

NORTHFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
Minutes of the Meeting of Tuesday, October 4, 2016

Present: Sel. Crowley, Sel. Southworth, Sel. Allen

Also Present: Kurt Marvin, Ruth Marvin, Paul Blaisdell, Andy Buteau, Chief Raffaely, Glenn Smith

The meeting was called to order at 5:00pm

1. Public Input

The Chair recognized Kurt Marvin who reported that he had listened to the discussion between the Board and his neighbor Ms. Donahue from the last meeting and was concerned. He stated that Ms. Donahue and her guests have mis-used the right of way on his property, citing noise issues, alcohol issues, finding empty beer cans on his property and other issues. He believes that the problems will increase if the town sells Ms. Donahue the middle parcel of lot #1. He believes that Ms. Donahue has sufficient vehicular access on the other side of her property and does not need the right of way over his land.

2. Police Department

Chief Raffaely asked if WEX card receipts are still needed and was told that they were not.

3. Public Works Department

Director Andy Buteau updated the Board on the status of town garage repairs and Bay Hill Road repairs, which he expects will come in approximately \$10,000 under budget. Sel Allen informed the Board that the logging on Reservoir Road will be done this week or early next week. Andy noted that there has been minimal damage to the road.

4. Administration

Board members discussed the possible sale of a portion of the Town Beach property to Catherine Donahue. After discussion, Board members agreed to visit the property individually and revisit the issue at the next meeting.

Town Administrator Glenn Smith informed the Board that Budget Committee Chairman George Corliss would like to speak with them next week about this year's budget schedule. Also, Board members signed a warrant for the November election date.

Board members discussed the sale of the Tallwood property and agreed that the property should be sold at an open public auction. Glenn was asked to contact Greg Peverley concerning this.

Glenn reported that he will be reaching out to utility companies for possible ways to reduce the town's energy costs.

Board members reviewed HRA utilization figures, which Glenn presented as part of the town savings sharing program. Board members asked for an overall review of the savings the town has experienced

under the Harvard Pilgrim insurance scenario.

Sel. Crowley expressed concern about lighting along the side of the Town Hall building for people walking to their cars at night. Glenn said he would look into it.

Sel. Southworth inquired as to the upcoming meeting with Senator Hosmer concerning education stabilization funding. Board members discussed the problems of education funding and how it is impacting the ability of the town to complete projects.

5. General Business

Board members reviewed accounts payable, payroll manifests and general correspondence. **Crowley/Southworth** moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of September 27, 2016. **Motion passed.**

6. Adjournment

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 6:15pm.

APPROVED BY THE NORTHFIELD SELECTBOARD ON OCTOBER 11, 2016