# BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES – February 10, 2020

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dawn Rand, Vice Chairman

Timothy Kaelin, Clerk

Leslie Rutan Julianne Hirsh

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Jason Perreault, Chairman

\*Pledge of Allegiance

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES - JANUARY 27, 2020 REGULAR MEETING

Selectman Rutan moved the Board vote to approve the minutes of the January 27, 2020 meeting as submitted; Selectman Kaelin seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

#### 7:00 p.m. - <u>CLASS II LICENSE</u>

To consider an application for a Class II License for premises located at 7 Belmont Street/Route 9 as submitted by Steven Nash d/b/a 4<sup>th</sup> Dimension Auto Sales.

Steven Nash of 4<sup>th</sup> Dimension Auto Sales was present to request the Board's approval of his application for a Class II License at 7 Belmont Street/Route 9. It was noted that although zoning regulations no longer allow for Class II dealerships, this particular location is considered grandfathered as the previous Class II Dealership closed for business in December 2018, which is within the two-year time period.

Mr. Nash noted that he is agreeable to the parking plan that has been in place at this location for years. Per the parking plan, he is requesting permission to display 13 vehicles for sale with an additional 4 spaces to be used for employee/customer parking for a total of 17 vehicles to be parked on the property at any one time.

The application has been reviewed by the Police, Fire and Building Departments and there are no concerns to report.

Selectman Kaelin moved the Board vote to approve the application by Steven Nash of 4<sup>th</sup> Dimension Auto Sales for a Class II License for premises located at 7 Belmont Street with the condition that satisfactory inspections are performed by the Fire and Building Departments; Selectman Rutan seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

# 7:05 p.m. - <u>DAVID PARENTI, FIRE CHIEF</u>

- Approval of Fire Department Ambulance Fee Collection Policy
- Approval of Proposed Ambulance Fees

At the Board's January 27<sup>th</sup> meeting, Fire Chief Parenti reviewed the current ambulance billing structure and fees and how they relate to the current industry standards. This evening, Chief Parenti requested the Board's approval of the Fire Department Ambulance Fee Collection Policy as it was presented at the January 27<sup>th</sup> meeting. The policy will:

- Allow the waiving of balance billing for unpaid fees for Northborough residents.
- Allow the Fire Department to contract with a debt collection organization through the Town's EMS billing company to help collect unpaid fees from non-residents.
- Include an EMS billing write-off policy.

Selectman Rutan moved the Board vote to approve the Fire Department Ambulance Fee Collection Policy as presented by Fire Chief Parenti; Selectman Kaelin seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

Chief Parenti requested the Board's approval of the proposed ambulance fees, as presented at the January 27<sup>th</sup> meeting, as follows:

| Level                       | CMS Code | Rate    |
|-----------------------------|----------|---------|
| BLS Emergency Base Rate     | A0429    | \$1,398 |
| ALS No- Emergency Base Rate | A0426    | \$1,048 |
| ALS - 1 Emergency Base Rate | A0427    | \$1,660 |
| ALS - 2 Emergency Base Rate | A0433    | \$2,402 |
| Mileage                     | A0425    | \$ 35   |
| Paramedic Intercept         |          | \$1,221 |

Selectmen Rutan moved the Board vote to approve the proposed ambulance fees as presented aby Fire Chief Parenti; Selectmen Kaelin seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

## **REPORTS**

#### Julianne Hirsh

- Announced that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Cultural Council Grantee Reception will be held on February 27<sup>th</sup> from 6:30pm 8:00pm at the Library.
- Noted that the White Cliffs Committee met on February 5<sup>th</sup>. The Committee will begin reviewing general possibilities for the reuse of the building.

#### Leslie Rutan

- Thanked the Fire Chief and Police Chief for their monthly report.
- Noted that the K-8 School Committee met recently and approved the FY2021 operating budget with an increase of 3.15% over last year's budget.
- Pleased to see that renovations have started on the front façade of Town Hall.

#### Tim Kaelin, Clerk

- Welcomed Eileen Bogle as the Interim Senior Center Director.
- Thanked the Fire Chief and Police Chief for their monthly report and extended his appreciation to members of the Police Department on their professionalism with some recent incidents.
- Asked the Police Chief to speak to the recent rise in phone scams and how seniors can avoid becoming a victim. Chief Lyver provided a brief public service announcement regarding the nature of these scams.

## Dawn Rand, Vice Chair

- No report.

## John Coderre

 Announced that Saint Gobain was the recipient of a Massachusetts Manufacturing Innovation Grant. Attended the demonstration event, along with Lieutenant Governor Karen Polito.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Diane Smith of 65 Main Street was present to request that the ceremony for the opening of the Town Common and the unveiling of the new War Memorial take place sometime in May. Mr. Coderre indicated that Chairman Perreault is working with DPW Director Scott Charpentier and Amy Poretsky to schedule the opening ceremony.

Lisa Maselli of 13 Maple Street complimented the recent installation of electronic speed limit signs on Davis Street and inquired about the process of installing similar signs on other streets in Town.

# EXECUTION OF ELECTION WARRANT FOR THE MARCH 3, 2020 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARIES

Selectman Hirsh moved the Board vote to execute the Election Warrant for the March 3, 2020 Presidential Primaries; Selectman Kaelin seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

#### **EXECUTION OF CEMETERY DEED 1092**

Selectman Rutan moved the Board vote to execute Cemetery Deed 1092; Selectman Kaelin seconded the motion; all members voted in favor.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Selectman Kaelin moved the Board vote to adjourn; Selectman Rutan seconded the motion; all members voted in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane M. Wackell Executive Assistant to the Board of Selectmen

# Documents used during meeting:

- 1. February 10, 2020 Meeting Agenda
- 2. January 27, 2020 Meeting Minutes
- 3. Information packet Class II License
- 4. Information packet Ambulance Fees and Collection Policy
- 5. Election Warrant
- 6. Cemetery Deed 1092