

[NORTHFIELD SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES]

March 11, 2019

Northfield Town Hall
69 Main St

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

Also Present: Andrea Llamas, Town Administrator; Sandra L. Wood, Town Secretary; Kayla Drumgool, BNCTV

Others Present: Sam Browning; Chelsey Little, Lead Sewer Operator; Tom Walker, Sewer Commission; Brian Bordner, Ashuelot Rd.

- Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm
- **Citizens' concerns**
 - Brian Bordner, 29 Ashuelot Rd: addressed the board to announce he had submitted an article to reduce the omnibus budget.
- **Review and Approval of Warrants**
 - 2/26/19 Payroll warrant of \$35,773.02
 - 2/26/19 Vendor warrant of \$16,769.38
 - 3/5/19 Payroll warrant of \$28,947.78
 - 3/5/19 Vendor warrant of \$236,896.81
 - On a motion by Rogers, seconded by Blyth the board voted to approve the warrants as written.
- **Review and Approval of Minutes**
 - 02/11/19-amended
 - 02/11/19 executive session
 - 02/25/19
 - On a motion by Rogers, seconded by Meisner the board voted to approve the minutes of 2/11/19 as amended, the executive session of 2/11/19 as written and the minutes of 2/25/19 as written.
- **Meetings attended by Selectboard members**
 - Rogers: Teacher negotiations; HEART/School Committee; Non-Partisan Caucus; School Budget; Short term rental workshop
 - Blyth: School Committee; HEART/School Committee; Community Park Committee
 - Meisner: Sewer Commission
- **Business**
 - Chelsey Little – Wastewater Department Superintendent
 - Tom Walker introduced Chelsey
 - Chelsey is completing her master's in public health
 - Direct Deposit/Personnel Policy Changes
 - On a motion by Blyth, seconded by Meisner, the board voted unanimously to approve the direct deposit and personnel policy changes.
 - Sam Browning: contract inquiries & discussion
 - Browning dispersed a list of questions to the board to review
 - Discussion
 - Last contract salary negotiation based on previous overtime and salary calculations and set to a flat salary
 - Job description, duties and obligations have not changed
 - Negotiations have begun at the request of the employee
 - Interpretation of the section on vehicle use in the contract
- **Town Administrator's update**
 - Processing article requests; met with accountant; audit agreement; met with Fire Dept.; Gulf Rd. exclusion approved, requires by-law; met with Town Hall electrical project team.
- **Appointments:**
 - On a motion by Rogers, seconded by Meisner the board voted to appoint Jack Spanbauer, Steve Seredynski, John MacDougall and Shawn Foster to the Business Park Committee; term expires when charge completed

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- On a motion by Rogers, seconded by Blyth the board voted to appoint Hadley Antik to the EMS Department as part-time paramedic; term expires 12/31/19. Meisner abstained.

- **Announcements**

- Announcements: Pi(e) Day 3.14 (Thursday, March 14) at Dickinson Library. Starts at 1pm until there is no more pie. They're looking for bakers. Feel free to drop off fresh pie on Wednesday (3/13)
- State of the Town Dinner: Sat. April 6; Northfield Elementary School; starts 4pm

Possible Executive Sessions:

On a motion by Rogers, seconded by Blyth the board voted to go into executive session at 6:39 p.m. for:

- M.G.L. c.30A, Sec 21(a) To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining if an open meeting may have detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the public body and the chair so declares – Police Chief Contract
 - and
 - M.G.L. c.30A, Sec 21(a) To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining if an open meeting may have detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the public body and the chair so declares – Police Union Contract
- and to adjourn. On a roll call vote Rogers said yes, Blyth said yes and Meisner said yes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Recorded by Sandra L. Wood, Secretary

Selectboard Clerk

3/25/19
Date Approved