

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES – September 10, 2012**

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

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

*Pledge of Allegiance

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – AUGUST 20, 2012 REGULAR MEETING

Selectman Amberson moved the Board vote to approve the meeting minutes of the August 20, 2012 regular meeting as submitted; Selectman Rutan seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

7:00 p.m. - PUBLIC HEARING

To consider an application for a new All Alcoholic Beverages Restaurant License as submitted by ZIRH, LLC d/b/a Zem Han for premises located at 4 West Main Street.

Yuri Krasnov was present on behalf of ZIRH, LLC d/b/a Zem Han to request a new All Alcoholic Beverages Restaurant License for their new restaurant located at 4 West Main Street.

Mr. Krasnov informed the Board that he will be the manager of record. He and his wife will be responsible for the day-to-day operations of the restaurant. Both have attended the required Alcohol Training and are TIPS Certified.

Selectman Hutchins mentioned that the outdoor music being played through speakers can be heard from the street. Mr. Krasnov stated that he was not aware of this and agreed to no longer play the music from the outside speaker.

Detective Sergeant Brian Griffin has conducted a background check and has no concerns to report.

Selectman Amberson moved the Board vote to approve the application for a new All Alcoholic Beverages Restaurant License as submitted by ZIRH, LLC d/b/a Zem Han for premises located at 4 West Main Street; and further that the Board has determined that the All Alcoholic Beverages Restaurant License will not be detrimental to the educational and spiritual activities of the Trinity Church at 23 Main Street. The approval is subject to the condition that the licensee obtain a special permit under use classification from the Zoning Board of Appeals and receive satisfactory inspections of the outside seating area by the Building, Fire and Police Departments prior to its first use; Selectman Rutan seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

7:10 p.m. - PUBLIC HEARING

To consider an application for a new All Alcoholic Beverages Restaurant License as submitted by Mikaku, Inc. for premises located at 290 West Main Street, Unit #9.

Arthur Su was present to ask the Board's consideration of his application for a new All Alcoholic Beverages Restaurant License for his existing restaurant at 290 West Main Street. He has held a Wine & Malt Restaurant License since August, 2006. At that time, there were no available All Alcoholic Beverages Restaurant Licenses. There have not been any violations since that time. Mr. Su is TIPS Certified.

Mr. Su stated that it is hard to compete with those restaurants that hold an All Alcoholic Beverages Restaurant License. He is applying for the All Alcoholic Beverage Restaurant License in the hopes to stimulate his business. If this license is granted, the existing Wine & Malt Restaurant License will be returned to the Town.

Detective Sergeant Brian Griffin has conducted a background check and has no concerns to report.

Selectman Rand moved the Board vote to approve the application for a new All Alcoholic Beverages Restaurant License as submitted by Mikaku, Inc. for premises located at 290 West Main Street; and further that the Board has determined that the All Alcoholic Beverages Restaurant License will not be detrimental to the educational and spiritual activities of the St. Rose of Lima Parish at 244 Main Street; Selectman Amberson seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

REPORTSAaron Hutchins

- Noted that his father offered the invocation at the recent Republican National Convention. Congratulated him on representing the Town so well.
- Thanked Mr. Coderre and his Finance Team for the recent training they provided to the Town of Westminster on the best practices of governmental budgeting.
- Thanked Police Chief Leahy for his efforts with Mass Highway to install proper signage to help in reducing the many motor vehicle accidents near and around the Northborough Crossing intersections.
- Thanked Fire Chief Durgin for his quarterly report. Questioned if the mutual aid that we offer to surrounding communities is reciprocated? Chief Durgin responded that it is.
- Acknowledged the receipt of communications from concerned citizens in town regarding the newly developed commercial buildings on the Main Street corridor, in particular the three-story building on Westbrook Road. Although he realizes that these are concerns that should be addressed with the Planning Board, he expressed his disappointment and asked that the Board's liaison to the Planning Board encourage the Planning Board members to do a better job anticipating what these buildings will look like once completed.

Dawn Rand

- Announced that the Annual Applefest celebration will be held this coming weekend.
- Requested an update on the anticipated completion date for the downtown construction project. Mr. Coderre stated that the final pavement, landscaping and finish work will take place next Spring, but most of the inconvenient work now being done should be completed this Fall.

Jeff Amberson, Clerk

- Congratulated Ken Hutchins on his invocation at the Republic National Convention and thanked him for representing Northborough so well.
- Noted that he is interested in having the Town pursue lighting of the Flag at the Memorial on the corner of Church and Whitney Streets. Mr. Coderre indicated that he would look into it.
- Acknowledged the 11th Anniversary of September 11th.

Leslie Rutan, Vice Chairman

- Noted that the Interview Committee met with an applicant for the Council on Aging. See below for appointment.
- Noted that the recent District Newsletter from the School Superintendent mentions many of the events taking place in the Northborough School System.
- Noted that she is pleased to see that the Police Department has created a Facebook page.
- Provided a brief summary of the Fire Chief's Departmental report.
- Noted that the Northborough Food Pantry is in dire need of supplies. Challenged residents to help with much needed donations.

William Pantazis, Chairman

- Thanked Ken Hutchins for his heartfelt prayer at the Republic National Convention.
- Asked that residents travel with care now that school is back in session.
- Acknowledged the resignation of Virginia Simms George from the Board of Library Trustees. Requested that the Board send her a letter of appreciation.

John Coderre, Town Administrator

- Announced that the State Department of Public Health elevated the mosquito-borne illness risk level in Northborough to "High". As a result, all organized evening outdoor athletic events will be postponed. Also, as part of the Applefest celebration, the outdoor BBQ and fireworks display will be cancelled. He added that detailed information is available on the Town's website.
- Informed the Board that during tonight's public hearings, the last two All Alcoholic Beverages Restaurant Licenses have been granted (exclusive of the five site-specific licenses for Northborough Crossing). He suggested that the Board consider at a future meeting whether or not it wishes to prohibit or allow BYOB (Bring-Your-Own-Bottle) in those establishments who do not have a liquor license.

John Coderre, Town Administrator Report Cont.

- Indicated that he has no further information to report on Indian Meadows Golf Course, other than that the Town is still waiting for the requisite information requested in its July 11, 2012 letter to the Owners of Indian Meadows. The Town is also waiting to see how the property owner will react to the recent decision made by the Zoning Board of Appeals.

APPOINTMENT TO THE COUNCIL ON AGING

Selectman Rutan moved the Board vote to appoint Phylis Muthee to the Council on Aging for a partial three-year term; Selectman Rand seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ken Hutchins of 91 Brigham Street was present to express his disappointment with the downtown construction project and what he thinks is a lack of amenities that would improve the attractiveness of this area. He also expressed his frustration with the Board's decision to not hire additional personnel for the Police Department.

Following Mr. Hutchins' comments, Mr. Coderre explained in detail the Town's budgeting practices and the context within which staffing decisions are made. He added that the entire budget process is transparent and open to the public, should anyone wish to participate.

EXECUTION OF CEMETERY DEED A901

Selectman Hutchins moved the Board vote to execute Cemetery Deed A901; Selectman Rand seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane M. Wackell
Executive Assistant to the
Board of Selectmen

Documents used during meeting:

1. September 10, 2012 Meeting Agenda.
2. August 20, 2012 Meeting Minutes.
3. Information packet – ZIRH, LLC.
4. Information packet – Mikaku, Inc.
5. Cemetery Deed.