

**NORTHFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING**  
**Minutes of the meeting of March 17, 2015**

Present: Sel. Crowley, Sel. Southworth, Sel. Waldron  
Also Present: Calvin Finemore, Rose Marie Welch, Jim Doane, Christina Day and Bill Gloddy,  
Dick Stevens, Steve Sawiki, George Flanders, Chief Raffaelly, Johnny Van  
Tassel, Glenn Smith

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm

**1. Public Appointments**

The Vice Chair recognized Calvin Finemore who outlined his proposal to coordinate a group of volunteers to maintain, upgrade and operate the Dave Tyron Skate Park. He reported that he is working with a larger group that has the time, skills and resources to keep the park in good repair. He asked the Board for authorization to continue with these efforts. Board members discussed the proposal. Discussion points included possibly replacing the fence with jersey barriers and the level of organization of the group of volunteers. Board members expressed interest in the idea and asked Mr. Finemore to develop a written proposal for the next meeting.

The Vice Chair recognized Jim Doane who requested release of the first and second quarterly payments to the Pines Community Center. He reviewed the organization's cash flow problems. Board members expressed concern that the need for advance payments appears to be a chronic problem which needs to be addressed. Mr. Doane agreed, noting that the TNRC has made substantial progress in resolving long term financial issues. Board members approved the request on the condition that TNRC present its financial plan to the Selectmen in April 2015. Mr. Doane offered to reimburse the town for any additional interest expenses that it may incur as a result of this action.

The Vice-Chair recognized Dick Stevens who inquired as to the status and timing of Cannon Bridge repairs.

The Vice-Chair recognized George Flanders who inquired as to the condition of Union Church.

**2. Reorganization**

**Southworth/Crowley** moved to elect Kevin Waldron as Chair. **Motion passed.**

**Southworth/Waldron** moved to elect Wayne Crowley as Vice-Chair. **Motion passed.**

**Crowley/Waldron** moved to appoint Bob Southworth as liaison to the Police Department.

**Crowley/Waldron** moved to appoint Wayne Crowley as liaison to the Highway and Sanitation Department.

**Crowley/Southworth** moved to appoint Kevin Waldron as liaison to Administration. **Motion passed.**

**Waldron/** moved to appoint Bob Southworth as Selectmen's representative to the Planning

Board. **Motion died for lack of a second.**

**Waldron/Crowley** moved to appoint Bob Southworth as Selectmen's representative to the Zoning Board of Adjustment. **Motion passed.**

**Waldron/Southworth** moved to appoint Wayne Crowley as Selectmen's representative to the Planning Board. **Motion passed**

**Crowley/Southworth** moved to appoint Bob Southworth as Selectmen's representative to the Budget Committee. **Motion passed.**

**Waldron/Southworth** moved to appoint Wayne Crowley as Selectmen's representative to the Capital Improvement Program Committee. **Motion passed.**

**Waldron/Crowley** moved to leave the Selectmen's representative to Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid position vacant. Sel. Crowley noted that attendance at LRMFA meetings convinced him that sending a representative to this organization served no purpose. Sel. Waldron concurred. **Motion passed.**

### **3. Highway Department**

Sel. Crowley inquired as to whether the town should be plowing the entrance to Surette Park, noting that illicit activity is occurring there during the winter months. Board members discussed the issue. Glenn Smith said he believes this entrance is a Class V road, he was asked to research this. Board members also asked that he investigate the status of the road leading to Arch Park.

Highway Superintendent Johnny Van Tassel informed the Board that he is scheduling truck inspections. Additionally, he distributed a sample letter that is sent to homeowners who have plugged driveway culverts. Board members reviewed the letter and discussed situations involving two separate homeowner on Bean Hill Road and advised him to contact homeowners as necessary before sending it.

Johnny reported that the automatic door opener on one of the bay doors is inoperable. He distributed two quotes for repairs. Board members asked that he obtain a third quote.

Sel. Southworth noted that the weight limit sign at the end of Shaker Road cannot be seen from both directions. Johnny said he would move it. Sel. Crowley inquired as to the status of the RFPs for 2015 projects that had been distributed at an earlier meeting. Johnny responded that he is awaiting feedback from the Board.

Board members reviewed pending Highway projects. They also reviewed and amended limits to items that may be brought to amnesty events.

### **4. Police Department**

Chief Raffaely presented three quotes on cruisers: Hillsboro Ford, \$27,795; Grappone \$27,904; and Irwin Motors, \$27,273. Hillsboro and Graponne are bidding a 2016 model; Irwin is bidding a 2015 model. Board members discussed the color scheme and light bars for the cruisers and ensured that the quotes included identical features. **Crowley/Southworth** moved to purchase a police cruiser from Irwin Motors as quoted. **Motion passed.**

Chief Raffaely reported that the new officer will graduate from the police academy on April 24<sup>th</sup>. Sel. Waldron informed the Board that he has volunteered to make the changes to the booking room,

discussed at a previous meeting, free of charge.

Board members reviewed pending Police projects

## **5. Administration**

Town Administrator Glenn Smith noted that the Board had earlier decided to review the roads classified for 'no through trucking' Board members noted that this work was separate from the earlier proposal to amend the status of a portion of Shedd Road. After discussion it was decided to adopt the ordinance as presented and review the list of no through trucking roads at a later date. **Crowley/Waldron** moved to adopt the amended No Through Trucking ordinance as presented at the public hearing of February 17<sup>th</sup>. **Motion passed**

Board members reviewed and signed the revised Cannon Bridge Construction Contract. In addition, they reviewed a proposed contact with Underwood Engineers for CIP project planning engineering. Glenn presented an impervious surfaces map received from UMLAC for review. Board members agreed to forward the map to the Planning Board.

Board members reviewed pending administration projects.

## **6. General Business**

Board members reviewed accounts payable, payroll manifests and general correspondence. **Waldron/Crowley** moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of March 3, 2015. **Motion passed.** **Waldron/Crowley** moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of March 10, 2015. **Motion passed.**

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 10:00pm

APPROVED BY THE NORTHFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN ON APRIL 2, 2015