

NORTHFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
Minutes of the Meeting of Tuesday, June 2, 2015

Present: Sel. Waldron, Sel. Crowley, Sel. Southworth
Also Present: Dominic Fiaschetti, Jonna Fiaschetti, Neil Bilodeau, George Flanders, Dick Stevens,
Chief Raffaely, Johnny Van Tassel, Glenn Smith

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm

1. Public Input

The Chair recognized Neil Bilodeau who answered questions as to the authority, responsibilities, and compensation of wardens, deputy wardens and issuing agents.

Board members inquired as to the ruling by the state that the recent fire on Rt. 140 started in Northfield. Mr. Bilodeau said that he was not the ranger on scene at that fire. Sel. Crowley asked if there was documentation that supports that the point of origin was in Northfield. Mr. Bilodeau said that there was none that he was aware of. Sel. Crowley asked if there was GIS data that supported the conclusion. Mr. Bilodeau said that there was none that he was aware of. He stated that the conclusion was reached based on the observations and reports of the on-site ranger and the TNFD and Belmont chiefs.

2. Police Department

Chief Raffaely noted that the new cruiser has been lettered and will be sent to OME for installation of equipment.

3. Highway Department

Highway Superintendent Johnny Van Tassel distributed quotes for purchase of a leaf-vac. Board members reviewed the quotes and discussed the need for the unit. Sel. Southworth said that he did not feel the unit would be used enough to justify the purchase. Board members discussed the matter. **Crowley/Waldron** moved to purchase a leaf vac from Nashua Outdoor Power as proposed for \$3,544.24. Sel. Southworth said he felt it would be used only to clean the erosion stone on Bean Hill Road and then would sit unused. **Motion passed 2-1, Sel. Southworth dissenting.**

Board members reviewed pending projects with Johnny.

Sel. Southworth noted that a culvert is filled in at the dip on Knowles Pond Road causing problems with the road. Johnny reported that the culvert has collapsed and he will replace it this summer.

4. Administration

Board members accepted an invitation to attend a July meeting concerning the town's payment to LRMFA for TNFD training, support services and dispatch.

Town Administrator Glenn Smith presented animal control contracts, which Board members signed. He

also presented information concerning the advisory role of the Upper Merrimack River Local Advisory Committee. Board members signed a state form nominating Glen Brown as a town representative to UMLAC.

Board members reviewed approved and signed a littering ordinance. They also reviewed a proposal to move forward with the possible sale of Union Church. Selectmen reviewed the conditions under which the sale could take place. Discussion points included fulfilling the terms of the bequeathment, preparation for town meeting and the mechanics of transferring the property to a new owner. Glenn was authorized to work with attorney Bart Mayer on this.

Board members reviewed pending projects with Glenn.

Sel. Waldron asked the Board how they wanted to proceed with appointment of fire wardens and issuing agents. Board members agreed that Glenn were to work draft Sel. Waldron's recommendation before the next meeting. They also asked Glenn to coordinate a meeting with Chief Sitar, Chief Parenti and the ranger who was on site at the Rt. 140 fire for the next meeting.

5. Non-public Session *RSA91A3-II b*

Waldron/Southworth moved to enter into non-public session under the provisions of RSA 91-A3II b,c at 8:01pm. **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 8:55pm. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.**

Waldron/Crowley moved to seal the minutes of the non-public session 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.**

6. General Business

Board members reviewed general correspondence and payroll and accounts payable manifests.

Waldron/Crowley moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of May 19, 2015. **Motion passed.**

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 8:56pm

APPROVED BY THE NORTHFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN ON JUNE 9, 2015