Selectboard Present: Jack Spanbauer, Chair; Julia Blyth

Selectboard Absent: Tracy Rogers

Also Present: Willie Morales, Town Administrator; Tyler Bourbeau/Kayla Drumgool, BNCTV

Others Present: Jonathan Morrison, USGS Supervisory Hydrologist; Cheryl George, NES PTO

* The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm
* **Citizen’s Concerns**
  + Cheryl George, from NES PTO came to announce that the “State of the Town” Spaghetti supper hosted by the PTO as a fundraiser is scheduled for Sat, April 7. She hopes to come to the Nov 1 All Boards Meeting to invite chairmen of all boards to present.
* **Review and Approval of Warrants**
  + On a motion by Blyth, seconded by Spanbauer, the board voted to approve the 10/10/17 Payroll warrant of $28,565.89
  + On a motion by Blyth, seconded by Spanbauer, the board voted to approve the 10/10/17 Vendor warrant of $6,722.65
  + On a motion by Blyth, seconded by Spanbauer, the board voted to approve the 10/10/17 Payroll warrant of $22,804.52
  + On a motion by Blyth, seconded by Spanbauer, the board voted to approve the 10/10/17 Vendor warrant of $58,279.97
* **Review and Approval of Minutes**
  + 10/3/17- tabled until next meeting when Sandra returns
* **Interim Selectboard Meetings**
  + With the Superintendent and Police Chief to discuss the SRO on 10/16/17
* **Meetings attended by Selectboard members**
  + Blyth: Community Park Committee
* **Old Business**
  + Net Metering Agreement- tabled until our next meeting
  + DMH Town Hall Electrical Upgrade Phase 2
    - On a motion by Spanbauer, seconded by Blyth, the board voted to sign the contract for $83,700
    - Morales to set up a meeting with Judy (OWL), Steve Seredynski, and Sam so everyone knows any changes to the contract must go through TA’s office.
* **New Business**
  + Purple Heart Proclamation
    - Spanbauer read proclamation honoring veterans and declaring August 7th of every year to be Purple Heart Day in Northfield.
    - On a motion by Spanbauer, seconded by Blyth, the board voted to sign the proclamation.
  + Streamflow gaging station at Old Bernardston Rd.
    - Jonathan Morrison, USGS Supervisory Hydrologist, discussed with the board equipment to be installed on town property in the Connecticut River at the end of Old Bernardston Rd.
    - On a motion by Spanbauer, seconded by Blyth, the board voted to sign a five-year permission to install the gaging station
* **Town Administrator’s update**
  + The senior center director needs a new computer
  + The tax rate will be set at our next meeting. The rate will likely be increasing this year due to the loss in valuation from the Thomas Aquinas College
  + The highway department is grading dirt roads
  + Special Town meeting articles are due Oct 24th; the Special Town Meeting will be December 4th
* **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.northfield.gov](http://www.northfield.gov) and on the Town Hall posting board.
  + **Announcements**
    - Fall Bulky Waste Collection day is Sat, Oct 21, from 9-noon at the Northfield Highway Garage
    - The Sewer Department’s Engineering firm is conducting smoke testing to assess where clean water is getting into the system
    - Our next meeting, Tues, 10/24 will be to review tax classification with the assessors and to appoint a panel to interview patrolmen and review a grade rerating of the patrolman description.

On a motion by Spanbauer, seconded by Blyth, the board voted to adjourn at 6:22 pm

Recorded by Julia Blyth, Clerk

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Selectboard Clerk Date Approved