

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES – March 14, 2016**

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – FEBRUARY 22, 2016 REGULAR MEETING

Selectman Rand moved the Board vote to approve the meeting minutes of the February 22, 2016 regular meeting as submitted; Selectman Perreault seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

**7:00 p.m. - SENATOR JAMES B. ELDRIDGE
SENATOR HARRIETTE L. CHANDLER
STATE REPRESENTATIVE DANIELLE W. GREGOIRE
STATE REPRESENTATIVE HAROLD P. NAUGHTON**
Discussion of Legislative Priorities.

In preparation for tonight's legislative update, letters were sent to the State Legislators advising them of Northborough's legislative priorities. At the request of the Board, Senators Chandler and Eldridge and Representative Gregoire were present. Representative Harold Naughton was not able to attend. Also present in the audience were School Superintendent Christine Johnson, School Business Director Cheryl Levesque and Northborough School Committee members Joan Frank and Patricia Kress.

Mr. Coderre reviewed the top two municipal legislative priorities relating to Chapter 90 Roadway Repair Funding and Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) Legislation Reform. School Superintendent Christine Johnson spoke to the top legislative priority relating to the State Special Education Circuit Breaker Program.

Senators Chandler and Eldridge and Representative Gregoire spoke at length to the priorities discussed above, as well as to the State Budget as a whole. Each offered their support and their commitment to continue to advocate on behalf of the Town and the School District. Each also noted their support of the need for continued focus on unfunded mandates.

Lastly, Mr. Coderre discussed his concerns with the redraft of the public records bill.

Mr. Coderre, Ms. Johnson and members of the Board thanked the Legislators for coming in this evening and for always being attentive to the needs of Northborough.

**7:10 p.m. - KATHY JOUBERT, TOWN PLANNER
JOHN CAMPBELL, COMMUNITY PRESERVATION
COMMITTEE CHAIR**

Presentation on Town Meeting Warrant Articles - Request for Funding from the Community Preservation Fund.

Community Preservation Chairman John Campbell was present. Town Planner Kathy Joubert was not able to attend tonight's meeting. Mr. Campbell reviewed the seven articles below, representing \$712,700 in CPA allocations that were approved by the Community Preservation Committee for inclusion on the 2016 Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

- \$4,900 – Historic District Commission for signs relating to historic sites.
- \$2,000 – Historic District Commission to conduct a property line survey of the Old Brigham Street Burial Ground.
- \$54,000 – First Parish Unitarian Universalist for restoration and accessibility improvements at the Church and Meeting House located at 40 Church Street.
- \$100,000 – Northborough Affordable Housing Corporation for the creation of affordable housing.
- \$480,000 – Department Public Works for the creation of a town common at 39 and 45 West Main Street. (Phase I of 2 phases).
- \$46,800 – Debt service associated with purchase of Green Street parcel.
- \$25,000 – CPC administrative expenses associated with implementation of Community Preservation Act.

Following the presentation, several questions and comments were heard by members of the Board. The Board extended their appreciation to Mr. Campbell and to all the members of the Community Preservation Committee.

REPORTS

Jason Perreault

- Announced that the Northborough Education Foundation will sponsor their annual Trivia Night on April 1st at the Doubletree in Westborough.

Dawn Rand

- No report.

William Pantazis, Clerk

- No report.

Leslie Rutan, Vice Chairman

- Acknowledged a recent news article praising Northborough's Family & Youth Services Director June David-Fors.
- Reminded residents that the Northborough Food Pantry is always in need of donations no matter what time of year.
- Questioned if there is any interest in Northborough's portion of the Westborough State Hospital property? Mr. Coderre stated that approximately 4 or 5 acres of the property is located in Northborough. He will investigate whether or not there is any potential municipal use for it.

Jeff Amberson, Chairman

- No report.

John Coderre, Town Administrator

- No report.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

CLOSE TOWN MEETING WARRANT

Prior to closing the Town Meeting Warrant, Mr. Coderre reminded the Board that although the intent of the articles contained on the warrant cannot be changed, there remains some incomplete information, as well as minor editing to be done by Town Counsel prior to its official release.

Selectman Rutan moved the Board vote to close the Town Meeting Warrant; Selectman Pantazis seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

EXECUTION OF CEMETERY DEED A988

Selectman Perreault moved the Board vote to execute Cemetery Deed A988; Selectman Rand seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

OTHER BUSINESS

None

8:25 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:

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 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane M. Wackell
Executive Assistant to the
Board of Selectmen

Documents used during meeting:

1. March 14, 2016 Meeting Agenda.
2. February 22, 2016 Meeting Minutes.
3. Information packet – Legislative Priorities Letter.
4. Information packet – CPC Warrant Articles.
5. Summary of Town Meeting Warrant.
6. Cemetery Deed