

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES – FEBRUARY 28, 2011**

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 – FEBRUARY 14, 2011 REGULAR MEETING

Selectman Rutan moved the Board vote to approve the meeting minutes of the February 14, 2011 regular meeting as submitted, Selectman Bakstran seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

7:00 p.m. - PUBLIC HEARING

To consider the Forfeiture of the All Alcoholic Beverages Restaurant License for Lazio Italian Grille & Bar, Inc. for premises located at 318 Main Street, pursuant to MGL, Chapter 138, Section 70.

Mr. Coderre noted for the record that the licensee was not present. He indicated to the Board that the hearing this evening is to consider the forfeiture of the All Alcoholic Beverages Restaurant License by the licensee due to non-payment of the license fee. Chairman Rand added that the licensee will have five days to appeal the Board's decision to the ABCC.

Selectman Amberson moved the Board vote to determine that the All Alcoholic Beverages Restaurant License for Lazio's Italian Grille & Bar located at 318 Main Street is forfeited pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 138, Section 70 – failure to pay license fee; Selectman Rutan seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

REPORTS

Fran Bakstran

- Noted the receipt of an anonymous letter questioning some recent decisions made by the Board. Offered to talk personally with the sender, if he or she decides to make his or her identity known.

William Pantazis

- Noted the passing of Merrill Bergstrom, a long-time volunteer and dedicated member of this community.

Leslie Rutan, Clerk

- Congratulated the Algonquin Girls Gymnastics Team for winning the State Championship for the first time since 1994.
- Requested a status update on the cataloging project of Cemetery Deeds.
- Encouraged residents to use the Town Website to stay up to date on meetings, etc.

Jeff Amberson, Vice Chairman

- Noted that the Senior Center is creating a Billiard League for players 50 years of age and older.
- Noted the passing of Betty Tetreault, a long-time volunteer and dedicated member of this community.

Dawn Rand, Chairman

- Noted that the Friends of the Northborough Senior Center are creating a Friendship Brickway at the Senior Center. Engraved bricks can be purchased anytime prior to April 15, 2011.

John Coderre, Town Administrator

- Announced that the State Legislators are scheduled to attend the March 14th Board Meeting to discuss the Town's legislative priorities.
- Announced that the Board of Selectmen and Appropriations Committee will hold a Joint Public Hearing on March 28th to discuss the FY12 Budget.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

UPDATE ON PRELIMINARY FY12 BUDGET

Mr. Coderre provided a brief FY12 preliminary budget update. Based upon revenue projections thus far, the preliminary budgets for the key departments are estimated as follows:

- Algonquin Regional HS Operating Assessment – increase of 1.57%
- Assabet Valley Vocational HS Assessment – decrease of 24%
- Northborough K-8 Schools – increase of 3.99%
- Town (General Government) – increase of 3.99%

Mr. Coderre added that the significant budgetary items that remain outstanding are final health insurance figures, debt service and final State Aid.

A comprehensive presentation on the FY12 Budget will be made at the joint hearing with the Appropriations Committee on March 28th.

REVIEW OF DRAFT TOWN MEETING WARRANT

Mr. Coderre presented to the Board the draft warrant for the Annual Town Meeting and briefly reviewed each article. He indicated that although this initial review provides a good indication of the matters likely to come before Town Meeting, he stressed that the draft warrant presented this evening contains some incomplete information and several placeholders for articles still being developed.

EXECUTION OF SOLID WASTE CONTRACT

Town Engineer Fred Litchfield provided a brief review of the bidding process and the proposed Solid Waste Contract with Central Mass Disposal, Inc., the lowest responsive and responsible bidder for the current Pay-As-You-Throw program.

Mr. Coderre added that this is a very favorable contract for the Town of Northborough. Selectman Rutan thanked Pellegrino Trucking for their responsiveness and professionalism while serving the residents of Northborough during the current contract term.

Mr. Coderre requested that the Board authorize him to execute the contract on behalf of the Board, subject to final revisions as approved by Town Counsel.

Selectman Amberson moved the Board vote to approve the Solid Waste Contract between the Town and Central Mass Disposal, Inc. of Auburn for a period of five years as presented, subject to final revisions as approved by Town Counsel, and further to authorize the Town Administrator to execute the contract on behalf of the Board of Selectmen; Selectman Bakstran seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

EXECUTION OF CEMETERY DEED A857

Selectman Rutan moved the Board vote to execute Cemetery Deed A857; 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 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane M. Wackell
Executive Assistant to the
Board of Selectmen

Documents used during meeting:

1. February 28, 2011 Meeting Agenda.
2. February 14, 2011 Meeting Minutes.
3. Information packet - Public Hearing - Lazio Italian Grille & Bar.
4. Information packet - Preliminary FY12 Budget.
5. Draft Town Meeting Warrant.
6. Information packet - Solid Waste Contract
7. Cemetery Deed A857.