

February 21, 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: Lt. Col. (ret.) Robert Henry; Town Clerk Dan Campbell

Note: Rogers left the meeting at 6:30pm to attend the Non-Partisan Caucus and returned at 6:55 pm.

- **Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm**
- **Public Hearing:**
 - Request for a Club License- All Alcoholic Pouring License by the Northfield VFW Post 9874, 545 Mt. Hermon Station Rd, Northfield- Lt. Col (ret) Robert T. Henry, USAF petitioner.
 - Hearing was opened. Legal notice read
 - Lt. Col. (ret.) Robert Henry requested the hours of operation from 10am-10pm Sunday-Saturday. Core use on Friday and Saturdays and for funeral receptions.
 - Discussion of TIPS certification.
 - On a motion by Blyth, seconded by Rogers the board voted unanimously to grant an all alcoholic §12 Club Pouring license to the Northfield VFW.
 - Hearing closed at 6:05 pm
- **Review and Approval of Warrants**
 - On a motion by Blyth, seconded by Spanbauer the board voted to approve the 2/14/17 Payroll warrant of \$27,191.76
 - On a motion by Blyth, seconded by Spanbauer the board voted to approve the 2/14/17 Vendor warrant of \$28,510.27
 - On a motion by Blyth, seconded by Spanbauer the board voted to approve the 2/21/17 Payroll warrant of \$38,652.46
 - On a motion by Blyth, seconded by Spanbauer the board voted to approve the 2/21/17 Vendor warrant of \$68,683.78
- **Review and Approval of Minutes**
 - 02/07/17-tabled
- **Meetings attended by Selectboard members**
 - Spanbauer attended the 2/16 Town Hall Master Plan meeting
- **Old Business**
 - Omnibus Budget Review FY18
 - The Finance Committee has met and recommends the omnibus as presented, except for elevator which was reduced \$2,000.
 - Boushell is waiting for the school information to complete.
 - The omnibus is at a 1% increase over last year, before COLA and step raises
 - Capital Budget Request Prioritization FY18
 - The list was prioritized using each Selectboard member's ratings.
 - The average was prioritized. Spanbauer will submit a revised list for the next meeting.
- **New Business**
 - Highway Superintendent Tom Walker
 - Chapter 90 road Fund/Expenditure(s)
 - Requesting \$135,000 in funds for replacement of a backhoe used as additional snow removal equipment
 - Review of Chap. 90 funds available and projects.
 - On a motion by Spanbauer, seconded by Rogers the board voted unanimously to purchase a backhoe loader out of Chapter 90 funds.
 - Possible equipment purchases
 - Discussion on replacement of lighter weight trucks due to motors not holding up to workload.
 - Looking to replace with trucks having a 20 year scheduled lifespan rather than those with 5 year lifespan.
 - Other department issues

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- Discussion on receiving a proposal from Beta Engineering for road grading. Proposal to be reviewed at next meeting.
- Town Treasurer Barbara J. Brasseur-Bond Authorization for the Ambulance in accordance with the Annual Town Meeting (May 2016-Article 11) vote.
 - Review of bond from Greenfield Co-op. Rate at 2.99% with right to pre-pay.
 - On a motion by Rogers, seconded by Blyth the board voted unanimously to allow the Treasurer to borrow \$249,417.00 from March 1, 2017 to 2022 at a rate of 2.99 to purchase the ambulance.
- **Town Administrator's update**
 - In communication with the campus and will meet with the St. Thomas Aquinas MIS manager.
- **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:
 - Fireman's Pancake Breakfast at NES on Sunday Feb. 26
 - PTO spaghetti dinner at NES on April 8

Executive Session (not to return to public session) and Adjourn

On a motion by Spanbauer, seconded by Rogers the board voted to go into executive session at 7:09 pm in accordance with MGL Chapter 30A, Section 20(b) Reason #3: To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares; NEPBA Police department Collective Bargaining Unit and Contract. On a roll call vote Spanbauer said yes, Rogers said yes and Blyth said yes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:39pm.

Recorded by Sandra L. Wood, Secretary

Selectboard Clerk

02/28/17
Date Approved