

[NORTHFIELD SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES]

October 30, 2018

Northfield Town Hall
69 Main St

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

Also Present: Bernard Kubiak, Interim Town Administrator; Sandra L. Wood, Town Secretary; Kayla Drumgool, BNCTV

Others Present: Bill Kilpatrick, Gulf Rd; Judy Wagner, Energy Committee; Barry Bordner, Holly Ave; Bob MacEwen, Bd. of Health Chair; Joan Stoia, Nfld Area Tourism & Business Assoc.(NATABA)

- Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm
- **Citizens' concerns**
 - o Bill Kilpatrick: Still waiting on traffic survey; no update on status of repairs and signage on Gulf Rd.
 - o Judy Wagner, Energy Committee: Requested information be posted on the website regarding access to solar and mini-split technology for those with medium income.
- **Review and Approval of Warrants**
 - o 10/23/18 Payroll warrant of \$38,214.60
 - o 10/23/18 Vendor warrant of \$1,010,386.95
 - o 10/30/18 Payroll warrant of \$19,957.88
 - o 10/30/18 Vendor warrant of \$8,698.74
 - On a motion by Rogers, seconded by Blyth the board unanimously approved the warrants as written.
- **Review and Approval of Minutes**
 - o On a motion by Rogers, seconded by Blyth the board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of 10/16/18 as amended.
- **Interim Selectboard Meetings**-none
- **Meetings attended by Selectboard members**
 - o Meisner: Retirement luncheon for Accountant Deb Mero, congratulated Deb on her years of service.
 - o Blyth: Mero retirement luncheon; FRCOG council; DOER for municipal aggregation; Moody Center launch, suggested a forum with Moody Center/Thomas Aquinas rep at beginning or end of special town meeting.
 - o Rogers: East Northfield Water Company with Bob MacEwen
- **Old Business**
 - o East Northfield Water Company
 - Rogers and MacEwen met with health agents and the East Northfield Water Company reps.
 - The ENWC will be adding a filtration system in 18+ months and reported no problems health-wise found in the water. Samples tested and reported were before treatment.
 - A request was made for ENWC to hold a forum for users to ask questions.
 - MacEwen to follow up with ENWC.
- **New Business**
 - o Barry Bordner: appointing a committee to explore the need for a multi-use business park
 - To conduct research on developing a business park. Suggested members include someone appointed by the Selectboard, from the Planning Board, the area business community and two members to be selected by the established committee, preferably with business and financial background. Bordner offered to volunteer for the committee.
 - Kubiak suggested using UMASS, FRCOG and finding other sources for their services later in the process.
 - Meisner expressed concerns about personal agendas of other committee members.
 - Kubiak will work with Bordner to write up a charge.
 - o Call a special town meeting December 10, 2018, 7pm in PVRS auditorium on 97 F. Sumner Turner Rd.
 - On a motion by Rogers, seconded by Blyth the board voted unanimously to call a special town meeting December 10, 2018, 7pm in the PVRS auditorium on 97 F. Sumner Turner Rd.
 - o Open/close warrant or limit articles to those submitted by the Planning Board

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- On a motion by Blyth, seconded by Meisner the board voted unanimously to open the warrant on 11/1/18 and close the warrant on 11/9/18 at 3pm.
- Traffic study for Ashuelot Rd.
 - The board agreed to move forward with Kubiak requesting a traffic study from the FRCOG.
- **Town Administrator's update**
 - Budgets due by the 19th.
 - Meeting with Cabot Risk on 11/07/18
- **Topics not reasonably anticipated by the chair 48 hours in advance of the meeting**
 - Holiday Lighting
 - Joan Stoia of NATABA requested the dogwoods in front of Town Hall be lit for the holiday season. Sponsors will pay for a professional concern to come in and string the lights. The board agreed to move forward on the project.
- **Correspondence:** none
- **Appointments:**
 - On a motion by Rogers, seconded by Meisner the board voted unanimously to extend the appointment of Barbara Brassor as Treasurer/Collector to June 30, 2019.
 - On a motion by Blyth, seconded by Rogers the board voted unanimously to re-appoint Keith Avery on a part-time status to the highway department helping with OSHA standards from November 1, 2018 to April 30, 2019.
- **Boards and Committees /Announcements**
 - Announcements:
 - Rag Shag parade starts October 31 at 6pm, Town Hall and proceeds to the elementary school. Sponsored by the Nfld V.F.W. 405 jack-o-lanterns were carved this year!
 - Gov. Baker & MassDOT notified the town of the \$345,680 apportionment of Chap. 90 funding for Fiscal 2019
 - School Committee Candidate Forum tonight, 7pm at PVRs.

Executive Session: M.G. L. c. 30A, Sec. 21

On a motion by Rogers, seconded by Blyth the board voted unanimously to go into executive session at 6:51pm

for purposes of conducting strategy session for negotiations with non- union personnel; to discuss strategy in regards to collective bargaining; and to consider purchase exchange lease or value of real estate as open discussion may have a detrimental effect on the positions of the town and to adjourn. On a roll call vote Rogers said yes, Blyth said yes and Meisner said yes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:37pm.

Recorded by Sandra L. Wood, Secretary

Selectboard Clerk

11/14/18
Date Approved