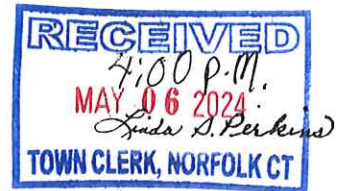


Board of Selectmen Meeting
Wednesday, May 1, 2024
4:30 PM Town Hall



Present: Matthew Riiska, Sandy Evans, Henry Tirrell, Barbara Gomez, Linda Perkins,
Phylis Bernard and Kathryn Boughton

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m.

Public Comments: None

Minutes: April 2, 2024 (Special Meeting) & April 3, 2024

MOTION S. Evans to approve the minutes of the April 2, 2024 meeting as presented.

Second H. Tirrell. Carried unanimously.

MOTION S. Evans to approve the minutes of the April 3, 2024 meeting as presented.

Second H. Tirrell. Carried unanimously.

Appointment: Friends of the Meadow

MOTION S. Evans to appoint Paul Madore to the Friends of the Meadow Committee with his term to expire on 2/1/27. Second H. Tirrell. Carried unanimously.

Call of the Town Meeting

M. Riiska read and reviewed the Call of the Town Meeting (on record in Town Clerk's Office) scheduled for Monday, May 13, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at Botelle School.

MOTION S. Evans to approve and sign the Call of the Town Meeting. Second H. Tirrell.

Carried unanimously.

Fair Housing Resolutions

M. Riiska summarized the annual documents related to the Town of Norfolk's compliance with fair housing, affirmative action and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) (copies on file and posted at Town Hall).

MOTION S. Evans to approve signing of the Fair Housing Resolutions. Second H. Tirrell.

Carried unanimously.

Tobey Pond Fee

A Tobey Pond fee increase was discussed. The 2023 rate was \$85 and \$60 for seniors.

MOTION S. Evans to keep fee the same as last year. Second H. Tirrell. Carried unanimously.

Norfstrums's Trailer – Transfer Station

M. Riiska was asked by a group of residents if they could bring back the Norfstrum's trailer (swap shack). This new group assured Matt that it will be closely monitored from Spring to Fall and closed in the winter. Concerns were voiced because of how poorly it was monitored in the past, but it was decided to give it another try as long as it is closely monitored and the Transfer

Norfstrum's Trailer – Transfer Station (continued)

Station Attendant is not burdened with this project. Matt insisted that for safety reasons the container never be locked.

MOTION H. Tirrell to allow the Norfstrum Trailer to be returned to the Transfer Station on a trial basis. Second M. Riiska. Abstained – S. Evans.

Selectmen's Report

- Transfer Station – M. Riiska brought up the subject of individual haulers who pick up trash for residents. It was agreed that going forward, the resident needs to have purchased a Transfer Station ticket. The logistics of implementation were discussed.
- Transfer Station Sticker Price – L. Perkins gets requests to pro-rate the price of the ticket when someone needs one in the middle of the year (i.e. new resident, etc.). It was decided to pro-rate at half price (\$45.00) for the last quarter of the fiscal year.

MOTION M. Riiska to pro-rate the Transfer Station sticker to \$45.00 for the last quarter of the fiscal year (April – June). Second S. Evans. Carried unanimously.

- Fire House Committee – met last week. M. Riiska has been working with Tony Kiser who will be in charge of the capitol campaign. M. Riiska submitted grant applications to Senator Blumenthal and Murphy's office for \$1,000,000. Matt is finishing up paperwork for a grant through Rep. Jahana Hayes office for an additional \$500,000.
- M. Riiska is looking into refinancing the loan for Maple Avenue and the Botelle School roof which could bring the cost down approximately \$50,000/year. The cost of the bond rating will be bundled into the cost of the application and loan.
- River Place Bridge – has been delayed with no work being done since November 2022. We are close to an agreement with New England Infrastructure and WMC Engineering to get back on track, but it will likely be delayed until July of 2025.
- Route 44 Retaining Wall – The contractors are working on moving the water mains and power and have torn down the former Renkert residence on Old Colony Road. M. Riiska and Richard Byrne will be attending a meeting tomorrow at the State of CT DOT in Thomaston regarding Town concerns and Emergency Service safety measures.
- Maple Avenue – The project is moving along and on target for completion in early June. M. Riiska mentioned that the Guerra Construction workers wanted to thank the Town residents for being so pleasant and cooperative during a difficult time.

MOTION M. Riiska to adjourn at 5:13 p.m. to enter Executive Session. Second S. Evans. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Barbara Gomez, Secretary