

Board of Selectmen Meeting  
February 5, 2019  
7:00 PM Town Hall

*Present:* Matthew Riiska, Sandy Evans and Paul Madore  
*Others:* Phylis Bernard and Wylie Wood

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

*Public Comments:* None

*Minutes: January 2, 2019*

**MOTION** S. Evans to approve the minutes of the January 2, 2019 meeting as presented.  
Second P. Madore. Carried unanimously.

*Selectman's Report*

- Residential discharge of firearms – M. Riiska polled the other First Selectmen at the last NHCOC Meeting and they reported that their towns do not have a firearms discharge ordinance. Norfolk does not have a firearms discharge ordinance or a noise ordinance. The State law requires the discharge of a firearm to be at least 500 feet from the nearest dwelling. All we can ask is that the homeowner use good discretion and be respectful of their neighbors.
- Animal Control Officer – A letter was sent to Lauren Foley informing her that her services were no longer needed in Norfolk. Jesse Warner has been appointed as the Town of Norfolk's new Animal Control Officer. M. Riiska met with Richard Gregan, State of CT Animal Control Officer regarding working with Jesse to fulfill class requirements. The new Animal Control Assistant is Lindsay Burr who also does the job in Canaan.
- Mountain Road Bridge – M. Riiska met with Cardinal Engineering who provided the engineering report which indicated that the bridge is in poor condition (43 out of 50). They are working on an engineering plan for a temporary fix which will include shoring up abutments and making the bridge one lane with wood barriers. The town installed "No Truck" signs at each end of the road and is in the process of informing some of the businesses with bigger trucks that frequent the area. Public Works is using the smaller 550 truck to plow.

Replacement of the bridge will most likely start in the Spring of 2020 and will take approximately four months to complete. M. Riiska informed the engineers that the bridge must be completed with the same look.

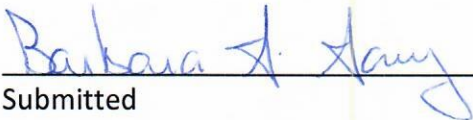
- M. Riiska reported that the new TV screen in the Bruey Room was provided by a grant from FEMA. The screen displays the new "Spotted Dog" program for the NVFD responders and will be used for Emergency Management Meetings.
- River Place Bridge – WMC Engineers submitted their preliminary work to the State of CT.
- City Meadow – The committee met last week and are looking into adding a staircase from the lower boardwalk up to Robertson Plaza. The engineering soil testing has been completed. Committee members are discussing putting in a viewing deck and some


benches. M. Riiska asked the committee to put together a plan regarding the cost of maintenance to include the boardwalks. A consultant will be coming to the 3/18/19 meeting to discuss invasive control and other plantings.

- Botelle School oil tank and boilers – Aaron Engineering is completing the annual paperwork for the State of CT DEEP regarding the 8,000 gallon oil tank. The tanks are currently 27 years old and need to be replaced by 30 years. Wm. Perotti Plumbing suggested putting in a 5,000 gallon tank which will cost between \$100,000 - \$110,000. The school recently had issues with the two boilers which were repaired by Wm. Perotti Plumbing. M. Riiska got a quote of \$98,200 from Wm. Perotti Plumbing to replace the two boilers. The boilers are 28 years old. The reimbursement rate from the State of CT is approximately 69%. The back and forth paperwork with the State of CT to get the jobs completed will take some time. M. Riiska is investigating costs to be incorporated into the 19/20 budget.
- Land Donation – Dr. Daniel Ramanos is interested in donating a parcel of land (158' x 300') on the corner of Rt. 272 and Old Colony Road to the Town of Norfolk. After some discussion it was decided that unless the town could sell the land it would not be worth accepting it. M. Riiska will talk to Dr. Ramanos regarding any stipulations.
- Board of Finance will be meeting on 2/13/19 at 7:30 p.m. for a budget workshop.
- Retirement Committee – M. Riiska asked the selectmen to come up with two new members for the Retirement Committee to fill the vacancies left by Karen Sebach and Susan Dyer. The committee usually meets only once a year to come up with budget recommendations for the Board of Finance and will need to meet next month.

2/3 Vote: None

**MOTION** S. Evans to adjourn at 7:58 p.m. Second P. Madore. Carried unanimously.

  
Submitted

  
Approved