

**TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING**

**Virtual Meeting
November 23, 2020 at 7:00 PM**

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Call Meeting to Order: Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order concerning imposition on strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, meetings of the Northbridge Board of Selectmen will be conducted via remote participation to the greatest extent possible. No in-person attendance of members of the public will be permitted, but every effort will be made to ensure that the public can adequately access the proceedings as provided for in the Order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
- II. PUBLIC HEARING**
- III. APPOINTMENTS/By the Town Manager: Conrad Chickinski, Special Police Officer**
- IV. CITIZENS' COMMENTS/INPUT**
- V. DECISIONS**
- VI. DISCUSSIONS**
- VII. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**
- VIII. SELECTMEN'S CONCERNS**
- IX. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA**
- X. CORRESPONDENCE**
- XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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WALTER J. WARCHOL
CHIEF OF POLICE

TIMOTHY LABRIE
LIEUTENANT

To: Adam Gaudette, Town Manager
From: Walter J. Warchol, Chief of Police
Subject: Special Police Officer Appointment
Date: November 12, 2020

I am requesting that you consider appointing retired Police Officer Conrad Chickinski as a *Special Police Officer* for the Northbridge Police Department at the November 23, 2020 Board of Selectmen's meeting. Off. Chickinski retired from the police department effective September 25, 2020.

Retired Off. Chickinski has provided the police department a medical note indicating that he is physically qualified to work as a Special Police Officer.

This position is governed by MA General Law, Chapter 41, Section 97A and also by a special Northbridge Police Department policy created to allow retired police officers to work paid details.

Thank you

Conrad Chickinski

South Grafton, MA 01560

November 9, 2020

Chief Walter Warchol
Northbridge Police Department
1 Hope St.
Whitinsville, MA 01588

Dear Chief Warchol:

I am writing to request to be appointed as a Special Police Officer in the Town of Northbridge. As you know, I have served on the department for 34 years, and I would like to continue to assist the NPD in any times of need in the future. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Conrad Chickinski', written in a cursive style.

Conrad Chickinski

Town Manager's Report for the Period of November 9, 2020 – November 20, 2020

1. Key Meetings Attended:

- Monday, November 9, 2020 – Participated in the Board of Selectmen Meeting.
- Wednesday, November 11, 2020 – Off for Veterans Day.
- Thursday, November 12, 2020 – Conference Call with MIIA regarding Hartford Steam Boiler water leak monitoring program.
- Thursday, November 12, 2020 – Coordinated the Fire Station RFQ Proposal opening.
- Friday, November 13, 2020 – Participated in MA DPH Weekly Conference Call.
- Tuesday, November 17, 2020 – Attended the virtual School Building Committee Meeting.
- Thursday, November 19, 2020 – Attended the MMMA (Town Managers) Fall Conference via zoom.
- Thursday, November 19, 2020 – Participated in the Lt Governor's Zoom Call for Town Managers.
- Friday, November 20, 2020 – Held a Department Managers' Meeting.

2. **Balmer School Building Project:** Project construction by Fontaine Brothers continues with precautionary measures in place per State construction guidelines for construction projects moving forward during the pandemic. The majority of the site work has been completed allowing for work to be conducted in the interior of the building (framing, drywall, painting, finishing, etc.). The majority of the masonry work has been recently completed. The Town Manager is working with Town Counsel on agreements for fence replacement for the abutters off Overlook Street. The SBC met this past week on November 17th.
3. **Lasell Field Turf Project:** The project is nearing completion. The GC Green Acres is working through punch list items. Waiting for finishing touches on the bleachers and press box including the electrical work the handicapped-accessible lift. The project has been issued a Temporary Certificate of Occupancy which has allowed teams to begin to have gameplay with spectators. Once the lift has been completed, the next step is to have the State inspect and approve the lift and then the Building Inspector will be able to issue the full Certificate of Occupancy. The BPCCC is meeting next week on Tuesday, November 24th to pay bills and review project close-out.
4. **Fire Station Project:** The RFQ for the OPM was advertised in the Central Register and Milford Daily News on October 14th. Proposals were received this past week on November 12th. The Town received 7 submissions. A working group of the BPCCC is currently reviewing the proposals in order to make a recommendation to the BPCCC in order to interview 3 finalists. The BPCCC is meeting next week on Tuesday, November 24th to discuss and then will hold interviews in the upcoming weeks.
5. **FY2021 Budget:** The Town Manager has begun to prepare for the FY2021 Budget and Capital Development process which will be initiated the week after Thanksgiving.