

[NORTHFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES]

March 22, 2018

Northfield Town Hall
69 Main St

Selectboard Present: Tracy Rogers, Chair; Jack Spanbauer; Julia Blyth
Also Present: Willie Morales, Town Administrator

- The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm
- Building maintenance position
 - The board agreed to keep the building maintenance position line item separate from the highway department wages and reduce the highway department wages by that amount.
 - Discussion about the supervision of this position will continue, separate from the budget process.
- Review of the FY19 omnibus
 - Need for assessors to evaluate overlay amount because of the campus
 - New growth (from Eversource) may be overestimated as it was in the past- Morales says that this is a recent estimate and he thinks it should be fairly accurate
 - Spanbauer not in favor of seeing lunch deficit included in PVRs's omnibus budget—recommends this as a separate capital item.
 - On a motion by Spanbauer, seconded by Blyth, the board voted to endorse the omnibus budget.
- Review of other town meeting articles
 - Town Hall drainage article needs to include purchase of specific plot of land (not just repair). Note that appraisal and survey needs to happen within next two weeks despite the snow on the ground.
 - Town Counsel recommended that we do not need another article to renegotiate a PILOT with First Light.
 - Town Administrator says new article not needed for cell tower.
 - Morales to proofread explanation of audit article.
 - Park Committee article to be changed from “stabilization” to “gift account” or similar after consultation with chair of that committee.
- Topics not reasonably anticipated by the Chair 48 hours prior to posting
 - Board agreed to stop paying Guardian until they offer an explanation to the board as to why they allowed access to police email accounts.

On a motion by Spanbauer, seconded by Rogers, the board voted to adjourn at 6:10 pm

Recorded by Julia Blyth, Clerk

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Selectboard Clerk	Date Approved