Northfield Town Hall Location

TOWN GOVERNANCE STUDY COMMITTEE **January 17, 2019** Date

Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Brian Brault, Barbara "Bee" Jacque (Clerk), Robert MacEwen,

Bernie Porada, Emily Stevens (Vice-Chair)

Others Present:

none

Meeting called to order by Brault at 6:30 PM

- 1. Public Comment: none
- 2a. On a motion by Porada, seconded by Walker, voted to approve minutes from December 26.
- 2b. On a motion by MacEwen, seconded by Porada, voted to approve minutes from January 10. Jacque and Stevens abstained.

Old Business:

- · Brault reported on interview with Athol administrator. Will send notes but highlights include: This is administrator's third town with 5 selectboard members. More diversity possible with 5 but meetings can be longer if everyone weighs in.
- · Jacque reported on communication with Belchertown, Dudley, and Norton. Will send notes but highlights include: 5 members with 2-2-1 election rotation help with continuity; also help with overinfluence or under-participation of one member; quorum is easier to achieve. 5 seemed important for towns tackling economic development — more minds brought to the table.
- Remaining towns to interview: Hadley (Pelletier) and Orange (MacEwen).
- · Informational session for Senior Center breakfast is Friday, January 25th. Stevens cannot attend. MacEwen and Porada can. Jacque will contact Senior Center re: changes in attendance.
- · Discussed timeline pressure for creating final report vs. getting more input.
- 4. New Business: none
- Meeting time/schedule:
 - Thursday, January 31, 2019 @ 7 PM with Town Clerk (Daniel Campbell)
 - Jacque will contact new Town Administrator (Andrea Llamas) re: meeting
- 6. On a motion by Jacque, seconded by Porada, voted to adjourn @ 7:15 PM.

Recorded by Barbara L. Jacque, Clerk