

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES – March 11, 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 – FEBRUARY 25, 2019 REGULAR MEETING

Selectman Rutan moved the Board vote to approve the meeting minutes of the February 25, 2019 regular meeting as submitted; Selectman Perreault seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

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

In preparation for tonight's meeting, the State Delegation was advised of Northborough's legislative priorities. At the request of the Board, Senator Chandler and Representatives Naughton and Gregoire were present. Senator Eldridge was not able to attend.

Mr. Coderre indicated that the Town did not formally update the legislative priorities letter this year as the top priorities remain basically the same. He reviewed the top three legislative priorities relating to Chapter 90 Roadway Repair Funding, Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) Legislation Reform and the State Special Education Circuit Breaker Program.

Mr. Coderre invited discussion on the various education funding reform proposals, including the Promise Act and the Governor's House Bill 70, being put forth and how these might impact Northborough. Senator Chandler and Representatives Naughton and Gregoire spoke specifically to proposed legislation regarding reform to the Chapter 70 funding formula. Assistant School Superintendent Greg Martineau briefly reviewed the legislative priorities relating to the School Department. After some discussion, all agreed that 100% funding needs to come from clearly identified revenue sources. Senator Chandler reported that the Senate is requesting that funding be tied to any reform. Further discussion centered around the need for MMA and the communities throughout the Commonwealth to get involved and bring creative suggestions for new revenue sources. Mr. Coderre and members of the Board asked the Legislators for guidance in identifying new revenue sources.

Senator Chandler and Representative Naughton and Gregoire each offered their support and their commitment to continue to advocate on behalf of the Town and the School District.

DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES CONT. . .

Mr. Coderre briefly reviewed the process leading up to Senate Bill 407, which proposed to remove the agricultural exemption for large scale commercial composting operations in residential neighborhoods. This bill was ultimately vetoed by the Governor in August 2018. Since that time, the Town has been working with Senator Chandler in drafting newly proposed legislation to amend Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 21H, Section 1, through Senate Docket 1235 – an Act regarding agricultural composting programs. This proposal specifically states “that all composting projects and facilities must comply with local zoning, land use, conservation, and health ordinances, bylaws and regulations, including but not limited to requirements regarding set back or separation distances, odors, dust and debris, types and quantities and source of materials – on-site and off-site”. This docket has been filed with the Senate and once a hearing is scheduled, it is imperative that all stakeholders continue to be involved.

The Board extended their appreciation to Senator Chandler and Representatives Naughton and Gregoire for their continued efforts on this important matter.

**8:05 p.m. - ADEL SOLIMAN – BOSTON FLARE INC.
DBA ATHENS PIZZA**

To consider an application as submitted by Adel Soliman of Boston Flare, Inc. d/b/a Athens Pizza for a Common Victualler and Entertainment License for premises located at 292 Main Street.

Adel Soliman of Boston Flare, Inc. d/b/a Athens Pizza introduced himself as the new owner of Athens Pizza at 292 Main Street. He indicated that all aspects of the business, including the menu, will remain the same. The entertainment license is for a television only.

Selectman Perreault moved the Board vote to grant a common victualler license and an entertainment license to Adel Soliman of Boston Flare, Inc. d/b/a Athens Pizza for premises located at 292 Main Street with the condition that the licensee receive satisfactory inspections by the Building, Fire and Health Departments; Selectman Rutan seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

8:10 p.m. - MYASSER ALDARAWCHEH – IN HOUSE COFFEE, INC.

To consider an application as submitted by Myasser Aldarawch eh of In House Coffee, Inc. for a Common Victualler and Entertainment License for premises located at 17 West Main Street.

Yuliya Aldarawch eh introduced herself as one of the owners of In House Coffee located at 17 West Main Street. She indicated that they have been in the restaurant business for over 25 years and have been the owners of In House Coffee on Shrewsbury Street in Worcester for the past ten years. Menu items will include coffee, pastries and healthy smoothies. The entertainment license is for a television only.

IN HOUSE COFFEE CONT. . .

Selectman Rutan moved the Board vote to grant a common victualler license and an entertainment license to Myasser Aldarawcheh of In House Coffee for premises located at 17 West Main Street with the condition that the licensee receive satisfactory inspections by the Building, Fire and Health Departments; Selectman Perreault seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

8:15 p.m. - HEARING

To consider an application from Los Cuates, Inc. d/b/a Casa Vallarta to change the manager of their All Alcoholic Beverages Restaurant License for premises located at 45 Belmont Street/Route 9.

Ms. Griselda Eloisa Brambila de Ramos introduced herself as the new manager of Casa Vallarta. She has extensive experience in the restaurant industry and is TIPS certified. Her personal information has been reviewed by Detective Sergeant Brian Griffin, who has indicated that he has no concerns to report.

Selectman Kaelin moved the Board vote to approve the application as submitted by Los Cuates, Inc. d/b/a Casa Vallarta to change the manager of their All Alcoholic Beverages Restaurant License at 45 Belmont Street/Route 9 to Griselda Eloisa Brambila de Ramos; Selectman Rutan seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

REPORTS**Julianne Hirsch**

- Requested that the deadline for interested citizens to apply for a Board or Committee during the annual reappointment process be extended from March 15th to the end of the month. By agreement, the deadline will be extended to the end of March unless it causes a conflict with the timing of the reappointments.
- Requested that the date of the Annual Town Meeting be advertised as soon as possible on the front page of the website and through Town News in order to provide as much notice in advance to the public.

Timothy Kaelin

- Thanked the DPW Department for their efforts with the recent storms.
- Noted that the Town Election will be held on May 14th. Nomination papers are available until March 15th for anyone interested in serving on any of the elected Boards or Committees. Additional information is available on the Town website.

Leslie Rutan, Clerk

- At her request, Chief Parenti reported that after three consecutive attempts, the Fire Department received funding in the amount of \$252,096 from a Federal Firefighter Assistance Grant and was able to purchase 41 self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) replacements. Recognized Haz Mat Assistant Michael Borowiec for his efforts in applying for the grant.

Leslie Rutan Report Cont. . .

- Attended the Regional School Committee (RSC) meeting on February 27th. Congratulated Sean O'Shea on being appointed to the RSC to fill the remainder of Jonetta Choi's term who resigned in January, 2019.
- Attended the Habitat for Humanity home dedication ceremony and welcoming event for the family at 37 Main Street.
- Noted that new information is now provided on the Boards and Committees page of the Town website and provided guidance on how to access the information page.

Jason Perreault, Vice Chair

- Attended the Habitat for Humanity home dedication ceremony and welcoming event for the family at 37 Main Street.
- Noted that the Master Plan Steering Committee met on March 7th. The Committee will be posting a follow-up public survey to their website soon.
- Reminded the public that the Library will be hosting its 150th Jubilee on April 6th at the Haven Country Club in Boylston. Interested citizens can find additional information on the Library page of the Town website.

Dawn Rand, Chair

- Noted that the Fire Station Building Committee will make a presentation on the Fire Station project at a joint meeting to be held with the Board of Selectmen, Appropriations Committee and the Financial Planning Committee on April 4th at 7pm at the Library.

John Coderre

- No report.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

CLOSE TOWN MEETING WARRANT

Mr. Coderre informed the Board that two additional Citizens Petitions were received earlier today that will be added to the Town Meeting Warrant. One seeks to eliminate the Town Bylaw that relates to snow and ice removal from sidewalks and the other seeks to amend the Zoning Bylaw relating to two-family dwellings.

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 final posting on March 25th.

Selectman Hirsh moved the Board vote to close the April 22, 2019 Town Meeting Warrant; Selectman Perreault seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

EXECUTION OF CEMETERY DEED 1072

Selectman Hirsh moved the Board vote to execute Cemetery Deed 1072; Selectman Rutan seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Selectman Perreault moved the Board vote to adjourn; Selectman Rutan 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 11, 2019 Meeting Agenda
2. February 25, 2019 Meeting Minutes
3. Information packet – Legislative Priorities
4. Information packet – Licenses for Athens Pizza
5. Information packet – Licenses for In House Coffee
6. Information packet – Change of Manager Casa Vallarta
7. Draft Town Meeting Warrant
8. Cemetery Deed