

Selectboard present: Jack Spanbauer, Chair; Jed Proujansky;

Selectboard Absent: Tracy Rogers

Also present: Bob Markel, Interim Town Administrator; Sandra L. Wood, Town Secretary; Tyler Bourbeau, BNCTV

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm

The Selectboard thanked Dan Gray for his service to the town.

Tracy Rogers was absent due to a previously scheduled business trip. She will attend the 5/20/14 meeting.

- **Review and Approval of Warrants**
 - On a motion by Proujansky, seconded by Spanbauer **the board VOTED unanimously to approve the 5/6/14 Payroll warrant for \$17,946.34**
 - On a motion by Proujansky, seconded by Spanbauer **the board VOTED unanimously to approve the 5/6 /14 Vendor warrant for \$20,656.62**
 - On a motion by Proujansky, seconded by Spanbauer **the board VOTED unanimously to approve the 5/13 /14 Payroll warrant for \$30,010.29**
 - On a motion by Proujansky, seconded by Spanbauer **the board VOTED unanimously to approve the 5/13/14 Vendor warrant for \$121,338.35**
- **Review and Approval of Minutes**
 - **On a motion by Proujansky, seconded by Spanbauer the board VOTED unanimously to approve the 04/29/14 minutes as written.**
- **Summary of Interim Selectboard Meetings**
 - ATM
- **Summary of meetings attended by Selectboard members**
 - The representative of the Collins Institute met with members of the Selectboard and town staff to develop a profile for the town on 5/6 and 5/7.
- **Old Business**
 - Town Clerk position
 - Markel reported efforts to find a Town Clerk or retired Town Clerk in the area to help fill in while the town searches for a replacement came up empty. Through the Town Clerk Association Markel was able to find a Town Clerk willing to fill in on a temporary basis.
 - Discussion of options. Item to be continued at a future meeting.
 - Markel recommended Joe Powers as temporary acting Town Clerk.
 - Selectboard would like a resident of the town to fill the position.
 - On a motion by Proujansky, seconded by Spanbauer **the board VOTED unanimously to move forward hiring Joe Powers of Braintree as interim Town Clerk with a term ending up to three months with potential for renewal.**
 - Crosswalk guard appointment clarification
 - The crosswalk guards for the elementary school are appointed by the school district. If appointed by the town, the town would be responsible for paying unemployment during vacations. The Selectboard found no reason to change the appointment.
 - Town Hall grounds clean up
 - Markel was asked to talk to Custodian Tammy Pelletier, Highway Supervisor Tom Walker and Senior Center Director Heather Tower.
- **New Business**
 - Request for Appropriation Transfer: Dickinson Library
 - On a motion by Proujansky, seconded by Spanbauer **the board VOTED unanimously to approve the transfer of \$2,000 from the Dickinson Memorial Library Wage & Salary Expense to the Library Operating expense.**
 - Chief Leighton request to send an officer to the academy
 - Discussion on budget and the effect of a possible override. Selectboard agreed budget should not be affected and supported the request.
- **Topics not reasonably anticipated by the chair 48 hours in advance of the meeting**

- Award letter for the Renewable Thermal & District Energy Project Grant
 - In regards to the Pellet Boiler for Town Hall.
 - On a motion by Proujansky, seconded by Spanbauer **the board VOTED unanimously to approve and support the Pellet Boiler grant for \$108, 845.00**

• **Board and Committee Meetings/Announcements**

Date	Activity	Time	Place
5/14	Board of Assessors	6pm	Town Hall
5/14	Planning Board	7pm	Town Hall
5/15	Sewer Commission	4:45pm	Town Hall
5/15	ZBA	7pm	Town hall
5/16	Council on Aging	9:30am	Town Hall
5/20	Energy Committee	5pm	Dickinson Library
5/20	Selectboard	7pm	Town Hall
5/20	Open Space Committee	7:30pm	Town Hall

- 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. Current opening for an alternate appointment to the ZBA; Wired West; Cultural Council; Emergency Services Facility Committee; Town Hall Master Plan Committee; Council on Aging; Agricultural Commission Alternates; Building Use & Planning; Electronic Communication & Cable TV; Open Space Committee; Conservation Commission; Stewardship/Advisory Subcommittee of the Conservation Commission
- Announcements:
 - Memorial Day Parade; Mon. May 26; 10am
 - Franklin Regional Transit Authority is participating in a comprehensive service analysis to improve local bus routes and services and growing needs along with Franklin Regional Council of Governments. There will be a series of open houses for public input. Next Community Conversation Date & Location: Greenfield, John Olver Transit Center; May 14; 12:30-2:30p
- Correspondence:
 - Memorandum from the By-Law Committee
 - For discussion at a later date.
- Town Administrator Updates:
 - Interim Town Clerk search
- **Appointments:**
 - On a motion by Proujansky, seconded by Spanbauer **the board VOTED unanimously to appoint** Julia Blyth to Open Space Committee.

On a motion by Proujansky, seconded by Spanbauer **the board VOTED unanimously to adjourn at 7:35 pm.**

Recorded by Sandra L. Wood, Secretary

Selectboard Clerk

Date Approved