

[NORTHFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES]

March 13, 2017

Northfield Town Hall
69 Main St

Joint meeting with the Finance Committee

Selectboard Present: Jack Spanbauer, Chair; Tracy Rogers

Selectboard Absent: Julia Blyth

Finance Committee Present: Lois Stearns, Chair; Dan Campbell; Chad Glover; Tony Matteo; Bonnie Tucker L'Etoile

Also Present: Paul Boushell, Town Administrator; Sandra L. Wood, Town Secretary; Deb Mero, Accountant; Beth Walker, Admin.

Asst.; Kayla Drumgool & Tyler Bourbeau, BNCTV

Meeting was called to order at 6:30pm

Request for Transfer

- The Energy Committee requested funds to have an energy audit done at Dickinson Library in order to submit a grant application as part of Green Communities.
- On a motion by Spanbauer, seconded by Rogers the board of Selectmen voted to request a transfer from the Reserve Fund for \$5,500.00 for the energy study of the Library.
 - Finance Committee voted to approve the transfer.

Tech School Assessment

- The Finance Committee voted to approve and the Selectboard agreed with their recommendation to accept the Franklin Technical School Assessment.

Pioneer Valley Regional School Budget

- Both boards agreed not to recommend the assessment received from PVRs school district.
- A vote by the Finance Committee for a 1% increase from last year's assessment failed.
- A vote by the Finance Committee for a 2% increase over last year's assessment passed.
- On a motion by Spanbauer, seconded by Rogers the board of Selectmen voted to support the Finance Committee recommendation of the 2% increase in the Pioneer assessment from Northfield.

Spanbauer left the meeting at 7:14pm and returned at 7:16pm

Articles

The Finance committee voted to accept the enterprise articles of the EMS and Sewer Departments.

The Finance Committee voted to accept and support the remaining articles including the FRCOG and insurances

Capital Items

- Changes were made to the Northfield Elementary School electrical project in order to include the NES parking lot project.
- The Finance Committee voted to support the changes.
- Mero announced the model would need to be refigured after receiving notification that WMECO had made an error in their figures.
 - The group suggested additional adjustments to the capital items list and decided to delay any decision until the model had been updated, agreeing to meet on 3/20/17.

On a motion by Rogers, seconded by Spanbauer the Board of Selectmen adjourned from the meeting at 7:57pm.

Recorded by Sandra L. Wood, Secretary

Selectboard Clerk

03/21/17
Date Approved