

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES – November 19, 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 – NOVEMBER 5, 2012 REGULAR MEETING

Selectman Rand moved the Board vote to approve the meeting minutes of the November 5, 2012 regular meeting as submitted; Selectman Amberson seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

7:00 p.m. - PUBLIC HEARING

To consider a petition from Massachusetts Electric Company to install conduit and cable along Coolidge Circle, Patrick Drive and Morse Circle.

Richard Botelho and Thomas Kane from National Grid were present to request permission to install new conduit along Coolidge Circle, Patrick Drive and Morse Circle.

Mr. Coderre informed the Board that this request is a result of a collaborative effort between the Town and National Grid to replace the aging electrical service to this area, which experiences frequent power outages. On behalf of the residents, Mr. Coderre thanked the representatives of National Grid for their efforts in resolving this issue.

Following questions from members of the audience, the Board was assured that National Grid would communicate the details and timeframe of the project with the area residents. Residents can call Bob Russell at National Grid at 508-482-1283 with any questions.

Selectman Rand moved the Board vote to approve and execute Petition #13339558 as submitted by Massachusetts Electric Company to install conduit and cable along Coolidge Circle, Patrick Drive and Morse Circle; Selectman Amberson seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

7:20 p.m. - ROB THEVE, FIRE DEPARTMENT CAPTAIN

Presentation on Fire Department Collection for "Toys for Tots" Program.

Fire Captain Rob Theve was present to announce that the Northborough Fire Department is again an official drop-off site for the USMC Toys for Tots Collection Program. In addition to the Fire Department, additional drop-off sites are located at the Northborough Town Hall and Library. Toys can be dropped off at either location on or before December 18th. Captain Theve encouraged those in need to contact him.

7:25 p.m. - HEARING

To consider an application to change the manager for the Wine & Malt Beverages Restaurant License at Indoor Sports Management, Inc. d/b/a Replays (Teamworks) at 185 Otis Street.

Proposed manager Kevin O'Connell was present. He informed the Board that he previously served as the Manager of Record for Replays from January 2007 through October 2011. Sergeant Detective Brian Griffin was present and indicated that he did not find anything of concern with the application.

Selectman Rutan moved the Board vote to approve the application to change the manager for the Wine & Malt Beverages Restaurant License at Indoor Sports Management, Inc. d/b/a Replays at 185 Otis Street from Jeffrey Loven to Kevin O'Connell; Selectman Rand seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

7:30 p.m. - PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION

Discussion on Proposed Policy for a Carry-In Wine & Malt (BYOB) Permit.

At the November 5, 2012 Board meeting, the Board reviewed a draft Carry-In Wine & Malt (BYOB) Policy and agreed to schedule a public comment session in order to provide the public an opportunity to provide input.

Mr. Coderre stated that although not required by law, all current liquor and common victualler licensees were notified by mail of tonight's public comment session and were given a copy of the proposed policy. The public comment session was also advertised in the Worcester Telegram & Gazette. No current licensees were in attendance.

The Board heard comments from Kevin Carroll of 45 Auger Avenue. No additional comments were heard from members of the audience.

Chairman Pantazis closed the public comment session and stated that the Board will vote on the policy at their December 17th Meeting.

7:40 p.m. - HEARING

To consider whether to take disciplinary action, including suspension or revocation of the Innholder's License issued to Motel Six – Boston Westborough for premises located at 115 Lawrence Street (Route 9).

Attorney Robert Seder and Jayesh Patel were present for the hearing. Police Chief Mark Leahy, Detective Sergeant Brian Griffin, Attorney Seder and Mr. Patel were officially sworn in by Chairman Pantazis at the beginning of the hearing.

HEARING CONT. . .

Following a brief summary by Mr. Coderre of the events leading up to tonight's hearing, Attorney Seder presented a letter dated November 19, 2012 from Om Shri Jagadamba, LLC responding to the ten recommendations by the Police Chief regarding security improvements to the property and improved management practices to enhance public safety.

Attorney Seder informed the Board that Mr. Patel agrees with the Police Chief's recommendations. He added that although the implementation of some may be difficult, Mr. Patel is committed to implementing each of them.

A discussion ensued about the importance of the installation of surveillance cameras. Chief Leahy stated that the technology to implement additional camera surveillance does exist. Mr. Patel added that he is also considering other measures, including placement of signs informing persons that the premises are subject to video surveillance. He would also like to work with the Police Department in training motel personnel to detect problem patrons.

Chief Leahy stated that his meeting with Mr. Patel had been very productive.

Following several comments from members of the Board, Mr. Patel thanked everyone for working with him in stopping any future violence or illegal activities at his premises.

Selectman Amberson moved the Board vote:

1. to accept, in lieu of taking disciplinary action, the security improvements for Motel 6 outlined in the November 19, 2012 letter of Om Shri Jagadamba, LLC, manager, submitted to the Board at the time of this hearing, and as further explained at this hearing with respect to the installation of surveillance cameras (as described below);
2. to include such improvements as conditions of the Motel 6 innholder's license and direct that the license holder complete such improvements by December 31, 2012;
3. to direct the license holder to submit a written report on the status of such improvements by January 2, 2013; and
4. to continue the hearing to January 14, 2013 for a status report on such improvements and motel operations in general and, if necessary, for consideration of disciplinary action.

Selectman Rand seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

REPORTS

Aaron Hutchins

- Wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

Dawn Rand

- Announced that the Community Affairs Committee will be sponsoring a free Holiday concert, a book sale and the annual tree lighting and caroling event on December 8th.
- Thanked the Northborough Helping Hands Association for their efforts in putting together over sixty Thanksgiving baskets for those in need.
- Requested a future discussion between the Police Chief and the Board regarding the hiring process for police officers. Noted that as the appointing authority, she would like to see that the Board of Selectmen have more involvement in the process.

Jeff Amberson, Clerk

- Thanked the Town Clerk's Office and the election workers for their efforts during the recent election.
- Wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

Leslie Rutan, Vice Chairman

- Thanked those who donated food items to the Scouting for Food Drive. Thanked everyone involved with organizing this annual event.
- Noted that she is happy to see new crosswalk signs throughout Town.
- Requested an economic development update from the Town Planner.

William Pantazis, Chairman

- Wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

John Coderre, Town Administrator

- Informed the Board that the Tax Classification Hearing will be held on December 17th. The values are currently available on the Town website.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The Board heard several comments from Kevin Carroll of 45 Auger Avenue.

SET MEETING SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY THROUGH APRIL 2013

Selectman Hutchins moved the Board vote to set the meeting schedule for January through April, 2013 as follows:

January 14 & 28

February 11 & 25

March 11 & 25

April 8 & April 22 (Town Meeting)

Selectman Rand seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

EXECUTION OF CEMETERY DEED A903

Selectman Hutchins moved the Board vote to execute Cemetery Deed A903; 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 8:35p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane M. Wackell
Executive Assistant to the
Board of Selectmen

Documents used during meeting:

1. November 19, 2012 Meeting Agenda.
2. November 5, 2012 Meeting Minutes.
3. Information packet – Massachusetts Electric Co. Petition.
4. Flyer – Toys for Tots.
5. Information packet – Change of Manager – Indoor Sports Management, Inc.
6. Information packet – Carry-In Wine & Malt (BYOB) Policy.
7. Information packet – Motel Six Innholder's License.
8. Memorandum – Meeting schedule for January through April, 2013.