

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES – May 19, 2014**

7:10 p.m. - Selectmen's Meeting Room, 63 Main Street, Northborough, MA

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dawn Rand, Chairman
Jeff Amberson, Vice Chairman
Leslie Rutan, Clerk
William Pantazis
Jason Perreault

*Pledge of Allegiance

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – APRIL 14, 2014 REGULAR MEETING

Selectman Rand moved the Board vote to approve the meeting minutes of the April 14, 2014 regular meeting as submitted; Selectman Pantazis seconded the motion. Vote 3-0-2 (Selectmen Amberson and Perreault abstained as they were not present at the meeting).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – APRIL 28, 2014 REGULAR MEETING

Selectman Rand moved the Board vote to approve the meeting minutes of the April 28, 2014 regular meeting as submitted; Selectman Pantazis seconded the motion. Vote 4-0-1 (Selectman Perreault abstained as he was not present at the meeting).

7:10 p.m. - ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Chairman

Nominations for Chairman were called by Town Clerk Andrew Dowd.

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

Vice Chairman

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

Selectman Rutan moved the Board vote to nominate Selectman Amberson 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 Amberson to the position of Vice Chairman passed unanimously.

Clerk

Nominations for Clerk were called by Town Clerk Andrew Dowd.

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

7:15 p.m. - PUBLIC HEARING

To consider Pole Petition 4A0F8NM from Verizon New England and Massachusetts Electric Company for two new pole locations on Monroe Street.

Thomas Blicharz was present on behalf of Verizon New England to request the placement of two new poles to be installed on opposite sides of Monroe Street at approximately 254 and 304 feet south of the centerline of West Main Street. The poles are required to provide power to a new office building under construction at 9 Monroe Street.

Town Engineer Fred Litchfield indicated that he has reviewed the petition and recommends that it be approved.

No members of the public were present to speak. Chairman Rand closed the public hearing.

Selectman Amberson moved the Board vote to approve the placement of two new poles on Monroe Street per Verizon Petition Number 4A0F8NM as submitted by Verizon New England, Inc. and Massachusetts Electric Company (National Grid); Selectman Rutan seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

7:15 p.m. - DANIEL FISHBEIN – BOY SCOUT TROOP 101

Presentation on Eagle Scout Project to benefit the Northborough Historical Society.

Daniel Fishbein from Boy Scout Troop 101 made a presentation to the Board on his recent Eagle Scout Project. Mr. Fishbein's project presents Northborough's history in a modernized form through the use of Google Mapping.

Mr. Fishbein worked closely with Ellen Racine, the curator of the Historical Society, along with several fellow scouts, to assemble a mixture of historical and present day photographs, as well as written information on certain historical sites around town. Mr. Fishbein's project can be found on the Historical Society's website.

7:15 p.m. - FRED LITCHFIELD – TOWN ENGINEER

Approval/Execution of Intermunicipal Agreement with the Town of Spencer for 2014 CIC Matching Grant Funds for Stormwater Management.

Mr. Litchfield informed the Board that the Central Massachusetts Regional Stormwater Coalition consists of 30 communities and has just received a third consecutive year of grant funding. In FY2012, 13 communities received \$310,000. In FY2013, the member communities (including Northborough) grew to 30 and received \$115,000. In FY2014, the coalition received \$80,000.

TOWN ENGINEER FRED LITCHFIELD CONT. . .

Through an Intermunicipal Agreement with the Town of Spencer (the Lead Community), each of the 30 member communities are being asked to fund \$4,000 in FY2014 to fill the gap between the \$200,000 that the coalition applied for and the \$80,000 that it received.

Mr. Litchfield added that through the coalition, the Town of Northborough is allowed access to additional resources and equipment in order to enhance our stormwater program in a manner similar to our neighboring communities.

Selectman Amberson moved the Board vote to approve and execute the Intermunicipal Agreement for matching grant funds with the Town of Spencer for the FY2014 Community Innovation Challenge (CIC) Grant; Selectman Rutan seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

REPORTSJason Perreault

- Thanked everyone who supported the Lincoln Street Building Project at both the Annual Town Meeting and the Annual Town Election.

William Pantazis

- Welcomed Selectman Perreault.
- Noted that the Interview Committee met with applicants for various boards and committees. See below for appointments.
- Noted that that ZBA Alternate Member Brad Blanchette has expressed interest in being appointed to fill the current opening on the ZBA. The ZBA Chair and Town Planner both recommended his appointment. See below for appointment.

Leslie Rutan, Clerk

- Noted that the Northborough Fire Department helped the Hopkinton Fire Department with the Boston Marathon this year, as well as in years past.
- Noted that US News and World Report ranked Algonquin High School 23rd in Massachusetts.
- Announced that the musical comedy The Apple Tree will be performed in the Algonquin High School Black Box Theater May 28th through May 31st.
- Announced that the Spring Art Show is on display at Algonquin High School now through May 23rd.

Jeff Amberson, Vice Chairman

- Welcomed Selectman Perreault.
- Thanked Town Clerk Andy Dowd and his team for their efforts with the recent Town Election. Thanked the Police Department as well.
- Thanked Mr. Coderre and his team for their efforts in the months leading up to the Annual Town Meeting. Thanked all residents who attended and participated.
- Announced that the annual Memorial Day Parade will be held on Monday, May 26th.

Dawn Rand, Chairman

- Thanked Selectman Rutan for her efforts during her tenure as Chair.
- Welcomed Selectman Perreault.
- Thanked all who participated in the Town Election.
- Requested a status update on a water hydrant needing to be replaced at the corner of Pleasant Street and Church Street.
- Requested that Board members review the liaison list and to contact her or Diane Wackell if they wish to make any changes.
- Thanked all who participated in the Annual Town Meeting.

John Coderre, Town Administrator

- Announced the details of the Memorial Day Parade scheduled for May 26th.
- Provided a status update on the concerned neighbors abutting Iron Mountain. Representatives of Iron Mountain are working on a landscaping proposal to alleviate the concerns with the visual screening between the building and the neighboring properties.

APPOINTMENTS TO THE EDTFC

Selectman Pantazis moved the Board vote to appoint Arlene Parker to the Elderly & Disabled Taxation Fund Committee for a one-year term; Selectman Amberson seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

Selectman Pantazis moved the Board vote to appoint Muriel Swenor to the Elderly & Disabled Taxation Fund Committee for a two-year term; Selectman Amberson seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

APPOINTMENT TO THE COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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

APPOINTMENT TO THE TRUSTEES OF SPECIAL BENEVOLENT FUNDS

Selectman Pantazis moved the Board vote to appoint Peter Brockmann to the Board of Trustees of Special Benevolent Funds for a two-year term; Selectman Amberson seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

APPOINTMENT TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Selectman Pantazis moved the Board vote to appoint Zoning Board of Appeals Alternate Member Brad Blanchette to the Zoning Board of Appeals as a full voting Member for a three-year term; Selectman Amberson seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

TRANSFER OF CEMETERY DEED A698

Selectman Perreault moved the Board vote to approve the transfer of Cemetery Deed A698; Selectman Pantazis seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

EXECUTION OF CEMETERY DEED A939

Selectman Perreault moved the Board vote to execute Cemetery Deed A939; Selectman Rutan seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane M. Wackell
Executive Assistant to the
Board of Selectmen

Documents used during meeting:

1. May 19, 2014 Meeting Agenda.
2. April 14, 2014 Meeting Minutes.
3. April 28, 2014 Meeting Minutes.
4. Information packet – Pole Petition 4A0F8NM.
5. Information packet – Eagle Scout Project.
6. Information packet – Intermunicipal Agreement for CIC Grant.
7. Cemetery Deeds.