

**[JOINT MEETING OF THE NORTHFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN &
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES]**

March 26, 2018

Northfield Town Hall
69 Main St

Selectboard Present: Jack Spanbauer; Julia Blyth

Selectboard Absent: Tracy Rogers

Finance Committee Present: Susan Kaczinski; Bonnie Tucker L'Etoile; Dan Campbell; Lois Stearns, Chair; Tony Matteo; Bernhard Porada

Also Present: Willie Morales, Town Administrator; Sandra L. Wood, Town Secretary; Deb Mero, Accountant; Beth Walker, FinCom Admin. Asst.; Kayla Drumgool, BNCTV

Others Present: Tom Walker, Highway Superintendent; Bob MacEwen, Board of Health Chair

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm

The Selectboard agreed with Stearns's request to drop the Alexander Hall account as it has not been used in many years.

Stearns noted the maintenance position will be left as is.

Pending the PVRs Superintendent's approval, funds for a student to attend Smith Vocational and transportation will be about \$40,000.

Finance Committee voted to support the Selectboard articles.

Discussion about increase in Highway, Bridges & Rails account.

T. Walker explained need for increase due to cost of road supplies. Selectboard supported the increase.

The Finance Committee voted to support the Highway department budget request.

Schools

The Treasurer has received Northfield's portion of the assessment including the and capital numbers but no detailed information according to the Town Accountant.

The school is asking for a 5.39% increase.

The lunch deficit is \$270,000. The school agreed to towns paying off the deficit in 3 years. Northfield portion would be about \$45,000 for each of the three years.

The Finance Committee voted to support the operating budget and the capital budget.

COLA

The Finance Committee recommended a 2.75% COLA.

On a motion by Spanbauer, seconded by Blyth the board voted to support the 2.75% COLA.

Money Articles

The numbers in the model came significantly under the levy limit due to new growth and less articles than last year.

Stabilization funding amount was discussed. Originally \$400,000 was suggested.

A vote for \$300,000 failed by the Finance Committee

A vote for \$200,000 passed by the Finance Committee

On a motion by Spanbauer, seconded by Blyth the board voted to support \$200,000 to the stabilization fund.

Compactor article: to transfer funds from a previous article to be used towards maintenance of the compactor

The Finance Committee voted to support repurposing leftover funds from last year's trash compactor article to a maintenance article for the compactors.

Ladder Truck

It was recommended the word "new" be removed.

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Revolving fund for the CoA

Morales explained the request was to support breakfast and lunch programs.

The Finance Committee voted to support the revolving fund for the Council on Aging.

Mero requested a policy or bylaw for revolving funds. Morales agreed to look into.

The Finance Committee does not support a stabilization fund for the Community Park Committee.

Blyth discussed establishing a gift fund. Mero said a private organization would be a better source for gift funding.

The Selectboard concluded their meeting with the Finance Committee. The Finance Committee continued with their regular session.

On a motion by Spanbauer, seconded by Blyth the board voted to adjourn and leave at 6:55pm.

Recorded by Sandra L. Wood, Secretary

Selectboard Clerk

04/03/18
Date Approved