

February 7, 2017

Northfield Town Hall
69 Main St

Selectboard Present: Jack Spanbauer, Chair; Tracy Rogers; Julia Blyth

Also Present: Paul Boushell, Town Administrator; Sandra L. Wood, Town Secretary; Tyler Bourbeau, BNCTV

Others Present: Chief Skip Dunnell; Chief Mark Fortier

- Meeting was called to order at 6:00pm
- **Review and Approval of Warrants**
 - On a motion by Rogers, seconded by Blyth the board voted to approve the 1/31/17 Payroll warrant of \$23,352.15
 - On a motion by Rogers, seconded by Blyth the board voted to approve the 1/31/17 Vendor warrant of \$58,932.00
 - On a motion by Rogers, seconded by Blyth the board voted to approve the 2/7/17 Payroll warrant of \$28,754.80
 - On a motion by Rogers, seconded by Blyth the board voted to approve the 2/7/17 Vendor warrant of \$970,022.67
- **Review and Approval of Minutes**
 - On a motion by Rogers, seconded by Blyth the board voted to approve the Selectboard minutes of 01/24/17
- **Interim Selectboard Meetings**
 - 1/26/17 Trivia Night- thank you to Matt Atwood, Dickinson Library and Paul & Leslie Cameron, Cameron's Winery
- **Meetings attended by Selectboard members**
- **Old Business**
 - Appointment to the Regional Agreement Revision Committee aka H.E.A.R.T. (Honest Education and Retaining Trust); Cheryl George
 - On a motion by Blyth, seconded by Rogers the board voted to appoint Cheryl George to the Regional Agreement Revision Committee aka H.E.A.R.T.
 - ALS Intercept Services Agreement
 - The agreement will formalize the current service with Turners Falls.
 - On a motion by Spanbauer, seconded by Blyth the board voted unanimously to approve the agreement for intercept service with the Turners Falls Fire District and authorize Mark Fortier to sign the contract.
 - Omnibus Budget
 - Boushell to provide copies of the omnibus for review and discussion at the next meeting.
 - Prioritization of Capital Plans
 - Spanbauer read a list of capital items to be itemized for the next meeting.
 - Emergency Services Facility
 - The board asked Chief Dunnell to contact the Conservation Commission for a wetlands review. The area behind the current fire station has been surveyed and found to extend beyond what was previously mapped.
 - Funds were voted on two years ago for a design study. The town supports a facility to house the fire, police and EMS.
- **New Business**
 - Request from Chief Fortier to declare surplus property
 - Chief Fortier has a generator and ambulance cot for surplus property
 - On a motion by Spanbauer, seconded by Rogers the board approved the ambulance cot and generator as surplus property.
 - Town Hall Proposed Potential Drainage Fix
 - BETA Engineering's proposal includes the town providing a GIS of the area. The town does not have GIS. Boushell to inquire the level of detail BETA requires.
- **Town Administrator's update**
 - Budget/ capital plan
 - Attended Comcast meeting at UMASS Amherst with members of the Electronic Communications Committee on extending potential service
- **Topics not reasonably anticipated by the chair 48 hours in advance of the meeting**
 - National Christian Foundation announcement
 - Announcement of St. Thomas Aquinas as tenants of the main core of the campus.

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- The DL Moody Center to occupy several other buildings and be operated by National Christian Foundation.
- The college is tax exempt and the town will lose approximately \$470,000 in taxes per year.
- **Appointments:**
 - On a motion by Blyth, seconded by Rogers the board voted unanimously to appoint Laura Lashway Chapman and Judith Wagner to the Schell Bridge Advisory Committee. Terms expire 12/31/19.
- **Boards and Committees /Announcements**
 - New Openings: A number of committees and boards have openings. A list is available for viewing on the Current Openings page of www.northfieldma.gov and on the Town Hall posting board.
 - Announcements:
 - Liquor License hearing will be scheduled for February 21, 2017 for the VFW Pouring license application
 - Highway is looking for applicants for Temporary Seasonal Laborer and Roadside Mower.
 - 2017 Annual Non –Partisan Caucus will be held on Tuesday, February 21 @ 6:30pm in the Town Hall Auditorium.
 - Annual Town Reports due March 1, 2017

On a motion by Rogers, seconded by Blyth the board adjourned ate 6:45 pm

Recorded by Sandra L. Wood, Secretary

Selectboard Clerk

02/28/17
Date Approved