

Selectboard present: Jack Spanbauer, Chair; Jed Proujansky; Tracy Rogers

Also present: Kevin Paicos, Interim Town Administrator; Brian Noble, Asst. Town Administrator; Sandra L. Wood, Town Secretary; Tyler Bourbeau, BNCTV

Others present: Tom Walker, Superintendent of Streets & Building Maintenance; Lisa McLoughlin, Bob Duby, Bob English, Mary & Howard Perrea, Four Mile Brook Watershed Advisory members; Dave Chula; Denis Brennan; Chief Leighton, Justin Moody; Joe Stacy; David Rainville; Dan Ryan

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm

- **Review and Approval of Warrants**
 - On a motion by Rogers, seconded by Proujansky **the board VOTED unanimously to approve the 9/30/14 Payroll warrant \$17,060.08**
 - On a motion by Proujansky, seconded by Rogers **the board VOTED unanimously to approve the 9/30/14 Vendor warrant \$47,377.87**
 - On a motion by Rogers, seconded by Proujansky **the board VOTED unanimously to approve the 10/7/14 Payroll warrant \$17,284.46**
 - On a motion by Proujansky, seconded by Rogers **the board VOTED unanimously to approve the 10/7/14 Vendor warrant \$35,715.13**
- **Review and Approval of Minutes**
 - On a motion by Proujansky, seconded by Rogers **the board VOTED unanimously to approve the 9/16/14 Selectboard minutes.**
 - On a motion by Rogers, seconded by Proujansky **the board VOTED unanimously to approve the 9/23/14 Selectboard minutes.**
- **Summary of meetings attended by Selectboard members**
 - Spanbauer: with Paicos and Chief Leighton regarding school reserve officer
 - Proujansky: Ames property walk
 - Rogers: with Chief Leighton regarding school reserve officer
- **Old Business**
 - Personnel Policy review – tabled for October 28 meeting
 - STM articles-tabled for October 21 meeting
 - Town Hall Computer Study
 - Proujansky and Paicos to attend proposal meeting on October 8
 - Selectboard November meeting schedule
 - Meeting scheduled for November 4 & 18
- **New Business**
 - Four Mile Brook Rd issues
 - Dan Ryan addressed a tree concern at the end of the road. Tom Walker, Superintendent of Streets & Building Maintenance said wetlands permit has been filed. Tree on private property. May hear back on permit in mid-November.
 - Bob Duby of the Four Mile Brook Watershed Advisory Committee addressed the board asking about a rumor about plans to widen the road in sections. The FMBWAC is not in favor of the road being widened and if it is widened their opinion is that it will serve as a shortcut to Rte. 63 and increase the speed and amount of traffic in which it is travelled. Duby asked if a speed limit could be posted on a dirt road. He also asked how the sand would be kept out of the newly constructed ditches.
 - Walker's crew cleans out the ditches and said the ditches have made a big difference.
 - Spanbauer said there was no plan to widen the road. The DEP has indicated they do not want to see paving.
 - Chief Leighton will be asked what the speed limit is on Four Mile Brook Rd.
 - Wood to keep a log on road issues.
 - Joe Stacy questioned the grant. Spanbauer said the grant was closed. One task left to do is a retention pond which will be done by the Highway Dept. Work continues on So. Mountain Rd. The truck traffic is no longer working on the Four Mile Brook Rd project. The So. Mountain Rd project will go on for a few more years.
 - Denis Brennan stated Four Mile Brook Rd. was underserved and has not been maintained in 50 years, except the middle. He asked Walker when it would be improved by widening and removing trees. Walker said some of the drainage improvements made the road narrower and only trees that have been storm damaged are removed. Brennan complained about the timely manner in which the road was plowed and graded; cited safety issues where the road is 12feet wide. Spanbauer explained about the expense of widening the road and there were areas that could not be widened due to wetlands. Proujansky agreed there were sections that could not be widened and disputed Brennan's statement that no effort had been made.
 - Paicos explained that nearly the entire road was under DEP permit and due to the extensive work just completed, the DEP would not issue additional funds for many years. Walker continued saying removing blind spots would require taking private property. Paicos explained about Chapter 90 funds and how the limited amount has to be spread to all town roads to be fair.
 - Bob English gave the Board a statement from the FMBWAC for the record with their opinion of widening the road.

- Spanbauer thanked Mary Perrea for her service on the committee. (see Correspondence below)
 - Letter of Thanks to Ruth Gallagher
 - Wood and Spanbauer to draft
 - FRCOG request for Local Support Documentation form re: Dog Kennel & Adoption Center
 - The organization is looking for a new location.
 - Rogers disclosed she had no connection to the request.
 - On a motion by Proujansky, seconded by Rogers **the board VOTED unanimously to sign the letter of support.**
 - Real Time Road Closure App Grant
 - Rogers explained how the app works during a disaster situation
 - **On a motion by Proujansky, seconded by Spanbauer the board VOTED to support the grant app as described for real time disaster mapping.** Rogers abstained.
 - Chief Leighton: Appoint Justin Moody as Auxiliary Officer.
 - Leighton requested Justin Moody be appointed as an auxiliary officer. He has completed academy training.
 - On a motion by Proujansky, seconded by Rogers **the board VOTED unanimously to appoint Justin Moody as an auxiliary police officer pending pre- employment physical.** Term expires 12/31/14
- **Topics not reasonably anticipated by the chair 48 hours in advance of the meeting**
 - First Light: Rogers to get more information on First Lights request to pull more water for power. Proujansky is opposed to the request citing additional damage to the river banks.
- **Board and Committee Meetings/Announcements**

Date	Activity	Time	Place
10/8/14	Board of Assessors	6pm	Town Hall
10/8/14	Planning Board	7:30pm	Town Hall
10/8/14	Recreation Commission	7pm	Town Hall
10/8/14	Community Preservation Committee	7:30pm	Town Hall
10/9/14	Board of Health	5:15pm	Town Hall
10/9/14	Historical Commission	7pm	Town Hall
10/9/14	Veterans Memorial Trustees	6:30pm	Town Hall
10/14/14	Sewer Commissioners	4:30pm	Town Hall
10/15/14	Conservation Commission	7:30pm	Town Hall
10/17/14	Council on Aging	9am	Town Hall
10/20/14	Finance Committee	7pm	Town Hall
10/21/14	Energy Committee	5:30pm	Town Hall
10/21/14	Selectboard	7pm	Town Hall
10/21/14	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; Master Plan Implementation 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; Community Park Committee
- **Announcements:**
 - Building Inspector will not hold office hours Oct. 9, 14, & 16.
 - Town Secretary will be out October 14-17.
 - Town Offices closed Mon. October 13 in observance of Columbus Day.

- Correspondence:
 - Mary Perrea: Letter of resignation from the Four Mile Brook Watershed Advisory Committee
 - Complaint about Collier Cemetery Rd condition.
- Town Administrator Updates:
 - Working on: Personnel policy, Job description, Fire Truck RFP, Zoning Bylaws & warrant
- **Appointments:**
 - On a motion by Rogers, seconded by Proujansky **the board VOTED unanimously to appoint** Mindy Nadoski to the Community Park Sub Committee; term expires 6/30/17
 - On a motion by Proujansky, seconded by Rogers **the board VOTED unanimously to appoint** Gwen Trelle to the Council on Aging; term expires 12/31/15. Fills Ruth Gallagher term.
 - On a motion by Rogers, seconded by Proujansky **the board VOTED unanimously to appoint** Gwen Trelle to the Community Park Sub Committee; term expires 6/30/17
 - On a motion by Proujansky, seconded by Rogers **the board VOTED unanimously to appoint** Vera Cooley to the Cultural Council; term expires 6/30/17
- **Request for Use:**
 - **On a motion by Proujansky, seconded by Rogers the board VOTED unanimously to approve the request from Ruth Gallagher to reimburse Loaves and Fishes \$339.90 for emergency fuel assistance.**
 - **On a motion by Proujansky, seconded by Rogers the board VOTED unanimously to approve the request from Jeanette Tessier of North County Quilters to use the Dining Hall on October 12, 2014 from 11am-5pm**
- **Request for One-Day Temporary Liquor License:**
 - **On a motion by Rogers, seconded by Proujansky the board VOTED unanimously to approve the request from Louis Guillette of the Northfield Kiwanis for one day temporary liquor license for November 3, 17, 24; Town Hall.**

On a motion by Proujansky, seconded by Rogers the board VOTED unanimously to adjourn at 8:09 pm.

Recorded by Sandra L. Wood, Secretary

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 Selectboard Clerk Date Approved