

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES – December 18, 2017**

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

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

ABSENT: William Pantazis

*Pledge of Allegiance

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – NOVEMBER 20, 2017 REGULAR MEETING

Selectman Rand moved the Board vote to approve the meeting minutes of the November 20, 2017 regular meeting as submitted; Selectman Rutan seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

7:00 p.m. - FIRE CHIEF DAVID PARENTI
Swearing-In of Peter Galas as Firefighter/Paramedic.

Fire Chief Parenti introduced Peter Galas as the newest member of the Fire Department. Mr. Galas was appointed as a Firefighter/Paramedic effective December 11, 2017. Mr. Galas worked at Medstar Ambulance Company in Worcester as an EMT/Paramedic, as well as an on-call Firefighter/EMT-Paramedic for the Town of Uxbridge. He also worked two 24 hours shifts a week on the dedicated 911 truck for the Town of Sutton.

Mr. Galas received his Firefighter I/II Certification from the Massachusetts District 7 Fire Academy in 2011; received his EMT/Basic Certification from the Emergency Medical Rescue Institute; and in September 2017 received his Paramedicine Certification from Massachusetts Bay Community College. Mr. Galas will be attending the Massachusetts Fire Academy Recruit Training Program in May 2018 with a scheduled graduation date of July 27, 2018.

Members of the Board welcomed Mr. Galas to Northborough. Surrounded by his family and members of the Northborough Fire Department, Galas was officially sworn in as a Firefighter/Paramedic by Town Clerk Andrew Dowd.

7:05 p.m. - PUBLIC HEARING
To consider Underground Petition No. 25001169 from National Grid to install a primary pull box along with an underground primary and secondary cable in order to provide service to three new house lots on Little Pond Road.

Chairman Perreault opened the public hearing. Josh Seztbor was present on behalf of National Grid to request permission for the installation of a primary pull box along with underground primary and secondary cables along the easterly side of Little Pond Road. Proposed installations are needed to provide service to three new house lots.

PUBLIC HEARING CONT. . .

There were no comments from the public. Chairman Perreault closed the public hearing.

Selectman Amberson moved the Board vote approve and execute Underground Petition No. 25001169 as submitted by National Grid; Selectman Rand seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

7:10 p.m. - HEARING

To consider a request from Margaritas Restaurant Group – Northborough, Inc. for a change of Manager for their All Alcoholic Beverages Restaurant License for premises located at 10006 Shops Way.

Thomas Wood introduced himself as the new manager of Tia Juan Margaritas Mexican Restaurant at 10006 Shops Way. He has been employed with Margaritas Restaurant since June 2016 and has extensive experience in the restaurant industry. He is TIPS certified.

Sergeant Detective Brian Griffin indicated that he conducted a background check on Mr. Wood and has no concerns to report.

Selectman Rand moved the Board vote to approve the application as submitted by Margaritas Restaurant Group – Northborough, Inc. d/b/a Tia Juans Margaritas Mexican Restaurant to change the manager of their All Alcoholic Beverages Restaurant License at 10006 Shops Way to Thomas Wood, Jr.; Selectman Amberson seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

REPORTSDawn Rand

- Noted that the Fire Station Feasibility Study Committee will be interviewing Architects in mid-January.

Leslie Rutan, Clerk

- Asked if the DPW Director has had an opportunity to reach out to the Eagle Scout whose sign was taken down for the installation of the new Welcome to Northborough sign. Mr. Coderre stated that he will check with the DPW Director and report back.
- Thanked the Fire and Police Chiefs for their monthly reports.
- Thanked the Fire and Police Departments for their toy collection drives for the Toys for Tots program.

Jeff Amberson, Vice Chairman

- Noted that the Naming Committee will be coming before the Board at their Jan 8th meeting with a recommendation of a name for a parcel of conservation land.
- Noted that the Wreaths Across America organization traveled through town on the morning of December 12th.

Jason Perreault, Chairman

- Attended the annual tree lighting ceremony in honor of Neil Ellsworth, David McAfee and Brian Arsenault. Thanked the Community Affairs Committee and other volunteers who organize this ceremony each year. Also thanked everyone who participated and attended the event.
- Noted that the Wreaths Across America organization attended a dinner at the American Legion on December 11th, where Selectman Pantazis was presented with a wreath to be placed on the Tri-War Memorial. Encouraged residents to stop by and pay their respects.
- Noted that after a short leave from the Board of Library Trustees, Jack Sharp is again an active member. Thanked him for his service. Also wished Library Trustees member Ralph Parente a happy birthday.
- Noted that the Cannabis Control Commission (CCC) continues to meet. He, as an individual, sent an email to the CCC asking about how it will treat a license application directed at a municipality within the moratorium period and prior to the effective date of the Town's enactment of a suitable regulating bylaw within that time period.
- Suggested that the Board consider closing Town Offices, DPW and Senior Center on Friday, December 22nd. Selectman Amberson moved the Board vote to close the Town Offices, DPW and Senior Center on Friday, December 22, 2017 to provide staff additional time with their families this holiday season; staff who are normally scheduled to work this day shall receive their regular rate of pay; in the event that essential staff are called in to work, they shall receive their normal rate of compensation; Selectman Rutan seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

John Coderre

- Thanked the Board for closing Town Offices on Friday, December 22nd.
- Announced that the Lt. Governor will be at the Senior Center on December 19th for a ceremonial signing of the Community Compact Agreement which provides the Town with a \$40,000 grant to develop a comprehensive IT/GIS Strategic Plan.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chief Parenti reminded residents to keep their vents and nearby fire hydrants clear of snow.

RENEWAL OF SELECTMEN'S LICENSES FOR THE 2018 CALENDAR YEAR

Mr. Coderre indicated that all licensees who hold a liquor license and/or a common victualler license have been inspected by the Fire and Building Departments. All licensees who hold a Class I, II or III license have been inspected by the Police Department. All are in compliance with both Municipal and State codes and regulations with the exception of JJ's Sports Bar & Grill.

Selectman Rutan moved the Board vote to approve the renewal of the annual licenses for the calendar year 2018 as indicated on the "2018 License Renewals List", with the exception of JJ's Sports Bar & Grill; Selectman Rand seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

RENEWAL OF SELECTMEN'S LICENSES FOR THE 2018 CALENDAR YEAR

Selectman Rutan moved the Board vote to renew the license for Grace Partners LLC d/b/a JJ's Sports Bar & Grill subject to the following condition: Submission of a certificate of inspection by the Building Inspector and Fire Department prior to 12Noon on December 28, 2017, as required by Section 74 of Chapter 10 of the General Laws, in the absence of which the license shall not be renewed; further if the licensee confirms in writing prior to 12Noon on December 28, 2017 that they do not intend to renew the license, the license shall not be renewed; Selectman Amberson seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

MEETING SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY – APRIL

The Board agreed to set the following meeting schedule for January through April 2018 as follows:

January 8 & 22

February 12 & 26

March 12 & 26

April 9 and April 23 (Town Meeting).

TRANSFER OF CEMETERY DEED 1030 TO DEEDS 1036, 1037 & 1038

Selectman Amberson moved the Board vote to transfer Cemetery Deed 1030 and to execute the resulting Cemetery Deeds 1036, 1037 & 1038; Selectman Rand seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane M. Wackell
Executive Assistant to the
Board of Selectmen

Documents used during meeting:

1. December 18, 2017 Meeting Agenda.
2. November 20, 2017 Meeting Minutes.
3. Memorandum – Firefighter/Paramedic.
4. Information packet – National Grid Petition.
5. Information packet – Change of Manager.
6. Information packet – License Renewals.
7. Memo – Meeting Schedule.
8. Cemetery Deeds.