

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MEETING MINUTES – November 9, 2015**

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

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

\*Pledge of Allegiance

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – OCTOBER 19, 2015 REGULAR MEETING**

Selectman Rand moved the Board vote to approve the meeting minutes of the October 19, 2015 regular meeting as submitted; Selectman Rutan seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

**7:00 p.m. - RITA MATRAIA**  
Presentation on the Turkey Trot 5K to benefit the Northborough Food Pantry.

Event Organizer Rita Matraia and Donna Weaver from the Northborough Food Pantry were present to make a brief presentation on this year's Turkey Trot 5K to benefit the Northborough Food Pantry. The first Turkey Trot was in 2008 with 30 participants. This year the benefit is expected to draw 300 participants.

Chief Leahy informed the Board that the Police and DPW Departments will be working together to provide assistance for this year's event. He added that it will be a busy day as Northborough is hosting this year's football game as well.

**7:05 p.m. - JUSTIN NOLAN, SPERO'S SNACK SHACK**  
Request for a Common Victualler License for premises located at 14 East Main Street.

Justin Nolan was present to request a common victualler license for premises located at 14 East Main Street. He intends to open Spero's Snack Shack serving burgers, hotdogs, pizza and ice cream.

Selectman Perreault moved the Board vote to approve the application for a Common Victualler License as submitted by Justin Nolan of Nolan Family Enterprises d/b/a Spero's Snack Shack 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.

**7:10 p.m. - RINA CAMETTI, BEACON COMPASSION CENTER**  
Presentation and vote regarding Letter of Support/Non-Opposition  
for a Registered Marijuana Cultivation Facility Proposal for  
86 Lawrence Street.

Catherine (Rina) Cametti, President of Beacon Compassion Center was present. Ms. Cametti introduced several key members of the Beacon Compassion Center team who were also present in the audience. Ms. Cametti provided an overview of the company and its proposal to operate a registered marijuana cultivation facility at 86 Lawrence Street. The presentation included detailed information on the company's comprehensive state-of-the-art security plan.

Following the presentation, Chief Leahy indicated that he has met with representatives of Beacon Compassion Center and has no concerns relative to the safety and security of the public.

Mr. Coderre added that at the 2014 Annual Town Meeting a registered marijuana dispensary (RMD) zoning bylaw did not receive the necessary two-thirds vote and was ultimately defeated. This bylaw would have limited RMDs to the Highway Business zoning district which is located along both sides of Route 9. The cultivation facility at 86 Lawrence Street will be barely visible from the road and will most likely fall under the zoning classification of light manufacturing, which is a use allowed by special permit in the Business South zoning district.

Mr. Coderre also reviewed the Community Benefit Agreement. The agreement was negotiated between Beacon Compassion Center and the Town as a good faith effort. The agreement has been approved by Town Counsel as to form and provides a gift of \$50,000 in year one, \$75,000 in year two and \$100,000 in years three and beyond.

Lastly, Mr. Coderre informed the Board that one of the next steps in the DPH process is for the applicant (Beacon Compassion Center) to request a letter of non-opposition from the host community.

Following the presentation, several questions and comments were heard from members of the Board.

Selectman Rand moved the Board vote to provide a letter of non-opposition to the Department of Public Health for Beacon Compassion Center, Inc. to operate a Registered Marijuana Dispensary (RMD) cultivation facility at 86 Lawrence Street, to authorize the Chairman to execute the letter of non-opposition on behalf of the Board and to further execute the "Community Benefit Agreement" as submitted. It was further moved that the Board's vote of non-opposition be limited to an RMD cultivation facility only and explicitly not extend to an RMD retail facility in Northborough and that the letter of non-opposition is subject to the prior execution of the Community Benefit Agreement; Selectman Pantazis seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

## REPORTS

### Jason Perreault

- No report.

### Dawn Rand

- Noted that she is not able to attend the upcoming Fire Chief Assessment Center and therefore resigned from the Fire Chief Screening Committee. The Board appointed Selectman Jason Perreault to serve in her place. See below for appointment.
- Attended the recent joint meetings of the Staffing Committee where the Police and Fire Department Staffing Reports were presented. The Staffing Committee hopes to have its final recommendations completed by the end of December.
- Attended the Veterans Luncheon at the Senior Center.

### William Pantazis, Clerk

- Attended the recent joint meetings of the Staffing Committee. The reports were very comprehensive.

### Leslie Rutan, Vice Chairman

- Thanked the Girl Scout and Boy Scout Troops for their efforts in this year's annual Scout Food Drive. Over 11,000 items were collected for the Northborough Food Pantry. Thanked Food Pantry staff as well.
- Attended the Library's recent Open House event.

### Jeff Amberson, Chairman

- Attended the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Assabet Valley renovation project. Congratulated everyone involved.

### John Coderre, Town Administrator

- Announced that the Community Preservation Committee held a public hearing on November 5<sup>th</sup> to discuss the Community Preservation Plan. The draft plan will be posted on the Town's website and the public is invited to review the document and send any comments to Town Planner Kathy Joubert by November 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Noted that the annual Tax Classification Hearing is scheduled for the November 23<sup>rd</sup> Board Meeting. Extended his appreciation to Town Assessor Dan Brogie and his staff for their efforts.
- Noted that the Auditor is scheduled to present the annual Audit Report at the Board's Dec 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.

## **APPOINTMENT TO FIRE CHIEF SCREENING COMMITTEE**

Selectman Rand moved the Board vote to appoint Jason Perreault to the Fire Chief Screening Committee; Selectman Pantazis seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**APPROVAL/EXECUTION OF PLOWING AND TREATMENT AGREEMENTS FOR PRIVATE WAYS FOR THE 2015/2016 WINTER SEASON.**

Selectman Pantazis moved the Board vote to approve and execute the plowing and treatment agreements for the 2015/2016 Winter Season for Harris Avenue and Maple Lane; Selectman Rand seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

**EXECUTION OF CEMETERY DEEDS A980 & A981**

Selectman Perreault moved the Board vote to execute Cemetery Deeds A980 & A981; Selectman Rand seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

**7:40 p.m. - EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Selectman Rutan 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 Pantazis seconded the motion; the roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

Selectman Rand 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. November 9, 2015 Meeting Agenda.
2. October 19, 2015 Meeting Minutes.
3. Information packet – Turkey Trot 5K.
4. Information packet – Common Victualler License.
5. Information packet – Beacon Compassion Center.
6. Plowing and Treatment Agreements.
7. Cemetery Deeds.