

October 6, 2015

Northfield Town Hall  
69 Main St

Selectboard Present: Jack Spanbauer, Chair; Jed Proujansky; Tracy Rogers

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

Others Present: Joanne McGee, Open Space; Suzanne Handren, Community Preservation; Robin Conley, Open Space; Jerry Wagener, Open Space; J.T. Horne, Trust for Public Land; Bill Llewelyn, Conservation Commission; Julia Blyth; Jennifer Soper, DCR; Chief Leighton; Chief Dunnell; Rachel Rapkin, The Recorder

- The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm
- **Review and Approval of Warrants**
  - On a motion by Rogers, seconded by Proujansky the board VOTED unanimously to approve the Payroll warrant of \$28,178.07
  - On a motion by Proujansky, seconded by Rogers the board VOTED unanimously to approve the Vendor warrant of \$64,390.44
- **Review and Approval of Minutes**
  - On a motion by Rogers, seconded by Spanbauer the board VOTED to approve the minutes of 9/29/15 as written. Proujansky abstained.
- **Summary of meetings attended by Selectboard members**
  - Proujansky: Coalition of Municipalities Against the Pipeline
  - Rogers: Franklin County Regional Planning Board RE: Brownfields
- **Old Business**
  - Special Municipal Employee Designation Policy final review and acceptance
    - Amendments were made to the document.
    - On a motion by Spanbauer, seconded by Rogers the board VOTED unanimously to accept the Special Municipal Employee Designation Policy as amended.
  - Re-affirm Special Town Employee status for Board of Health and Conservation Commission
    - On a motion by Spanbauer, seconded by Rogers the board VOTED unanimously to reaffirm members of the Board of Health, the Conservation Commission and Chairman of the Recreation Commission (Jeremy Underwood as special town employees.
  - SBA Ground Lease Buyout- item for proposed special town meeting.
  - J.T. Horn for Trust for Public Land; Proposed Conservation Disposition; Northfield Forest & East Northfield Water Company
    - J.T. Horn gave a presentation on the property
    - TPL has found a private water company to take over the water district; Valley Water Systems out of Connecticut
    - Proposed the town take ownership and lease back to the water company. The DEP is not comfortable with this plan
    - Jennifer Soper of DCR explained their role in taking over some of the land and incorporating it into the state forest.
    - Discussion of including proposition on special town meeting warrant. Time constraints.
  - Tabletop discussion; emergency preparedness
    - Chiefs Leighton and Dunnell were given a scenario and asked to respond with actions that would be taken.
- **Kinder Morgan/Pipeline**
  - Invitation from Julia Blyth to attend a talk on the health effects of compressor stations; Oct 25; 3pm; Trinitarian Church
  - K&P response to Board of Health decision on the Kinder Morgan pipeline

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- Counsel responded that the Board of Health violated open meeting law and that the order cannot go forward as it stands.
  - Discussion on MEPA status; intervener status; Rogers to check on scoping session
    - On a motion by Proujansky, seconded by Spanbauer the board voted to support the FRCOG effort on utilizing their technical and project assistance related to Tennessee Gas Pipeline project. Rogers abstained.
  - Massachusetts Municipal Coalition Against the Pipeline
    - On a motion by Proujansky, seconded by Rogers the board VOTED unanimously to join the MCAP.
    - On a motion by Spanbauer, seconded by Proujansky the board VOTED unanimously to set \$3,000.00 aside with the actual disbursement to be voted by the board.
  - Request from Kinder Morgan to use the Northfield Elementary School Gymnasium Oct. 28; 4p-9p.
- **New Business**
  - Schedule Special Town Meeting-to be determined at a later date
  - First reading of Committee Handbook-2<sup>nd</sup> reading and approval at a later date
- **Town Administrator Updates:**
  - Emergency roof repair at the elementary school
  - Review
  - Highway garage roof
- **Appointments:**
  - On a motion by Proujansky, seconded by Rogers the board VOTED unanimously to appoint Liz L'Etoile and Diane Fuller as Election Officers. Terms expire 8/15/2016.
  - On a motion by Rogers, seconded by Proujansky the board VOTED unanimously to appoint Jerry Scott to the Electronic Communications & Cable TV Committee; Term expires 12/31/2018
- **Board and Committee Meetings/Announcements**

Date	Activity	Time	Place
10/8/15	Historical Commission	4:00pm	Town Hall
10/8/15	Board of Health	5:15pm	Town Hall
10/14/15	Board of Assessors	6:00 pm	Town Hall
10/14/15	Recreation Commission	6:00 pm	Town Hall
10/16/15	Council on Aging	9:00 am	Town Hall
10/19/15	Finance Committee	7:00 pm	Town Hall
10/20/15	Energy Committee	5:30pm	Dickinson Library
10/20/15	Selectboard & Class II Hearing; Pole Hearing	7:00 pm	Town Hall
10/20/15	Open Space Committee	7:30pm	Town Hall

- **New Openings:** A number of committees and boards have openings. A list is available for viewing on the Current Openings page of [www.northfield.ma.us](http://www.northfield.ma.us) and on the Town Hall posting board.

**On a motion by Rogers, seconded by Proujansky the board voted to adjourn at 9:20pm.**

Recorded by Sandra L. Wood, Secretary

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Selectboard Clerk

10/20/15  
Date Approved