

September 23, 2019

Northfield Town Hall
69 Main St

Selectboard Present: Alexander Meisner, Chair; Tracy Rogers; Heath Cummings

Also Present: Andrea Llamas, Town Administrator; Sandra L. Wood, Town Secretary; Tyler Bourbeau, BNCTV

Others Present: Nick Langone, Eversource; Nancy Champoux, Holton St.; Tom Walker, Highway Superintendent; Joseph Stacy, Nfld VFW; Bill McGee, Main St.; Heather Tower, Senior Center Director; Jeanette Tessier, Outreach Coordinator; Bill Llewelyn, Conservation Commission Chair

- Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm
- **POLE HEARING: HOLTON ST.**
 - Open Hearing- Meisner opened the hearing and read the public notice:
Under the provisions of Chapter 166 of General Laws and any additions thereto, or amendments thereof, the Selectboard will hold a Public Hearing on September 23, 2019 at 6:00 pm on the petition of Western Massachusetts Electric Company to relocate joint owned pole on northerly side of Holton St. 15' east of existing location to allow room for DPW to dig the area as well as to move a transformer from an environmentally sensitive area. The hearing will be held at the Northfield Town Hall, 69 Main Street, Northfield, MA 01360. Alexander R. Meisner Selectboard Chair
 - Discussion with Eversource rep/Public Comment
 - Nick Langone of Eversource gave a brief explanation for moving the pole citing the area as environmentally sensitive and in the way of the current construction project.
 - Nancy Champoux of Holton St. asked about the transformer in front of her residence. Langone explained it was a different type of transformer that services the entire area. The transformer on the pole being moved is not for that purpose. Tom Walker explained the pole in question was installed after a hearing about five years ago.
 - Meisner read the conditions listed
 - On a motion by Meisner, seconded by Cummings the board voted to accept the project involving the pole on Holton St with Eversource.
 - Hearing was closed at 6:09 pm
- **Citizens' Concerns**
 - Joseph Stacy VFW Commander: reported on success of chicken barbeque; Street sign dedication
 - Bill McGee: Truck air brake complaint. Llamas contacted state. State will not post signs stating air brakes are legal and a safety feature. Suggested contacting state legislators and a sign campaign on residents' lawns asking truckers to not use air brakes on Main St.
- **Review and Approval of Warrants**
 - 9/10/19 Payroll warrant of \$71,413.04
 - 9/10/19 Vendor warrant of \$50,613.92
 - On a motion by Meisner, seconded by Rogers the board voted to approve the warrants as read
- **Review and Approval of Minutes**
 - 8/12/19 ES #1
 - 8/12/19 ES #2
 - 9/9/19
 - On a motion by Meisner, seconded by Cummings the board voted to approve the Executive Sessions of 8/12/19 and regular session minutes of 9/9/19 as written.
- **Interim Selectboard Meetings-4 Town School District Meeting**
- **Meetings/Events attended by Selectboard members**
 - Meisner: chairs of the 4 towns of the school district met with Superintendent Scagel; tour of PVRs; D.P.U water hearing; EMS meeting/training
 - Cummings: D.P.U. hearing; PVRs open house
 - Rogers : D.P.U. hearing; FRTA Advisory; Energy Day
- **Business**

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- Heather Tower: Updates on Dementia Friendly Initiative; Senior Center
 - Reported EMS and staff of Greenfield Co-op have been trained in dementia friendly initiative
 - Jeanette Tessier submitted her resignation effective immediately as Program Coordinator.
 - On a motion by Meisner, seconded by Rogers the board voted to accept the resignation of Jeanette Tessier effective immediately from the Council on Aging and Senior Center
 - Linda Keech, temporary Program Coordinator has expressed interest in a permanent position.
 - Tower announced and read statement on retirement effective December 31, 2019
 - On a motion by Meisner, seconded by Rogers the board voted to accept the resignation of Heather Tower effective December 31, 2019.
- Highway Department Surplus Equipment
 - Tom Walker has been in contact with the Town of Warren who is interested in the truck. Representative of Warren is aware of condition. Highway Dept. has necessary equipment without this vehicle.
 - On a motion by Meisner, seconded by Cummings the board voted to declare a surplus 2012 Ford F550 vin# 1FDUF5HT6CEA30151.
- Recommendation for School Budget percentage for FY2021
 - Joint meeting of the Selectboard and Finance Committee to be scheduled for discussion
- Sign Town Hall Electrical Phase III Contract
 - On a motion by Meisner, seconded by Rogers the board voted to accept the Phase III electrical contract between the Town of Northfield and DMH Electric.
- Creation of Ad Hoc Town Water Supply Advisory Committee
 - Llamas asked the board to consider appointing town officials to start the discussion from the town's perspective. Residents could form their own group, and then the two could meet for discussion.
 - On a motion by Rogers, seconded by Cummings the board voted to form an ad hoc Town Water Supply Advisory Committee
- **Town Administrator's update**
 - School Regionalization Committee has 2 positions filled and needs 1 more.
 - Conservation Commission is looking for members
 - Boards Clerk position: 10 hours per week/ \$15.66 per hour.
 - On a motion by Meisner, seconded by Cummings the board voted to authorize the Boards Clerk position
 - Bill Llewelyn requested the board hire a temporary clerk immediately to get them through their meetings.
 - OPEB audit complete
- **Correspondence:**
 - Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito: Community Compact completion- letter read
- **Appointments:**
 - On a motion by Meisner, seconded by Cummings the board voted to appoint Jose Madiedo to the Agricultural Commission term expires 6/30/21
- **Request for One-Day Temporary Liquor License:**
 - On a motion by Meisner, seconded by Rogers the board voted to approve the Kiwanis Club request for one day temporary liquor license , beer only, for October 5, 2019 from 11am to 4pm at the First Light Hydro facility, 99 Millers Falls Rd for the Great River Challenge
- **Announcements**
 - From the Northfield V.F.W.
 - Commemorative Street Sign for Warrant Officer 1, Martin G. Given; September 26th @ 10:00am; Sign to be posted at corner of Carleton St. and Woodruff Way
 - Commemorative Street Sign for Specialist 4, Frederick G. Parker; October 8th @ 10:00am; Sign to be posted on the corner of Meadow St. and Main St.
 - Conservation Commission needs members

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- **Recognition for Service:** to PVRs for allowing the D.P.U. hearing scheduled to be held at Town Hall to be held in their auditorium on short notice during our water main break emergency and to Jake Browning and crew for their work on the water main break.
- **Proposed Agenda Items**
 - Temporary clerk help for the Conservation Commission
- On a motion by Meisner, seconded by Rogers the board voted to go into Executive Session under M.G.L. c.30A, Sec. 21(a)(3) at 7:08 pm to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares. – Employee wage claim and to adjourn. On a roll call vote Meisner said yes, Rogers said yes and Cummings said yes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Recorded by Sandra L. Wood, Secretary

Selectboard Clerk

Date Approved