

**TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S ZOOM MEETING**

October 19, 2020 at 6:30 PM

The public is invited to attend/join this meeting from your computer, phone or tablet.

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Meeting ID: 833 1898 6189

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Please mute your microphone unless you are speaking or want to speak. Inappropriate comments and/or disruptive behavior will result in immediate dismissal.

Call Meeting to Order: Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order concerning imposition on strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, meetings of the Northbridge Board of Selectmen will be conducted via remote participation to the greatest extent possible. No in-person attendance of members of the public will be permitted, but every effort will be made to ensure that the public can adequately access the proceedings as provided for in the Order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A. July 20, 2020

II. PUBLIC HEARING

III. APPOINTMENTS: B. 1) Christine Johnson, Cultural Council/Present: Yurima Guilarte-Walker 2) Douglas Curving, Zoning Board of Appeals [applicant is currently Associate member]

C. Resignations: 1) Thomas Hansson, Zoning Board of Appeals 2) William Corkum, Zoning Board of Appeals

IV. CITIZENS' COMMENTS/INPUT

V. DECISIONS

D. Northbridge Beautification/Request to have lights professionally installed on the Town Common/Present: Cheryl Tivnan

E. Fall Annual Town Meeting/Vote Positions on Warrant Articles

VI. DISCUSSIONS

VII. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

VIII. SELECTMEN'S CONCERNS

IX. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

X. CORRESPONDENCE

Town Clerk: 2 Hard copies	<input type="checkbox"/>
Web: Post time-stamped copy	<input type="checkbox"/>

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION: 6:30 PM: Under M.G.L. c30A, Sec. 21 #3: To conduct strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares.

THIS AGENDA IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING July 20, 2020

A meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order by Chairman James Athanas at 7:00 PM, virtually using Zoom Video Communication (Video Conferencing App) at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89853727076?pwd=czhVTEc1cmxHd3FZS29nZXlac2FjZz09>
Meeting ID: 898 5372 7076; **Password:** 384396; **Dial by Phone:** 1-646-558-8656
Board Members Present: Ampagoomian, Athanas, Cannon, Collins and Melia. Also Present: Adam D. Gaudette, Town Manager.

Chairman Athanas asked all attendees to mute their microphones unless they are speaking or wish to speak. Inappropriate comments and/or disruptive behavior would result in immediate dismissal.

Chairman Athanas read the following aloud: Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order concerning imposition on strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, meetings of the Northbridge Board of Selectmen will be conducted via remote participation to the greatest extent possible. No in-person attendance of members of the public will be permitted, but every effort will be made to ensure that the public can adequately access the proceedings as provided for in the Order.

REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN: Town Manager Gaudette introduced Russell Collins as the new member of the Board of Selectmen, who replaces Daniel Nolan. **1) Town Manager asks for Nominations for Chairman.** A motion/Mr. Melia, seconded/Mr. Ampagoomian to nominate Alicia Cannon to the position of Chairman. Vote yes/Unanimous. **2) Chairman asks for Nominations for Vice-Chairman.** A motion/Mr. Athanas, seconded/Mr. Melia to nominate Charles Ampagoomian as Vice Chairman. Vote yes/Unanimous. **3) Chairman asks for Nominations for Clerk.** A motion/Mr. Ampagoomian, seconded/Mr. Melia to nominate Russell Collins as Clerk. Vote yes/Unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES/None
PUBLIC HEARING/None

APPOINTMENTS/By the Board of Selectmen: Election Officers: Democrat, Republican and Unenrolled/Vote to appoint. A motion/Mr. Melia, seconded/Mr. Athanas to appoint the Democrat, Republican, and Unenrolled Election Officers as listed in the Selectmen's agenda packets. Vote yes/Unanimous.

Building, Planning and Construction Committee: H. Warren Fairbanks III/Vote to appoint. Charmain Cannon asked Mr. Fairbanks to talk about his interest in serving on this committee and give some background about himself. Mr. Fairbanks stated that he worked for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as the Associate Vice President of Facilities and Capital Planning Emeritus and is a registered engineer with forty years of experience and twenty-eight years in public procurement and management of public projects. Selectman Ampagoomian stated he reviewed his resume in depth and there are a lot of upcoming projects that he hopes he will be involved in and appreciates him coming forward to volunteer for the BPCC. Selectman Melia stated that Mr. Fairbanks will be a tremendous asset to the BPCC. A motion/Mr. Ampagoomian, seconded/Mr. Collins to appoint Mr. H. Warren Fairbanks III to the Building Planning and Construction Committee. Vote yes/Unanimous.

Super Records Access Officer and Board of Registrars: Linda Zywień, Acting Town Clerk. Mrs. Zywień stated that the Super Records Access Officer and Board of Registrars is mandated and does need

to be completed with a formal vote. A motion/Mr. Melia, seconded/Mr. Athanas to appoint Mrs. Zywiem as the Super Records Access Officer and member of the Board of Registrars. Vote yes/Unanimous.

Board of Selectmen Designees: Present List for August 17, 2020 Meeting Appointments. Town Manager Gaudette stated that the Board will be asked to vote for Selectmen representation on various Boards and Committees at the next meeting as listed in the memo provided.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS/INPUT/None

United Presbyterian Church, 51 Cottage Street, Whitinsville, MA/Application for a Weekday Entertainment License for Worship Services with Live Music on Church grounds on Wednesdays from 6 PM to 7 PM as follows: August 5, 12, 19, 26 and September 2, 9,16, 23, and 30. Present: Leslie Reichert. Ms. Reichert explained that with the current COVID guidelines, it is suggested that worship services be moved outdoors. After doing some research, they received permission to use the church grounds and the neighbors. She stated that they do plan to have an amplifier for the music but it will be acoustics and keyboards. Selectman Ampagoomian asked if they have a rain date. Ms. Reichert replied that they do not and would just plan for the following scheduled Wednesday. Selectman Melia asked if she anticipates any issues with the neighbors due to crowds or noise. Ms. Reichert said that they have plenty of parking and do not anticipate large crowds. A motion/Mr. Athanas, seconded/Mr. Melia to approve the United Presbyterian Church's request for a Weekday Entertainment License for Worship Services with Live Music on Church grounds on Wednesdays from 6 PM to 7 PM as follows: August 5, 12, 19, 26 and September 2, 9,16, 23, and 30. Vote yes/Unanimous.

Soorp Asdvadzadzin Armenian Apostolic Church, 315 Church Street, Whitinsville, MA/Request to erect a monument at Pine Grove Cemetery commemorating the Armenian Community. Present: Peter Bedigian. Mr. Bedigian stated that there have been discussions on erecting a monument in Town to commemorate the historical value of the Armenian community. The Pine Grove Cemetery was discussed and found to be a good option. After finding a good location within the cemetery, the Department of Public Works was contacted and they confirmed it was a good location. Mr. Bedigian explained that they have a rendering of the type of monument they are looking for, which is a forty by sixty-foot piece. Chairman Cannon asked if he could explain the significance of the monument and what it means. Mr. Bedigian explained that the monument will represent the Armenian people going back in time to the genocide in commemoration and recognition of the genocide and the historical escape to Whitinsville and other communities. Chairman Cannon asked what the significance of the pillars is. Mr. Bedigian explained that there are religious aspects to it, such as the trinity. Selectman Athanas asked who will be required to maintain the monument. Mr. Bedigian responded that they plan to have a landscaper involved with the design and the plan would be for the church and Armenian community to be involved in the maintenance. A motion/Mr. Melia, seconded/Mr. Athanas to approve the Armenian Church's request for a monument to be erected at Pine Grove Cemetery commemorating the Armenian Community. Vote yes/Unanimous. Mr. Bedigian announced that he would like to keep coordinating with the Friends of Pine Grove Cemetery, along with the Town and DPW, to keep everyone in the know.

End of Year Transfers/Vote to transfer funds to balance the FY2020 Employment Benefits Line (Additional Medicare Costs). Present: Town Accountant Neil Vaidya. Mr. Vaidya explained that this is a transfer that we have had in the past and a vote to approve will avoid an end of the year deficit. The Medicare line number is based on the number of employees throughout the year and it can fluctuate, which resulted in a negative amount for the line item. Town Manager Gaudette added that the line item the money is coming from had some surplus, which is the payments to Uxbridge for our regional administrator along with payments to veterans that meet a certain requirement, which can also fluctuate. A motion/Mr. Athanas, seconded/Mr. Melia to approve the transfer of funds to balance the FY2020 Employment Benefits Line (Additional Medicare Costs). Vote yes/Unanimous.

Blackstone Valley Regional Recycling Center/Vote to renew the Intermunicipal Agreement for Recycling Services and the License Agreement between the Town of Northbridge and the Blackstone Valley Regional Recycling Center for the period of July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021. Town Manager Gaudette explained that this is an annual agreement, which covers the staffing of the recycling center. Selectman Ampagoomian noted under Section 11, it states that damages to the property are to be fixed promptly and suggested adding the words - weather permitting. Town Manager Gaudette stated he was comfortable with the language under Section 11, since it states promptly, meaning its not going to sit around and linger but said he will see about changing the wording. Mr. Ampagoomian stated that he is also concerned with number 12(f). Mr. Gaudette explained that they keep containers at the property and the residents come in and dump their items. Once the containers are full, Blackstone transports the containers to the facility. Mr. Ampagoomian asked about 12(h) and stated he has an issue with it. Town Manager Gaudette explained that the recycled items that are soiled or materials not accepted the staff can reject them, but we have had instances where people have dumped items at the gate and Blackstone has helped with getting rid of the items. Anything out of the ordinary we pay a small fee, which Blackstone has been great in assisting with. Selectman Ampagoomian asked about Section 20 and Northbridge not having any rights if we wish to terminate the agreement. Town Manager Gaudette explained that he believes that language is stated that way because Blackstone needs to hire staff to operate the facility and bring in equipment and they need to plan for all that. Selectman Athanas suggested approving this agreement and making changes for next year. A motion/Mr. Athanas, seconded/Mr. Melia to renew the Intermunicipal Agreement for Recycling Services and the License Agreement between the Town of Northbridge and the Blackstone Valley Regional Recycling Center for the period of July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021. Vote yes/Unanimous.

Conservation Agent Services/Vote to renew the Intermunicipal Agreement for Conservation Agent Services between the Town of Northbridge and the Town of Upton for the period of July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2023. Town Manager Gaudette stated that this is a renewal but is a year early due to a change last fall where the Northbridge Conservation Commission approved more hours for the agent and Upton did the same this Spring. Town Manager Gaudette explained they added more hours, which brings the split to be 50/50 split. A motion/Mr. Melia, seconded/Mr. Collins to renew the Intermunicipal Agreement for Conservation Agent Services between the Town of Northbridge and the Town of Upton for the period of July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2023. Vote yes/Unanimous.

Membership in the Central Massachusetts Regional Stormwater Coalition/ Vote to renew the Intermunicipal Agreement for Stormwater Management Services between the Town of Northbridge and the Town of Spencer for the period of July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2025. Town Manager Gaudette explained that we are part of the Central Mass. Stormwater Coalition and there is a mandate that Towns are required to follow. In 2008, the permit was renewed and towns were fined for not meeting the conditions of the mandate and felt it would be beneficial to pool resources rather than reinvent the wheel. Town Manager Gaudette stated that our responsibility has been four thousand dollars a year to cover the expenses once the grants expired, this year the coalition decided to reduce it to one thousand dollars to allow any town to partake and in years two through five will go back to four thousand dollars. Town Manager Gaudette reminded the board that the idea is for towns meet the EPA requirements for storm water management. A motion/Mr. Athanas, seconded/Mr. Melia to renew the Intermunicipal Agreement for Stormwater Management Services between the Town of Northbridge and the Town of Spencer for the period of July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2025. Vote yes/Unanimous.

Fall Annual Town Meeting [October 27, 2020]/Vote to close the warrant on Friday, August 28, 2020 at Noon. A motion/Mr. Athanas, seconded/Mr. Melia to close the warrant on Friday, August 28, 2020 at Noon. Vote yes/Unanimous.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT: Key Meetings Attended: Tuesday, June 29, 2020 – Attended the tabulation of the Annual Town Election to see Ballot Question results. Wednesday, July 1, 2020 – Participated virtual Lt Governor's Weekly Zoom call for Town Managers. Wednesday, July 1, 2020 – Weekly Construction Conference Call for Lasell Field Project. Wednesday, July 1, 2020 – Conference Call for Balmer Elementary School Project (irrigation). Thursday, July 1, 2020 – Met with Staff to provide a plaque in recognition of outgoing Town Clerk Doreen Cedrone. **Congratulations Doreen!** Monday, July 6, 2020 – Site visit at 32 Purgatory Road to inspect right-of-way wash-out at property owner's request. Tuesday, July 14, 2020 – Met with Chairman Jay Athanas as well as met with incoming Selectman Russ Collins. Wednesday, July 15, 2020 – Met with Selectman Tom Melia. Wednesday, July 15, 2020 – Attended the Lasell Field Weekly Construction Project Meeting on site. Friday, July 17, 2020 – Attended a site visit meeting with DPW staff and representatives from Pleasant Street Church to discuss flooding on Cross Street. Friday, July 17, 2020 – Held a Department Managers Meeting. **FY2021 Budget and Spring Annual Town Meeting:** The voters at the June 23rd Annual Town Meeting approved a \$47,000,000 budget for FY2021 as well as balanced FY2020 with transfers. The voters also approved multiple capital projects including the Middle School Boilers. The Town still awaits news from the State on the FY2021 Cherry Street amounts. With the State approving a 1/12th budget for July and August, we are not expected to know the State Aid amounts until say September 1st. **COVID-19:** The Board of Health reports again that there are no new cases this week. That means there have been no new cases since June 23rd and only 12 cases since May 26th. The last Press Release was issued on June 30, 2020 stating that the Town had experienced 312 confirmed cases, which is the same number being carried by the MA Department of Public Health in their report this week. **Balmer School Building Project:** Project construction by Fontaine Brothers continues with precautionary measures in place per State construction guidelines for construction projects moving forward during the pandemic. The majority of the site work has been completed allowing for work to begin in the interior of the building (framing, etc.). The Town Manager has been participating in the discussion of irrigation of the athletic fields with the project design team and Whitinsville Water Company. The next School Building Committee is scheduled for next week July 21, 2020. **Fire Station Project (Feasibility Study):** The voters at the June 23rd Annual Town Meeting approved the borrowing of \$18,968,000 for the project unanimously and the Debt Exclusion Question was approved at the Annual Town Election on June 30th. The BPCC has met since and authorized the Town Manager to proceed with the drafting of an RFQ for OPM services. The BPCC will discuss the project at their next scheduled meeting on July 29, 2020. **Lasell Field Turf Project:** The GC Green Acres (GA) continues construction during the pandemic using proper safety/health protocols. The following is an update from the latest Field Report: a) The turf contractor (Sprinturf) has begun infilling with crumb rubber. Activitas is working on a punch list with some minor issues (excess fiber length, straighten linework, etc.). b) The storage units were delivered and have been installed. c) The stone below the bleacher area has been installed and graded. d) The concrete pavement that was damaged due to track asphalt paving has been replaced with new concrete. The concrete curb cut at the maintenance gate has been installed. Green Acres will need to cut back the asphalt in Linwood Avenue and repave a small portion so that it is flush with the concrete curb cut. A weekly construction conference call was held this past week on Wednesday, July 15th. Substantial completion is expected by August 28th.

SELECTMEN'S CONCERNS/Chairman Cannon 1) asked about the graduation for the Highschool Graduation ceremony and if the bleachers at Lasell field would be completed in time. Town Manager Gaudette stated that the school is aware that they will not be completed in time, and he is unsure of what their plan is. **Selectman Melia 1)** offered condolences on behalf of the Board of Selectmen to the Doldorian family who many residents had as a coach and teacher and he was also a Council on Aging Board member. **2)** offered condolences to the family of Harold Gould, on behalf of the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Melia continued stating that Mr. Gould is known as a local lawyer, military veteran, politician and a long-time moderator. **3)** thanked the Northbridge voters for electing him on June 30th, on his fifth term to the Board of Selectmen and stated he will continue to vote for what he feels is best for the citizens of Northbridge. **Selectman Ampagoomian 1)** expressed his condolences for the Doldorian family **2)** expressed his

condolences to the Gould family. **3)** welcomed Mr. Collins back to the Board of the Selectmen. **Selectman Collins 1)** thanked the voters for electing him as Selectmen and thanked the Board for welcoming him back. **Chairman Cannon 1)** requested an update on algae reports from Mr. Pickart **2)** reminded residents about the School Building Committee meeting tomorrow night, July 21, 2020 at 6:30 PM to discuss irrigation on Vail field, and the meeting information can be accessed through the Schools website. **3)** announced that the Meals on Wheels program is looking for volunteers to deliver meals to seniors in Town. Anyone interested can reach out to the Senior Center and ask for Bill to register.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA/None

CORRESPONDENCE/None

EXECUTIVE SESSION/None

Chairman Cannon announced that the next meeting is scheduled for August 17, 2020 at 7 PM virtually.

A motion/Mr. Ampagoomian, seconded/Mrs. Athanas to adjourn the public meeting. Vote yes/unanimous.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:07 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Russell Collins, Clerk

/mjc

LIST OF DOCUMENTATION

BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING - OPEN SESSION

July 20, 2020

REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

- 1) Town Manager asks for Nominations for Chairman**
- 2) Chairman asks for Nominations for Vice-Chairman**
- 3) Chairman asks for Nominations for Clerk**

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

II. PUBLIC HEARING

III. APPOINTMENTS/By the Board of Selectmen:

A. Election Officers: Democrat, Republican and Unenrolled/Vote to appoint

-Copy of election officers listing

B. Building, Planning and Construction Committee: H. Warren Fairbanks III/Vote to appoint

-Copy of talent bank application

-Copy of resume of Warren Fairbanks

C. Super Records Access Officer and Board of Registrars: Linda Zywiem, Acting Town Clerk/No documentation

D. Selectmen Designees: Present List for August 17, 2020 Meeting Appointments

-Copy of memorandum listing representation of Boards and Committees

IV. CITIZENS' COMMENTS/INPUT

V. DECISIONS:

E. United Presbyterian Church, 51 Cottage Street, Whitinsville, MA/Application for a Weekday Entertainment License for Worship Services with Live Music on Church grounds on Wednesdays from 6 PM to 7 PM as follows: August 5, 12, 19, 26 and September 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30. Present: Leslie Recheirt

-Copy of application for Entertainment License

-Copy of Revenue enforcement and protection attestation

-Copy Workers' Compensation Affidavit

-Copy of Certificate of Liability

-Copy of incorporation Certificate

-Copy of emergency contact information

-Copy of approval for property usage

-Copy of logistic plans

-Copy of license routing slip

F. Soorp Asdvadzadzin Armenian Apostolic Church, 315 Church Street, Whitinsville, MA/Request for monument at Pine Grove Cemetery commemorating the Armenian Community Present: Peter Bedigian

-Copy of letter requesting the commemorative monument

-Copy of sketch of the monument

-Copy of potential location of monument

-Copy of map of potential location

G. End of Year Transfers/Vote to transfer funds to balance the FY2020 Employment Benefits Line (Additional Medicare Costs). Present: Town Accountant Neil Vaidya.

-Copy of memo for end of year transfers

H. Blackstone Valley Regional Recycling Center/Vote to renew the Intermunicipal Agreement for Recycling Services and the License Agreement between the Town of Northbridge and the Blackstone Valley Regional Recycling Center for the period of July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021.

-Copy of Agreement for Recycling Services and the License Agreement between the Town of Northbridge and the Blackstone Valley Regional Recycling Center for the period of July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021

I. Conservation Agent Services/Vote to renew the Intermunicipal Agreement for Conservation Agent Services between the Town of Northbridge and the Town of Upton for the period of July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2023.

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J. Membership in the Central Massachusetts Regional Stormwater Coalition/ Vote to renew the Intermunicipal Agreement for Stormwater Management Services between the Town of Northbridge and the Town of Spencer for the period of July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2025.

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K. Fall Annual Town Meeting [October 27, 2020]/Vote to close the warrant on Friday, August 28, 2020 at Noon/No documentation

- VI. DISCUSSIONS/None**
- VII. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT/No documentation**
- VIII. SELECTMEN'S CONCERNS/No documentation**
- IX. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA/None**
- X. CORRESPONDENCE/None**
- XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION/None**

TALENT BANK APPLICATION

please return to:

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Northbridge Town Hall
7 Main Street
Whitinsville, MA 01588**

**Pursuant to Town bylaw §4-209 (Eligibility for service),
you must be a registered voter in order to serve.**

Date: September 20, 2020

Name Christine Johnson

P. O. Box

Home Address ~~568 Samuel Drive, Whitinsville, MA 01588~~
568 Samuel Drive, Whitinsville, MA 01588

Email Address ~~crjohns@verizon.net~~
cfjohns@verizon.net

Telephone Cell ~~508-335-9761~~

Business n/a

Address Tel. n/a

Current Occupation/Title Retired

Education Bachelors in Business Education, Salem State University; Master's in Educational Administration, Framingham University, C.A.G.S. Management, Northeastern University

Former Teacher, Administrator (High School Principal/Northbridge), Director of Finance (Leicester Public Schools) Superintendent of Schools (Northborough/Southborough/Algonquin Regional)

Governmental, Civic & Community Activities - St. Patrick's Church, WISE educational program through Assumption assisting with membership and marketing

Charitable & Educational Activities - BayPath Humane Society, Gary Sinise Foundation (Veterans)

Town Committees or Offices - None at this time

I am interested in the following Committees: Cultural Council, Historic Commission, Community Preservation.

Please indicate whether the applicant and/or any family members are employed by the Town of Northbridge. None employed by the Town

NAME: Christine Johnson

PRECINCT TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE

COMMITTEE INTEREST (Indicate Committee preference)

- 1. Cultural Council**
- 2. Historic Commission**
- 3. Community Preservation**

How experience relates to particular committee interest - Familiar with the community and want to give back in service. Extensive background in business administration, management and as an educator engaged in multiple civic and social activities. I was born and raised in the Blackstone Valley and have an appreciation for its citizenry, history and social activities.

Mail completed form to: Northbridge Town Hall
Office of the Town Manager
7 Main Street
Whitinsville, MA 01588

C.1.

October 12, 2020

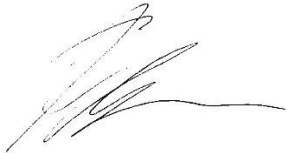
Board of Selectman, Town of Northbridge

C.C. Town Manager, Town of Northbridge

Dear Sirs,

I have served on the Zoning Board of Appeals for over 26 years. It has been both a pleasure and a privilege to serve this great town. However, after much thought, I feel that it is time to resign my position and allow another resident the opportunity to serve this fine Board and give the time and expertise it deserves. I wish to thank the Board of Selectman for the opportunity and will cherish the time I served.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Thomas E. Hansson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Thomas E. Hansson

~~24 Michael Lane~~

Northbridge, MA

William S. Corkum

XXXXXXXXXXXXXX

Northbridge, MA 01534

10/12/2020

Town of Northbridge - Board of Selectmen

7 Main St

Whitinsville, MA 01588

Dear Selectmen,

It is with regret that I am writing to inform you of my decision to resign from the Zoning Board of Appeals, effective immediately.

It has been an honor and pleasure working for the past 19 years with such wonderful people for a great community. I offer my best wishes for its continued success.

Sincerely,

William S. Corkum

9/19/20

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D.

My name is Cheryl Tivnan and I am the founder of Northbridge Beautification. We currently maintain the flowers on the main island downtown as well as the wreaths that are hung on the lamp posts on Church Street and around the common

We are looking to lead a new project that would entail having holiday lights put up on the common by a fully insured professional company called Christmas Décor. They currently work with the following towns: City of Worcester, Gardner, Fitchburg, Clinton, Leominster, and Shrewsbury. They are responsible for putting the lights up, maintaining them (including replacing bulbs etc.), taking them down, and storing them for us for the next year. We have a business that has shown strong interest in sponsoring this project and will also reach out to the general public if additional funds are needed.

I have spoken to the town manager who indicated that we need both the approval of the Trustees of War Memorials and the Board of Selectmen. That is why I was attending your virtual meeting. Please let me know if you have any questions or need further clarification. If we could have your approval by the end of the week that would be very much appreciated as I will be attending the Selectmen virtual meeting on Monday night.

Regards,

Cheryl Tivnan

Melissa Ciaramitaro

From: Richard Trier <rtmt522@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 15, 2020 6:49 AM
To: ctivnan@charter.net; Sharon Susienka; Melissa Ciaramitaro
Cc: Frank J. DeFazio; Tom Farley; James Gallagher; Jason Ball; Richard Trier; Alicia Cannon
Subject: Northbridge Beautification's Request
Attachments: 20 Northbridge Beautification 1013.docx

Pease be advised that the Trustees of Soldiers' Memorials have unanimously approved the request of Cheryl Tivnan's on behalf of Northbridge Beautification to decorate Memorial Park for the upcoming holiday season.

Richard Trier

Richard T. Trier
Secretary, Trustees of Soldiers' Memorials
58 Ivy Lane
Whitinsville, MA 01588
Phone: 508-234-5679
Cell: 508-935-9180
Email: rtmt522@gmail.com

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
WARRANT FOR FALL ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE
TRANSACTION OF TOWN BUSINESS
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2020 - 7:00 P.M.

WORCESTER, ss:

To any Constable of the Town of Northbridge in said County,
GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify the Inhabitants of the Town of Northbridge, qualified to vote in Town elections and Town affairs, to meet in the Northbridge Middle School, on Linwood Avenue, in Whitinsville, in said Northbridge, Massachusetts, on Tuesday, October 27, 2020 at 7:00 o'clock P.M., then and there to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1: (Board of Selectmen)

To see if the Town will vote to amend the votes taken under Article 3 of the 2020 Spring Session of the Annual Town Meeting (originally scheduled for May 5, 2020 but postponed to and held on June 23, 2020), appropriations and transfers under the Omnibus Budget Article, to raise and appropriate, and/or to transfer from available funds in the Treasury and/or the Health Insurance Stabilization Fund to supplement appropriations under the Omnibus Budget Article; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 2: (Board of Selectmen)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds in the Treasury and/or transfer from the unexpended appropriated funds of one or more of the departments of the Town various sums of money and authorize the payment of prior year bills; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 3: (Planning Board)

To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public way, Hannah Drive, as heretofore laid out by the Board of Selectmen, a copy of which layout is on file with the Office of the Town Clerk, and further authorize the Board of Selectmen, in the name and behalf of the Town, to acquire by purchase, eminent domain, gift or otherwise, easements in said way for the purpose for which public ways are used in the Town; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 4: (Petition)

To see if the Town will vote to discontinue so much of Piedmont Street as is located easterly of the easterly side line of Hope Street; or take any other action relating thereto.

ARTICLE 5: (Petition)

To see if the Town will vote in accordance with the provisions of G.L. c. 59 §38H to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a Real and Personal Property Tax Agreement with **Northbridge McQuade, LLC**, or its affiliated entity, with a business address at 4 Liberty Square, Boston, MA 02109, for a period of up to twenty-five (25) years, and to approve said agreement under which **Northbridge McQuade, LLC** or its affiliated entity, will pay the Town a sum of money per year relative to a Large-Scale Ground Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installation with an expected nameplate capacity of approximately 2.9 megawatts (MW) AC which **Northbridge McQuade, LLC** or its affiliated entity proposes to construct and operate on a 60 acre +/- parcel of land located on the easterly side of McQuade's Lane, Northbridge and further to allow the Board of Selectmen to negotiate any necessary amendments to said Tax Agreement; or take any other action relating thereto.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Whitinsville Post Office, in Whitinsville, in Precinct 1; the Northbridge Post Office, in Northbridge, in Precinct 2; Town Clerk's Office, in Whitinsville, in Precinct 3; and the Whitinsville Social Library and Town Hall Annex in Whitinsville, all in Precinct 4; twenty-eight (28) days at least before the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

WHEREOF FAIL NOT, and make due return of the warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at the time and place of said meeting. GIVEN under our hand this 14th day of September in the year Two Thousand Twenty.

SELECTMEN OF NORTHBRIDGE



Alicia M. Cannon, Chairman



Charles Ampagoomian, Jr.

James J. Athanas



Russel D. Collins




Thomas J. Melia

WORCESTER, SS Northbridge

Date: 9/23/20

By virtue of this warrant I have this day notified the inhabitants of the Town of Northbridge qualified to vote in town elections and town affairs to meet at the time and place and for the purpose stated in said warrant by posting attested copies thereof as within directed.



Constable, Town of Northbridge

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING
OCTOBER 19, 2020**

FALL ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT - 10/27/20 - 7:00 PM

Presenter	Selectmen	Finance Committee	Town Meeting	
Article 1. FY '21 Budget Adjustments	Selectmen	Support	_____	_____
		Non-support	_____	_____
		No Position	_____	_____
		Pass Over	_____	_____
Article 2. Bills of a prior year	Selectmen	Support	_____	_____
		Non-support	_____	_____
		No Position	_____	_____
		Pass Over	_____	_____
Article 3. Hannah Drive Street Acceptance	Planning Board	Support	_____	_____
		Non-support	_____	_____
		No Position	_____	_____
		Pass Over	_____	_____
Article 4. Discontinuance of Piedmont Street	Petition	Support	_____	_____
		Non-support	_____	_____
		No Position	_____	_____
		Pass Over	_____	_____
Article 5. Property tax agreement with Northbridge McQuade, LLC (solar project)	Petition	Support	_____	_____
		Non-support	_____	_____
		No Position	_____	_____
		Pass Over	_____	_____

Town Manager's Report for the Period of October 5, 2020 – October 16, 2020

1. Key Meetings Attended:

- Monday, October 5, 2020 – Participated in the Board of Selectmen Meeting via Zoom.
- Tuesday, October 6, 2020 – Participated in the Lt Governor's Zoom Meeting for Managers.
- Monday, October 12, 2020 – Closed for Columbus Day.
- Wednesday, October 14, 2020 – Conference call with Town Counsel re: draft FATM motions.
- Wednesday, October 14, 2020 – Participated in a MMMA (Mass Managers) zoom meeting regarding FY2021 Budget Strategies.
- Thursday, October 15, 2020 – Met on site with Peter Bedigian and Jamie Luchini re: the Armenian Memorial proposal.
- Thursday, October 15, 2020 – Conference Call with project team for Balmer School project.
- Thursday, October 15, 2020 – Conference Call with Town Counsel regarding legal proceedings.

2. **Balmer School Building Project:** Project construction by Fontaine Brothers continues with precautionary measures in place per State construction guidelines for construction projects moving forward during the pandemic. The majority of the site work has been completed allowing for work to begin in the interior of the building (framing, etc.). The Town Manager has been involved with obtaining access agreements from abutters who have received plantings and other work on their property as part of providing screening from the project. Held Conference call this week with Project Team to discuss abutter's insurance claim.
3. **Lasell Field Turf Project:** The project is nearing completion. The GC Green Acres is working through punch list items. Waiting for finishing touches on the bleachers and press box and eventual permit signoffs. Teams have started practicing and gameplay may be possible next week 10/19. The BPC will be meeting via zoom on 10/21 to approve vendor payments and discuss project close-out.
4. **Fire Station Project:** The RFQ for the OPM was advertised in the Central Register and Milford Daily News this week on October 14th. Proposals will be due on November 12th. The Town Manager will provide an update to the BPC on 10/21.
5. **FY2021 Budget and Annual Spring and Fall Town Meetings:** The Town Meeting Warrant has been posted. There are two housekeeping articles (prior year bills / revise omnibus budget) and a road acceptance article, as well as two petition articles (road discontinuance and Solar PILOT). The Finance Committee has voted to support all 5 articles and the warrant booklet has been prepared. The Board of Selectmen will vote their positions on Monday, October 19th. Town Counsel is currently reviewing the draft motions. The Town Manager was notified this week that the proponent for the Solar PILOT agreement will be voting to pass over the article as the ZBA denied the project's request for a variance after remand.