

## **MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING OCTOBER 31, 2017**

Chairman Hevy called the meeting to order in the Police Station at 6:05 PM with Mr. Kiley and Mr. Petraitis also present.

### **I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- **October 3, 2017**

Mr. Kiley moved, and Mr. Hevy seconded, a motion to approve these minutes as written. So voted, with Mr. Petraitis abstaining.

- **October 10, 2017**
- **October 10, 2017 Executive Session**

Mr. Kiley moved, and Mr. Hevy seconded, a motion to approve these minutes as written. So voted, with Mr. Petraitis abstaining.

- **October 17, 2017**
- **October 17, 2017 Executive Session**

Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Hevy seconded, a motion to approve these minutes as written. So voted, with Mr. Kiley abstaining.

- **October 24, 2017**

Mr. Kiley moved, and Mr. Hevy seconded, a motion to approve these minutes as written. So voted, with Mr. Petraitis abstaining.

### **II. APPROVAL OF WARRANTS**

- **School Warrant #1018 for \$73,661.51**
- **General Warrant #1019 for \$255,166.52**
- **Payroll Warrant #9 for \$324,711.81**

Mr. Kiley moved, and Mr. Petraitis seconded, a motion to approve the aforementioned warrants. So voted.

### **III. FINANCIAL ITEMS**

#### **A. Accept donation for street lights**

Mr. Hevy read a letter from John and Mindy Tripp asking that 10 streetlights be turned back on, and donating \$1,500 to do so. (Attachment #1) Mr. Hevy noted that additional funds were added to that account at Friday's Town Meeting. Mr. Kiley moved, and Mr. Petraitis seconded, a motion to return the check to Mr. and Mrs. Tripp, along with a thank you. So voted.

### **IV. OLD BUSINESS**

#### **A. Request for bass tournament**

Mr. Hevy noted that he was going to speak with the East Brookfield Selectmen about this requested bass tournament next summer. He has made contact with their chairman, but has not discussed the issue yet. This was approved at the last meeting

pending East Brookfield's approval. Mr. Hevy will provide an update at the next meeting.

### **B. Streetlight complaints**

Mr. Hevy noted that the Selectmen did receive a few complaints regarding streetlights that were turned off. The Selectmen will revisit these complaints to see if some of the lights near the center of town should be turned back on.

Mr. Kiley noted that there are many roads in town that have never had streetlights. Some lights may be turned back on, but not all. Mr. Kiley read his response to some of the residents who e-mailed the Selectmen. (Attachment #2)

## **V. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Tax Classification hearing @ 6:15**

At 6:15 PM Mr. Hevy called to order a public hearing on the Fiscal 2018 Tax Classification. (Attachment #3) Assessor Sheila Buzzell joined the meeting and explained that 90.35% of North Brookfield's assessed value is residential. North Brookfield has always had a single tax rate. Mr. Kiley moved, and Mr. Petraitis seconded, a motion to set a single tax rate for FY18. So voted.

### **B. Request to hire new Highway employee**

This item will be deferred until the next meeting.

### **C. Resignation from Cultural Council**

Mr. Petraitis read a letter from Alicia Russell-Smith resigning from the Cultural Council. (Attachment #4) Mr. Kiley moved, and Mr. Petraitis seconded, a motion to accept the resignation with regret, and to send a letter of thanks. So voted.

## **VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **A. Theater Guild presents "Annie"**

Mr. Kiley read an e-mail from Richard Leblanc that the North Brookfield Theater Guild will be presenting Annie on Friday and Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>.

## **VII. PENDING/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

See attached list

## **VIII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mr. Hevy announced that the public has the opportunity to briefly comment through the Chairman, with a two-minute limit.

Resident Peter Dupell asked what is happening with the solar lease? Mr. Kiley noted that as town counsel advised at Friday's town meeting, third party rights have vested, and the lease cannot be overturned. Melink has spent time and money on the project, and they have a financial interest in it.

Mr. Dupell said that he disagrees, and that he feels the issue is now about due process in light of Friday's town meeting vote.

Mr. Hevy said that in his opinion this about getting revenue for the town, and nothing more.

Mr. Petraitis said that he would like the Selectmen to review and discuss a clause in the lease that Mr. Dupell thinks is an expiration date. Mr. Kiley said that in the interest of full transparency, he would like the issue discussed in two weeks at the next televised meeting.

Resident Sue Lyons said that the Selectmen have an opportunity to work with people to find better options.

### **IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There was no Executive Session scheduled.

There being no further business, at 6:50 PM Mr. Kiley moved, and Mr. Petraitis seconded, a motion to adjourn. So voted.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Scott Burton  
Administrative Assistant

### **PROJECT STATUS AND PENDING/FUTURE SELECTMEN'S AGENDA ITEMS**

| <b><u>PROJECT</u></b>                        | <b><u>STATUS</u></b>           |
|--|--------------------------------|
| <b>NBDDP/Aztec</b>                           | <b>In progress</b>             |
| <b>Solar contracts on Municipal Property</b> | <b>Pending</b>                 |
| <b>Purchase Orders</b>                       | <b>Pending</b>                 |
| <b>Personnel policies</b>                    | <b>In progress</b>             |
| <b>Electric aggregation</b>                  | <b>Pending</b>                 |
| <b>Community Compact projects</b>            |                                |
| <b>Financial Forecasting</b>                 | <b>Final report delivered</b>  |
| <b>Capital Planning</b>                      | <b>Final report due Oct 30</b> |
| <b>CMRPC/Regional Shared Services</b>        | <b>Final report delivered</b>  |
| <b>IT Grant</b>                              | <b>Final report delivered</b>  |
| <b>Town House restoration project</b>        | <b>FOTH Capital Campaign</b>   |
| <b>Bates Observatory</b>                     | <b>Pending</b>                 |