## [NORTHFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES]

February 9, 2016

Northfield Town Hall

69 Main St

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: Tom Walker, Highway Superintendent; Joe Marchello; Bob Dickerman

• Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

### • Citizens' concerns

- Bob Dickerman, RE: requested funds from MCAP/Town of Montague
  - Itemized list from Montague had not been received by posting of agenda or within 48 hours of meeting.

### Review and Approval of Warrants

- On a motion by Proujansky, seconded by Rogers the board voted unanimously to approve the 2/2/16 Payroll warrant of \$20,859.42
- On a motion by Rogers, seconded by Proujansky the board voted unanimously to approve the 2/2/16 Vendor warrant of \$24,521.08
- On a motion by Proujansky, seconded by Rogers the board voted unanimously to approve the 02/09/16 Payroll warrant of \$26,788.76
- On a motion by Rogers, seconded by Proujansky the board voted unanimously to approve the 02/09/16 Vendor warrant of \$29,682.42

#### Review and Approval of Minutes

- On a motion by Proujansky, seconded by Rogers the board voted unanimously to approve the 01/12/16 minutes as written
- On a motion by Proujansky, seconded by Rogers the board voted unanimously to approve the 01/26/16 minutes as amended.

#### • Summary of Interim Selectboard Meetings

Executive session 2/3

# Summary of meetings attended by Selectboard members

- o Spanbauer: Zoning Revision Committee
- Spanbauer: met with Ariel Elan of Montague on 2/4; Zoning Revision Committee on 2/9
- o Proujansky: MCAP

### Old Business

- o Pouring Permit for Cameron's Winery
  - Application approved by ABCC
  - On a motion by Proujansky, seconded by Rogers the board voted unanimously to grant a liquor license to Paul Cameron of Cameron's Winery LLC. License expires 12/31/16.
- Highway Garage Roof
  - Project was put out for re-bid
  - There will be an article for \$50,000 to cover expected costs.
- Salt Shed w/ Tom Walker, Highway Superintendent
  - Looking at options and working on a package
  - Noble to put a placeholder for warrant article
  - Contributions can come from Chapter 90
- Assessors' clerk job description-tabled
- Town Administrator contract amendment
  - Review committee of Chad Glover, Lois Stearns and Spanbauer reviewed and rated the TA job description individually.
  - The result would equal a grade 20. Current wage and salary chart goes to grade 15.

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- The Selectboard approved a contract amendment.
- The contract amendment was read moving the grade to 18 (\$82,560)effective February 1, 2016
- On a motion by Rogers, seconded by Proujansky the board voted unanimously to amend Brian Noble's
- The Finance Committee approved a reserve fund transfer at their meeting on 2/8/16

#### **New Business**

- o Ambulance billing rates
  - Comstar has reviewed their rates using insurance and fair market guidelines
  - Spanbauer read the rate differences noting a \$160-\$200 increase
  - On a motion by Rogers, seconded by Proujansky the board voted unanimously to match the Comstar
  - Rogers disclosed she has been working with other towns with no connection to Northfield or Comstar on their rate changes.
- 1<sup>st</sup> draft of Selectboard special articles
  - \$2.5 million in requests
  - Selectboard and Building Use articles were reviewed.
- Notice of annual non-partisan caucus
  - Caucus to be held February 23 at Town Hall. Openings read. Signed.
- Warrant for Presidential Primary
  - The primary will be held March 1 from 7am-8pm at Town Hall. Signed.

### Correspondence:

- J. Marchello: Logging/Right to Farm
  - Marchello sent a letter to the Selectboard detailing the events of the complaint.
  - A letter will be sent to forester Michael Mauri
  - Marchello's letter will be forwarded to the Agricultural Commission for review.

### **Town Administrator Updates:**

- Changes to personnel plan
  - Change to the time in which step increases are given.
  - The Finance Committee is amenable to the change.
  - On a motion by Rogers, seconded by Proujansky the board voted unanimously to amend the personnel policy to reflect the change.
  - Electrical Project contract signed today
- **Board and Committee Meetings/Announcements**
- 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.

On a motion by Rogers, seconded by Proujansky the boar	rd voted to adiourn at 7:55 pr
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Recorded by Sandra L. Wood, Secretary	
	2/23/16
Selecthoard Clerk	Date Annroved