

January 26, 2021
Northfield Town Hall
69 Main St

Selectboard Present: Alexander Meisner, Chair; Heath Cummings (7:08 pm); Barbara “Bee” Jacque

Also Present: Sandra L. Wood, Town Secretary; Tyler Bourbeau/ BNCTV

Others Present: Melissa Gamache; Chris Kalinowski

- Meeting called to order at 6:00pm
 - 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 BNCTV, Channel 17 and a link will be posted on the Town’s website at northfieldma.gov. Limited in-person attendance of members of the public may be permitted. 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**
 - Motion by Meisner, seconded by Jacque the board voted to approve the 1/28/21 Payroll warrant of \$51,482.70
 - Motion by Meisner, seconded by Jacque the board voted to approve the 1/28/21 Vendor warrant of \$220,529.58
- **Review and Approval of Minutes**
 - Motion by Meisner, seconded by Jacque the board voted to approve the minutes of 1/12/21
- **Meetings/Events attended by Selectboard members**
 - Meisner: Sewer Commission re: budget
 - Jacque: Finance Committee; Office of Energy Environmental Affairs with Llamas re: First Light impacts
- **Business**
 - Appointments to Ad Hoc Campus/Center Collaborative Committee; terms expire 12/31/2023
 - Meisner reviewed applicant submissions
 - Meisner and Jacque discussed criteria for choosing among the candidates and wrote down their choices. Four of the choices matched. Discussion tabled at 6:59pm to wait for Cummings to arrive.
 - At 7:15pm discussion resumed. Cummings made his choices.
 - Motion by Meisner, seconded by Cummings the board voted to appoint to the Ad Hoc Campus/Center Collaborative Committee Heath Cummings representing the Selectboard, Andrea Llamas, Town Administrator, Homer Stavely representing the Planning Board, Alice Lord representing the Board of Assessors, Erin Jaworski representing the Zoning Board of Appeals, town residents M. Patterson Field, Steve Stoia, Robin McKeon and Mary Bowen; representatives from the campus Thomas Kaiser, Dean of Thomas Aquinas College and Steve Wiggins Facilities Manager Thomas Aquinas College; Moody Center reps James Spencer Vice President of the Moody Center and Julia Wiggins General Manager of the Moody Center
 - Beacon crossings
 - Letter read; to be amended to include Moody St
 - DLTA local assistance choices
 - Meisner and Jacque discussed choices.
 - Cummings joined the meeting at 7:08 pm
 - Meisner and Cummings submitted choices for Llamas to compile
 - Town Hall opening status
 - No change in status. Town Hall to remain closed to the public.
 - Sign approved amended Liquor License for Northfield VFW 9874
 - Specifics of the license read

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- Motion by Meisner, seconded by Cummings the board voted to grant the Veterans Club a pouring permit to expose, keep for sale and to sell all alcohol to be drunk on the premises license no. 03218-VC-0906 on the hours of Sunday – Saturday 10 am-10pm
- EMS contract with the Town of Erving
 - The board requested the Town Administrator check in with the Bernardston Town Coordinator and to remove the term “donation” from the Bernardston contract for uniformity with Erving contract
 - Motion by Meisner, seconded by Jacque the board voted to enter agreement for emergency medical services by and between the Town of Northfield with the Town of Erving with an efficacy date of February 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. Contract signed
- **Citizens’ concerns**
 - Chris Kalinowski, 678 Pine Meadow Rd.: Proposed solar arrays on Pine Meadow Rd. Concerned project is industrial in scope; damaging to soil and safety issue
 - Melissa Gamache, 23 Riverview Drive: also has concerns with Pine Meadow Rd solar arrays lowering property values and violating solar array bylaws
- **Correspondence:**
 - Retirement notification from Kevin Steiner
 - The board thanked Kevin for his 13 years at the Highway Dept.
- **Committee/Board Appointments**
 - Motion by Meisner, seconded by Jacque the board voted to re-appoint Don Campbell, Historical Commission; term expires 12/31/23
 - Fire Department: Motion by Meisner, seconded by Cummings the board voted to re-appoint Mariah Anthony, Jason Brooks, Pat Brunette, Dan Chabott, Ed Curtis, Amanda Dunnell-Secretary/Treasurer, Floyd Dunnell-Chief/Forest Fire Warden, Jacob Feuss, Andrew Goodwin Jr., Jeff Grover-2nd Lt., Robert Hunter-1st Lt., Tyler Hunter, Chris Kalinowski, Mike Magnuson, Steve Malsch, Caileb Milton, Scott Milton-3rd Lt., Dan Momaney, Jay Nelson. Eric Oakes, Mike Quinn- Asst. Forest Fire Warden, Matt Shippa, Keith Stark, to the Northfield Fire Department; terms expire 01/31/22
 - Auxiliary Fire Personnel: Motion by Meisner, seconded by Cummings the board voted to re-appoint David Quinn Jr.- Asst. Chief/Asst. Forest Fire Warden, Kevin Connelly, Fredd Fuller, John Ware & Jim Wright as Auxiliary Fire Personnel; terms expire 01/31/22
 - EMD; Floyd Dunnell-Emergency Management Director, Amanda Dunnell-Asst. Emergency Management Director, terms expire 01/30/22
- **Proposed Agenda Items**
 - Comcast contract: internet access for students
- **Announcements**
 - Due to forecasted storm, the transfer station will delay opening to Noon Wednesday, January 27
 - The board thanked all who applied for the Ad Hoc Campus/Center Collaborative Committee
- Motion by Meisner, seconded by Cummings the board voted to adjourn at 7:50 pm

Recorded by Sandra L. Wood, Secretary

Selectboard Clerk

2/9/21
Date Approved