

[NORTHFIELD SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES]

November 4, 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: Bob MacEwen, Board of Health/Transfer Station; Tom Valle, EMS Asst. Chief; Rebecca Houle

- Meeting was called to order at 6:08 pm
- **Review and Approval of Minutes**
 - On a motion by Meisner, seconded by Rogers the board voted to approve the minutes of 10/28/19 as written.
- **Business**
 - Bob MacEwen, Board of Health; Recycling contract renewal
 - Waste Management is looking into making changes to the contract
 - The Transfer station used to make \$40-50/ton on recyclable waste. Proposed changes to the contract will charge the town \$93.50/ton to remove recyclables starting July 2020.
 - Recycling items will be limited to #1 & 2 plastics, aluminum, metal, glass and cardboard. All other plastics will be classified regular trash due to no monetary value.
 - Discussed option to install balers to reduce hauling expenses
 - Contract renewal due to be signed by December 31
 - Roadside house numbers
 - Llamas investigating fund sourcing and checking with Chief Dunnell.
 - Proposed Change to the Personnel Policy
 - Modification to policy regarding vacation requests.
 - On a motion by Meisner, seconded by Rogers the board voted to implement the new vacation request policy.
 - Schell Bridge update
 - Costs to the town associated with the Schell Bridge will include right of way and permitting. Easements may have to be purchased.
 - Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Program letter of support
 - The planning process helps to create goals for climate change situations
 - Letter to be included in the update for the Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan
- **Town Administrator's update**
 - The bill changing the official title to Selectboard and the number of members has passed the House and is in its third reading of the Senate.
 - Discussion to change the timing of vote to accept or decline a five member board. The bill as submitted by the town states the ballot will include a yes or no vote on the number of members. If a no vote prevails, the only position to be filled will be the 3 year term for a three member board.
 - OPEB-town approved to join the state investment fund
 - Municipal Aggregation-delay due to DPU breaking protocol, skipping over towns to focus on larger cities. May start aggregation in March 2020
- **Topics not reasonably anticipated by the chair 48 hours in advance of the meeting**
 - Paving-complaints received about driveway connections. MassDOT notified Llamas they will be working over the weekend
- **Appointments:**
 - Rebecca Houle-EMS
 - Works for local ambulance service AMR
 - On a motion by Meisner, seconded by Cummings the board voted to appoint Rebecca Houle to the Northfield EMS as a per diem paramedic; term expires 12/31/19
- **Recognition for Service**
 - Northfield VFW for sponsoring the Halloween event at the elementary school
 - Terry McKeon for organizing the Monster Dash

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- **Proposed Agenda Items**

- Look into acquiring a gas station in town for future agenda

On a motion by Meisner, seconded by Rogers the board voted to adjourn at 7:01 pm.

Recorded by Sandra L. Wood, Secretary

Selectboard Clerk

11/18/19
Date Approved