

February 28, 2017

Northfield Town Hall
69 Main St

Selectboard Present: Jack Spanbauer, Chair; Tracy Rogers

Selectboard Absent: Julia Blyth

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

Others Present: Robert Pasteris, Energy Committee; Shelby Ashline, The Recorder

- The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.
- **Citizens' concerns**
 - Bob Pasteris; Warrant article submission
 - Pasteris asked for clarification on the process of submitting articles for the warrant. Spanbauer reviewed the two step process for submission of money requests for the annual meeting. He followed up with the process for submissions for a special town meeting.
- **Review and Approval of Warrants**
 - On a motion by Rogers, seconded by Spanbauer the board voted to approve the 02/28/17 Payroll warrant \$22,648.62
 - On a motion by Rogers, seconded by Spanbauer the board voted to approve the 02/28/17 Vendor warrant \$202,038.54
- **Review and Approval of Minutes**
 - On a motion by Rogers, seconded by Spanbauer the board voted to approve the minutes of 02/07/17 as written.
 - On a motion by Rogers, seconded by Spanbauer the board voted to approve the minutes of 02/21/17 as amended.
 - 02/21/17 Executive session-tabled
- **Meetings attended by Selectboard members**
 - Spanbauer: Finance Committee 2/27
- **Old Business**
 - Capital Items Review
 - Review of the list included removing the Assessor request to digitize data. Approved by the Assessors.
 - The school budget has not been received at this time
 - Finance Committee would like to keep the tax rate below \$17 per thousand.
 - Placeholders needed for schools, special article requests and non-money articles
 - Budget Review
 - Review of the latest model.
- **New Business**
 - Snow & Ice removal deficit \$10,000
 - Highway Superintendent Tom Walker requested approval of the deficit from snow and ice removal.
 - On a motion by Spanbauer, seconded by Rogers the board voted to approve the deficit spending of \$10,000 for snow & ice removal.
- **Town Administrator's update**
 - Received approval for the Brownfields assessment
 - Attended Emergency Services Facility meeting
- **Topics not reasonably anticipated by the chair 48 hours in advance of the meeting**
- **Appointments:**
 - On a motion by Rogers, seconded by Spanbauer the board voted unanimously to appoint Don Campbell to the Historical Commission; term expires 12/31/2017 to fill a vacancy.
 - On a motion by Rogers, seconded by Spanbauer the board voted unanimously to appoint Steve Serendynski to the Emergency Services Facility Committee ; term expires 12/31/2019
- **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.

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- Announcements: PTO Spaghetti Dinner April 8

Executive Session & Adjourn(not to return to open meeting)

On a motion by Spanbauer, seconded by Rogers the board voted to go into Executive session at 6:35pm pursuant to c 30A section 21 (a) paragraph 2 to hear the grievance filed under 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 and adjourn from executive session and not conduct any other business in open session. On a roll call vote Spanbauer said yes and Rogers said yes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:17pm.

Recorded by Sandra L. Wood, Secretary

Selectboard Clerk

03/07/17
Date Approved