

October 3, 2017

Northfield Town Hall
69 Main St

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

Also Present: Willie Morales, Town Administrator; Sandra L. Wood, Town Secretary; /Kayla Drumgool, BNCTV

Others Present: Chief Leighton, Heath Cummings; Laura Kaye; Leslie & Paul Cameron; Sinead Coleman, Hampshire Power/HCOG

- **The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm**

- Presentation of Proclamation: Cameron's Winery
 - Leslie & Paul Cameron were presented with a proclamation for achievement and accolades awarded to the business at a recent exhibition.

- **Citizens' concerns**

- Laura Kaye:
 - concerns about trees being cut down and the town's philosophy
 - Lack of sidewalk clearing at Mill Bridge during the winter months

- **Review and Approval of Warrants**

- On a motion by Rogers, seconded by Blyth the board voted to approve the 09/26/17 Payroll warrant of \$42,430.11
- On a motion by Rogers, seconded by Blyth the board voted to approve the 09/26/17 Vendor warrant of \$167,432.54
- On a motion by Rogers, seconded by Blyth the board voted to approve the 10/03/17 Payroll warrant of \$29,656.40
- On a motion by Rogers, seconded by Blyth the board voted to approve the 10/03/17 Vendor warrant of \$48,438.76

- **Review and Approval of Minutes**

- On a motion by Rogers, seconded by Blyth the board voted to approve the minutes of 9/19/17 as writ.
- On a motion by Rogers, seconded by Blyth the board voted to approve the 9/20/17 w/ Assessors as amended. Spanbauer abstained.
- 9/25/17 Executive Session- tabled

- **Interim Selectboard Meetings**

- With the Assessors on 9/20/17

- **Meetings attended by Selectboard members**

- Spanbauer: with TA Morales re: Caldwell Rd.; School Committee
- Blyth: Community Park Committee

- **Old Business**

- Caldwell cleanup update
 - Walk through will be done on 10/5; check for contamination
 - Thanks to ST&I for job done
- Fire Chief, EMS Chief & Asst. Chief's Hourly Call Out wage
 - First responders got 7% increase in call out wage earlier this year
 - On a motion by Spanbauer, seconded by Rogers the board voted to increase the call out wage of the Fire Chief, Asst. Chief, Lieutenants, EMS Chief and Asst. EMS by 7%.
- Hampshire COG Renewable Energy
 - Sinead Coleman of Hampshire Renewal made a presentation of Cow Power, an anaerobic digestive energy system based on the town's energy usage.
 - Floating percentage means the town saves on energy regardless of Eversource increases or decreases in rates.
 - Example of risk is the supplier of cow power goes out of business; town would go back onto Eversource supply. There is a back-out clause in the contract.
 - The letter of intent is non-binding
 - On a motion by Spanbauer, seconded by Rogers the board voted to execute the letter of intent with Hampshire Council of Government for CowPower for a period of 10 years approximately commencing December 2017.

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- School Resource Officer
 - Person of interest has declined to go forward for appointment
- Emergency Services Facility Committee Recommendations
 - With the absence of a deed, extensive research will be needed.
 - Cardinal will do the conceptual studies
 - The research is calculated at \$15,000.
 - The board agreed to move forward and send the contract to Cardinal
- **New Business**
 - Bond Counsel Services
 - Locke Lord provided a letter of intent to act as Bond Counsel.
 - On a motion by Rogers, seconded by Blyth the board voted to sign the letter of engagement with Locke Lord to serve as our bond counsel going forward on different projects.
 - Fall Special Town Meeting
 - Special Town meeting to be scheduled for Monday Dec. 4, 2017
 - Request for articles due by October 23.
- **Town Administrator's update**
 - Tax Exemptions pertaining to Thomas Aquinas
 - Invitation of the Superintendent to attend a review of the current school agreement
 - Truck exclusion study for Gulf Rd/Maple Street
 - Highway dept. updates, paving & grading
- **Correspondence:**
 - Letter from Amy Hendricks, Summer Playground Director re: thanking Chief Leighton for support of the Northfield Recreation Summer Playground Program
 - Letter to Attorney Joel Bard; thanking atty. Bard for service
- **Appointments:**
 - On a motion by Spanbauer, seconded by Blyth the board voted to appoint Heath Cummings as a Reserve Officer to the police department; term expires 12/31/17
 - On a motion by Rogers, seconded by Blyth the board voted to appoint Bob MacEwen as the Recycling Coordinator at Grade 8
- **Boards and Committees /Announcements**
 - New Openings: A number of committees and boards have openings. A list is available for viewing on the Employment Opportunities page of www.northfieldma.gov and on the Town Hall posting board.
 - Announcements:
 - FRCOG celebrating 20 years of service on Oct. 13

On a motion by Rogers, seconded by Blyth the board voted to adjourn at 6:51 pm

Recorded by Sandra L. Wood, Secretary

Selectboard Clerk

10/31/17
Date Approved