

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES – June 10, 2013**

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

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

*Pledge of Allegiance

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MAY 20, 2013 REGULAR MEETING

Selectman Rand moved the Board vote to approve the meeting minutes of the May 20, 2013 regular meeting as submitted; Selectman Amberson seconded the motion. Vote 4-0-2 (Selectman Rutan was absent and Selectman Hutchins arrived late at the May 20th Meeting and therefore abstained).

7:00 p.m. - ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Chairman

Nominations for Chairman were called by Town Clerk Andrew Dowd.

Selectman Pantazis moved the Board vote to nominate Selectman Rutan to the position of Chairman; Selectman Amberson seconded the motion. No other nominations were presented. Mr. Dowd closed the nominations for Chairman. The motion to nominate Selectman Rutan to the position of Chairman passed unanimously.

Vice Chairman

Nominations for Vice Chairman were called by Town Clerk Andrew Dowd.

Selectman Amberson moved the Board vote to nominate Selectman Rand to the position of Vice Chairman; Selectman Pantazis seconded the motion. No other nominations were presented. Mr. Dowd closed the nominations for Vice Chairman. The motion to nominate Selectman Rand to the position of Vice Chairman passed unanimously.

Clerk

Nominations for Clerk were called by Town Clerk Andrew Dowd.

Selectman Rutan moved the Board vote to nominate Selectman Amberson to the position of Clerk; Selectman Pantazis seconded the motion. No other nominations were presented. Mr. Dowd closed the nominations for Clerk. The motion to nominate Selectman Amberson to the position of Clerk passed unanimously.

7:00 p.m. - PUBLIC HEARING

To consider the application of Massachusetts Electric Corp for the on-site storage of 12,000 gallons of Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel Fuel in (4) aboveground tanks for premises located at 55 Bearfoot Road.

Facilities Manager Kris Thebado and Environmental Manager Joanne Lupa were present on behalf of Massachusetts Electric Corp (National Grid) to request the storage of 12,000 gallons of Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel Fuel in four aboveground tanks for the purpose of fueling three on-site emergency generators. The facility located at 55 Bearfoot Road serves as the restoration headquarters throughout New England during power outages.

Mr. Thebado informed the Board that the company is aware of the conditions set forth in the Fire Chief's memo dated July 31, 2012 and is agreeable to them.

Fire Chief Durgin provided a history of the events leading up to tonight's public hearing. He expressed his disappointment with the company for failing to apply for the proper permits for the two newest tanks, and for not renewing the permits for the two older tanks.

Following several comments and questions from members of the Board, and based on the Fire Chief's conditional approval of the license application, the Board of Selectmen agreed to approve the application with the condition that Massachusetts Electric Corp (National Grid) provide the Board with a written report explaining how the uninspected and unpermitted installations for fuel storage were allowed to occur and what changes in protocol will be made in order to prevent this from happening again.

Selectman Amberson moved the Board vote to approve the application of Massachusetts Electric Corp. for the on-site storage of 12,000 gallons of Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel Fuel in (4) above-ground tanks for premises located at 55 Bearfoot Road, with the conditions as set forth by the Fire Chief in his memo dated July 31, 2012; Selectman Rand seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

At the request of Selectman Hutchins, Mr. Coderre clarified that the license approval is based on the condition that Massachusetts Electric Corp (National Grid) provide the Board of Selectmen with a written report no later than July 31, 2013 that will include the following information:

1. Explanation of how the uninspected and unpermitted installations for fuel storage were allowed to occur.
2. Explanation of what company policy changes will be made in order to prevent this from happening again.
3. Verification that all of the conditions as set forth in the Fire Chief's memo dated July 31, 2012 have been complied with.

The Board agreed that if they are not in receipt of the above information by July 31, 2013, representatives of Massachusetts Electric Corp (National Grid) will be asked to come back before the Board for an update and possible revocation of the license approval.

7:30 p.m. - SHERI HEND, INC D/B/A ATHENS PIZZA

To consider an application for a Common Victualler License for premises located at 292 Main Street.

Mr. Amin informed the Board that he is the new owner of Athen's Pizza at 292 Main Street. He owned Christina's Café in Westborough and just sold that business after ten years of operation. He has no plans to change the name or the day-to-day operation of the business.

Selectman Hutchins moved the Board vote to approve the application for a Common Victualler License as submitted by Maged Amin – Sheri Hend, Inc. d/b/a Athens Pizza for premises located at 292 Main Street, providing that the licensee receive satisfactory inspections by the Building, Fire and Health Departments; Selectman Pantazis seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

**7:35 p.m. - SAMY GANDY
D/B/A ANTHONY'S PIZZA AND ICE CREAM**

To consider an application for a Common Victualler License for premises located at 14 East Main Street.

Mr. Gandy informed the Board that he is the new owner of the former Freshway Pizza at 14 East Main Street. He has experience in the food business, having managed several stores in the past. The day-to-day operation of the business will remain the same.

Selectman Amberson moved the Board vote to approve the application for a Common Victualler License as submitted by Samy Gandy d/b/a Anthony's Pizza and Ice Cream for premises located at 14 East Main Street, providing that the licensee receive satisfactory inspections by the Building, Fire and Health Departments; Selectman Rand seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

REPORTSAaron Hutchins

- Thanked everyone who organized, participated in and attended the Annual Memorial Day Parade.

William Pantazis

- Congratulated Chairman Rutan on her recent re-election to the Board.
- Noted his appreciation to all of the residents who attended the Annual Memorial Day Parade.

Jeff Amberson

- Thanked everyone who organized, participated in and attended the Annual Memorial Day Parade.
- Announced that the lights have been installed and the Flag is now lit at the Ellsworth Memorial located at the intersection of Church and Whitney Streets. This was made possible through the hard work and generosity of a group of individuals who have asked to remain anonymous. Thanked the DPW Department for their efforts as well.

Dawn Rand

- Noted that the Interview Committee met with applicants for the Community Affairs Committee. See below for appointments.
- Noted that she has received resident complaints about an area in front of the Zeh School in the grass strip between the sidewalk and road that is muddy and holds water. She asked that the DPW Department review it and take appropriate action.
- Requested that the Police Chief provide an update on his recruitment process for hiring a new police officer. Chief Leahy was present and provided an update.
- Thanked everyone who organized, participated in and attended the Annual Memorial Day Parade.

Leslie Rutan, Chair.

- Congratulated the Algonquin Class of 2013.
- Congratulated the Algonquin Jazz One Band on their recent performance at the Hat Shell in Boston.
- Wished the Algonquin Girls Lacrosse Team good luck in the State Semi Finals.
- Noted her appreciation to everyone who spoke at the Memorial Day Parade, including Selectman Pantazis.
- Urged residents to check out the Northborough Food Pantry website where the Spring 2013 Newsletter can be found.

John Coderre, Town Administrator

- No report.

APPOINTMENTS TO THE COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Selectman Rand moved the Board vote to appoint Christine Huggins to the Community Affairs Committee for a one-year term; Selectman Amberson seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

Selectman Rand moved the Board vote to appoint Erica Zeiger to the Community Affairs Committee for a three-year term; Selectman Amberson seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

REAPPOINTMENT OF STEPHEN DENNIS TO THE CULTURAL COUNCIL

Selectman Rand moved the Board vote to reappoint Stephen Dennis to the Cultural Council for a three-year term; Selectman Amberson seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

EXECUTION OF WARRANT - JUNE 25, 2013 SPECIAL STATE ELECTION

Selectman Hutchins moved the Board vote to execute the Warrant for the June 25, 2013 Special State Election; Selectman Amberson seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

EXECUTION OF CEMETERY DEEDS A915, A916 & A917

Selectman Pantazis moved the Board vote to execute Cemetery Deeds A915, A916 & A917; Selectman Rand seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

7:50 p.m. - EXECUTIVE SESSION

Selectman Rand moved the Board vote to enter into Executive Session pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 30A, Section 21, Subsection 3 (collective bargaining) due to the Chair's determination that a discussion regarding this matter in an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the position of the Board; Selectman Pantazis seconded the motion; the roll call vote was taken as follows:

Hutchins	“aye”	Rand	“aye”
Pantazis	“aye”	Rutan	“aye”
Amberson	“aye”		

Chairman Rutan announced that the Board would return from Executive Session only to adjourn.

ADJOURNMENT

Selectman Rand moved the Board vote to adjourn; Selectman Amberson 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. June 10, 2013 Meeting Agenda.
2. May 20, 2013 Meeting Minutes.
3. Information packet – Massachusetts Electric Corp Public Hearing
4. Information packet – Sheri Hend, Inc. d/b/a Athens Pizza.
5. Information packet – Samy Gandy d/b/a Anthony’s Pizza and Ice Cream.
6. Memorandum – Reappointment to the Cultural Council.
7. Special State Election Warrant.
8. Cemetery Deeds.