

NORTHFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
Minutes of the Meeting of January 12, 2016 5:00pm

Present: Sel. Waldron, Sel. Crowley, Sel. Southworth

Also Present: Christopher Hunt, George Flanders, Dick Stevens, Dennis Allen, Glenn Smith, Chief
Raffaelly,

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 pm

1. Non-public Session RSA 91A-3II(b)

Waldron/Southworth moved to enter into non-public session under the provisions of RSA 91-A3II c at 5:02pm. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.** Also Present: Glenn Smith. **Waldron/Crowley** moved to reconvene the public session at 6:14 pm. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.**

Waldron/Crowley moved to seal the minutes of the non-public session of January 12, 2016 as divulgence of the minutes would adversely affect the reputation of a person not a member of the Board. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.**

Sel. Waldron announced that Andy Buteau has been appointed as Road Agent to a term that expires in March 2018 by a vote of 2-1 Sel. Southworth dissenting.

2. Public Input

The Chair recognized Chris Hunt, who asked that an article be placed on the warrant discontinuing Spaulding Drive and Shedd Road between Spaulding Drive and Blueberry Lane. He asked if Shedd Road between Spaulding Drive and Shaker Road was still a town road as most of the road does not appear on google maps and the part that does appear has been labeled as part of Blueberry Lane by google.

3. Police Department

Chief Raffaelly presented a quote for a new furnace for the police department at a cost of \$4,800, noting that the old unit has chronic problems. Board members discussed the matter and agreed by consensus to accept the quote, with payment to come from the Facility Emergency Repair Fund.

Chief Raffaelly reviewed various changes to his 2016 budget request that were discussed at the recent Budget Committee hearing. Board members discussed the hiring of a part time officer as a detective, and whether a 2 day a week position could meet the need for this service.

4. Highway Department

Andy Buteau reported that the used oil furnace needs repairs in the amount of \$1,534 and questioned whether the repair was worthwhile given that DES has eliminated major sources of used oil for the town. Board members asked that he move forward with the repairs and seek reimbursement from DES.

Andy reported that the new pump for the compactor has arrived.

Board members reviewed the most recent information relating to the trash collection contract and asked Glenn to seek information on extending transfer station service provisions to include a five year term.

5. Administration

Board members discussed the proposed town scholarship program, expressing support for the concept but choosing not to move forward given the recent recommendation from the town attorney. They also expressed a desire that the legislature amend current statutes to allow for such a program.

Board members reviewed the draft 2016 annual warrant. Discussion points included the need for a CIP warrant article separate from the proposed CIP engineering proposal and use of undesignated fund balance. They also signed an agreement with Cartographic Associates.

Sel. Crowley outlined the request for reimbursement filed by Compass Classical Charter School. Board members approved reimbursing the organization fees paid less actual expenses.

Board members reviewed a request from the Tilton Selectmen to issue an RFP for tree limbing at Island Park. Selectmen agreed to ask Andy to work with Johnny Van Tassel to determine the scope of the problem.

Glenn updated the Board on the issues with the town hall doors and the proposed public works agreement.

Sel. Waldron said that he believes that the role of the Selectmen's representative on the Budget Committee is to represent the position of the entire Board of Selectmen, not necessarily the opinion of the individual Selectman sitting on the Committee. He has heard that this is not happening at the Budget Committee and that the Selectmen's representative has been badgering a department head. He cited the example of the lift, which the Board has included in the 2016 budget but at the Budget Committee meeting the Selectmen's rep suggested that the purchase be delayed a year. Sel. Southworth responded that he did bring the Selectmen's decision to the Budget Committee but he also presented his individual opinion when asked. Board members discussed the situation; Sel. Southworth said he would continue to bring the Selectmen's decisions to the Budget Committee.

Southworth/Crowley moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of January 5, 2016. **Motion passed.**

6. Non-public Session RSA 91A-3II(a) (b)

Waldron/Southworth moved to enter into non-public session under the provisions of RSA 91-A3II b,c at 8:02pm. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.** Also Present: Chief Raffaely, Glenn Smith. **Waldron/Crowley** moved to reconvene the public session at 9:02 pm. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.**

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 9:02pm

APPROVED BY THE NORTHFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN ON JANUARY 26, 2016