

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES – February 12, 2018**

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
William Pantazis

*Pledge of Allegiance

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JANUARY 22, 2018 REGULAR MEETING

Selectman Rand moved the Board vote to approve the meeting minutes of the January 22, 2018 regular meeting as submitted; Selectman Amberson seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

7:00 p.m. - HEARING

To consider a request from Anthony's Coal Fired Pizza of Northborough LLC to change the Manager of Record for their All Alcoholic Beverages Restaurant License for premises located at 10002B Shops Way.

Sandra Venades introduced herself as the new manager of Anthony's Coal Fired Pizza at 10002B Shops Way. Ms. Venades has extensive experience in the restaurant industry, prior managerial experience and is TIPS certified.

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

Selectman Rutan moved the Board vote to approve the application as submitted by Anthony's Coal Fired Pizza of Northborough LLC to change the manager of their All Alcoholic Beverages Restaurant License at 10002B Shops Way to Sandra Venades; Selectman Amberson seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

REPORTS

William Pantazis

- Recently led a tour of Town Hall for a group of Webelos who will soon be crossing over to Cub Scouts.
- Attended the February 7th meeting of the Dull Men's Club at the Senior Center as the guest speaker.

Dawn Rand

- Noted that the Fire Station Building Committee selected Johnson Roberts Associates as the architect. They will begin assessing the programmatic needs of the Department concurrent with an existing conditions review of the station. The Committee's next meeting will be held on February 23rd.

Leslie Rutan, Clerk

- Thanked the Fire Chief and Police Chief for their monthly reports.
- Met with a high school teacher who is pursuing his Masters in Leadership and Administration. His assignment was to speak to a local official about the dynamics between the Town and School Departments. Noted how happy she was to speak to him considering the fact that the Town and Schools work so well together, adding that this wasn't always the case.

Jeff Amberson, Vice Chairman

- Urged residents to attend the Annual Town Meeting on April 23, 2018.

Jason Perreault, Chairman

- Provided a status update on the Cannabis Control Commission (CCC). The CCC is conducting hearings across the State. In the meantime, the Planning Board is working to develop warrant articles to be presented at Town Meeting, a general bylaw by the Board of Selectmen and an identical zoning bylaw by the Planning Board, both prohibiting recreational and medical marijuana establishments, including marijuana cultivators, independent testing laboratory, marijuana product manufacturers, marijuana retailers or any other types of licensed marijuana-related business. In addition, the Planning Board is preparing an article regulating recreational and medical marijuana establishments in the event the articles prohibiting the use are defeated. Encouraged residents to attend the April 23, 2018 Annual Town Meeting where this topic will be addressed.

John Coderre

- No report.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

DISCUSSION OF DRAFT FY2019 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Mr. Coderre presented the draft legislative priorities letter for the Board's review. The goal of preparing this letter is to provide the Town's State Legislative Delegation with clear direction regarding the Town's priorities. Mr. Coderre stated that the letter includes the Town's position on key legislative issues that, if changed, could save the Town money and allow for greater efficiency in the management of Town affairs.

Mr. Coderre reviewed the top three legislative priorities:

1. Approval of a multi-year \$300 million Chapter 90 roadway repair funding program.
2. Increased funding of the State's special education reimbursement program known as the "Circuit Breaker Program".
3. Reform that ensures the sustainability of Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB).

DISCUSSION OF DRAFT FY2019 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES CONT. . .

In addition to the top three priorities, a number of secondary priorities were noted in the letter including State delegation for stormwater permitting; the opposition of unfunded mandates; modernization of the procurement of public construction laws; opposition of insurance companies being allowed to pay patients directly for ambulance billing; and support of Senate Bill No. 407 regarding agricultural composting.

Selectman Pantazis moved the Board vote to authorize the Chair and the Town Administrator to finalize and sign the Legislative Priorities letter for discussion with our State Legislative Delegation at the March 12th Board Meeting; Selectman Rand seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

7:50 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 these matters 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.

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

Chairman Perreault 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 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane M. Wackell
Executive Assistant to the
Board of Selectmen

Documents used during meeting:

1. February 12, 2018 Meeting Agenda
2. January 22, 2018 Meeting Minutes
3. Information packet – Change of Manager
4. Draft Legislative Priorities Letter