

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

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

Others present: Lois Sluter, Collier Cemetery Rd; Nathan L'Etoile, Moderator; Chief Leighton; Officer Igor Komerzan

- The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.
- **Citizens' concerns**
 - Lois Sluter: Requested Orange and Collier Cemetery Roads need tree maintenance where the telephone lines are strung. She loses service because the line gets knocked down due to tree rot and falling branches. Sluter also requested the roads be graded due to wash out.
 - Paicos reported the utility was responsible for maintaining service to the area, not the town. The board asked Paicos to contact Verizon, Representative Mark and Senator Rosenberg.
- **Review and Approval of Warrants**
 - On a motion by Proujansky, seconded by Rogers **the board VOTED unanimously to approve the 7/22/14 Payroll warrant of \$33,232.59**
 - On a motion by Rogers, seconded by Proujansky **the board VOTED unanimously to approve the 7/22/14 Vendor warrant \$81,498.14**
 - On a motion by Proujansky, seconded by Rogers **the board VOTED unanimously to approve the 7/29/14 Payroll warrant \$20,200.59**
 - On a motion by Rogers, seconded by Proujansky **the board VOTED unanimously to approve the 7/29/14 Vendor warrant \$17,867.84**
- **Review and Approval of Minutes**
 - On a motion by Proujansky, seconded by Rogers the board VOTED unanimously to approve the 7/15/14 Selectboard minutes as amended.
- **Summary of meetings attended by Selectboard members**
 - Rogers: Preliminary Screening for Town Admin.Committee
 - Spanbauer: Trustees of Veterans Memorials, RE: Civil war monument
- **Old Business**
 - Update: Recount held on 7/24/14 for the 7/8/2014 Special Election
 - The recount resulted in the PVRS district article passing the full assessment.
 - The assessment will drop \$50,000 under the levy limit due to the reassessment done by the district two days before the recount.
 - The district was commended for their cooperation in recertifying the budget.
 - Any further action connected to the recount would be done in court. The Selectboard plans no further action.
 - The Selectboard thanked Town Clerk Joe Powers, Asst. Town Clerk Dan Campbell and all the Town Clerks who assisted.
 - Brian Brault: Letter to MBI from WiredWest advocating for a place in negotiations with Comcast
 - The letter reflects the town's needs for connecting the last section of broadband service.
 - On a motion by Spanbauer, seconded by Proujansky **the board VOTED unanimously to sign the letter to MBI addressing the concerns Brault brought up and send asap.**
 - Brault reported Comcast has not returned his calls. Paicos to contact Comcast to see where the build out stands.
 - Letter to Energy & Environmental Affairs RE: TPL application to Landscape Partnership Program
 - The letter was signed by Spanbauer.
 - Kinder Morgan info meeting scheduled for August 19, 2014 PVRS at 7:00 pm
 - Moderator L'Etoile and the Selectboard discussed the format for the meeting.
 - Rogers requested questions from Northfield residents be answered first. Suggested using colored cards.
 - Proujansky suggested the opposing view be allowed to comment after Kinder Morgan is done with their presentation and Q&A.
 - Questions can be sent ahead of time to the Town Secretary
 - Rogers added that Kinder Morgan requested questions not answered at the 7/24 GCC/FRCOG meeting be forwarded to them so they could respond with written answers.

- Signs and brochures will be allowed outside the venue. L’Etoile said brochures on a table inside were also acceptable for people to pick up on their own.

• **New Business**

- Request from the Sewer Commission to terminate the commission
 - The Selectboard requested more information before moving forward.
- Old Wendell Rd repairs
 - The section of the road in question has property owners but no dwellings. Lots are not accessible by the property owners in the road’s current condition. There was also a complaint of snow being stockpiled obstructing access.
 - A motion was made to support making the section of road accessible and withdrawn after discussion until more information is available.
 - This is a county road and requires some maintenance. If there were dwellings the road would have to be accessible for emergency vehicles.
 - Rogers requested a map showing the section in question.
- Hazardous Mitigation Plan
 - On a motion by Rogers, seconded by Spanbauer the board **VOTED** unanimously to adopt the Hazardous Mitigation Plan.
- Police Academy Contract ;Appoint Igor Komerzan as full time officer at \$15.21/hr while in the academy and upon successful graduation adjust to grade 7 & step 4.
 - Komerzan to attend the police academy for six months. Recruitment, training, wages and fees included in the contract.
 - Komerzan to commite to three years of service to the Town of Northfield pending graduation at which time the town will reimburse Komerzan for the cost of going to the academy.
 - On a motion by Proujansky, seconded by Rogers **the board VOTED unanimously to send Komerzan to the academy per the agreement.**
- Formulation Grant
 - Standard grant applied for yearly
 - On a motion by Proujansky, seconded by Rogers **the board VOTED unanimously to support the formulation grant application.**
- RFP for purchase of land for Salt Shed
 - Looking for land on the east side of the Connecticut River.
 - Paicos prepared a draft IFB request.
 - Spanbauer requested a few changes.
 - Bid opening will be September 9. On August 12 there will be a prebid meeting. August 14 will be the deadline for questions.
 - Highway superintendent Tom Walker will inspect the land before it is accepted.
 - On a motion by Spanbauer, seconded by Proujansky **the board VOTED unanimously to go forward with the IFB for the salt shed.**

• **Board and Committee Meetings/Announcements**

Date	Activity	Time	Place
8/4/14	Preliminary Screening for Town Admin. Committee	5:30pm	Town Hall
8/5/14	Preliminary Screening for Town Admin. Committee	5:30pm	Dickinson Library
8/11/14	Finance Committee	7pm	Town Hall
8/12/14	Selectboard	7pm	Town Hall
8/19/14	Recreation Commission	7pm	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

- Correspondence: Resignation notice from Liz L'Etoile, member of the Council on Aging.
- Town Administrator Updates:
 - Reached an agreement with the FY14 heating oil supplier holding the town to no further obligation
 - Met with Bernardston Council on Aging RE: transportation
- **Request for One-Day Temporary Liquor License:**
 - **On a motion by Proujansky, seconded by Rogers the board VOTED unanimously to approve the request from Louis Guillette of the Northfield Kiwanis for one-day temporary liquor license on Aug. 4, 11, 18, 25, 2014 from 5pm-8pm and Aug. 30, 2014 from 12:45p-6pm.**

On a motion by Proujansky, seconded by Rogers the board VOTED unanimously to adjourn at 8:30 pm

Recorded by Sandra L. Wood, Secretary

Selectboard Clerk

Date Approved