

[NORTHFIELD SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES]

December 29, 2020

Northfield Town Hall
69 Main St

Selectboard Present: Alexander Meisner, Chair; Heath Cummings; Barbara “Bee” Jacque

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

Others Present: Jeff Matosky, Boyd’s Autobody; Gary Clark, 967 Millers Falls Rd

- Meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm
 - Read for the record: Pursuant to Governor Baker’s March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, and the Governor’s March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitation on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the town of Northfield Selectboard will be conducted via remote participation to the greatest extent possible. Specific information and the general guidelines for remote participation by members of the public and/or parties with a right and/or requirement to attend this meeting can be found on the Town of Northfield’s website, at northfieldma.gov. For this meeting, members of the public who wish to watch the meeting may do so in the following manner: The meeting will be filmed and broadcast in live time by BNCTV, Channel 17 and a link will be posted on the Town’s website at northfieldma.gov. Limited in-person attendance of members of the public may be permitted. Every effort will be made to ensure that the public can adequately access the proceedings in real time, via technological means. In the event we are unable to do so, despite best efforts, we will post on the Town’s website an audio or video recording, or other comprehensive record of proceedings as soon as possible after the meeting. Meisner acknowledged Governor Baker’s 25% capacity restriction.
- **Review and Approval of Warrants**
 - Motion by Meisner, seconded by Cummings the board voted to approve the 12/31/2020 Payroll warrant of \$53,043.65
 - Motion by Meisner, seconded by Jacque the board voted to approve the 12/31/2020 Vendor warrant of \$102,433.95
- **Review and Approval of Minutes**
 - Motion by Meisner, seconded by Jacque the board voted to approve the 12/15/20 minutes
- **Meetings/Events attended by Selectboard members**
 - Jacque: Historical Commission
 - Cummings: Planning Board
- **Business**
 - Renewal Jeff Matosky DBA Boyd’s Autobody, 952 Millers Falls Rd Class III License term expires 01/01/22
 - Gary Clark concerns: ground water contamination
 - Meisner toured the facility
 - Fencing was put up this past summer and complied with M.G.L. Ch. 140 §59A
 - Town Counsel cited the Industrial Waste claim did not apply and sector M, Automobile Salvage Yards, was not applicable. The Selectboard agreed.
 - The Selectboard directed Matosky to follow through with a special permit within six months from the Zoning Board. Matosky has submitted application. The special permit held by former owner Henry Boyd was overlooked at the time Matosky acquired the business in 2018.
 - Proper disposal of fluids is regulated by the Dept. of Environmental Protection
 - Actions taken on permits are based on filed complaints
 - Meisner summarized letters of support for Matosky from Betty Fritz, Phil, Deanna and Joshua Baker, Homer Browning and Clayton Browning.
 - Motion by Meisner, seconded by Cummings the board voted to approve the renewal for Jeff Matosky DBA Boyd’s Autobody, 952 Millers Falls Rd. Class III License; term expires 01/01/22 contingent approval of a special permit with a six month follow up.
 - Campus Collaborative Committee
 - Ad Hoc committee composed of members from the town, Moody Center and Thomas Aquinas; 1 Selectboard, 1 Planning Board, 1 Finance Committee, 3 Residents selected by the Selectboard, Town Administrator and members from Thomas Aquinas and the Moody Center
 - Motion by Jacque, seconded by Meisner the board voted to create an Ad Hoc Advisory Collaborative Committee to consist of 1 Selectboard, 1 Planning Board, 1 Finance Committee, Town Administrator, 3

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Residents selected by the Selectboard after receipt of Citizen Interest Form, and invite members from the Moody Center and Thomas Aquinas.

- Motion by Jacque, seconded by Meisner the board voted to appoint Heath Cummings as representative member of the Selectboard to the newly formed Collaborative Committee
- Jacque noted the neighbors living in the proposed area were not against the project but felt the design was not suitable for the small area.
- Citizen Interest forms to be submitted by January 19
- Parking Regulations
 - Review of Chief Leighton's suggested changes. Request to add handicap language and fines; district court handles non-criminal offenses
 - Llamas to check if the Town Clerk receives fine payments.
 - Topic to be added to future agenda
- Department of Fish and Game – Request for support of acquisition of land
 - Letter to Dept. of Fish and Game read
 - Motion by Meisner, seconded by Cummings the board voted to approve the Div. of Fisheries & Wildlife, the 11-acre parcel, 1-A-5.1, in the Town of Northfield for supporting the acquisition for the Dept. of Fisheries & Wildlife
- **Town Administrator's update**
 - Per Governor Baker's order, Town Hall is closed to the public until further notice
 - Notified the Town was approved for the \$7,000 match as part of the Municipal DA Improvement Grant Program
 - New IT provider starting 1/1/21
- **Committee/Board Appointments**
 - **Appointment**
 - Motion by Meisner, seconded by Cummings the board voted to appoint Todd Czernich; Northfield EMS; term expires 12/31/21
 - **Re-appointments**
 - Motion by Meisner, seconded by Jacque the board voted to re-appoint Stacy Bond, Historical Commission; term expires 12/31/23
 - Motion by Meisner, seconded by Cummings the board voted to re-appoint Jennifer Cox, ZBA; term expires 12/31/2025
 - Motion by Meisner, seconded by Jacque the board voted to re-appoint Elizabeth Whitcomb and Judie Tate; Council on Aging; term expires 12/31/23
 - Motion by Meisner, seconded by Cummings the board voted to re-appoint Mariah Anthony, Mark Brouillette, Jason Edson, Jill Fortier, Chief Mark Fortier, Rebecca Houle, Eric Kanavos, Camron Kennedy, Mitchell LaClaire, Edward Laraway, Rebecca McManus, Emily Mills, Jeremy O'Connell, Rachel Shearer, Ethan Sicard, Amy Weeks; Northfield EMS; terms expire 12/31/21
 - Police Dept.
 - Motion by Meisner, seconded by Cummings the board voted to re-appoint John Cowan, William Kimball, Igor Komerzan, Jeremy Lawler, Christopher Maselli, Stephen Shearer, David Shoemaker and Benjamin Welcome, Reserve Officers; terms expire 12/31/21
 - Motion by Meisner, seconded by Jacque the board voted to re-appoint Jason Bassett and Christopher Redmond, Mutual Aid; terms expire 12/31/21
 - Motion by Meisner, seconded by Jacque the board voted to re-appoint David Clark, Leonard Crossman, Jakob Davidson and Gary Sibilia, Auxiliary Officers; terms expire 12/31/21
 - Motion by Meisner, seconded by Jacque the board voted to re-appoint Vivien Venskowski, Police Dept. Matron; term expires 12/31/21

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- **Proposed Agenda Items**
 - Parking Regulation; Letter to MassDOT re: signs
- **Recognition for Service-** Patricia Shearer; PVRs School Committee 44 years
 - Alumni of PVRs
 - School Committee since 1976
 - Recipient of the Holbrook Award
- Motion by Meisner, seconded by Cummings the board voted to adjourn at 7:23 pm.

Recorded by Sandra L. Wood, Secretary

Selectboard Clerk

01/12/21
Date Approved