

Town of Northfield Public Meeting – Minutes

Approved
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Name of the board, committee, or commission: Northfield Agricultural Commission

Location of meeting (physical address): 69 Main Street, Northfield MA 01360 in the EOC room

Date and time the meeting convened: 11/29/22 at 7pm

Members present: 1) Jose Madiedo (JM) Chair; 2) Kristy Norwood (KN); 3) Stacy Bond (SB); 4) Bill Llewelyn (BL); and 5) Don Baker (DB)

Members absent: None

Others in attendance: None

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- 1) Call to Order (7:06pm) and have quorum.
 - 2) Citizen Input/Guests: none.
 - 3) Review and approval of minutes from September 20th 2022 (minutes from July 22nd 2022 were already approved at meeting on September 20th. Motion to approve minutes from Sept. 20th with one correction made by DB, seconded by BL. Passed unanimously.
 - 4) Chair's report: none extra to report.
 - 5) Next year budget
 - a. Capital requests due Dec. 5th. Do not have any.
 - b. BL says we have \$700 in our yearly budget, but may want to add line item for secretary.
 - c. Motion made by BL to keep budget level funded for FY 2024. Seconded by DB. Passed unanimously.
 - 6) Ag Com in 350th
 - a. DB inquired through a friend about oxen but got no reply back. Will try again.
 - b. BL too inquired about oxen from Sibley's but wasn't sure. Will try again.
 - c. SB discussed other agricultural subjects in Parade including horses, 4-H, tractors, etc.
 - 7) Reorganization of committee
 - a. Motion made by BL to accept SB resignation, seconded by DB. Passed unanimously.
 - b. Discussion ensued about open slots. Ag Com has seven appointments: 3 past farmers, 3 active farmers, 1 from Open Space Committee and up to 3 alternates. With current members, and with the addition of Jesse Robertson-Dubois who submitted a Citizen Interest Form, the committee will still have one active farmer spot open and one spot for an Open Space Committee member. JM will reach out to Jesse Robertson-Dubois and committee will try to get new members. A motion was made by BL to approve Jesse Robertson-Dubois to the committee if he is still interested. Seconded by DB. Passed unanimously.
 - c. Motion made by DB to appoint KN as Vice-Chair. Seconded by BL. Passed unanimously.
 - d. Motion was made by BL to appoint DB as Treasurer. Seconded b KN. Passed unanimously.

8) Secretary Role

- a. Motion made by BL to approve SB as new secretary, seconded by KN. Passed unanimously.

9) Topics not anticipated

- a. Old handout on Ag Com and Right to Farm was in mailbox. Discussion ensued about trying to update handout and also to put information on our website.

10) Schedule next meeting: Tuesday, January 10th 2023 at 7pm at Town Hall

11) Motion made by DB to adjourn at 8:12pm, seconded by KN. Passed unanimously.