

NORTHFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
Minutes of the Meeting of March 31, 2015

Present: Sel. Waldron, Sel. Crowley, Sel. Southworth
Also Present: Dick Stevens, George Flanders, Lisa Swancott, Sally Robert, Tom Robert, Sara Robert, Chief Raffaely, Glenn Smith, Johnny Van Tassel

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm

1. Public Input

The Chair recognized Calvin Finemore who outlined his plan to maintain the Dave Tyron Skate Park. He asked the Board for permission to move forward. Board granted permission with the condition that the first order of business would be to repair the fence and install plywood around the base of the fence to provide better support.

The Chair recognized Lisa Swancott who presented information concerning health insurance provided by the NH Interlocal Trust and asked that the town consider them when health insurance is next put out to bid. She also inquired as to whether Northfield Selectmen would be willing to back out of the LRMFA if Tilton did the same and the Fire District assumed responsibility for this. The Board responded that they are in favor with this.

The Chair recognized Sally Robert who wanted to know why she was denied an exemption to the seasonal weight limit to allow for a delivery of hay to her farm. Board members reviewed the matter with her. Discussion points included whether she could have planned to have the hay delivered before the roads were posted, the effects of running a 30 ton truck/load on town roads in the spring and delivery alternatives. Alternatives included staging the load elsewhere and bringing in smaller units or ordering half a load. Board members agreed to allow for a weight restriction waiver sufficient to allow for delivery of half a load of hay.

2. Police Department

Chief Raffaely informed the Board that the new cruiser is on order and that Officer Fitzhebert will be graduating from the academy on April 10th. He also informed the board of a typographical error in the Highway Ordinance and noted that the portion of the ordinance dealing with weight limits does not specify a dollar amount for penalties. Board members discussed the situation and asked Glenn to prepare a revision of the ordinance.

3. Highway Department

Highway Superintendent Johnny Van Tassel initiated discussion of pending RFPs. After discussion, board members agreed that a formal RFP is not needed for street sweeping and catch basin cleaning services and asked Johnny to obtain quotes for these services. Action on the road project RFPs was deferred to the next meeting.

Johnny reported that car 1 will not pass inspection. Board members discussed the need to have a car for

general administrative use. Johnny presented a repair quote and was asked to verify the parts quoted were the correct ones for this unit.

Sel. Southworth reported that there is a dangerous pothole at the corner of Bay Street and Summer Street. Johnny agreed to look into it.

4. Administration

Sel. Crowley noted that with recent changes in state law there is a need for towns to develop regulations concerning the location of medical marijuana dispensaries. He informed the Board that he plans on working with the Planning Board in developing such regulations for presentation to town meeting in 2016.

Town Administrator Glenn Smith presented a draft letter to DES relating concerns about the proposal to expand the Belmont Bestway facility on the tri-town aquifer. Board members discussed the proposed development and its possible impact on the town's water supply. Board members did not reach consensus as to whether to proceed with this.

Glenn reviewed a list of reappointments to town boards and committees.

Board members agreed to review pending projects biweekly.

Waldron/Crowley moved to enter into non-public session under the provisions of RSA 91-A3II a,d at 8:25 pm. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.** Present at the non-public session were Chief Raffaely and Glenn Smith. **Waldron/Crowley** moved to reconvene the public session at 10:19 pm. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.**

Waldron/Crowley moved to seal the minutes of the non-public session as divulging the minutes would adversely affect the reputation of someone not a member of the Board. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.**

5. General Business

Board members reviewed general correspondence and payroll and accounts payable manifests. **Crowley/Shepard** moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of March 17, 2015. **Motion passed.**

Board members scheduled a planning workshop for Monday April 13th at 3:00pm.

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 10:26pm

APPROVED BY THE NORTHFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN ON APRIL 7, 2015