

NORTHFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
Minutes of the Meeting of January 5, 2016

Present: Sel. Waldron, Sel. Crowley, Sel. Southworth
Also Present: Mike Connelly, Ed Weingartner, Dick Stevens, Bill Wilder, Gretchen Wilder,
Greg Hill, Chief Raffaely, Andy Buteau, Glenn Smith

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm

1. Public Input

The Chair recognized Ed Weingartner who reviewed the proposed Bay Hill Road drainage improvements and need for a town wide assessment of town roads.

The Chair recognized Dick Stevens who asked if the town was going to put the trash collection bid out again as we only received one bid. Board members discussed.

2. Highway Department

Board members reviewed the solid waste collection bid received in response to the recent RFP. Members expressed concern with the lack of a cap on the proposed fuel surcharge and with the automatic increases in the trash collection portion of the proposal. Town Administrator Glenn Smith was asked to contact the bidder and inform him of the suggested changes proposed by the Selectmen.

Highway Superintendent Andy Buteau updated the board on equipment repair issues. Sel. Waldron asked Andy to prepare an analysis of the cost of repairing Truck 4's plow now as opposed to using another vehicle to do the route.

Andy informed the Board that it is likely that there will be a vacancy in his department soon. Board members authorized him to advertise the position if it became vacant.

3. Administration

Mike Connelly of the New England Employee Benefits Company presented an alternate health benefit plan which board members discussed in detail. Sel. Waldron noted that the board was only seeking a lower cost to provide benefits identical to what is being offered now, it is not seeking to reduce benefits or increase the premium cost for employees.

Glenn presented the Board with an email received from NHMA concerning the legality of the town funding an educational scholarship program. Board members discussed the matter with Representative Hill and asked Glenn to contact the town attorney concerning the matter.

Board members reviewed a summary of the audit proposals recently received and agreed by consensus to accept the proposal of Melanson Heath.

Glenn updated the Board on developments with the 2016 request budget. He was also asked to forward the proposed Public Works Mutual Aid Agreement to Andy for review.

Board members reviewed a proposed 'no tobacco use' policy to be added to the Employee Handbook and approved it by consensus.

Chief Raffaely asked the Board for a decision on the request for a static IP for the police station. Board members agreed to move forward with acquiring one from Fairpoint.

Sel. Waldron expressed a preference with moving forward with the \$40,000 requested for CIP engineering as a separate warrant article.

4. General Business

Board members reviewed accounts payable, payroll manifests and general correspondence.

Waldron/Southworth moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of December 29, 2015.

Motion passed.

5. 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 9:30pm. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.** Also Present: Chief Raffaely, Glenn Smith. **Waldron/Southworth** moved to reconvene the public session at 10:36 pm. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.**

Waldron/Southworth moved to seal the minutes of the non-public sessions of December 29, 2015 and January 5, 2016 as divulgence of the minutes would adversely affect the reputation of a person not a member of the Board. **Motion**

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 10:37pm

APPROVED BY THE NORTHFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN ON JANUARY 12, 2016