

**NORTHFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING**  
**Minutes of the meeting of Thursday, July 7, 2016**

Present: Sel. Crowley, Sel. Southworth, Sel. Allen  
Also Present: Greg Hill, Andy Buteau, Glenn Smith

The meeting was called to order at 4:00pm

**1. Police Department**

Sel. Crowley informed the board that there may be an issue with special detail rates but that the discussion should wait until the Chief is in attendance.

**2. Highway Department**

Sel. Crowley presented the latest cost estimate for repairing the town garage received from Woodland Claim Service and approved by Construx. Board members discussed the logistics of the town garage repair. Public Works Director Andy Buteau reviewed changes he would like to make to the building, including relocate the 14 foot garage door to the middle of the building to create a mechanic's bay, install a small door in the back of the building and relocating the break room to the main floor to free the mezzanine for storage. Sel. Crowley noted that Construx is recommending replacing lights and heater with more efficient models. Sel. Southworth suggested including a ventilation system in the main building. Sel. Crowley said one can be added at little cost.

**Southworth/Allen** moved to go move forward with repairs to the town garage as proposed by Construx and Primex with Construx as the general contractor. **Motion passed.**

Andy reported that he has obtained quotes on fuel tanks, a new shoulder machine, and lifts. The new shoulder machine costs \$6,500. A used unit can be purchased from Fairfield for \$1,000. Sel. Allen asked if parts are available for the used machine. Andy responded that they were. **Allen/Crowley** moved to authorize Andy Buteau to purchase a used shoulder machine from Fairfield at a cost not to exceed \$1,000. **Motion passed.**

Andy reported that bushes overhanging town sidewalks have been trimmed and the crew is working on trimming around signs. Sel. Southworth said that he was concerned about people parking alongside Knowles Pond as many cars park partially in the road, which could create a dangerous situation. Greg Hill noted that he sometimes parks there to swim and doesn't think it is a problem as the road sees little traffic.

**3. Administration**

Town Administrator Glenn Smith reviewed material relating to the elimination of education stabilization funds by the legislature and the impact of this decision on the Northfield tax rate. Sel. Crowley reviewed his discussion with the mayor of Franklin concerning this; there is considerable interest in working collectively with other towns to achieve a solution to the problem. Greg Hill reported that the legislature has not heard any complaints about the elimination of this program.

Glenn updated the Board on the requirements for selling Union Church.

Board members reviewed a letter from Christina Beadle, who is interested in serving on the Conservation Commission and agreed by consensus that she be appointed as an alternate member of the Commission.

Board members discussed security at Glines Park bathhouse and asked Glenn to order security cameras for the facility.

#### **4. Non-Public Session**

**Crowley/Southworth** moved to enter into non-public session under the provisions of RSA 91-A3II c at 5:03pm. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.** Also Present: Joann Kelso, Glenn Smith. **Crowley/Southworth** moved to reconvene the public session at 6:03pm. **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.**

#### **5. Joint meeting with Tilton/Northfield Recreation Council and Tilton Selectboard**

Members of the Tilton/Northfield Recreation Council reviewed steps that have been taken since the recent abuse incidents were discovered and answered questions from Selectmen.

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 6:56pm

APPROVED BY THE NORTHFIELD SELECTBOARD ON JULY 19, 2016