

**NORTHFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING**  
**Minutes of the meeting of Tuesday May 17, 2016**

Present: Sel. Crowley, Sel. Southworth, Sel. Allen  
Also Present: Peg Shepard, Dick Stevens, Chief Raffaely, Andy Buteau, Glenn Smith

The meeting was called to order at 5:00pm

**1. Public Input**

The Chair recognized Peg Shepard, representing the Old Home Day Committee. Members discussed the logistics of the OHD celebration in light of the fact that the Highway Garage is unavailable due to the recent fire.

**2. Police Department**

Chief Raffaely and Town Administrator Glenn Smith reviewed the proposal from Communications Clinic to repair the police telephone system with equipment that can be used at a later date as the backbone for a town wide system. **Crowley/Allen** moved to accept the bid of Communication Clinic for an upgrade of Police Department phone to an ESI 100 system at a cost of \$4,995.00. **Motion passed.**

Chief Raffaely distributed a quote for a Chevy Tahoe 4WD police cruiser and upfit materials from Ossipee Mountain Electronics and Ian Graphics. Board members reviewed the material. **Crowley/Allen** moved to accept quote of MacMulkin Chevrolet for a 2016 Tahoe, with upfit expenses from OME and Ian Graphics at a cost of \$38,898.40 including trade in allowance. Sel. Southworth asked the Chief if he thought the upfit could be purchased at a lesser cost. Chief Raffaely replied that it could not. **Motion passed.**

**3. Highway Department**

Highway Superintendent Andy Buteau discussed truck purchase options with the Board. He would prefer to bid the truck and all upfit costs as a single package rather than piecemeal. He also proposed purchasing a Hino truck as it can do the work required at a lower cost. Two other towns use Hinos and have had good experiences. Sel. Southworth expressed reservations that a Hino would do the job. Board members authorized him to move forward. Sel. Allen asked that the quote break out the prices of the truck and any plow or other accessories.

**4. Administration**

Board members signed a curbside recycling contract with Casella and discussed a request to install a utility pole in a town right of way. Glenn reported that the town cannot authorize this as use of the right of way for these purposes are restricted by franchise agreements approved by the electric utilities and the state decades ago. Under the agreements the utilities have exclusive rights to install utility poles in the public right of way.

Board members reviewed accounts payable, payroll manifests and general correspondence. **Crowley/Allen** moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of May 3, 2016. **Motion passed**

**5. Non-Public Session**

**Crowley/Southworth** moved to enter into non-public session under the provisions of RSA 91-A3II c at 6:30pm. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.** Also Present: Andy Buteau, Glenn Smith, Chief Raffaely, citizens seeking tax abatements. **Crowley/Allen** moved to reconvene the public session at 9:10pm. **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.**

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 9:12pm.

APPROVED BY THE NORTHFIELD SELECTBOARD ON MAY 24, 2016