

TOWN OF NORTHFIELD, VERMONT
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Minutes of April 25, 2017

- I. ROLL CALL.** Chair Kenneth W. Goslant, Selectmen Lynn Doney, Nathan Freeman, Julie H. Goodrich, and K. David Maxwell. Also present were Town Manager Jeffrey Schulz, Acting Clerk Kenneth McCann, Finance Director Laurie Baroffio, Erich Zeichner, Gordon Perkinson, Sally Davidson (Recreation Committee), Freda Nadon, Lorna Doney, Peter Evans (Northfield School Director), Brenda Chamberlin, Randy Chamberlin, Lucinda Sullivan, Craig Sullivan, Steve Davis, Keith Paxman (Cornerstone Burger), Rich McSheffry (Cornerstone Burger), Bobby Clarke (Cornerstone Burger), Ruth Ruttenberg, Steven Jeffrey, Patrick DeMasi, Katrina DeMasi, Diane Vanacek, Andrew Hird, Alicia Hird, Mary Dollenmaier, Tom Tucker, Ben Sanders, Denise Sanders, Mari Omland (Green Mountain Girls Farm), Laura Olsen (Green Mountain Girls Farm), Kathleen Osgood, Fred Nadon, Pam Knox, Ian Blackmer, Chris Bradley, Bruce Baroffio, Susan Stillinger, Allan Carr Jr., Diane McKain, John Stevens, Carolyn Stevens, Bruce Wright, Michael DeMasi, Greg MacMartin, and Gary Davis.

Chair Goslant called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.** The Board members and the public were asked to rise and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

- III. SET/ADJUST AGENDA.** There were no changes to the posted agenda.

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (SCHEDULED):

- a. Mary Dollenmaier: Roadside Tree Removal Project.** Ms. Dollenmaier lives on Smith Hill and she believes there are serious problems with the municipality's contract with Limlaw Chipping & Clearing to remove trees along the Town's rights-of-way in exchange for the wood produced. It was her understanding, based on attending Select Board meetings last year, trees would be removed on Winch Hill Road as part of a trial program to be followed by a public hearing after which the decision would be made whether Limlaw would be allowed to work on additional roads. In addition, it also was agreed upon Tree Warden Russ Barrett would work with Highway Foreman Trent Tucker to identify trees recommended for removal and to obtain the permission of adjacent property owners before any work was done. However, trees recently were removed along Bull Run Road and Ms. Dollenmaier has been informed Mr. Barrett was not part of the process since he has been out of state for several months.

Chair Goslant believes Mr. Barrett did review the situation along Bull Run Road with Mr. Tucker last year around the same time as the Winch Hill Road work. He added none of the property owners affected by either project has complained about the work done. In addition, some private landowners had some trees removed on their own from their properties and some members of the public may have confused this with the work done on the municipality's behalf.

Ms. Dollenmaier believes there has been a breach of commitment on the municipality's part. The decision whether trees should be removed is given by state statute to the local Tree Warden (not the Highway Foreman or Select Board). She also doesn't believe roadside clearing necessarily leads to drier roads during the spring "Mud Season." The Vermont Better Backroads manual states tree canopies are good for tourism and may help prevent roadside erosion. Ms. Dollenmaier therefore questions the expertise of those who are making the decisions regarding our backroads.

Chair Goslant felt the roadside clearing issue had been resolved last year. However, it has been revived by the Select Board's recent decision not to take part in a Vermont Department of Forests, Parks, and Recreation program providing a survey of roadside trees and vegetation. It was the consensus of the Select Board this study was not needed at this time. He added there are other studies promoting roadside clearing for better road maintenance and for safety issues. The municipality does have a twenty-five foot (25') right-of-way along the roadsides and it is the Town's intention to allow for two-lane travel on all backroads throughout the year. The trees removed to date did not have any intrinsic value and the property owners affected have not complained about the work done. Chair Goslant is frustrated there have been local efforts to hinder this effort to make the backroads safer and there has been a lot of misinformation spread on social media regarding the Select Board's intentions.

Ms. Dollenmaier would like this dispute resolved by the Select Board adopting a long-term plan for roadside clearing making use of the State survey offered to the municipality at no cost or obligation. She cannot understand why the Select Board refused a free survey that would provide valuable information for future planning. Ms. Dollenmaier also would like the Select Board to listen to the positive local feedback regarding this proposal.

Chair Goslant feels the municipality is far behind other Vermont communities in its roadside tree trimming program and has a lot of catchup work to do. He added the proposed work is not a clear-cutting program. Selectman Doney is concerned about the great risk to the community if rotten trees are left in place and allowed to fall onto narrow backroads thus preventing access to isolated homes. This has happened in the past with emergency vehicles being unable to respond to requests for assistance. Ms. Dollenmaier still would like the Select Board to adopt a written policy allowing for long-term planning.

Selectman Maxwell recently reviewed the minutes of the Select Board meetings last year covering this topic and he did not find (nor could he remember) any commitment to hold a public hearing after the Winch Hill project was completed. The decision to go forward with the tree clearing on this road was controversial at the time but the public response afterward seemed to be all positive. He asked Manager Schulz if all the affected property owners had been contacted before any work was done. Manager Schulz confirmed all the affected land owners on Winch Hill and Bull Run had been contacted either in person or by letter. All provided their permission for the work to be done.

Andy Hird lives on Winch Hill Road and he believes one of the good things about Northfield is positive things do get done. He was personally contacted about the proposed tree clearing and was very pleased with the work done. He has subsequently thanked all those involved in the project. The year before the work was done, he hit a deer with his car due to poor clearance along the roadside. Since the work was done, he has been able to avoid hitting three deer in similar circumstances. In addition, he used to be concerned about being able to see pedestrians or bikers on the road but his fears have diminished because they now are much more visible to drivers. There now are two travel lanes and he feels ten times better when driving up and down the road. Also, the previous year's Mud Season was terrible but this spring's was a non-event. He would like to thank the Select Board again for going forward with this project.

Carolyn Stevens lives on the paved section of Smith Hill Road. She felt even after the severe tree clearing on Lovers Lane, the road was as bad this spring as it has ever been. She also would like the municipality to adopt a long-term roadside clearing policy and cannot understand why the free tree survey was rejected. Chair Goslant repeated his belief Northfield's backroads are in much worse condition than those in the other communities asked to take part in the survey. In those towns, the backroad trees had been cleared on a regular basis but this was not done here. The municipality does have a local tree clearing policy in compliance with Vermont Agency of Transportation (VTrans) guidelines. The state survey would not have been completed for a couple years so it would have been no assistance to the catchup work being planned. He added the contract with Limlaw saved Northfield taxpayers about \$20,000 and made the roads much safer.

Ms. Stevens does not see a conflict with having the state survey performed and the work being done locally. Although paperwork and red tape can be upsetting, Ms. Stevens feels explicit guidelines for local tree clearing should be spelled out in order to protect the rights of our residents. Having the tree survey done would have provided the information needed before any written policy is drafted and approved.

Chair Goslant recently spoke to a Lovers Lane resident who said the road this spring was in the best condition it has been in years. He added this was despite the damage done by VTrans trucks last summer and fall as they used the road as access for their work on Vermont Route 12A. Chair Goslant added he and the other Select Board members are trying their best to look out for the interests of all our residents. In addition, much of the recent tree cutting on Lovers Lane was done by a private property owner who wanted more clearance and sunlight on his land.

Mari Omland and Laura Olsen own and operate the Green Mountain Girls Farm on the Loop Road. Ms. Omland noted about one hundred years ago there probably were over forty (40) small farms like theirs in Northfield but only a few remain. The trees running along her property mean a lot to her and she feels every tree does matter. Ms. Omland does not see the harm in obtaining additional expertise regarding roadside trees and she also invited the Select Board members to her farm to see the importance of the trees there.

Jay Pedley has been a Winch Hill resident for many years and he agreed with Mr. Hird this past Mud Season was the best he has seen in some time. The road was like a summer road all spring and he felt this showed the value of the roadside tree cutting done last year.

Rob Carr lives on Barrows Road and he felt this has become a single-lane road because of the overgrowth of trees on both sides. In addition, a number of these roadside trees have been scarred from vehicles hitting them. Mr. Carr does not feel this is a safe road the way it is and he is still dealing with Mud Season this late in the year due to the tree canopy. He finds it frustrating some people cannot understand roadside tree trimming needs to be done on a regular basis for safety reasons. Mr. Carr also doesn't want to get the State involved in what is a local concern.

Katie Osgood has lived on the Loop Road since 1956. She has seen many changes on the road in this time as stone walls have been moved to allow the road to be widened, etc. She now sees a lack of public confidence that affected property owners will be included in the process regarding which trees will be removed and which will not. Ms. Osgood agrees some trees do need to be removed for safety reasons but added some people do enjoy driving through a tree canopy. Chair Goslant emphasized no trees will be removed without the adjacent property owner's permission. The Tree Warden will work with property owners on this. He added the Select Board is not looking to destroy tree canopies and this is a good example of the myths now being spread on social media. Ms. Osgood said it seems some members of the public sincerely doubt the Select Board can be trusted to keep its promises in this matter.

Ms. Olsen noted Limlaw is a business so their interests may not be the same as Northfield's. She read the contract between the municipality and Limlaw and is unsure property owners really are protected. Chair Goslant said one of the provisions in the contract is the municipality can cancel it at any time if Limlaw doesn't abide by its conditions. He added all the work Limlaw has done so far has been to the Town's satisfaction. Also, since Limlaw's business relies on its good reputation, there is no incentive for it to do a poor job or upset Northfield residents.

Randall Chamberlin lives on Smith Hill and also is employed as a caretaker for a number of property owners in the area. He also oversees a property on Stony Brook Road and was contacted by Mr. Tucker about some roadside clearance there. Mr. Chamberlin expressed his interest then in having some "junk trees" removed along his Smith Hill property and he fears this may led to the myth the Select Board is looking to "clear cut" the road. He added the Select Board has an obligation to make the backroads safe and this includes removing problem trees in the Town's right-of-way. Like Selectman Doney, he does not want ambulances and other emergency vehicles prevented from reaching their destinations due to trees landing in the road, excessive roadside vegetation, etc. Since some property owners now claim to own the trees located in the municipal right-of-way, Mr. Chamberlin wondered who should be held responsible should one of these trees be responsible for someone's injury or death. He believes Highway Foreman Trent Tucker is doing a great job and added it was Ron Tucker who cut down the trees on Lovers Lane. Similarly, it was Green Mountain Power (GMP) who did the tree cutting along Stony Brook Road because it wanted to move its power lines closer to the road. Mr. Chamberlin felt the elected Select Board members should be able to do their jobs without some members of the public micromanaging them.

Steven Jeffrey also lives on Smith Hill and his property has about one hundred feet (100') of road frontage. He felt the current condition of Smith Hill Road shows the need for responsible tree clearing. There are so many trees clogging the sides of the road there is no space for proper roadside ditching. This means all stormwater and other runoff goes directly into the road. For this reason, he supports the Select Board's tree cutting program. The state survey would not be completed until 2018 at the earliest and Mr. Jeffrey does not want any delays in the local program.

Tom Tucker has lived on Messier Hill Road since 1973 and he felt this year's Mud Season was the best since he's been there due to the tree cutting. He was personally contacted and gave his permission to have the work done. He also has lost power a number of times due to downed trees and he hopes this will be less of a problem in the future. He also hopes the municipality's tree cutting program will continue.

Alicia Hird has lived on Winch Hill for the past year and a half. Like her husband Andy, she would like to thank the Select Board and the Highway crew for the work done on her road last year. The difference in the road before and after is substantial. Winch Hill is a much safer road and the school bus now will travel up the unpaved section to their house. Ms. Hird believes property values on the road have gone up since residents now can access their homes with greater confidence throughout the year. She also drives on Lovers Lane sometimes and she feels although there may be a couple bad spots, on the whole it is in much better condition this year.

Craig Sullivan has lived on Messier Hill for over thirty-five (35) years. Before the trees were cut in the area, Mr. Tucker came out and helped him identify the trees to be removed. He felt Limlaw did take out more trees than he expected so the Select Board should keep an eye on them. They also left a number of stumps on Bull Run Road needing to be removed. Mr. Sullivan also believes the Select Board should do a better job of communicating its plans to the public. Chair Goslant said Limlaw did not remove some of the stumps because there was some old barbed wire around them and this would have damaged their equipment had they tried. The Highway crew will remove the stumps later as agreed upon.

Selectman Freeman thanked all those who showed up tonight to express their opinions on this matter. He felt this was a contentious issue but he is encouraged by the public engagement. He noted the contract with Limlaw states it will cut down trees only where it is mechanically feasible. Chair Goslant confirmed it is the Town's responsibility to come out and clear some stumps.

Michael DeMasi has lived on Frost Road for so long it didn't have a name when he moved there and the tall trees now along it were saplings then. The maple trees there mean a lot to him and he had been concerned because he was unaware until tonight adjacent property owners must provide permission before any tree removal. Mr. DeMasi does not oppose the local tree cutting program in general but does not want these particular trees removed because they enhance his property.

Ms. Dollenmaier said none of the local tree cutting would be put on hold if the state tree survey is permitted. Also, any recommendations would be non-binding on the community. She still finds it mysterious the Select Board refused to take part in this and she and many others would like this decision reversed.

Bruce Wright lives on Dole Hill and he does not want the state government getting involved in such a local decision as which backroad trees should be cut down. He is leery of big government telling us what to do. He added where the roadside trees have been cut, the roads have been dry this spring. Where the trees are overgrown, the roads still are muddy. There also has been damage to vehicles not just from the roadside brush but also from sunken holes in the road. The Select Board's program has worked well so far and Winch Hill Road is very beautiful now. Mr. Wright added Limlaw is not cutting down any more trees than needed and the Select Board members should be allowed to do their jobs.

Ruth Ruttenberg also wants road safety but she felt the state survey would have provided the municipality with important information regarding roadside vegetation and allow for proper long-term planning. Like Ms. Dollenmaier, she still does not understand the Select Board members' opposition to it and hopes they will reconsider.

- b. Peter Evans, School Merger Committee: Special School District Election.** Mr. Evans serves on the Northfield School Board and has been working with his counterparts from Williamstown on the proposed merger of the school districts. In Northfield, the vote will be held on Tuesday, May 2, 2017 from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Middle/High School. Absentee and/or early ballots are available through the Town Clerk's Office. The night before the vote, an informational meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Room located in the Brown Public Library. The regular monthly School Board meeting will follow. In addition, all Northfield residents should have received a flyer in today's mail encouraging them to vote for this merger and also outlining the many benefits of merger to both communities.

Selectman Freeman is very appreciative of all the hard work the merger committee and others have done to bring this proposal to Northfield and Williamstown voters. He noted some residents might have preferred school merger with Montpelier but this was always very unlikely and in any case probably would have led to the closure of Northfield schools. He added school districts in other states are quite a bit larger than what is proposed here so there should be no real concern about losing local control. Selectman Freeman added that on the new combined nine-member school board, five (5) members would be elected by Northfield voters. In addition, the State of Vermont through Act 46 has provided incentives for school district mergers and in Northfield the local school tax would go down by eight cents (8¢) the first year. Perhaps this tax reduction may encourage growth of the Grand List and provide assistance to local economic development plans. Selectman Freeman does support the school district merger and hopes Northfield voters will turn out next Tuesday.

Mr. Evans noted Act 46 does indeed contain "carrots and sticks" to encourage smaller school districts to merge. The incentives, including local school tax reductions, would no longer be on the table after July 1, 2017. After then, Northfield probably would have been compelled by the State to merge with another school district with the decision out of residents' hands. The merger committee determined the Northfield-Williamstown merger made the most sense for both communities and this is the opportunity for residents to keep control of the situation. Selectman Maxwell and the other Select Board members also thanked Mr. Evans and the others involved for all the time and effort in preparing the school district merger plan and for next week's election.

V. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORT

- a. Finance Director Laurie Baroffio.** Ms. Baroffio provided the Select Board with financial statements covering the period from the beginning of the current fiscal year (07/01/16) through the end of March 2017. She also provided budget projections through the end of this fiscal year. Ms. Baroffio said the Town General budget has a projected \$66,600 budget surplus. Some departments do show overages but higher than expected revenues, due mostly to increases in ambulance billing, would more than make up for them. The Town Highway budget now projects a \$13,200 shortfall largely due to increased material and overtime expenses during the bad winter. She and Manager Schulz will be working with the department heads in coming months to reduce or perhaps eliminate these overages. Chair Goslant thanked Ms. Baroffio for this favorable report and the hard work involved. Ms. Baroffio said she would pass on this commendation to her staff.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. **April 11, 2017 (Regular Meeting).** Motion by Selectman Freeman, seconded by Selectman Doney, to approve the minutes. **Motion passed 4-0-1, with Selectman Maxwell abstaining.**

VII. APPROVAL OF BILLS

- a. **Warrant #21-17.** Motion by Selectman Freeman, seconded by Selectman Doney, to approve Warrant #21-17 in the amount of \$219,492.48. Selectman Goodrich saw a payment for the recent sewer pipe lining project and asked if this was the final payment. Manager Schulz said another invoice or two should be expected. Chair Goslant noted most of the warrant amount (\$148,561.36) was related to operation of the utility departments. **Motion passed 5-0-0.**
- b. **Approval of Bi-Weekly Payroll through April 9, 2017.** Motion by Selectman Freeman, seconded by Selectman Doney, to approve the biweekly payroll in the amount of \$89,559.88. **Motion passed 5-0-0.**

VIII. LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION

- a. **Liquor License Renewal Application**
1. **Good Measure Brewing Co.** Motion by Selectman Maxwell, seconded by Selectman Doney, to approve the liquor license renewal. **Motion passed 5-0-0.**
- b. **Outside Consumption Permits**
1. **Cornerstone Burger.** Motion by Selectman Maxwell, seconded by Selectman Doney, to approve the outside consumption permit. Selectman Doney felt there were problems last year with the two (2) public parking spaces allotted to Cornerstone for outside seating because the tables and chairs were kept in place all the time even when the restaurant was closed. He would prefer the parking spaces open for public use on those days. Keith Paxman is one of the Cornerstone's owners and he said the picnic tables used last year cannot be removed easily so if this is the Select Board's intention, new equipment would have to be purchased. Selectman Maxwell noted a lease agreement was reached last year on use of those two parking spaces and he would like this considered separate from the outside consumption permit now under consideration. Selectman Goodrich is concerned about the narrowness of East Street and whether the municipality would be held liable for any traffic accidents. Mr. Paxman said the restaurant's insurance policy would cover this. He added he and the other owners are willing to work with the municipality regarding any conditions and also does not want to upset residents with the outdoor seating. Selectman Freeman suggested the Select Board should approve the permit tonight and afterwards Manager Schulz and Chair Goslant could work with Cornerstone on a new lease agreement. There was no objection to this. **Motion passed 5-0-0.**
2. **Northfield Country Club.** Motion by Selectman Maxwell, seconded by Selectman Freeman, to approve the outside consumption permit. **Motion passed 5-0-0.**

IX. SELECT BOARD

- a. **Select Board Resolution on H.6 (Act to Amend the Charter of the City of Montpelier regarding the Regulation of its Public Water Supply Sources).** At the previous meeting, Chris Bradley alerted the Select Board to this bill that would, if passed, allow Montpelier to fully control Berlin Pond and its watersheds. This probably would mean a total prohibition of recreational use. The Select Board then voted to authorize Manager Schulz to work with Mr. Bradley to draft a resolution expressing its opposition to H.6. Motion by Selectman Freeman, seconded by Selectman Doney, to approve and sign the Select Board resolution declaring its opposition to H.6. Selectman Freeman thanked Mr. Bradley for bringing this matter to the Select Board's attention and for assisting with the resolution wording. Mr. Bradley said due to local sentiment in favor of keeping Berlin Pond open, Montpelier now appears to be seeking some sort of compromise with Berlin instead of looking for complete control of the pond. **Motion passed 5-0-0.**
- b. **Rabbit Hollow Road Bridge.** Manager Schulz provided the Select Board with an update on the proposed bridge repairs. The railroad now has taken responsibility for ninety percent (90%) of the repair costs (with Northfield paying the balance) and has solicited bids for the work. They also have asked whether the municipality would be willing to take full ownership of the bridge after the repairs are complete. This would make the bridge eligible for grant funding when the time comes for its complete replacement. Manager Schulz has discussed this with local attorney William Smith and both have some reservations. Chair Goslant still is not happy with how long the railroad was able to evade its responsibility. Greg MacMartin asked when the road would be reopened to traffic. Manager Schulz felt the work should be completed within the next month or so.

- c. **DRAFT Special Appropriations Policy.** For the past few years, some Select Board members have expressed concern about the number and amount of requests for public funding from non-profit organizations on the Annual Town Meeting warning. Manager Schulz said the past policy has been the organizations would need to petition to be put on the warning for the first three (3) years or whenever the amount requested was increased. After this period, the organization only would have to contact the Town Clerk's Office to be placed on the warning. Since this policy could not be found in writing, Manager Schulz has created a draft policy specifying this. In addition, the draft policy would ask any organization seeking more than \$5000 to provide the municipality with financial statements before its request was put on the ballot. Selectman Goodrich noted there was a new provision giving the municipality the right to adjust or reject "an increase if deemed unwarranted or unaffordable to the Town." She suggested Manager Schulz should check with the Town Attorney to see if the Select Board could do this when a petition has been received. Selectmen Maxwell and Freeman thought the draft policy was a good start but did need some revision. Manager Schulz asked the Select Board members to forward any suggestions to him.
- d. **Green Up Day.** Chair Goslant said this year's Green Up Day will be held on Saturday, May 6, 2017. Those wishing to take part should meet at the Northfield Fire Station (128 Wall Street) at 9:00 a.m. Participants are asked to bring gloves, warm clothing, rain gear (if needed), work boots, and (if possible) their own pickup trucks. For more information, please call Megan at 793-0822.
- e. **Household Hazardous Waste Collection.** Chair Goslant noted Mountain Alliance & Casella Waste Management would be holding the first of three (3) 2017 household hazardous waste collections in Randolph on Saturday, May 6, 2017 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The location is the closed landfill past the Randolph Transfer Station (250 Landfill Road) off Vermont Route 12. The second collection will be held here in Northfield on Saturday, July 29, 2017. The final one will be back in Randolph at the end of October.

X. BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS, CONCERNS, QUESTIONS

- a. **Video streaming of Select Board Meetings.** Selectman Freeman noted there was a request at Town Meeting Day that Select Board meetings be video streamed on the internet. This would be especially helpful to those who live outside of Trans-Video's service area. Manager Schulz will check with George Goodrich at Trans-Video regarding the equipment needed, web hosting, etc.
- b. **Municipal Parks Spring Cleanup.** Selectman Doney said between forty (40) and fifty (50) volunteers showed up last Sunday (04/23/17) to help clean up and provide minor repairs at Memorial Park and the Falls Park. He especially wanted to thank Charlie Morse for bringing his pickup truck and Rocket J's for providing food and drinks. There are plans for another event in the fall to clean up and prepare the parks for winter. Chair Goslant thanked Selectman Doney and Sally Davidson from the Recreation Committee for spearheading this effort.
- c. **Damaged Ford Vehicle.** Chair Goslant noted one of the municipal vehicles had a cracked frame. Manager Schulz confirmed this and even though the vehicle has an extended warranty, there have been problems with the Ford dealership on getting this repaired cost-free. The dealership is claiming the damage was normal wear and tear and not covered by the warranty. If this continues, the municipality may need to consult an attorney.

XI. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT. There were no questions regarding Manager Schulz's written report.

XII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (UNSCHEDULED).

- a. **Sally Davidson, Recreation Committee.** Ms. Davidson said the new swing set has been delivered but a new mulch base needs to be put down before it can be put in place. Selectman Doney was planning to work on this tomorrow. Ms. Davidson then repeated her old request for directional signs to be installed showing the way to the municipal parks, the swimming pool, etc. Chair Goslant believes signs were put up last year but were stolen. Manager Schulz confirmed this. He will speak to Mr. Tucker about ordering replacement signs. Chair Goslant said a sign for the municipal pool was especially needed. Selectman Doney suggested the new signs be riveted (not screwed) onto the posts to deter theft. Ms. Davison lives on Lovers Lane and noted her road signs get stolen all the time. She added her portion of the road was very good this spring.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT. Motion by Selectman Freeman, seconded by Selectman Maxwell, to adjourn. **Motion passed 5-0-0.**

The Board adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth L. McCann

Kenneth L. McCann, Acting Clerk

An audio recording of this meeting is available in the Town Manager's Office.

These minutes were approved at the regular Select Board meeting of May 9, 2017.