

May 15, 2018

Northfield Town Hall
69 Main St

Selectboard Present: Tracy Rogers, Chair; Julia Blyth; Alexander Meisner

Also Present: Sandra L. Wood, Town Secretary; Tyler Bourbeau/Kayla Drumgool, BNCTV

Others Present: Gwen Trelle, Council on Aging Chair; Bill Ames; Steve Serendynski; Jay Nelson; Kathy Wright; Nick Criegle, Eversource; Bill Kilpatrick; Tom Walker, Highway Superintendent

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

- **Reorganization of the Selectboard**

- On a motion by Blyth, seconded by Meisner the board voted to appoint Tracy Rogers as Selectboard Chair and a member of the Trustees of Soldiers' Memorials
 - On a motion by Rogers, seconded by Meisner the board voted to appoint Julia Blyth as Selectboard Clerk
 - On a motion by Rogers, seconded by Meisner the board voted to appoint Julia Blyth as representative to the Franklin Regional Council of Governments with Alexander Meisner as backup and to the FRCOG Planning Board.
 - On a motion by Rogers, seconded by Meisner the board voted to appoint Denis Brennan as representative to the Upper Pioneer Valley Veterans Services
 - On a motion by Blyth, seconded by Meisner the board voted to appoint Tracy Rogers as representative to the Franklin Regional Transit Authority.
 - On a motion by Rogers, seconded by Blyth the board voted to appoint Floyd "Skip" Dunnell as the Community Emergency Response Coordinator.
 - On a motion by Blyth, seconded by Meisner the board voted to appoint Tracy Rogers to the Emergency Services Facility Committee
 - On a motion by Roger, seconded by Blyth the board voted to appoint Heather Tower to the Housing & Redevelopment Authority citizen Advisory Committee
 - On a motion by Blyth, seconded by Rogers the board voted to appoint Alexander Meisner to the Town Hall Master Planning Committee

- **Pole Hearing convened at 6:04 pm:** Petition One: Under the provisions of Chapter 166 of general Laws and any additions thereto, or amendments thereof, the Board of Selectmen will hold a Public Hearing on May 15, 2018 at 6:00 pm on the petition of Eversource to install one (1) solely owned new mid span pole with associated guying to reduce span length for re-conductor project on Birnam Rd. AND Petition Two: to install two (2) fully owned new mid span poles, with associated guying on Hamilton Rd. and to install six (6) fully owned new mid span poles, with associated guying on Pierson Rd. to reduce span length for re-conductor project. Held at Town Hall, 69 Main St. Northfield, MA

- Eversource representative Nick Criegle explained the technology upgrades for safety reasons necessitated the request. No trees are to be removed, only trimming. Work to be completed by the end of the year.
 - On a motion by Rogers, seconded by Blyth the board voted to grant petitions 1 and 2 to install poles.
 - Pole hearing concluded at 6:18 pm.

- **Executive Session:** On a motion by Rogers, seconded by Blyth the board voted to go into executive session at 6:18 pm for Personnel Issue under G.L. ch 30A, S21(a)(1) to discuss complaints and potential discipline against a public officer, employee, staff member or individual and to return to open session. On a roll call vote Rogers said yes, Blyth said yes and Meisner said yes.

- The board came back into regular session at 6:32pm

- **Citizens' concerns**

- Bill Kilpatrick: reported some street signs were missing. Pratt Hollow Rd had been replaced. Requested update on Gulf Rd. See Gulf Rd under Old Business.
 - Jay Nelson: Concern about trees removed on Pierson Rd. without tree hearing.
 - 14 trees removed, 2 located on private property in a wetland area

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- Use of town property on St. Mary's Street being used as a gravel pit and storage of ground asphalt.
 - The board will bring the items to the attention of the Highway Superintendent
- **Review and Approval of Warrants**
 - o On a motion by Blyth, seconded by Meisner the board voted to approve the Payroll warrant of \$32,974.03
 - o On a motion by Blyth, seconded by Meisner the board voted to approve the Vendor warrant of \$100,247.97
 - o On a motion by Blyth, seconded by Meisner the board voted to approve the Payroll warrant of \$21,554.64
 - o On a motion by Blyth, seconded by Meisner the board voted to approve the Vendor warrant of \$302,282.22
- **Review and Approval of Minutes**
 - o On a motion by Blyth, seconded by Rogers the board voted to approve the 04/12/18 Ex. Session w/ FinCom as written. Meisner abstained.
 - o On a motion by Blyth, seconded by Rogers the board voted to approve the 04/17/18 Ex. Session as written. Meisner abstained.
 - o On a motion by Blyth, seconded by Rogers the board voted to approve the 04/23/18 Ex. Session w/ FinCom as written. Meisner abstained.
 - o On a motion by Blyth, seconded by Rogers the board voted to approve the 05/01/18 as written. Meisner abstained.
- **Interim Selectboard Meetings**
 - o 05/07/18 TM
- **Meetings attended by Selectboard members**
- **Old Business**
 - o Town Governance Study Committee
 - Blyth to post on town social media
 - o Gulf Rd. update
 - Traffic study has been deployed. Results will come from the FRCOG
 - Northfield & Town of Erving will notify MassDOT with results for possible truck exclusion
 - o Interim Town Administrator
 - Bernard Kubiak to meet with Blyth, Meisner & Wood on May 17
 - o Town Hall & NES Electrical projects; Steve Serendynski
 - Bids for electrical work for Town Hall, outside cable, and phase I electrical upgrade for the elementary school may be combined for cost effectiveness.
 - Timing of projects discussions to include Judith O'Brien of Owl Engineering, Andrea Wood of the FRCOG and Principal Desmarais. Rogers to contact O'Brien.
 - o Re-sign Chap. 90 reimbursement request: documents signed.
 - o Petitioning the Legislature; art. 27; Town Meeting
 - Cover letter signed by Rogers.
- **New Business**
 - o FRCOG Fuel bids
 - Tom Walker, Highway Superintendent recommended the fixed rates for Diesel and Heating oil for the FY19 season.
 - On a motion by Rogers, seconded by Blyth the board voted to offer the contract to Whiting fuel for heating oil at the fixed rate and to Mirabeto for diesel at a fixed rate.
 - o Notification from the State Lottery Commission; KENO monitor being installed at Northfield Food Mart.
 - The board had no objections.
- **Correspondence:**
 - o Tracy Rogers resignation from the HEART Committee
 - o M. Rullman, Pratt Hollow Rd; Gulf Rd safety concerns
- **Appointments:**

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- o On a motion by Blyth, seconded by Rogers the board voted to appoint Bill Ames to the Council on Aging; term expires 12/31/20

- **Announcements**

- o Congressman Jim McGovern will be in town in June for an office hour. Date and time to be confirmed.

On a motion by Rogers, seconded by Blyth the board voted to adjourn at 7:25 pm.

Recorded by Sandra L. Wood, Secretary

Selectboard Clerk

05/29/18
Date Approved