

NORTHFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
Minutes of the meeting of November 1, 2016

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

Also Present: David Vineot, Tammi Vineot, Glenn Smith Chief Raffaelly, Andy Buteau, Arthur Demass

The meeting was called to order at 5:00pm

1. Public Input

The Chair recognized David Vineot who distributed photos showing the material he has collected in the class VI portion of the Scribner Road and the property abutting Scribner Road. He discussed the matter with the Selectmen. Discussion points included the amount of trash in this area, Mr. Vineot's work trimming back brush on the right of way and collecting trash, use of the area for illicit activities, the imprudence of blocking the road with boulders, signage, disposal of the collected trash, the value of the natural area, and the failure of GPS companies to recognize the class VI status of the road. At the conclusion of the discussion Mr. Vineot was advised to cease clearing the town right of way without permission of the abutting landowners. Also, Selectmen agreed that the collected trash could be deposited at the transfer station without charge if it were brought to the facility. Andy Buteau was asked to remove any 'no thru road' signs from Scribner Road.

2. Police Department

Chief Raffaelly reported that Sgt. McIntire contacted Glock and was told that their barrels were designed to last 50,000 rounds. In response to a question from Sel. Southworth, Chief Raffaelly noted that NPD weapons have discharged about 2,000 rounds in the past 10 years. Sel. Crowley said that the matter would be on hold until Sgt. McIntire approached the Board.

Chief Raffaelly reported that due to the concern for confrontation and potential violence at the polls he will have two officers stationed at the Pines on election day from 7am to 3pm and three officers from 3pm until closing. Traffic will be routed the same as in prior years, in through Dearborn and out on to Summer Street. Parking will be allowed on one side of Dearborn. Sel. Southworth asked about the potholes in the Pines parking lot. Andy reported that they have been taken care of. He also reported that MB Tractor is donating a light to use outside the building during evening voting hours.

Chief Raffaelly reported that he was very upset that the CIP Committee had discussed cruisers at a recent meeting after he left the room. He doesn't think it is fair. Sel. Crowley noted that no action was taken in relation to cruisers after John left the meeting. Sel. Crowley stated that starting in 2018 he would like to try keeping cruisers beyond 100,000 miles now that we have a full time mechanic on board. He proposes keeping 2-3 vehicles longer and maintaining them correctly to try to extend their life. He believes that we should be able to get 120,000 or 140,000 miles out of a cruiser. Chief Raffaelly responded that the reason the Expedition didn't last as long as it should was that the Board would not let him run it during the summer months. Sel. Allen asked if 15 and 15a had LED lights and was told that they did.

Board members discussed whether there was a problem with a resident on Fiske Road putting an excess amount of garbage out for collection and concluded that there was not.

3. Public Works Department

Public Works Director Andy Buteau presented a quote for a back door in the new garage, which Board members reviewed. **Crowley/Southworth** moved to purchase the door for \$2,925.00 as presented. Sel. Southworth noted that this door helps achieve compliance with fire codes and will help provide cross ventilation at a reasonable cost. **Motion passed**

Andy and Chief Raffaely were asked to prepare a plan for installation of security cameras at the Transfer Station and the Highway Garage.

Sel. Allen reported that he has inspected Reservoir Road in the area of the recent logging operation and recommends releasing the posted bond. Glenn was asked to do this.

Board members reviewed proposed updates to the Parking and Highway Ordinances and asked Glenn to advertise a public hearing for these items.

Board members discussed the request that the town resume plowing the Pines Community Center parking lot. Glenn noted that the Pines provides the town with meeting space for town meeting, voting and other events at no charge. Board members asked that he investigate the legality of the plowing.

Sel. Crowley noted that someone is logging on Sandogardy Pond Road. Glenn reported that an intent to cut has been filed. Sel. Allen noted that access is not a town issue as it is a state road. Sel. Crowley noted that a driveway has been marked on Shaw Road. Andy was asked to follow up on this.

Andy reported that the miscommunication among employees about responsibility for reporting unauthorized sleeping spaces at the transfer station has been resolved. The area that the intruder was using as a sleeping space has been cleaned out and employees have been instructed to call the police to report anything out of the ordinary.

4. Non Public Session

Crowley/Allen moved to enter into non-public session under the provisions of RSA 91-A3II b at 6:31pm. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.** Also Present: Chief Raffaely, Arthur Demass, Andy Buteau, Glenn Smith. **Crowley/Southworth** moved to reconvene the public session at 7:29 pm. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.**

Crowley/Southworth moved to seal the minutes of the non-public session just completed 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.**

5. Administration

Board members authorized Town Administrator Glenn Smith to distribute health insurance savings sharing checks. Also, members reviewed supporting data for the town's assessed valuation and authorized Glenn to begin recruitment for the Code Enforcement Officer position.

Board members approved the design for the Tom Wooten memorial bench and authorized Glenn to proceed with ordering it. Glenn informed the Board that the NEDC annual meeting was scheduled for November 9, 2016 and invited them to attend. Sel. Crowley asked that Wayne and Bette Hammond be invited to a future meeting to discuss their zoning concerns. Sel. Southworth inquired as to the statue of the D'abbraccio water payments and was told that the family has not paid the town for the water it provides them.

6. General Business

Board members reviewed accounts payable, payroll manifests and general correspondence. **Crowley/Southworth** moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of October 25, 2016. **Motion passed.**

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 7:59pm

APPROVED BY THE NORTHFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN ON NOVEMBER 15, 2016