

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MEETING MINUTES – April 9, 2012**

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

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Jeff Amberson, Chairman

\*Pledge of Allegiance

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MARCH 26, 2012 REGULAR MEETING**

Selectman Rutan moved the Board vote to approve the meeting minutes of the March 26, 2012 regular meeting as submitted, Selectman Hutchins seconded the motion: all members voted in favor.

**7:00 p.m. - PUBLIC HEARING**

To consider an application from Genzyme Corporation to amend their existing license for the on-site storage of oxidizing gas from 9,000 cubic feet to 25,000 cubic feet for premises located at 11 Forbes Road.

Several representatives from Genzyme Corporation were present along with Laurent Boer, VP of Global Distribution & Logistics and Michael Pippas, Health & Safety Manager. Mr. Boer and Mr. Pippas made a presentation to the Board. The presentation provided an update on the current status and condition of Genzyme's Operation Center and presented their request to amend the existing license for the on-site storage of oxidizing gas from 9,000 cubic feet to 25,000 cubic feet for premises located at 11 Forbes Road.

Following the presentation and several comments and questions from members of the Board, Fire Chief Durgin recommended approval of the application to amend the license.

Selectman Rutan moved the Board vote to approve the application from Genzyme Corporation to amend their existing license for the on-site storage of oxidizing gas from 9,000 cubic feet to 25,000 cubic feet for premises located at 11 Forbes Road with conditions as set forth by the Fire Chief in his memo dated March 23, 2012; Selectman Pantazis seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

- 7:20 p.m. - VIRGINIA SIMMS GEORGE, COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE & BARBARA VOLKLE, WOMAN'S CLUB**  
Presentation on the Annual Louise Houle Town Clean-up Day – April 21, 2012.

Virginia Simms George and Barbara Volkle were present to announce that the Community Affairs Committee and the Woman's Club will again be sponsoring the Louise Houle Annual Town Clean-up Day on Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup> from 8a.m. to 12p.m. at the Melican Middle School. Volunteers are invited to attend a free cookout at Ellsworth-McAfee Park after the clean-up. The rain date will be on Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

- 7:25 p.m. - KATHY JOUBERT, TOWN PLANNER  
JOHN CAMPBELL, COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE CHAIR**  
Presentation on Town Meeting Warrant Articles - Requests for Funding from the Community Preservation Fund.

Community Preservation Chairman John Campbell and Town Planner Kathy Joubert were present. Mr. Campbell made a presentation highlighting the actions taken by the Community Preservation Committee and their funding recommendations for the 2012 Annual Town Meeting. Following the presentation, several questions were asked by members of the Board.

## **REPORTS**

### Aaron Hutchins

- Requested an update on the progress of the downtown construction project by the Board's next meeting. Suggested that updates be provided to the Board on a periodic basis.

### William Pantazis

- Noted that the pinwheels being seen around Town are the result of efforts by the Junior Woman's Club to support a national effort to prevent the abuse and neglect of children. Donations for this cause can be made on [Northboroughjuniors.org](http://Northboroughjuniors.org).
- Noted that the Scholarship Committee is looking for new members. Contact Diane Wackell at 508-393-5040 if interested.
- Announced that the Garden Club's Annual Plant Sale will be held on Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup> from 8am – noon. The Plant Sale will be held at Ellsworth McAfee Park this year due to the construction in and around Blake Street.

### Leslie Rutan, Clerk

- Congratulated Selectman Pantazis on becoming a grandfather.
- Announced that the Northborough Food Pantry will hold their Annual Hunger Food Drive on Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup>. Encouraged people to get involved.
- Thanked the DPW Director and his staff for their efforts in cleaning up around Town.

Dawn Rand, Vice Chairman

- Announced that the Memorial Day Parade will take place on Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup> at 12pm. The parade route has been changed slightly due to the downtown construction project. Added that members of the Board have been invited to march.
- Requested a report summarizing the status of the Town's Revolving Fund Accounts.

John Coderre, Town Administrator

- No Report.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**APPROVAL OF REACH THE BEACH RELAY RACE EVENT – MAY 18, 2012**

Chief Leahy provided information on the Reach the Beach Relay Race that is scheduled to run through the Town of Northborough on Friday, May 18, 2012. It is expected that approximately 300 runners will travel through Northborough between 2:30 pm and 10:00 pm. As the runners will be spread out, it is not expected that large groups of runners will come through at the same time. A traffic plan has been agreed upon between the applicant and the Police and Fire Departments.

Selectman Hutchins moved the Board vote to approve a request by Paul Dionne that the New Balance Reach the Beach Relay Race run through the Town of Northborough on Friday, May 18, 2012 with the condition that the applicant shall be responsible for the strict adherence to the agreed-upon plan with the Northborough Police and Fire Departments, as well as any and all related expenses; Selectmen Pantazis seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

**REAPPOINTMENT OF DISTRICT DIRECTOR, BURIAL AGENT AND VETERANS AGENT**

Selectman Pantazis moved the Board vote to reappoint Richard Perron to serve as the Town's Burial Agent and Veterans Agent, as well as the District Director for the Towns of Northborough, Shrewsbury and Grafton for a one-year term; Selectman Rutan seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

**REAPPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS**

Selectman Hutchins moved the Board vote to reappoint those individuals who appear on the "2012 Reappointment List" to the corresponding Boards, Committees and Commissions; Selectman Pantazis seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

**ASSIGNMENT OF TOWN MEETING WARRANT ARTICLES**

Members of the Board agreed on which Warrant Articles each of them would present at Town Meeting. The Board then considered making recommendations on the Budget Warrant Articles.

Selectman Pantazis moved the Board vote to recommend Article #4 at Town Meeting; Selectman Rutan seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

**ASSIGNMENT OF TOWN MEETING WARRANT ARTICLES CONT. . .**

Selectman Rutan moved the Board vote to recommend Article #5 at Town Meeting; Selectman Pantazis seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

Selectman Hutchins moved the Board vote to recommend Article #6 at Town Meeting; Selectman Rutan seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

**EXECUTION OF CEMETERY DEED A891**

Selectman Pantazis moved the Board vote to execute Cemetery Deed A891; Selectman Rutan seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane M. Wackell  
Executive Assistant to the  
Board of Selectmen

Documents used during meeting:

1. April 9, 2012 Meeting Agenda.
2. March 26, 2012 Meeting Minutes.
3. Information packet – Public Hearing Genzyme Corporation.
4. Annual Town Clean-up Flyer.
5. Memo – CPC Presentation.
6. Information packet – Reach the Beach Relay Race.
7. Memo – Reappointment of District Director, Burial and Veterans Agent.
8. Information packet – Reappointments.
9. Information packet – Town Meeting Warrant Articles.
10. Cemetery Deed A891.