

SELEBOARD MEETING APRIL 9, 2018

Present: Chairman Mark Humphreys, Vice Chair Drexell White, Board Member Shelly Patten, Town Administrator Barbara Ashley, Town Clerk Jeanine Tucker, Finance Director Vicki Eugley, School Committee Members Mark Lynch, Sandy Wallace and Deb Riley, Edna Drinkwater Principal Todd Martin, Kristin Hutt. Road Commissioner Amon Morse was excused.

School Budget:

School Happenings:

Edna Drinkwater School Principal Todd Martin provided the Board with a written overview of the school year to date. He stated that there are 186 Northport students with 120 K through 8 students at Drinkwater; 60 students that are enrolled at various high schools and 6 students in a special education program at the Belfast High School.

Martin spoke to the Board about community partnerships that have allowed for more interaction with Tanglewood 4H Camp in Lincolnville. He told the Board that the 4th grade will be participating in an overnight event and that the 5th grade will have a "Moving Up" overnight as well this year.

Martin noted that 70% of Drinkwater students are participating in the afterschool program. Martin also spoke of the recent 1st place finishes for both the elementary and middle school Destination Imagination teams. He informed the Board that the middle school team has the opportunity to compete in the Destination Imagination Global Finals in Tennessee on May 23-26, with students from all over the US and 38 countries. Martin noted a fundraising campaign to raise the \$14,000 needed for the trip, including a raffle for 20 pounds of lobster to be drawn at the Spaghetti Dinner on April 28th at the school.

School Budget:

School Committee Chair Mark Lynch presented the Board with the Budget for the 2018-2019 School Year. Lynch stated that there is an increase in the overall budget, but only a \$1.00 increase in the Northport contribution. He provided explanations relating to the individual line items and how they impact the budget.

- Contractual Obligations
- Cost of Living Increases
- Increase in Support Staff
- Planning for Un-Anticipated Additional Tuition Needs
- Starting a Reserve Fund to Cover Unexpected Special Education Costs
- Added Buffers to Some Areas to Avoid Shortfalls
- Additional Funds for Athletic Activities

Lynch told the Board that the school has had to tuition some Special Ed kids to Belfast to meet specific needs. He stated that an option to better meet Special Ed needs in house would require additional Special Ed staffing.

Lynch noted a rotating schedule for computer upgrades and concluded by informing the Board that one of the loans inherited from the withdrawal will be dropping off at the end of the 2018-2019 school year.

Town Administrator Barbara Asheley asked if Superintendent Judy Harvey, and the School Committee, would be attending annual Town meeting to answer any questions. Lynch said they would be attending. Vice Chair Drexell White expressed appreciation to the School Committee for what they have done over the years and commended them for staying unified through the whole process, from withdrawal to the present. Lynch told the Board that they have been supported very well by the Town, and that they had started this together and plan to see it through.

Tax Acquired Property:

Town Clerk Jeanine Tucker informed the Board about discussions she had with Kristin Hutt about her property on Stone Drive that had become tax acquired through the lien maturity process. Tucker stated that Hutt would like the opportunity to acquire the property and that she had explained to Hutt that the Board would have to make the decision to sell the property through the bid process. Hutt was instructed to attend the meeting so that she may have the opportunity to discuss the matter with the Board.

Hutt asked the Board if she would be able to pay the full balance owed, so that she could retain the property. Asheley said that the Board would have to decide to dispose of the property through the bid process, which would allow her 30 days to clear the balance and retain the parcel. Asheley spoke to the Board, stating this would be the same situation as the Blueberry Road parcel the Board voted to dispose of in February.

The Board agreed that precedence had been set with the previous tax acquired property sale and that a resolution is in the best interest for all.

Under motion by Chairman Mark Humphreys, second by Board Member Shelly Patten, the Board voted 3-0 to place a Notice of Sale of Tax Acquired Property for the 72 Stone Drive property that had become tax acquired through the lien maturity process.

Hutt was given a payoff amount as of April 10, 2018 and was informed that payment could only be made by cash or Cashier's Check. Hutt stated that she would be in to make payment by the end of the following day.

Northport Village Corporation:

Northport Village Representative Paul Nyren informed the Board that the Northport Village has several projects under way. They are currently in the bid process for a new storm wall by the pier; replacing windows and updating wiring at the Community Hall and will be upgrading water service to Cobe Road.

Nyren spoke to the Board about an updated Northport Village Corporation Fire Ordinance. He had forwarded a copy to Fire Chief Paul Rooney for input. Nyren stated that the ordinance would allow Village employees to issue violation notices and fees would be assessed with approval from the Village Overseers. Rooney informed Nyren that the Bayside Police Officer would be the only one that could issue a summons. White asked who would issue a summons when the Village does not have an Officer; Nyren stated that they are considering a Constable. Nyren said there would be a hearing on Sunday April 15, 2018 and invited members of the Board to attend.

White asked Ashley if Town Attorney Bill Kelly had seen this proposed ordinance; Ashley replied that he had not. The Board asked to have Kelly review the document for any potential conflicts between the Town and Village. Nyren asked if he should direct the Overseers to hold off on finalizing the ordinance until Kelly has reviewed it; the Board told Nyren that the Town just needs to check to see if additional action needs to be taken by the Town and the Village can proceed however it would like. Nyren stated that there is still time to work on it and it would be good to have Kelly's opinion.

Roads & Bridges:

Ashley informed the Board that Road Commissioner Amon Morse would not be attending the meeting. Ashley reported that there were no issues while Morse was away on vacation and the only requests that were made were in regards to lifting the weight restriction on posted roads. Nyren asked if Morse had made arrangements for a street sweeper yet; Ashley replied that Morse had contacted someone and she would ask him about it.

Ordinance Review:

Marijuana Prohibition Ordinance:

The Board reviewed the draft "Ordinance Prohibiting Retail Marijuana Establishments & Marijuana Social Clubs in the Municipality of Northport". They made no changes to the document.

Food Sovereignty Ordinance:

The Board reviewed the draft "Town of Northport Local Food Sovereignty Ordinance". The Board noted a couple of corrections that need to be made.

Under motion by Chairman Mark Humphreys, second by Vice Chair Drexell White, the Board voted 3-0 to approve the final drafts of the 'Ordinance Prohibiting Retail Marijuana Establishments & Marijuana Social Clubs in the Municipality of Northport' and the 'Town of Northport Local Food Sovereignty Ordinance' and to have the ordinances voted on by Secret Ballot at the June 2, 2018 Town Meeting Municipal Election.

The Board confirmed that all arrangements and notifications had been made to hold the Public Hearing for the ordinances on April 18, 2018. Tucker told the Board that the school is reserved and notices are posted.

Special Town Meeting:

After holding an Executive Session during a special Selectman's Meeting on Wednesday April 4th, the Board had decided to call a Special Town Meeting. The meeting would allow the residents of Northport to decide whether or not to act on the 'Right of First Refusal' for the Belfast Water District property situated in Northport. The Board agreed that this decision must be made by the legislative body of the Town, which are the voters of Northport.

The Board finalized the Special Town Meeting Warrant and it will consist of three articles, to choose a moderator; to determine whether or not to waive the right of first refusal, and in the event the residents decide to exercise their right to purchase the property, to see if they are willing to purchase it for not more than the \$35,000 it is assessed for.

The Board stated that there will be an informational session from 6:30p.m. to 7:30p.m. before the opening of the Special Town Meeting.

Under motion by Chairman Mark Humphreys, second by Vice Chair Drexell White, the Board voted 3-0 to approve the warrant for the April 25, 2018 Special Town Meeting that will take place at 7:30p.m. at the Drinkwater School.

Harbor Committee:

Ashley told the Board that the Harbor Committee had met recently. They agreed to add just the one replacement float and monitor Saturday Cove this year. They are considering the need for an additional, larger float next year. The committee is also looking at revisions to the Harbor Ordinance.

White stated that a plan for disposing of the old floats has not been finalized yet.

Assessing Note:

Ashley informed the Board about a call the office had received in regards to RJD Appraisal Assessing Agent Kevin McCormick. Ashley told the Board that a resident had met with McCormick and discussed details about the Tree Growth Program. The resident wanted to be sure that she expressed her appreciation for the time McCormick sat with her to discuss her options. She stated that McCormick was very professional, informative, patient and helpful and she felt as though those qualities needed to be recognized.

Aging Well in Waldo County:

Ashley reported that Liz Lane has agreed to be the contact person for the Aging Well in Waldo County program and that her number has been forwarded to Jan Dodge. Ashley told the Board that Dodge is planning to attend the next Selectmen's Meeting with Sheriff Trafton.

Finance Director:

Warrants:

Finance Director Vicki Eugley provided the Board with Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants for review and signatures. The Board reviewed and signed the warrants as presented.

Minutes:

March 12, 2018 Meeting Minutes:

Tucker presented the Board with draft minutes from the March 12, 2018 meeting for review and approval. The Board reviewed the minutes.

Under motion by Chairman Mark Humphreys, second by Vice Chair Drexell White, the Board voted 3-0 to approve the March 12, 2018 Meeting minutes, as corrected.

March 26, 2018 Meeting Minutes:

Tucker presented the Board with draft minutes from the March 26, 2018 meeting for review and approval. The Board reviewed the minutes.

Under motion by Chairman Mark Humphreys, second by Vice Chair Drexell White, the Board voted 3-0 to approve the March 26, 2018 Meeting minutes, as corrected.

April 4, 2018 Meeting Minutes:

Ashey presented the Board with draft minutes from the April 4, 2018 Special Selectmen's Meeting for review and approval. The Board reviewed the minutes.

Under motion by Chairman Mark Humphreys, second by Vice Chair Drexell White, the Board voted 3-0 to approve the April 4, 2018 minutes, as corrected.

Executive Session:

Under motion by Chairman Mark Humphreys, second by Board Member Shelly Patten, the Board entered into Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6)(D) for Labor Negotiations at 7:50p.m.

Under motion by Chairman Mark Humphreys, second by Board Member Shelly Patten, the Board voted 3-0 to exit Executive Session at 8:05p.m.

Under motion by Chairman Mark Humphreys, second by Board Member Shelly Patten, the Board voted 3-0 to continue the contract with Town Administrator Barbara Ashey for 2018-2019.

Under motion by Chairman Mark Humphreys, second by Vice Chair Drexell White, the Board voted 3-0 to adjourn at 8:15p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeanine Tucker
Town Clerk