

January 26, 2016

Northfield Town Hall
69 Main St

[NORTHFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES]

Selectboard Present: Jack Spanbauer, Chair; Jed Proujansky; Tracy Rogers

Also Present: Brian S. Noble, Town Administrator; Sandra L. Wood, Town Secretary; Tyler Bourbeau, BNCTV

Others Present: Rachel Rapkin, The Recorder; Jody James & Sara Miller; Andrew Vernon, Pipeline Awareness Group; Virginia Hastings; Bob Dickerman; John Schuster

- Liquor License Transfer Hearing; Northfield Food Mart
 - Spanbauer opened the hearing and read the notice.
 - Jody James and his lawyer Sara Miller addressed the board with their request to submit an application to the ABCC to transfer the wine and malt off premise liquor license from Bill Barnes, current owner of Northfield Food Mart.
 - The board asked Mr. James about his business background and if he had any changes planned. He had no immediate changes in mind. The purchase of the business is pending.
 - On a motion by Rogers, seconded by Proujansky the board voted unanimously to approve the application to the ABCC for transfer of the wine and malt liquor license to Condor80 Corporation pending execution of purchase and sale.
- **Citizens' concerns**
 - Andrew Vernon- requested information on additional funding and testing
 - Special articles will be included requesting additional funds. The FRCOG studies are to include road and aquifers impacts. RFP will be posted on FRCOG website.
 - Virginia Hastings-questioned Noble's earlier comments (December) on the positive aspect of the compressor in town. Inquired if Kinder Morgan had alternative sites.
 - Noble explained the only positive would be the tax revenue but could only guess the amount. Winchester N.H. was another site for the compressor station.
 - Bob Dickerman- inquired about air quality studies planned.
 - Not included in the FRCOG studies and has not been discussed by the town. Noble spoke with Gene Benson of the Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commission. Vincent said there were no certified Massachusetts air quality technicians not already employed by pipeline companies. Noble to contact an out of state technician to calculate cost.
 - John Schuster- questioned if Noble's job description was changing and who he took direction from.
 - Noble's job description is not changing and he is directed by the Selectboard.
- **Review and Approval of Warrants**
 - On a motion by Proujansky, seconded by Rogers the board voted unanimously to approve the 1/19/16 Payroll warrant of \$24,641.55
 - On a motion by Rogers, seconded by Proujansky the board voted unanimously to approve the 1/19/16 Vendor warrant of \$43,619.24
 - On a motion by Proujansky, seconded by Rogers the board voted unanimously to approve the 1/26/16 Payroll warrant of \$30,978.26
 - On a motion by Rogers, seconded by Proujansky the board voted unanimously to approve the 1/26/16 Vendor warrant of \$260,626.29
- **Review and Approval of Minutes**
 - 01/12/16-tabled
- **Summary of Interim Selectboard Meetings**
- **Summary of meetings attended by Selectboard members**
 - Spanbauer: Classification meeting; Electrical Project meeting
 - Spanbauer & Rogers: Zoning Revision meet & greet at Cameron's Winery
 - Proujansky: MCAP & request for funds
 - Requested \$75 to help Deerfield defray costs from a presentation on the effects of compressor stations
 - On a motion by Rogers, seconded by Proujansky the board voted to support the \$75.00.
 - Request for significant funds, \$20,000 for engineering study on the pipeline and supporting Montague with the DPU intervener participation. The board requested scope of services for supporting Montague and any other significant funding requests.

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- Review of the current funds available.
- **Old Business**
 - Yearly report to the ABCC for 2015-signed
 - Town Administrator grade review
 - The committee assigned to grade the TA position resulted in a grade 20. The current wage and salary classification chart goes to grade 15.
 - The Selectboard will enter negotiations with Noble.
- **New Business**
 - Homework: Assessors Clerk job description – job to be reviewed for rating.
 - Revenue Predictions for FY17
 - Noble estimates \$100,000.00 in new growth.
- **Correspondence:**
 - Bill Roberts resignation from the Agricultural Commission
 - The board thanked Bill for his many years of service.
- **Town Administrator Updates:**
 - Pipeline
 - 1600 applicants for intervener status. None have been accepted to date by FERC
 - Questioning DPU's authority once the project is deemed a necessity.
 - Discussion about pipeline related bylaws and the host community agreement. Proposes prioritizing and reviewing all town bylaws so as not to damage business already in town.
 - MMA meeting with Gov. Baker. Major topic was the pipeline and the Governor's support.
- **Appointments:**
 - Northfield Fire Dept.
 - On a motion by Spanbauer, seconded by Rogers, the board voted unanimously to appoint Nate Hutchinson and Alec Milton to the Northfield Fire Dept., term expires 01/31/17.
 - On a motion by Spanbauer, seconded by Proujansky the board voted unanimously to re-appoint Floyd Dunnell, Chief/Forest Fire Warden; David Quinn Jr., Asst. Chief/Forest Fire Warden; Thomas Holton, Capt.; Michael Quinn, 1st LT.; Robert Hunter, 2nd Lt.; Jeff Grover, 3rd Lt.; Don Morin, Secretary/Treasurer; David Adams; Ben Briggs; Jason Brooks; Pat Brunette; Kevin Conolly; Amanda Dunnell; Mark Fortier; Fredd Fuller; Chris Kalinowski; Steve Malsch; Scott Milton; Thomas Newton; John Otto; Matthew Shippa; Rory Shippa; Pat Spedding; John Ware; James Wright; term expires 01/31/17
 - On a motion by Spanbauer, seconded by Rogers, the board voted unanimously to re-appoint Gwen Trelle to the Council on Aging; Term expires 12-31-2018
- **New Openings:** A number of committees and boards have openings. A list is available for viewing on the Current Openings page of www.northfieldma.gov and on the Town Hall posting board.
 - Request from Franklin County Regional Housing and Redevelopment Authority for a resident to be appointed as Northfield's representative on the Citizen Advisory Committee.
 - Announcements:
 - Next Zoning Revision Forum March 29

On a motion by Proujansky, seconded by Rogers the board voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:55 pm

Recorded by Sandra L. Wood, Secretary

Selectboard Clerk

2/9/2016
Date Approved