

November 28, 2017

Northfield Town Hall
69 Main St

Selectboard Present: Julia Blyth, Chair Pro-Tem; Jack Spanbauer

Selectboard Absent: Tracy Rogers

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

Others Present: Robert Mitchell; Atty Kevin Parsons; Principal Jean Bacon; Chief Leighton; Oleg Cobileanschi; Lois Stearns, Finance Committee Chair; Bernhard Porada, Emergency Services Facility Committee; Jessica Atwood, FRCOG; Nancy Milkey & Shawn Rising, Tighe & Bond; Shelby Ashline, The Recorder

- **The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm**
- **Citizens' concerns**
 - Attorney Kevin Parsons for Robert Mitchell, Mitchell Aggregate
 - Atty Parsons gave a history of the judgement for the gravel bank on Mt. Hermon Station Rd., enforced by Building Commissioner James Hawkins. After the town received a letter from the Greater Northfield Watershed Association with allegations, Morales sent Hawkins to investigate resulting in satisfactory findings.
 - Atty Parson's claimed Morales, Julia Blyth, GNWA member Jennifer Tufts and Hawkins trespassed on the property. The state police investigated and served trespass orders.
 - Atty Parson's called upon the Selectboard to do a full investigation of the illegal trespass.
 - Blyth clarified she was no longer on the GNWA and was not at the time the site was visited.
 - Morales reported town counsel was looking into the matter and town counsel will be communicating on the situation.
 - Atty Parson's requested an acknowledgement of wrong doing and an apology. He requested being on the next Selectboard agenda.
- **Review and Approval of Warrants**
 - On a motion by Spanbauer, seconded by Blyth the board voted to approve the Payroll warrant of \$21,090.79
 - On a motion by Spanbauer, seconded by Blyth the board voted to approve the Vendor warrant of \$12,581.23
- **Review and Approval of Minutes**
 - 11/02/17 Executive Session- tabled
 - 11/14/17 Executive Session- tabled
 - On a motion by Spanbauer, seconded by Blyth the board voted to approve the minutes of 11/14/17 as written
 - 11/21/17- tabled
- **Meetings attended by Selectboard members**
 - Blyth: NES electrical study; Renewable Energy Forum; Community Park Committee
- **Old Business**
 - Site Access Agreement
 - Jessica Atwood, FRCOG and Nancy Milkey & Shawn Rising of Tighe & Bond addressed the board and requested permission to access the property on 314 Caldwell Rd. to do the Phase II sample testing through the EPA grant and to finalize Phase I. Recommendation of Phase I was Phase II.
 - Phase I was a historical assessment of the property with recommendations. Phase II is a comprehensive site assessment and sampling of soil and groundwater to be lab tested. Based on the findings would determine if another assessment is required.
 - All cost of Phase II is covered by the EPA grant as long as funding is available. All work to be approved by the town and FRCOG. The EPA has to approve the scope of work.
 - Timeline for testing discussed. Tighe & Bond needs to do a site assessment to develop the Quality Assessment Plan (QAP)
 - The adjacent property may affect some of the tests.
 - On a motion by Spanbauer, seconded by Blyth the board voted to sign the license and indemnification agreement for site access of 314 Caldwell Rd.
 - Municipal finance advisory agreement
 - Agreement works in unison with bond counsel.

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- On a motion by Spanbauer, seconded by Blyth the board voted to assign Willie Morales as signatory for the Municipal Advisory Agreement
 - Warrant Article #4; Phase II Design service of the Emergency Services Facility
 - Lois Stearns and Bernie Porada joined the Selectboard
 - The Selectboard wants to hear what the Emergency Services Facility Committee would like to do. If they decide to keep the motion then the voters would decide. They could also choose to pass over the article.
 - Porada explained the ESFC would ask the Selectboard to pass over art. 4 if the \$15,000 article funding for the title research did not pass.
 - The ESFC needs to have a site assessment done including bore samples due to former buildings on the site; to see if the site is buildable and can fit a facility large enough for the intended purpose. They feel there is a need for more public education to stop the rumors and move forward.
 - Stearns said the Finance Committee supports the concept and acknowledges there is a need for a new facility but are concerned about the loss of revenue from the campus and how it will affect the budget. They agree more public education is needed.
 - If article 4 is passed over it will be brought back for the annual town meeting.
 - Assignment of motions
 - Motions assigned
 - ABCC form 43; approval of Cameron's Winery change of hours
 - Form signed
- **New Business**
 - Principal Jean Bacon re: support for academic excellence prerogative
 - Principal Bacon addressed the Selectboard to ask for their support to align PVRs graduates with Mass Core and to increase student's engagement. Attending school committee meetings and contacting the town's school committee representatives for their support of the prerogative was also requested.
 - Principal Bacon would like a letter of support sent to herself and the school committee.
 - Blyth will write the letter.
 - Appoint Bob MacEwen as representative to the Franklin County Solid Waste District
 - On a motion by Spanbauer, seconded by Blyth the board voted to appoint Bob MacEwen as representative to the Franklin County Solid Waste District.
 - Appointment to Police Dept: Oleg Cobileanschi as an Auxiliary Officer; term expires 12/31/17.
 - Cobileanschi has graduated from the 2016 Reserve Police Academy
 - On a motion by Spanbauer, seconded by Blyth the board voted to appoint Oleg Cobileanschi as an Auxiliary Officer, term expiring 12/31/17.
 - Cemetery Closings
 - On a motion by Spanbauer, seconded by Blyth the board voted to close the town cemeteries from December 1, 2017 to April 15, 2018 weather permitting.
- **Boards and Committees /Announcements**
 - Announcements:
 - Winter Parking ban goes into effect Dec. 1
 - Snow & ice removal regulations and by-laws were read.
- **Proposed Agenda Items-12/12/17**
 - Mitchell Aggregate

On a motion by Spanbauer, seconded by Blyth the board voted to adjourn at 7:22pm

Recorded by Sandra L. Wood, Secretary

Selectboard Clerk

12/19/17

Date Approved