

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES – February 13, 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 23, 2012 REGULAR MEETING

Selectman Rand moved the Board vote to approve the meeting minutes of the January 23, 2012 regular meeting as submitted, Selectman Rutan seconded the motion: all members voted in favor.

**7:00 p.m. - YOONG TONG FAMILY CORPORATION D/B/A
YOONG TONG THAI RESTAURANT**

To consider an application as submitted by Yoong Tong Family Corporation d/b/a Yoong Tong Thai Restaurant to change the officers and ownership interest for the All Alcoholic Beverages Restaurant License for premises located at 278 Main Street.

Kanita Sahasakmontri was present. She indicated that 100% of stock and ownership interest for Yoong Tong Family Corporation, which is currently the holder of the All Alcoholic Beverages Restaurant License at 278 Main Street, will be transferred to herself from her sister Panida. Kanita stated that she has overseen the day-to-day operations of the restaurant since it opened in 2000. Jimmy Lee will continue to serve as the Manager of Record.

Chief Leahy confirmed that the application and supporting documents have been reviewed by Detective Sergeant Brian Griffin and nothing of concern was found.

Selectman Rand moved the Board vote to approve the application as submitted by Yoong Tong Family Corporation d/b/a Yoong Tong Thai Restaurant to change the officers and ownership interest for the All Alcoholic Restaurant License for premises located at 278 Main Street; Selectman Rutan seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

7:05 p.m. - KEVIN RUSSELL, WEGMANS
Request to address the Board of Selectmen.

Kevin Russell, Store Manager of Wegmans was present on behalf of the company to extend his appreciation and many thanks to members of the Board and Town Staff for their outstanding efforts in welcoming Wegmans to Northborough.

Members of the Board thanked Mr. Russell and extended their appreciation to Wegmans as well.

7:10 p.m. - MARK LEAHY, POLICE CHIEF

Achievement of the Police Department's Fourth Accreditation Award from the Massachusetts Police Accreditation Commission and the National Gold Award from AAA for Outstanding Achievements in Traffic Safety.

Chief Leahy invited Lieutenant Lyver, Sergeants Bruce and Agiomavritis and Officer Martin to join him. He informed the Board that on January 26, 2012, the Northborough Police Department was awarded its fourth Accreditation Award from the Massachusetts Police Accreditation Commission. The award is for a three-year period. He added that to achieve this accreditation is a very significant accomplishment and a recognition highly regarded by the law enforcement community. Chief Leahy presented the Accreditation plaque and publicly recognized the members of the accreditation team for their efforts.

Chief Leahy added that on December 2, 2011, the Northborough Police Department was honored with the Automobile Association of America's (AAA) National Gold Award in recognition of the quality of the department's traffic safety education and enforcement programs. This award recognizes efforts in pedestrian safety, child restraint installation and education efforts, as well as the department's focus on aggressive traffic enforcement and education program efforts.

Members of the Board and Mr. Coderre extended their appreciation to Chief Leahy and the Police Department staff.

REPORTSAaron Hutchins

- Humorously addressed the Board and citizens of Northborough through a written "State of My Seat" address.

William Pantazis

- Recently toured the Northborough school buildings with Town and School Administration in order to assess the building needs.

Leslie Rutan, Clerk

- Congratulated the Algonquin Girls Gymnastics Team for being the League Champs for the fourth consecutive year.
- Congratulated the Boys Track Team for being the League Champs and District Champs.
- Requested an update on the status of a possible multi-town shuttle service? Mr. Coderre responded that after several meetings with the Worcester Regional Transit Authority, he is waiting to hear back following their efforts to work out a plan, a funding source and ultimately an agreement with the surrounding communities. He added that from concept to implementation, a proposal like this could take as long as 12-18 months.
- Although she could not attend the Chocolate Spectacular, she heard it was a great event.

Dawn Rand, Vice Chairman

- Attended the Chocolate Spectacular. Thanked those merchants who donated items for the auction. Also thanked the Friends of the Senior Center who coordinated this event.
- Attended the grand opening of Michael's Craft Store.
- Requested that the Police and Fire Chiefs promptly inform the Board members by email of important matters happening in town.
- Requested an update on the FY2013 Budget preparation. Mr. Coderre stated that in addition to what was provided to the Board in a preliminary budget memo several meetings back, he would be happy to provide additional information at their next meeting. He then provided a brief update on the budget efforts to date.
- Requested information on tax revenue that has been generated from the new growth at Northborough Crossing. Mr. Coderre stated that for FY2012, approximately \$800,000 has been generated from Northborough Crossing and approximately \$800,000 from Avalon Bay. The Town will continue to track and estimate what can be expected in FY2013, at which time the total impact of new growth at Northborough Crossing can be fully realized.

Jeff Amberson, Chairman

- Attended the Accreditation Ceremony with Chief Leahy and Lieutenant Lyver.
- Attended the grand opening of Michael's Craft Store.
- Attended the Chocolate Spectacular. Thanked the Friends of the Senior Center for coordinating the event and thanked Whitney Place for hosting it.
- Announced that the Senior Center will be sponsoring a Valentine's Day Dinner on February 14th at 5:30. Live entertainment will be provided 6:30 – 8:00pm. Tickets are still available.

John Coderre, Town Administrator

- No report.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES - OCTOBER 29, 2012 STORM RESPONSE COSTS

Mr. Coderre informed the Board that to date, the Town has incurred approximately \$385,000 in overtime, contractual and other response-related expenses due to the October 29, 2012 snow storm. He added that Northborough received the federal designation that provides a 75% reimbursement rate from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for eligible storm-related expenses.

APPROVAL/EXECUTION OF UTILITY EASEMENT LICENSE AGREEMENT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A CELL TOWER AT 211 MAIN STREET

Mr. Coderre recommended that the Board approve the Easement License Agreement with US Wireless, LLC to enter and use real property located at 211 Main Street for the purpose of constructing a cell tower, a project that was approved at the 2010 Annual Town Meeting. He informed the Board that the agreement has been reviewed by Town Counsel.

Selectman Rutan moved the Board vote to approve and execute the Easement License Agreement with US Wireless, LLC to enter and use real property located at 211 Main Street for the purpose of constructing a cell tower. Release of the Easement License shall be conditioned upon payment of rent pursuant to the lease agreement dated January 14, 2011; Selectman Pantazis seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Mr. Coderre presented the Board with the draft legislative priorities letter for their review. The goal of preparing this letter is to provide the Town's State Legislative Delegation with clear direction regarding its priorities prior to their attendance at a future meeting with the Board of Selectmen.

Mr. Coderre stated that the letter includes the Town's position on various State mandates and/or regulations that we would like to see changed in order to provide additional relief to the Town. These include amendments that would save the Town money, facilitate raising additional revenues such as updated fees, and provide additional flexibility for the Town to manage its own affairs.

Mr. Coderre reviewed the top two legislative priorities: Restore Circuit-Breaker Funding to the State's Special Education Reimbursement Program; and the Reauthorization of Chapter 90 Funds. In addition to the top two priorities, a number of secondary priorities were included as well.

In response to a question from Selectman Hutchins, Mr. Coderre informed the Board that a status update on past priorities, including whether or not any members of our legislative delegation supported them, will be forwarded to the Board prior to their March 26th Board Meeting, at which time the State Legislative Delegation will be in attendance.

Selectman Pantazis moved the Board vote to authorize the Chair and the Town Administrator to finalize the draft Legislative Priorities letter and to invite our State Legislative Delegation to an upcoming Selectmen's Meeting; Selectman Rand seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

EXECUTION OF PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION WARRANT

Selectman Hutchins moved the Board vote to execute the Presidential Primary Election Warrant as presented by Town Clerk Andrew Dowd; Selectman Rutan seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane M. Wackell
Executive Assistant to the
Board of Selectmen

Documents used during meeting:

1. February 13, 2012 Meeting Agenda.
2. January 23, 2012 Meeting Minutes.
3. Information packet – Yoong Tong Family Corporation.
4. Memo - Wegmans.
5. Memo – Police Department Awards.
6. Memo – Storm Response Costs.
7. Information packet – Utility Easement License Agreement.
8. Draft Legislative Priorities Letter.
9. Presidential Primary Election Warrant.