### Selectboard present: Jack Spanbauer, Chair; Jed Proujansky; Tracy Rogers

Also present: Brian S. Noble, Town Administrator; Sandra L. Wood, Town Secretary; Tyler Bourbeau, BNCTV

<u>Others present</u>:Gail Healy, Asst. Superintendent PVRSD; Tom King, Principal NES; Joanne McGee, Open Space Committee rep; Chief Leighton; Andrew Vernon; Amanda Dunnell, Fire Dept.; David Rainville, The Recorder

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm

- Citizens' concerns
- Review and Approval of Warrants
  - On a motion by Rogers, seconded by Proujansky **the board VOTED unanimously to approve the** 2/24/15 Payroll warrant of \$33,436.07
  - On a motion by Proujansky, seconded by Rogers the board VOTED unanimously to approve the 2/24/15 Vendor warrant of \$49,401.32
  - On a motion by Rogers, seconded by Proujansky **the board VOTED unanimously to approve the** 3/3/15 Payroll warrant of \$22,024.42
  - On a motion by Proujansky, seconded by Rogers the board VOTED unanimously to approve the 3/3/15 Vendor warrant of \$119,402.97

• Review and Approval of Minutes

- On a motion by Proujansky, seconded by Spanbauer the board VOTED to approve the 2/17/15 minutes as written. Rogers abstained.
- On a motion by Rogers, seconded by Proujansky **the board VOTED unanimously to approve the** Finance Committee minutes of 1/12/15 (joint meeting with Selectboard)

#### Old Business

- Severe Weather Policy- tabled until 3/17 meeting
- o Kinder Morgan discussion
  - Discussion on surveying in town, on town property and conservation land.
  - Question of legality in restricting Kinder Morgan from surveying. Proujansky requested opposing everything if it involves the pipeline making every step difficult for Kinder Morgan. Spanbauer agreed to restrict pipeline action taking place on conservation land but was not necessarily opposed to the pipeline. Kinder Morgan calculated\$3,000,000.00 tax revenue for the town assuming \$200,000,000.00 project.
  - Joanne McGee expressed concern for future funding requests of conservation land being denied due to a lack of credibility if the pipeline is allowed. She encouraged the Selectboard to sign a form presented at a public pipeline info meeting held in February, refusing any surveying be allowed.
  - Noble has not found proof in the FERC filings of any intended impact on conservation land
  - Two petitions articles have been submitted and accepted. One is for \$25,000 in legal funding and the other is to put an article on the election ballot asking the voters where they stand on the pipeline.
  - Rogers wants to be able to negotiate and advocate for the town by keeping the communications open with Kinder Morgan.
  - Andrew Vernon addressed the board asking if they would consider a moratorium and if they would present the request for the legal funds article. As the petition lists Julia Blyth as the lead, she or a designated person on her behalf will be responsible for presenting the article at Town Meeting.
  - The Selectboard requested Noble send a letter to Kinder Morgan asking them to refrain from surveying until the town votes in May and clarifies by vote where they stand on the pipeline.
  - On a motion by Spanbauer, seconded by Proujansky the board VOTED unanimously to direct Kinder Morgan to refrain from surveying pending clarification on two town meeting articles and one or more town election articles.
- Mt. Grace/Ames Property
  - Noble to get a memorandum of understanding from Mt. Grace to clarify the cost for the handicap access trail, where the funds are coming from and for what the town may be held responsible. Otherwise the decision will be put before the voters.
  - Verification and clarification of the handicap access specs may be requested from DCR
- New Business
  - Snow and Ice deficit authorization
    - The Finance Committee okayed on 3/2/15.

- On a motion by Spanbauer, seconded by Rogers **the board VOTED unanimously to** authorize the snow removal line item to deficit up to \$30,000.
- PVRSD Budget
  - Discussion on capital requests included security, fuel line replacement and replacing carpet at the elementary school.
  - The Selectboard expressed their concern about other towns' elementary schools claiming items as capital vs. operational expenses causing the other district towns to pay for things that should come out of the requesting town's budget only. Healy responded the definition of capital has been a topic of discussion at the school board meetings for the past two years.
- 0 Draft list of warrant articles- tabled
- Selectboard capital request prioritization-tabled. Meeting to be scheduled for 3/9 to sort and prioritize warrant articles and capital requests.
- Appointments
  - On a motion by Proujansky, seconded by Rogers the board VOTED unanimously to approve the request from Chief Leighton to appoint Justin Moody as Reserve Officer. Term expires 12/31/15. Moody has completed his field training.
- One Day Temporary Liquor License
  - On a motion by Spanbauer, seconded by Proujansky the board VOTED unanimously to approve the request from Chief Skip Dunnell of the Northfield Fire Dept. for one day temporary liquor license; March 14, 2015 at Tracy Student Center, National Christian Foundation campus, 206 Main St. ;8pm-12am; Annual Fireman's Dance contingent upon receipt liability insurance certificate.

# • Town Administrator Updates:

- o Notification of grant opportunities from the FRCOG
- Meeting with insurance advisor
- o Reminder: annual reports due to the Town Secretary

# Board and Committee Meetings/Announcements

Date	Activity	Time	Place
3/4/15	Recreation Commission	5:30pm	Nfld Elementary School
3/4/15	Agricultural Commission	7pm	Town Hall
3/5/15	Non-Partisan Caucus	7pm	Town Hall
3/5/15	ZBA	7pm	Town Hall
3/9/15	Finance Committee	7pm	Town Hall
3/9/15	Selectboard	6pm	Town Hall
3/11/1	5 Recreation Commission	5:30pm	Nfld Elementary School
3/11/1	5 Board of Assessors	6pm	Town Hall
3/11/1:	5 Planning Board	7pm	Town Hall
3/11/1	5 BoS/Community Park discussion group	7pm	Town Hall
3/12/1	5 Board of Health	5:15pm	Town Hall
3/12/1	5 Historical Commission	7pm	Town Hall
3/16/1	5 Finance Committee	7pm	Town Hall
3/17/1	5 Energy Committee	5:30pm	Dickinson Library

Town Hall 69 Main St.

3/17/15	Selectboard	7pm	Town Hall
3/17/15	Open Space Committee	7:30pm	Town Hall

• A number of committees and boards have openings. A list is available for viewing on the Current Openings page of <u>www.northfield.ma.us</u> and on the Town Hall posting board.

# • Announcements:

- Thank you to David Brassor for his assistance on Feb. 18.
- March 5: Non Partisan Caucus
  On a motion by Proujansky, seconded by Rogers the board VOTED unanimously to adjourn at 8:40pm.

Recorded by Sandra L. Wood, Secretary

3/17/15

Selectboard Clerk

Date Approved