

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

Present: Matthew Riiska, Sandy Evans and Paul Madore

Others: Wylie Wood, Michele Sloane, Linda Perkins and Michael Halloran

Public Comments:

- Michele Sloane, Town of Norfolk Assessor, was present to explain her reasons for leaving her position (no later than June 1st) earlier than her planned retirement.
- Linda Perkins, Norfolk Town Clerk and Michael Halloran, Norfolk Zoning Enforcement Officer spoke on Michele's behalf.

Minutes: February 5, 2019

MOTION S. Evans to approve the minutes of the February 5, 2019 meeting as presented. Second P. Madore. Carried unanimously.

Appointments: Retirement Plan Committee

Workplace Health & Safety Committee

MOTION S. Evans to appoint Howard Crunden, as a representative of the Local 1303-271, to the Retirement Plan Committee to fill the vacancy with the term to expire 7/31/22. Second P. Madore. Carried unanimously.

MOTION S. Evans to appoint Neil Daley as Botelle School representative to the Workplace, Health & Safety Committee with no term expiration. Second P. Madore. Carried unanimously.

Transfer Station/Tobey Pond Sticker pricing

After much discussion this topic was tabled until the next meeting to be held 4/2/19.

Selectmen's Report

- The Board of Selectmen set a date for their Budget Workshop Meeting to be held on Monday, 3/11/19 at 4:00 p.m.
- The Northwestern Regional School #7 budget for FY 19/20 will be increased by 3% (approximately \$200,000). The Town of Norfolk portion will increase due to higher student numbers from Norfolk.
- Michael Sconyers and Matt Riiska will be attending the Regional #7 Budget Meeting to be held on 3/6/19.
- Mary Beth Iacobelli, Botelle Superintendent, reported to M. Riiska that the Botelle School budget for FY 19/20 will be \$2,495,000 (the same as last year prior to the cut). She also reported that the boilers at the school cost \$15,000 to repair this year.
- M. Riiska reported that replacing the boilers at Botelle School next year will cost approximately \$200,000. He spoke to Francis Perotti who said we can get through this year but they need to be replaced. M. Riiska also inquired changing over to propane and Perotti's concern was that it doesn't put out as many BTU's so you would need to

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make adjustments in the system. M. Riiska will investigate further. Discussion regarding 5,000 gallon tank vs. 8,000 gallon tank.

- River Place Bridge – WMC Engineering submitted their fee structure. M. Riiska also received the fee structure from Close, Jensen & Miller, the engineering firm representing the State of CT. Close, Jensen & Miller and WMC Engineering will decide between themselves what the final fee structure will be. The engineering work will take more than two years to complete and the bridge repair will take approximately six months.
- Mountain Road Bridge – A recently completed engineering report indicates that the bridge has a load rating of 14 tons. The State of CT DOT will now be able to erect signs on Route 272 indicating the load rating. Traffic on the bridge will be one-way and in the center only.
- MIRA (Materials Innovation and Recycling Authority) – Will be increasing their prices because of problems with their turbines.
- Senior Van – The State of CT DOT has a 53/10 Grant which pays 80% toward a rural van. M. Riiska is working on paperwork and communicating with the DOT regarding the Town of Norfolk application. The DOT gave M. Riiska the contact for “Matthew’s Buses” which is the contractor who works with the State providing a “preferred rate”. We are looking at approximately \$59,000 for a 12 passenger van with a lift. M. Riiska has been reviewing past van expenses for the town. He will be looking to local foundations for additional funds to offset our 20% (approximately \$12,000).
- Cemetery Committee – The committee has been meeting and working with someone to get new mapping for the town cemeteries. The committee is also working on the regulations and pricing. In addition to that trees need to be cut and walls need repair.
- The Evan Hughes Charitable Trust Committee from Salisbury Bank will be meeting tomorrow at 2:00 at the Town Hall.

2/3 Vote – None

MOTION S. Evans to adjourn at 8:25 p.m. Second P. Madore. Carried unanimously.

Submitted – Barbara Gomez

Approved – Matthew T. Riiska