



**TOWN OF NORTHWOOD
BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

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**Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes
September 19, 2023**

ROLL CALL: Chairman Hal Kreider, Vice-Chairman Tim Colby, Select Board Member Beth Boudreau, Select Board Member Jim Guzofski, and Select Board Member Pam Sanderson.

STAFF PRESENT: Town Administrator Neil Irvine

2:00 P.M. Chairman Kreider opened the Northwood Board of Selectmen meeting with a roll.

This meeting is for receiving an update from TA Irvine on matters discussed at the previous Board meeting which are time sensitive.

TA Irvine reported to the Board the discussion he had with the SAU Superintendent and while being very positive in tone the Superintendent articulated that the School Board never requested or wanted a generator and will not be responsible for any additional costs associated with the install. TA Irvine highlighted that between ARPA and the Homeland Security Grant this infrastructure is funded without going to the taxpayers, and that if we pull back now from the install due to a disagreement over whether the Town or the SAU writes the check for fencing, we can't guarantee that funding opportunity in the future if a generator were needed. Regardless of which body appropriates it is the same tax base that is paying, and that the perception could be that the BoS exposed the taxpayers to that burden.

Motion: "To award the project to Palmer Gas, and to pursue the most cost-effective means of securing the generator after installation."

Motion: P. Sanderson

Second: B. Boudreau

Motion carried by vote of 5 to 0.

TA Irvine presented the Board with the municipal facility request from Rec Director Blewitt for a "Christmas Tree Burn" event on Jan 5th with Fireworks to occur at the Rec Fields. Concern was raised about the bonfire being on the field and relying on the DPW to source pallets for the fire. The issue of debris from the fireworks was also addressed. H. Kreider commented that it is the responsibility of the Rec Director to organize and staff their events.

Motion: "To permit the use of the recreation field for the proposed event, limiting the bonfire to the fire pit and no costs associated with the event to come from the Operating Budget."

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43 **Motion: T. Colby**

44 **Second: B. Boudreau**

45 **Motion carried by vote of 5 to 0.**

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47 TA Irvine reported to the Board his conversation with Mr. Stimpson of Echelon Print Co. regarding how he
48 came to use the Town Seal on t shirts to commemorate the 250th. It appears there was a conversation
49 with a Board member which could have been interpreted as being approached by the "Town" which led
50 to the confusion. TA Irvine stated that Mr. Stimpson is a local small businessman, who was attempting to
51 do something good, with the best of intentions and that he has only sold 2 of the shirts as he ceased all
52 marketing when the disagreement arose. TA Irvine recommended to the Board that they purchase his
53 remaining inventory at cost. P. Sanderson agreed that the proposed solution restored the reputation of
54 the business and protected the use of the Town Seal.

55 **Motion: "To purchase the remaining inventory of shirts from Echelon Print Co for \$1500."**

56 **Motion: P. Sanderson**

57 **Second: J. Guzofski**

58 **H. Kreider asked that Boudreau and Colby recuse themselves from the vote due to the potential
59 appearance of conflict of interest.**

60 **Motion carried by vote of 3 to 0, with Boudreau and Colby recusing.**

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62 It was noted that there appeared to be a leak in the roof in the meeting room, this was being investigated
63 and TA Irvine would advise when more information was available.

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65 At 2:25pm,

66 **Motion: "To adjourn the meeting."**

67 **Motion: P. Sanderson**

68 **Second: J. Guzofski**

69 **Motion carried by vote of 3 to 0, with Boudreau and Colby recusing themselves.**

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72 Minutes respectfully submitted by

73 Neil Irvine