

February 9, 2021

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(remote); Tyler Bourbeau, BNCTV

Others Present/Remote: Megan Spiltoir; Theresa Tsipenyuk, Recreation Commission Chair; Denise Allard, VP

Operations and Mark Cappadona, President Colonial Power Group; Susan O’Connor Energy Committee Chair

- **Meeting called to order at 6:00 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

- **Review and Approval of Warrants**

- Motion by Meisner, seconded by Jacque the board voted to approve the 02/11/21 Payroll warrant of \$57,122.98
- Motion by Meisner, seconded by Jacque the board voted to approve the 02/11/21 Vendor warrant of \$68,413.40

- **Review and Approval of Minutes**

- Motion by Meisner, seconded by Jacque the board voted to approve the 01/29/21 minutes as amended

- **Meetings/Events attended by Selectboard members**

- Meisner: 350th Anniversary Committee
- Jacque: The Historical Commission signed a MOU with the Elnu Abenaki Tribe; the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO) of the Elnu Abenaki Tribe will attend the next 350th Anniversary Committee; FRCOG Quarterly meeting (town assessment going down); Finance Committee

- **Scheduled Appointments**

- Colonial Power Smart Municipal Aggregation presentation- Mark Cappadona & Denise Allard/Susan O’Connor
 - Review of an add-on program to the original aggregation program offering discounts to low income residents The town would sign a contract with a solar developer through the aggregation.
 - 2 cent discount over 20 years. Runs the same as the aggregation
 - Colonial takes care of all reporting. Small change will be made on original contract.
 - Community solar in legislation. Dependent on results of low income program
 - Colonial can reports usage each month with price comparison monthly
 - Solar Developers being used by Colonial: Next Rate, Ameresco, Borrego, Zero Point
 - Colonial interested in local solar developers
 - MOU to be added to next Selectboard agenda
- Megan Spiltoir as Recreation Secretary/Program Director for the Recreation Commission appointment-Theresa Tsipenyk
 - The Recreation Commission interviewed Megan Spiltoir and requested the Selectboard appoint her to the Recreation Secretary/Program Director position.
 - Spiltoir looking forward to bring programming to the community for children and adults
 - Motion by Jacque, seconded by Cummings the board voted to appoint Megan Spiltoir as the Recreation Secretary and Program Director for the Recreation Commission.

- **Business**

- Pedestrian Safety beacons letter to MassDOT
 - Letter signed
- DLTA project requests

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- Community Eco-development, Water & Sewer, Public Safety Sharing and Public Health Sharing were selected to submit to the FRCOG
- Town 2022 Finance Calendar
 - Tentative schedule: Warrant to close March 22 for Selectboard review on March 23; warrant to be signed April 6
- Selectboard Budget Request
 - Reduction in budget of \$1,845
 - Llamas reviewed changes
- **Town Administrator's update**
 - MassWorks: soil testing done; survey due soon
 - NATABA: Rapid Recovery Plan grant received; consultant will help with COVID recovery
 - COVID update: 25% capacity lifted for some sectors; no change in gathering numbers
 - CARES Act Funding: extended to December 2021
 - Vaccines: CoA helping seniors navigate with appointments
- **Citizens' concerns:** plowing; Community Park budget
- **Committee/Board Appointments**
 - Motion by Meisner, seconded by Jacque the board voted to appoint Lindsay McCarthy, to the Community Preservation Committee; term expires 06/30/21
 - Motion by Meisner, seconded by Jacque the board voted to appoint Rhoda Yucavitch to the 350th Anniversary Committee; term expires 12/31/23
- **Proposed Agenda Items**
 - Comcast contract
- **Announcements**
 - NMH will be conducting safety drills on Thursday around 2:30p. The sirens are part of the drill
- **Recognition for Service:** Council on Aging/Senior Center staff and volunteers; Becky Sommers Petersen and Linda Keech and the Food Pantry for food support and vaccination assistance
- Motion by Meisner, seconded by Jacque the board voted to adjourn at 7:07 pm

Recorded by Sandra L. Wood, Secretary

Selectboard Clerk

2/23/21
Date Approved