

April 27, 2020

Northfield Town Hall  
69 Main St

Selectboard Present: Alexander Meisner, Chair; Heath Cummings

Selectboard Remote: Tracy Rogers

Also Present: Andrea Llamas, Town Administrator; Tyler Bourbeau, BNCTV

Also Present Remote: Sandra L. Wood, Town Secretary

Others Present: Bob MacEwen, Board of Health Chair

Others Present Remote: Nathan L'Etoile, Moderator; Susan O'Connor, Energy Committee Chair; Denise Allard & Mark Capodonna, Colonial Power

- Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm
- Read for the Record: 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 imposing strict limitation on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the town of Northfield Selectboard will be conducted via remote participation to the greatest extent possible. Specific information and the general guidelines for remote participation by members of the public and/or parties with a right and/or requirement to attend this meeting can be found on the Town of Northfield's website, at northfieldma.gov. For this meeting, members of the public who wish to watch the meeting may do so in the following manner: The meeting will be filmed and broadcast in live time by BCNTV, Channel 17 and a link will be posted on the Town's website at northfieldma.gov. 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 in real time, via technological means. In the event we are unable to do so, despite best efforts, we will post on the Town's website an audio or video recording, or other comprehensive record of proceedings as soon as possible after the meeting.
- **Review and Approval of Warrants**
  - 4/23/20 Payroll warrant of \$65,815.64
  - 4/23/20 Vendor warrant of \$47,111.49
    - On a motion by Meisner, seconded by Cummings the Board voted to approve the warrants as read.
- **Review and Approval of Minutes**
  - On a motion by Meisner, seconded by Cummings the Board voted to approve the minutes of 04/13/20 as written.
- **Business**
  - Town Meeting Discussion with Moderator Nathan L'Etoile (remote)
    - Challenge will be civic participation
    - Option of holding a Special Town Meeting before the Annual Town meeting, opening Annual and recessing to a later date
    - Location options included the Northfield Drive-In providing holding in an area located in the states of Massachusetts and New Hampshire is viable.
    - A virtual version was discussed. Resident ideas are welcome.
    - On a motion by Meisner, seconded by Cummings the Board voted that subject to MGL c.39 sec.9, the Selectboard of the Town of Northfield postpone Annual Town meeting from May 4, 2020 to June 29, 2020; motion amended to June 22, 2020. Support of the amended date: Meisner and Cummings yes, Rogers no.
  - Electric Aggregation Discussion with Denise Allard, Mark Capadonna of Colonial Power and Susan O'Connor, Energy Committee Chair(remote)
    - The DPU order was approved
    - RFP will be issued this week for an August 2020 start
    - May 13 will be a dry run on pricing
    - May 20 will go live with pricing with an actionable contract to sign. Pricing will have to be better than Eversource or will not go forward
    - Renewable sources available. Looking to support local green supplier.
    - Need vote on signatory prior to May 20. Llamas or Selectboard must be present.

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- June 29, 2020 last day to qualify for waiver reminder
  - Waiver for interest on tax payments must be paid by June 29
- Public Access to Town Buildings
  - Extension to close town buildings to the public will be extended to May 12, 2020
- Adjustment to Complete Streets projects
  - Due to a miscalculation, the \$75,000 project to close the walking loop was added to the project
- Bob MacEwen, Board of Health request
  - Board of Health is recommending facemasks be worn in businesses. Businesses have signs asking people to wear masks for public and employee safety.
  - Unless mandated by Governor Baker the Selectboard will not mandate the wearing of facemasks.
- Selectboard member to the 350<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary Committee
  - Email from Pat Shearer read requesting a member of the Selectboard be appointed to the Anniversary Committee
  - On a motion by Cummings, seconded by Rogers the Board voted to appoint Alex Meisner to the 350<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee
- Community Compact Contract – Financial Policies and Procedures
  - Policies to be reviewed May to September
  - Policies adopted by the Selectboard when completed
  - On a motion by Meisner, seconded by Cummings the Board voted to enter into a professional service agreement with the Edward J. Collins Jr. Center for Public Management for financial policies and public safety visioning.
- Town Caucus Warrant/ Town Election
  - No caucus signed
  - Town Clerk addressing required signatures with the Attorney General's office
- **Town Administrator's update**
  - In addition to previous topics discussed, held the weekly public safety meeting remotely.
- **Topics not reasonably anticipated by the chair 48 hours in advance of the meeting**
  - On a motion by Meisner, seconded by Cummings the Board voted to re-appoint Ted Penick as the Northfield Fred Wells Will Trustee; term expires 4/30/2021
- **Announcements**
  - Friday Night Lights event May 1, 2020; 6:45pm
- **Recognition for Service**
- **Proposed Agenda Items**
  - Assign aggregation signatory
- **On a motion by Meisner, seconded by Cummings the Board voted to adjourn at 7:31 pm.**

Recorded by Sandra L. Wood, Secretary

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Selectboard Clerk

5/11/20  
Date Approved