

Selectboard present: Jack Spanbauer, Chair; Tracy Rogers

Selectboard absent: Jed Proujansky

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

Others present: Brian Noble; David Rainville, The Recorder; Jane Lyle Jaworski; Chief Leighton; Adam Paicos

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm

The Selectboard thank Moderator Nathan L'Etoile for running the Kinder Morgan info meeting on 8/19/14.

Disclosure

Town Administrator Kevin Paicos submitted a disclosure in light of his son Adam Paicos being appointed as a reserve police officer for the Town of Northfield. K. Paicos has no role in the recruitment or supervision of the Northfield Police Department or its personnel.

On a motion by Spanbauer, seconded by Rogers **the board VOTED unanimously to accept the disclosure as represented on the form and summarize these are true to the facts.**

K. Paicos left the room at 7: 04pm during the appointment of Adam Paicos to the Police Department

- **Review and Approval of Warrants**
 - On a motion by Rogers, seconded by Spanbauer **the board VOTED unanimously to approve the 8/19/14 Payroll warrant of \$17,965.11**
 - On a motion by Rogers, seconded by Spanbauer **the board VOTED unanimously to approve the 8/19/14 Vendor warrant of \$8,028.28**
 - On a motion by Rogers, seconded by Spanbauer **the board VOTED unanimously to approve the 8/26/14 Payroll warrant of \$31,902.68**
 - On a motion by Rogers, seconded by Spanbauer **the board VOTED unanimously to approve the 8/26/14 Vendor warrant of \$18,498.38**
- **Review and Approval of Minutes**
 - On a motion by Spanbauer, seconded by Rogers **the board VOTED unanimously to approve the 7/14/14-Joint meeting with FinCom**
 - On a motion by Spanbauer, seconded by Rogers **the board VOTED unanimously to approve the 8/12/14**
 - On a motion by Spanbauer, seconded by Rogers **the board VOTED unanimously to approve the 8/19/14 – with Senator Rosenberg & Representative Mark**
- **Summary of Interim Selectboard Meetings**
 - Appointment of Dan Campbell as Interim Town Clerk on 8/19/14
 - Kinder Morgan Info meeting 8/19/14
 - Town Administrator Interviews 8/20/14
- **Summary of meetings attended by Selectboard members**
 - Spanbauer & Proujansky: Senior Picnic 8/19
 - Rogers: FRTA with Northfield and Bernardston Senior Center Directors on transportation. Directors to cite guidelines and what needs to be advocated.
- **Old Business**
 - Town Hall Networking
 - Email system was down in the past week due to Comcast changing their servers rendering Town Hall email system unusable. System restored but email not being backed up making us out of compliance.
 - Paicos contacted an IT company to come out at write up a proposal for tech support and maintenance.
 - May be a Special Town Meeting article.
 - Pipeline Resolution
 - A resolution was presented at the Kinder Morgan info meeting on 8/19 to voice opposition to the proposed pipeline.
 - Spanbauer and Rogers gave their reasons to support the resolution.
 - Spanbauer: The town has had to deal with the nuclear power plant in Vernon, VT and First Light and has done its duty. Noted the Open Space Committee and Conservation Commission had moved the town forward.
 - Rogers: concerned about environmental impact
 - The resolution was read
 - On a motion by Spanbauer, seconded by Rogers, **the board VOTED unanimously to approve the resolution, sign and send it to parties and send to other parties as needed.**

- A formal version will be ready to sign at the next meeting.
 - Town Administrator position update
 - The Selectboard offered the position to Brian Noble and will start contract negotiations.
 - Noble joined the Selectboard for the introduction.
 - Letter to Joe Powers
 - Letter to thank Powers to thank him for his help and professional help on the recount. Signed.
 - No Parking signs on Main St; Letter from MassDOT
 - Received letter from MassDOT stating the signs would be removed per request of the Selectboard.
 - Signs have been removed.
 - Schell Bridge update
 - The Selectboard met with Senator Rosenberg and Representative Paul Mark.
 - The Department of Conservation and Recreation has agreed to maintain and take ownership of the pedestrian bridge when the current bridge is removed taking the responsibility away from the town.
 - A meeting will be set for early October with Senator Rosenberg and MassDOT.
 - Interim TA contract extension
 - On a motion by Spanbauer, seconded by Rogers the board VOTED unanimously to extend the employment agreement with Kevin Paicos from September 1, 2014 through October 10, 2014.
 - Bid Proposal from Greenfield Glass RE: Town Hall Front Doors
 - Installation of the steps has caused a leak when it rains hard.
 - Greenfield Glass has submitted a proposal for a new front door. The Selectboard discussed the installation of a single door or double door. Jeremy Underwood will be consulted.
 - On a motion by Spanbauer, seconded by Rogers **the board VOTED unanimously to accept the proposal from Greenfield Glass on the front door for Town Hall.**
- **New Business**
 - Selectboard meeting schedule
 - The Selectboard discussed meeting on 9/2 and 9/16.
 - Chief Leighton request to appoint Adam Paicos.
 - K. Paicos recused himself and left the room for this portion of the meeting.
 - A. Paicos has been through police training and is currently attending school
 - Leighton requested A. Paicos be appointed as a reserve officer.
 - On a motion by Rogers, seconded by Spanbauer **the board VOTED unanimously to appoint Adam Paicos as a reserve officer to the Northfield Police Dept.**
- **Topics not reasonably anticipated by the chair 48 hours in advance of the meeting**
 - Treasurer needs signature to roll over a bank loan
 - **On a motion by Spanbauer, seconded by Rogers the board VOTED unanimously to sign the form so Barb Brassor can roll over the sewer loan.**
- **Board and Committee Meetings/Announcements**

Date	Activity	Time	Place
8/28/14	Board of Health	5:15pm	Town Hall
9/2/14	Library Trustees	6pm	Dickinson Library
9/2/14	Selectboard	7pm	Town Hall
9/3/14	Selectboard-general roads issues & Chap 90 spreadsheet	6pm	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:**
 - Town Hall closed September 1, 2014
 - The Commonwealth is considering the acquisition of approximately 1,150 (+/-) acres of land in the Town of Northfield. The property has been used for open space, forest management and water supply protection, and will be incorporated into the Northfield State Forest for conservation, recreation and forest management purposes.
- **Correspondence:**

- o Memo from Open Space Committee RE: Urging Formal Opposition to Proposed Gas Pipeline
- o Letter from the Energy Committee RE: Objection to the construction of a proposed high-pressure natural gas transmission pipeline through Northfield.
- o Letter from the Greater Northfield Watershed Association request to support measures to block the gas pipeline
- o Letter from MassDOT. Taking down No Parking signs in front of Elementary School
- Town Administrator Updates:
 - o Revised bill from the Sheriff’s department for the annual town report
 - o Working on Coller Cemetery Rd/Orange Rd vs. Verizon pole installation
- **Appointments:**
 - o On a motion by Rogers, seconded by Spanbauer the board VOTED unanimously to appoint Sue Pasteris to the Council on Aging, term expires 12-31 2015.
 - o On a motion by Rogers, seconded by Spanbauer the board VOTED unanimously to appoint Nina Sibley as an Election Officer, term expires 8-15 2015.
 - o On a motion by Rogers, seconded by Spanbauer the board VOTED unanimously to appoint Samantha Browning to the EMS dept., term expiring 12-31 2014
 - o On 8/19/14 Dan Campbell appointed as Interim Town Clerk until next annual town election in 2015.
- **Request for Use:**
 - o On a motion by Rogers, seconded by Spanbauer the board VOTED unanimously to approve the request from Barb Brassor/Relay for Life to use the Dining Hall, Fri. 12/5/14 3pm and Sat. 12/6/14 7a-3p
- **Request for One-Day Temporary Liquor License:**
 - o On a motion by Rogers, seconded by Spanbauer the board VOTED unanimously to approve the request from Louis Guillette of the Northfield Kiwanis request one day temporary liquor license for Sep. 8, 15, 22, and 29 from 5p-8 pm at Kiwanis Park on School St.
- **Proposed Agenda Items**

On a motion by Spanbauer, seconded by Rogers the board went into Executive session at 7:51pm to conduct contract negotiations under reason 2: To conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with non-union personnel and adjourn. On a roll count vote Rogers said yes and Spanbauer said yes.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm

Recorded by Sandra L. Wood, Secretary

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 Selectboard Clerk Date Approved