

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN - LISTENING SESSION  
MEETING MINUTES - DECEMBER 4, 2006**

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dawn Rand, Chairman  
William Pantazis, Vice Chairman  
Leslie Rutan, Clerk  
Jeff Amberson  
Fran Bakstran

\*Pledge of Allegiance

**LISTENING SESSION**

**Participating Audience Members**

Sandra Chaurette – 66 Coolidge Circle  
Robert O'Connor – 31 Jethro Peters Lane  
Judith Boyko – 31 Jethro Peters Lane  
Marie Nieber – 62 Whitney Street  
Kevin Carroll – 45 Auger Avenue

**Staff Present**

John Coderre, Assistant Town Administrator  
Lt. Shead, Police Department  
Sgt. Bruce, Police Department  
David Durgin, Fire Chief  
Fred Litchfield, Town Engineer  
Kathy Joubert, Town Planner  
Kara Buzanoski, DPW Director

The above audience members were recognized and brought forward their comments and questions relating to the following topics:

- Concern regarding the Regional School Committee's apparent lack of communication to the Board of Selectmen regarding the High School project.
- Solid Waste Disposal Program financing options.
- Snowplowing concerns on Jethro Peters Lane.
- Responsibility of homeowners to clear snow from the sidewalks in front of their property and nearby fire hydrants.
- Request for more statistics to be included in the Annual Town Report.
- Request for more information to be posted on the Town Website, including legal notices and meeting agendas.
- Request for a possible truck exclusion on Northgate Road.
- Request for a status update on the redesign of the downtown traffic lights.
- Status update on the Town sewer projects located on Church Street and Pinehaven Drive, as well as the repairs to the Allen Street Bridge.
- Request for update on the status of legal fees for the high school project.
- Appreciation for tonight's Listening Session.

In most of the above cases, status updates were given and the audience members left the meeting with their questions answered. Audience members voicing their concerns on School related topics were encouraged to voice their concerns to the School Department directly.

Chairman Rand noted the receipt of e-mails containing questions and/or comments from residents Henry Squillante, Kathleen Polanowicz, Judith Boyko and Bob O'Connor. The e-mail comments and/or questions were either addressed at the meeting or were forwarded to the proper departments for their review and appropriate follow-up.

Mr. Coderre acknowledged the usefulness of tonight's listening session. He encouraged residents to contact Town Departments anytime with routine questions.

The Board thanked those residents who participated in tonight's Listening Session and urged interested citizens to continue to provide their comments and/or suggestions on any town matter, especially the Solid Waste Disposal Program, which will be discussed at the Board's December 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane M. Wackell  
Executive Assistant to the  
Board of Selectmen