.

Selectman Rutan moved the Board vote to approve the request by the School Department for the expenditure of \$180,000 from the Loop/Avalon Bay Mitigation account for the purpose of engaging a project manager and architect for the Melican Middle School Green Repair Project as required under the MSBA's Green Repair Program; Selectman Amberson seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

**DISCUSSION OF DRAFT LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES**

Mr. Coderre informed the Board that he is currently in the process of updating the Town's 2010 Legislative Priority letter for 2011. The letter will include the Town's position on various State mandates and/or regulations that we would like to see changed. A draft letter will be presented to the Board at their January 24th Meeting. The letter will then be mailed to the Governor, as well as the Legislative Delegation. The goal is to provide them with clear direction regarding our priorities prior to their attendance at a future meeting with the Board of Selectmen.

Selectman Amberson asked that the letter include a request for a status update by the Legislative Delegation on each of items included in last year's letter.

**PLOWING/SANDING AGREEMENT FOR DARTMOUTH/COPLEY DRIVES**

Selectman Pantazis moved the Board vote to approve and execute the Plowing and Sanding Agreement for Dartmouth and Copley Drives for the 2010/2011 Winter Season; Selectman Rutan seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

**EXECUTION OF CEMETERY DEED A851**

Selectman Bakstran moved the Board vote to execute Cemetery Deed A851; Selectman Pantazis 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 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane M. Wackell  
Executive Assistant to the  
Board of Selectmen

**Documents used during meeting:**

1. January 10, 2011 Meeting Agenda.
2. December 20, 2010 Meeting Minutes.
3. Information packet - BJ's Wholesale Club.
4. Information packet - Solid Waste Program Options.
5. Information packet - MSBA Green Repair Program for Melican Middle School.
6. Information packet - Draft Legislative Priorities.
7. Plowing and Sanding Agreement for Dartmouth and Copley Drives.
8. Cemetery Deeds A851.