

NORTHFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
Minutes of the meeting of Tuesday April 5, 2016

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

Also Present: Steve Haskins, Paul Lavallo, Chief Raffaely, Andy Buteau, Glenn Smith

The meeting was called to order at 5:00pm

1. Police Department

Chief Raffaely reported that a potential recruit has declined the opportunity to work for the town. Also, he has contacted an alternate vendor to provide an estimate for repairing the department phone system and that he should have a price for the new police cruiser next week.

Chief Raffaely asked that the Board change its policy of requiring that the Town Administrator drive employees to random drug/alcohol tests. Board members approved the change.

2. Highway Department

Town Administrator Glenn Smith updated the Board on the status of the proposed curbside recycling contract.

Highway Superintendent Andy Buteau recommended that the Board allocate \$3,400 of cemetery repair funds to the repair of the Hodgdon Cemetery wall, with the balance coming from 2017 funds as the work would probably not be done until the spring of 2017 due to scheduling of the contractor's time. In the meantime he and Chief Raffaely will work with the abutters to attempt to secure permission to access the wall via their property.

Board members reviewed and modified the list of roads proposed for line painting in 2016 and approved advertising of an RFP with the modified list. They also approved distribution of catch basin cleaning and street sweeping RFPs.

Andy updated the Board on the Loranger project. Board members discussed the situation. Discussion points included the effectiveness of the level spreader, water volumes and the effectiveness of running the water down an open ditch on the Class VI section of Forrest Road. Board members accepted a quote from Ken Partridge in the amount of \$3,900 to resolve the situation in Mr. Loranger's field.

Sel. Southworth reviewed the drainage situation on Bay Hill Road. Board members discussed the situation and asked Andy to develop a proposed solution.

Glenn informed the Board that the town is still awaiting word from Primex on the Garage fire.

Sel Crowley stated that he believes that town should maintain driveway culverts as failed culverts could adversely affect town roads. Sel. Southworth noted that the statutes do not allow for this, he believes the town should only take such action if the integrity of the road is in danger. Sel. Allen agreed. Board members agreed by consensus to leave such decisions in the hands of the Highway Superintendent.

3. Administration

Sel. Crowley outlined his proposal that there be regular department head meetings to coordinate activities and prepare for Selectmen's meetings. Board members agreed to start holding these next week.

Sel. Crowley updated the Board on the recent decision of the Planning Board in relation to the Granite Mills Park lot line adjustment. He also distributed a list of town owned properties that may be subject to sale and asked that the Selectmen consider selling unneeded properties.

Board members agreed to move the meeting scheduled for May 10th to May 3rd.

4. General Business

Board members reviewed accounts payable, payroll manifests and general correspondence. **Allen/Southworth** moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of March 29, 2016. **Motion passed.**

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 7:37pm

APPROVED BY THE NORTHFIELD SELECTBOARD ON APRIL 26, 2016