

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: Jamie Pottern, Mt. Grace

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm

- **Review and Approval of Warrants**

- On a motion by Proujansky, seconded by Rogers the board VOTED unanimously to approve the 4/7/15 Payroll warrant of \$28,942.84
- On a motion by Rogers, seconded by Proujansky the board VOTED unanimously to approve the 4/7/15 Vendor warrant of \$38,769.25
- On a motion by Proujansky, seconded by Rogers the board VOTED unanimously to approve the 4/14/15 Payroll warrant of \$22,614.88
- On a motion by Rogers, seconded by Proujansky the board VOTED unanimously to approve the 4/14/15 Vendor warrant of \$73,185.99

- **Summary of meetings attended by Selectboard members**

- Spanbauer: Zoning Study Committee/Community Circle 4/8
- Rogers: FRCOG Fire Regionalization
- Proujansky: PVRs district union negotiations

- **Old Business**

- Salt Shed
 - Due to a high sodium content report from October 2014 on the property on St. Mary's Street, the board discussed building the new salt shed at the Highway Garage in the area of the old shed. The location would be preferable on the east side of the river but the need is urgent to delay construction.
- Mt. Grace MOU
 - Noble reported the revised MOU meets the town's concerns including the hiking path.
 - Pottern of Mt. Grace asked for a vote of intention to sign the MOU in order for Mt. Grace to move forward.
 - On a motion by Spanbauer, seconded by Proujansky **the board VOTED unanimously to sign the MOU with Mt. Grace as presented today.**
 - The MOU will be signed at the 4/28 meeting.
- Kinder-Morgan
 - On 4/22 the Selectboard will meet with the Pipeline Discussion Group of town boards/committees/departments to address their concerns.
 - There will also be a meeting sponsored by Rep. Paul Mark at Greenfield Community College with Kinder Morgan. Proujansky will attend the GCC meeting.
 - A response from Kinder Morgan on the formula used to calculate tax revenue contained no calculation or basis. Noble read the email: "TGP used the Massachusetts Department of Revenue formula to arrive at the estimated statewide incremental taxes from the project. Next we derived the estimated percentage of the incremental taxes from the project attributable to the town of Northfield, which is an estimated total of \$3,300,000 in the first year of the pipeline being in service. The estimated incremental taxes are allocated to the towns where the incremental investment is being made." The board questioned if the levy is raised with the proposed \$3 million, and the pipeline depreciates yearly, will the residents be held responsible for making up the difference. Noble explained the pipeline calculation would be different than the residential tax. Taxing on export of gas would also change the amount.
- Capital improvement list
 - Spanbauer read the list to date. The list may change when the school district assessment is decided.
 - The Selectboard will meet with the Finance Committee on 4/21 to finalize.
- Warrant review
 - Noble reviewed the changes to date.
 - To be finalized on 4/21

- **New Business**

- MOU Council on Aging, Board of Assessors, Board of Selectmen
 - Board to review and finalize at 4/28/15 meeting.
- Review Memorandum of Lease with SBA Communications regarding cell antenna
 - SBA wants to correct the omission of the lease being recorded. There will be no changes to the lease.
 - MOL will be ready for signature at 4/28/15 meeting.

- **Topics not reasonably anticipated by the chair 48 hours in advance of the meeting**
 - Franklin County Technical School Notice of Election
 - The Tech school wants to vote on capital projects by holding a special election on June 23, 2015
 - The school will cover the expense for each town.
- **Town Administrator Updates:**
 - Worked with departments on warrant
 - Attended Zoning Study Committee/Community Circle meeting
 - Met with school district and supporting towns to define capital vs. operational expenses
 - Met with the Trust Fund Committee. Thanked Cathy Hawkins Harrison of Loaves & Fishes for her outstanding job.
- **Request for Use:**
 - **On a motion by Spanbauer, seconded by Rogers the board VOTED unanimously to approve the request from Cathy Hawkins Harrison of Loaves & Fishes for reimbursement of \$1,770.47 for emergency assistance.** Five (5) requests. Approved by the Trust Fund Committee.
- **Board and Committee Meetings/Announcements**

Date	Activity	Time	Place
4/15/2015	Planning Board	6pm	Town Hall
4/15/2015	Conservation Commission	7:30pm	Town Hall
4/17/2015	Council on Aging	9am	Town Hall
4/21/2015	Energy Committee	5:30pm	Dickinson Library
4/21/2015	Selectboard	5:45pm	Town Hall
4/21/2015	Finance Committee w/ Selectboard	6pm	Town Hall
4/21/2015	Open Space Committee	7:30pm	Town Hall
4/22/2015	Selectboard w/ Pipeline Discussion Group	6pm	Town Hall
4/23/2015	Board of Health	5:15pm	Town Hall
4/28/2015	Selectboard	7pm	Town Hall

- **New Openings:** A number of committees and boards have openings. A list is available for viewing on the Current Openings page of www.northfield.ma.us and on the Town Hall posting board.
 - **Announcements:**
 - Reading by Nick Fleck at Dickinson Library on April 19
 - Town offices closed on Patriots Day Monday, April 20
 - Reminder: Tax Collector’s office will be closed April 20-29. Will reopen Monday May 4
 - The Assessor’s office will be closed Tuesday, April 21. No evening hours Wed. April 22 or 29.
 - Town Clerk will not have evening hours Tuesday, April 21.
- **On a motion by Rogers, seconded by Proujansky the board VOTED unanimously to adjourn at 7:40pm**

Recorded by Sandra L. Wood, Secretary

Selectboard Clerk

Date Approved