

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES – January 23, 2012**

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeff Amberson, Chairman
Dawn Rand, Vice Chairman
Leslie Rutan, Clerk
William Pantazis
Aaron Hutchins

*Pledge of Allegiance

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JANUARY 9, 2012 REGULAR MEETING

Selectman Rand moved the Board vote to approve the meeting minutes of the January 9, 2012 regular meeting as submitted, Selectman Pantazis seconded the motion:

Vote: 4-0-1 (Selectman Rutan abstained).

7:00 p.m. - STARBUCKS COFFEE

To consider an application as submitted by Starbucks Coffee for a Common Victualler and Entertainment License for premises located at 1104 Shops Way.

Michelle Costello and Dan Brennan from Starbucks Coffee were present to request a Common Victualler and Entertainment License from the Board. The entertainment license is needed for light background music. Ms. Costello informed the Board that the restaurant will open sometime in April of this year.

Selectman Rand moved the Board vote to grant a Common Victualler and Entertainment License to Starbucks Coffee for premises located at 1104 Shops Way; Selectman Rutan seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

**7:00 p.m. - MORMAX CORPORATION - D/B/A
BJ'S WHOLESALE CLUB**

To consider an application as submitted by Mormax Corporation d/b/a BJ's Wholesale Club to change the officers and ownership interest for the All Alcoholic Beverages Package Store License for premises located at 6102 Shops Way.

Attorney Gene Richard was present on behalf of Mormax Corporation d/b/a BJ's Wholesale Club to request a change in officers and ownership interest for the All Alcoholic Beverages Package Store License at 6102 Shops Way. The change in officers and ownership interest are due to the fact that BJ's Wholesale Club will no longer be publicly traded and will now be privately owned.

MORMAX CORPORATION CONT. . .

Mr. Coderre indicated that the application and supporting documents have been reviewed by Detective Sergeant Brian Griffin and nothing of concern was found.

Selectman Rutan moved the Board vote to approve the application as submitted by Mormax Corporation d/b/a BJ's Wholesale Club to change the officers and ownership interest for the All Alcoholic Beverages Package Store License for premises located at 6102 Shops Way; Selectman Pantazis seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

7:05 p.m. - WIND COMMITTEE
Presentation on Wind Feasibility Study.

Town Engineer Fred Litchfield was present along with Wind Turbine Committee Members Joe McNamara, Robert Giles and Richard Jones. Mr. Jones reviewed the efforts of the Wind Committee to date. The Board was informed that the Wind Feasibility Study included an evaluation of six different scenarios. It has been determined that the actual wind speed is less than the necessary 6.0 m/s to install a 70 meter wind turbine in all except one scenario. Also, the project development costs and pay back periods are well above earlier expectations.

Mr. Jones informed the Board that as a result of these findings, the Wind Turbine Committee will discontinue efforts to develop a community wind project. The Committee members would like to focus on alternative energy projects, energy conservation and the promotion of community awareness of energy use and understand the Board would need to create a new committee with such a charge.

The Board and Mr. Coderre highly praised all of the Wind Turbine Committee members for their hard work, professionalism and dedication.

REPORTSAaron Hutchins

- Encouraged residents to get involved in this year's Town Election. Papers can now be obtained at the Town Clerk's Office.
- Requested a status update on the newly constructed building across from Dunkin Donuts. Mr. Coderre indicated that following some considerable delays for a number of different reasons, the buildings are almost ready to be occupied. It is anticipated that one building will be occupied by Boost Fitness and the other by a restaurant.
- Noted that a concerned citizen has reached out to him regarding the mixed business and residential building construction project at 130 Main Street. It was noted that the project will be discussed at the January 24th meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals and that the application and plans for the project are available in the Town Planner's Office.

William Pantazis

- Thanked the DPW Department for the efficient clean up after the latest storm.

Leslie Rutan, Clerk

- Requested a status update on missing street signs. Mr. Coderre stated that most of the missing signs are of the older version. The DPW Department is continuing to make progress towards the replacement of all streets signs with the newer version.
- Noted how pleased she is with the Town's solid waste collection vendor Central Mass Disposal.

Dawn Rand, Vice Chairman

- Noted that the Winter Ball will be held on Saturday, January 28th at the White Cliffs. Tickets are still available.

Jeff Amberson, Chairman

- Noted that the 8th Annual Chocolate Spectacular event sponsored by the Friends of the Senior Center is scheduled for Saturday, February 11th at Whitney Place.
- Thanked the DPW Department for the efficient clean up following the latest storm.
- Requested that Mr. Coderre provide an update on the final cost for the October 29th storm clean up.
- Noted the recent resignation of Chan Byun from the Zoning Board of Appeals. Requested that a letter of appreciation be sent on the Board's behalf.

John Coderre, Town Administrator

- Attended the recent Annual Meeting of the Massachusetts Municipal Association. He noted that local aid is expected to be level funded. The Governor is due to release his detailed budget on January 25th.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

PRESENTATION OF ANNUAL TOWN REPORT AWARD

Mr. Coderre announced that at the Award Ceremony at the MMA's Annual Meeting and Trade Show, the Town was presented with a First Place Award Certificate in Category 1 (population 12,500 and up) of the MMA's Annual Town Report Contest. He added that Northborough has not placed in this contest since 2001 when our 2000 Annual Report tied with the Town of Sudbury for third place.

Mr. Coderre briefly spoke about the efforts to redesign the report, similar to what was done in recent years to the Capital Improvement Plan and the Operating Budget documents. The goal of the redesign was to improve the Annual Report's effectiveness as a communication device by providing important information in an attractive, user-friendly format. Mr. Coderre thanked Kim Hood and Town Staff for making this award possible, especially Diane Wackell who worked as the overall project coordinator.

Members of the Board congratulated Mr. Coderre and his staff on this very significant achievement.

EXECUTION OF CEMETERY DEED A886

Selectman Hutchins moved the Board vote to execute Cemetery Deed A886; Selectman Rand seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane M. Wackell
Executive Assistant to the
Board of Selectmen

Documents used during meeting:

1. January 23, 2012 Meeting Agenda.
2. January 9, 2012 Meeting Minutes.
3. Information packet – Starbucks Coffee.
4. Information packet – Mormax Corporation d/b/a BJ's Wholesale Club.
5. Information packet – Wind Committee Presentation.
6. Information packet – Annual Report Award.