

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MEETING MINUTES – January 14, 2019**

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dawn Rand, Chairman  
Jason Perreault, Vice Chairman  
Leslie Rutan, Clerk  
Timothy Kaelin  
Julianne Hirsh

\*Pledge of Allegiance

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – NOVEMBER 29, 2018 SPECIAL MEETING**

Selectman Rutan moved the Board vote to approve the meeting minutes of the November 29, 2018 special meeting as submitted; Selectman Kaelin seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – DECEMBER 13, 2018 SPECIAL MEETING**

Selectman Rutan moved the Board vote to approve the meeting minutes of the December 13, 2018 special meeting as submitted; Selectman Perreault seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – DECEMBER 17, 2018 REGULAR MEETING**

Selectman Rutan moved the Board vote to approve the meeting minutes of the December 17, 2018 regular meeting as submitted; Selectman Perreault seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

**7:00 p.m. - FIRE CHIEF DAVID PARENTI**

Swearing-In of Ioanis Pintzopoulos and Brian Hatch as  
Firefighter/Paramedics.

Chief Parenti introduced Firefighter/Paramedics Ioanis (Yanni) Pintzopoulos and Brian Hatch.

Mr. Pintzopoulos has been a member of Northborough's Call Department since April 2017. He previously worked for Community EMS and Patriot Ambulance. He received his EMT-B Certification from Emergency Medical Rescue and is expected to graduate from Quinsigamond Community College with a Paramedicine Certificate in May 2019. In July 2019, he will be attending the Massachusetts Fire Academy Recruit Training Program with a scheduled graduation date of September 13, 2019.

Mr. Hatch has been a member of Northborough's Call Department since April 2017. He previously worked for Vital EMS as an EMT-B. He is expected to graduate from Quinsigamond Community College with a Paramedicine Certificate in May 2019. In July 2019, he will be attending the Massachusetts Fire Academy Recruit Training Program with a scheduled graduation date of September 13, 2019.

**SWEARING-IN OF FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDICS CONT...**

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

**REPORTS**Julianne Hirsch

- Congratulated and welcomed Mr. Pintzopoulos and Mr. Hatch.
- Noted her appreciation to the members of the Police and Fire Departments.
- Thanked Mr. Coderre and Town staff for their efforts in regards to Northborough's official designation as a "Green Community".
- Questioned how and when the Board would respond to the letter presented at the last Board meeting. Mr. Coderre indicated that Town staff is reviewing the contents of the letter for accuracy and will provide information at an upcoming Board meeting.

Timothy Kaelin

- Noted the he has received calls from parents expressing their concerns with motorists passing school buses when they are stopped. He urged anyone who sees this happen to report the license plate of the driver to the Police Department immediately. Thanked the Police Department for their previous response regarding this issue.

Leslie Rutan, Clerk

- Noted that she has been approached by someone who has worked with the Town Common group who is requesting the Board create an official Town Common Subcommittee. Due to the interest in this discussion, Selectman Perreault suggested that Town staff be allowed to investigate whether or not there is a real need for a Town Common Subcommittee. If it is determined that there is a need, the Board of Selectmen can consider whether or not they want to add it to a future agenda for further discussion.
- Congratulated Greg Martineau for his promotion to School Superintendent of the Northborough Southborough Regional School District once Christine Johnson retires in June 2019.
- Thanked the DPW Director and his staff for the recent removal of a tree at 450 Whitney Street.
- Noted that a resident who lives on Bartlett Street has expressed concern with an empty trailer on what seems to be an abandoned piece of property. Mr. Coderre indicated that if she can relay the exact address, Town staff can visit the site to investigate any health or safety issues.

Jason Perreault, Vice Chair

- Attended a recent meeting of the Board of Library Trustees. Noted that Robert Babcock, III who served as Treasurer for the Trustees resigned. Thanked him for his service and encouraged citizens who may be interested in serving on the Library Trustees to contact the Library Director to apply.

Jason Perreault, Vice Chair

- Attended a recent meeting of the Master Plan Steering Committee. Announced that the next meeting will be held on January 24<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at the Library.
- Noted Northborough's official designation as a "Green Community". Thanked Assistant Town Administrator Kim Foster for taking the lead on this project.

Dawn Rand, Chair

- Noted that the Fire Station Building Committee continues to meet. The next meeting will be January 15<sup>th</sup> at 10AM at the Town Hall, at which time the Committee is expected to select a preferred project site.

John Coderre

- No report.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Joanne Krause at 10 Buckhill Road was present to request clarification on the future site assignment at 345 West Main Street now that Tradebe is pursuing final closure of the facility. Fire Chief Parenti confirmed that the valid site assignment for the property will remain in place. Ms. Krause expressed her concern with the future use of the site. Mr. Coderre assured her that if a new business were to occupy the site, they would have to go through the same due process to ensure proper compliance with all applicable rules and regulations.

Ms. Krause also asked questions about the property "next door [329-333 West Main Street]" to Tradebe. She was advised that the Board of Selectmen does not have jurisdiction over the use of the property and that Planning and Zoning would be the appropriate Boards to address with her concerns.

**REVIEW OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO MGL, CHAPTER 21H, SUBSECTION 7(b) AGRICULTURAL COMPOSTING**

Selectman Hirsh made the following statement as recommended by Town Counsel. "In my capacity as a private citizen, I am one of a number of plaintiffs in litigation against the owner of a composting operation in Northborough. I believe agricultural composting is a general policy issue and a subject in which many residents of the Town have an interest similar to mine. However, to avoid any question regarding my participation in the matter of the proposed amendment, I will recuse myself at this time and will not participate in this discussion".

Mr. Coderre briefly reviewed the Town's tireless efforts to shift oversight of all Department of Agricultural Resources registered compost operations to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) through Senate Bill No. 407. Following the Governor's decision to veto the composting-specific language that was contained in the Environmental Bond Bill regarding Agricultural Composting, the Town focused its efforts on amending the language. Mr. Coderre reviewed the proposed amendment to M.G.L., Chapter 21H, Subsection 7(b) Agricultural Composting. The proposal inserts language that all composting projects and facilities comply with local zoning, land use, conservation and health ordinances, bylaws and regulations.

**REVIEW OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT CONT. . .**

Following several questions and comments, Board members expressed their support of this amendment and extended their appreciation to Senator Chandler for her continued efforts.

Mr. Coderre stressed the fact that this is the beginning again of a very lengthy process. The proposed language will more than likely be modified as it goes through the Legislative process at the State level.

Selectman Perreault moved the Board vote to submit the proposed amendment to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 21H, Subsection 7(b) Agricultural Composting to our Legislative Delegation for review and appropriate action; Selectman Rutan seconded the motion. Vote 4-0.

**EXECUTION OF CEMETERY DEED 1069**

Selectman Kaelin moved the Board vote to execute Cemetery Deed 1069 as presented; Selectman Perreault seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

**8:00 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 (collective bargaining and litigation re: Police Officer Grievance; Town vs. Anza and Town vs. City of Marlborough) 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 Perreault seconded the motion; the roll call was as follows:

Hirsh	“aye”	Perreault	“aye”
Kaelin	“aye	Rand	“aye”
Rutan	“aye”		

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

**8:50 p.m. – RETURN TO OPEN MEETING****ADJOURNMENT**

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane M. Wackell  
Executive Assistant to the  
Board of Selectmen

Documents used during meeting:

1. January 14, 2019 Meeting Agenda
2. November 29, 2018 Meeting Minutes
3. December 13, 2018 Meeting Minutes
4. December 17, 2018 Meeting Minutes
5. Memorandums – Firefighter/Paramedics
6. Information packet – Agricultural Composting Amendment
7. Cemetery Deed