

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MEETING MINUTES – October 6, 2014**

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7:00 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 – SEPTEMBER 8, 2014 REGULAR MEETING**

Selectman Amberson moved the Board vote to approve the meeting minutes of the September 8, 2014 regular meeting as submitted; Selectman Perreault seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

**7:00 p.m. - HEARING – DPW DIRECTOR DANIEL NASON**

Set Fees for Plowing/Sanding Private Ways for the upcoming 2014-2015 winter season.

DPW Director Dan Nason proposed to the Board that the base charge for plowing and treatment services of private ways and unaccepted streets which are 100% complete be increased approximately 3% from last year to cover the increased costs of labor, equipment maintenance, sand, salt and other materials, and fuel.

Based on the high increase in treatment services, Selectman Amberson suggested taking another look at increasing the fees. Mr. Coderre stated that he feels comfortable moving forward with the proposed fees this evening as this was the information forwarded to the private way residents.

Residents of the private ways that received plowing and treatment services during the last Winter Season were notified of tonight's hearing to increase the fees. None were present.

Selectman Perreault moved the Board vote to set the fees for plowing and treatment of private ways less than 3,000 feet for the 2014/2015 winter season as follows:

\$180.00 per storm for plowing  
\$180.00 per storm for treatment services

Selectman seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

**7:05 p.m.      PROCLAMATION – 142<sup>nd</sup> HOMECOMING DAY**  
**NORTHBOROUGH HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**  
Presentation by Richard Sargent.

Richard Sargent was present to inform the Board that the 142<sup>nd</sup> Annual Homecoming Day for the Northborough High School Alumni Association will be held on Saturday, October 11, 2014. Members of the Board were invited to attend the homecoming celebration at the White Cliff's.

Selectman Pantazis moved the Board vote to proclaim October 11, 2014 as the 142<sup>nd</sup> Homecoming Day for the Northborough High School Alumni Association; Selectman Amberson seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

**7:10 p.m. -      HEARING**  
To consider an application from Mormax Corporation d/b/a  
BJ's Wholesale Club to Change the Manager of their All  
Alcoholic Beverages Package Store License for premises  
located at 6102 Shops Way.

Attorney Howard Lane was present along with the proposed manager Bryan Hogan. Mr. Hogan has been with BJ's since 2011. Prior to that he worked at Target for seven years. Mr. Hogan is TIPS certified.

Detective Sergeant Brian Griffin conducted a background check on Mr. Hogan and did not find anything of concern.

Selectman Amberson moved the Board vote to approve the application from Mormax Corporation d/b/a BJ's Wholesale Club to change the manager of their All Alcoholic Beverages Package Store License from Diane Mareira to Bryan Hogan for premises located at 6102 Shops Way; Selectman Rutan seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

## **REPORTS**

### Jason Perreault

- Expressed his concern with the current configuration of the downtown traffic signal control at Church and Pierce Street. DPW Director Dan Nason indicated that it is still under review with Mass DOT.
- Attended the recent dedication ceremony for the new basketball courts at the Proctor Elementary School. Thanked the Community Preservation Committee for their help in funding the project.
- Attended the Memorial Services for Brian Arsenault on September 16<sup>th</sup>. Thanked the Town Administrator, Police, Fire and DPW departments for their combined efforts in preparing for the services.

### William Pantazis

- Attended the Applefest celebration. Thanked all who participated and who helped to coordinate the annual event.

Leslie Rutan, Clerk

- Requested an update on the proposed pipeline project. Mr. Coderre indicated that he and Town staff recently met with representatives from Tennessee Gas Pipeline. The pipeline is not expected to impact Northborough, with the exception of ten properties located in the Ball Hill area. The company is communicating directly with those home owners and there have been no complaints or concerns to date.
- Spoke about the Memorial Services for Brian Arsenault.
- Noted that the bridge repair project on Route 20 near the Police Station has recently been completed.
- Requested that the DPW Department investigate alternatives that will help to prevent the overgrowth of bushes near the Assabet Playground.
- Announced that the Melican Middle School 5K Run will be held on October 18<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9am.
- Announced that Helping Hands is holding their 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Winter Gear Drive. They are accepting new or gently used coats, pants and boots infant size to teens. Drop off locations are located at Town Hall, the Library and at all the schools.
- Asked residents to check out the Peaslee School Website. Added that they are holding a fundraiser for a new playground. The playground is over 20 years old and needs to be replaced.

Jeff Amberson, Vice Chairman

- Thanked everyone who organized, contributed and attended Applefest.
- Spoke about the Memorial Services for Brian Arsenault, adding that the community support was overwhelming.

Dawn Rand, Chairman

- Noted that many suggestions have been made to memorialize Brian Arsenault. Asked the public to forward any suggestions to the Board of Selectmen. The Board may consider organizing something in the Spring of 2015.
- Noted the resignation of Chelsea Christenson from the Conversation Commission. Requested that a letter of appreciation be sent on behalf of the Board.
- Attended the Applefest celebration. Thanked everyone who attended and organized the event.

John Coderre, Town Administrator

- Announced that the annual Tax Classification Hearing is scheduled for the Board's November 24<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- Announced that the annual meeting for the Financial Trend Monitoring Report is scheduled for December 11<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Members of the Board of Selectmen, Appropriations Committee, Financial Planning Committee and the School Committee are invited to attend.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

### **APPOINTMENTS TO THE 39 WEST MAIN STREET AD-HOC STUDY COMMITTEE**

Selectman Rutan moved the Board vote to appoint Amy Poretsky, Tom Reardon, Leslie Harrison, Brian Smith, Aaron Hutchins and Fran Bakstran to the 39 West Main Street Ad-Hoc Study Committee; Selectman Pantazis seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

The Board agreed that Selectman Pantazis will represent the Board of Selectmen and will chair the Committee on the Board's behalf.

### **EXECUTION OF CEMETERY DEEDS A949, A950, A951 & A952**

Selectman Perreault moved the Board vote to execute Cemetery Deeds A949, A950, A951 & A952; Selectman Pantazis seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

### **7:50 p.m. - EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Selectman Amberson moved the Board vote to enter into Executive Session pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 30A, Section 21, Subsection 3 (litigation) 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 Rutan seconded the motion; the roll call vote was taken as follows:

Perreault	“aye”	Amberson	“aye”
Pantazis	“aye”	Rand	“aye”
Rutan	“aye”		

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

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Selectman Rutan 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. October 6, 2014 Meeting Agenda.
2. September 8, 2014 Meeting Minutes.
3. Information packet – Fees for plowing and treatment of private ways.
4. Proclamation.
5. Information packet – BJ's Change of Manager
6. Information packet – Appointments to 39 West Main Street Ad-Hoc Committee.
7. Cemetery Deeds.