

NORTHFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
Minutes of the meeting of August 18, 2016

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

Also Present: Deb Wheeler, Robert Gillespie, Chief Raffaely, Andy Buteau, Glenn Smith,

1. Public Input No members of the public sought to address the Board

2. Police Department

Chief Raffaely reported that the new cruiser has arrived and is at OME getting upfitted. Sel. Southworth asked if the old cruiser has been traded in, the Chief responded that it had. Chief Raffaely reported that he will be lettering his vehicle so one of the sergeants can use it.

Chief Raffaely updated the board on the award of the bid for replacement of the police station front door. He also reported that the Merrimack County Advocacy Center has been assisting with child abuse investigations free of charge will now be charging \$2,000 per year for this service. Sel. Crowley said that the DCYF should be providing the same services at no cost to the town. Board members instructed that the Chief investigate that alternative.

3. Highway Department

Public Works Director Andy Buteau reviewed bids for portable lifts with the Selectmen. Discussion points included electrical requirements, portability and difference between various models. Andy was asked to check vendor references and bring a recommendation to Tuesday's meeting.

Andy reviewed the quotes received for removal of dead trees at Pines Park. **Crowley/Allen** moved to accept the quote of New Sky for removal of three trees, contingent upon confirmation that the firm will remove all material except for stumps. **Motion passed.**

Andy reported that Albright has finished cleaning the Highway Garage, his crew is painting this week and Construx will start reconstruction next month. Chief Raffaely advised that a florescent light hanging from the ceiling be removed, Andy said he would take care of it.

Sel. Crowley updated the Board on the removal of the UST, which should be completed by 8/31.

Andy updated the Board on the closure of the Glines Park bathhouse due to vandalism. Glenn reported that the beach is temporarily closed due to water quality. Board members discussed purchase of a new mower.

4. Administration

Town Administrator Glenn Smith presented a proposed memorial for Tom Wooten. Board members approved the preliminary concept and authorized Glenn to work with the Conservation Commission and Ian Graphics to refine the proposal.

Glenn was asked to notice a public hearing concerning the proposed gift to the town of 0.70 acres of land

along Cross Mill Road by the Blais Family for August 30th. He also outlined a proposed schedule for selling the property recently acquired by tax sale, which Board member approved.

Board members considered a proposed schedule for preparation of the 2017 town budget and asked that it be put on a future agenda. They also instructed department heads to provide a preliminary projection of their 2016 expenses for the meeting of August 31st.

Board members discussed to legislature's decision to eliminate education stabilization funds with Rep. Wheeler, emphasizing the impact of the downshift on local property tax payers. She indicated that if enough towns lobbied the legislature to restore the funding then progress could be made and agreed to inform the town when the matter was up for discussion in the legislature.

Glenn informed the Board that an appraiser has asked for permission to inspect the Cross Mill Village property in anticipation of its repurchase by the prior owner. Board members granted the request. Glenn also presented a used oil grant application for review. **Crowley/Southworth** moved to approve the filing of a used oil grant application in the amount of \$2,499.99 and authorize Andy Buteau to sign the application paperwork on behalf of the town. **Motion passed.**

Board members approved a request of the Franklin Lions Club to install a sign on Rt. 132 on the condition that they also obtain approval from the State. Glenn informed the Board of an upcoming series of safety training sessions to be held at town hall.

Sel. Crowley informed the Board that the Fire Facilities Committee will host a public hearing on October 12th to review its findings and preliminary recommendation. He also reviewed recently passed legislation.

5. General Business

Board members reviewed general correspondence and payroll and accounts payable manifests. **Crowley/Southworth** moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of July 26, 2016. **Motion passed.** **Crowley/Allen** moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of July 28, 2016. **Motion passed.** **Crowley/Southworth** moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of August 4, 2016. **Motion passed.**

Crowley/Southworth moved to enter into non-public session under the provisions of RSA 91-A3II b,c at 6:45pm. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.** Also Present: Andy Buteau, Chief Raffaelly, Glenn Smith. **Crowley/Southworth** moved to reconvene the public session at 7:39 pm. **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 7:39pm.

APPROVED BY THE NORTHFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN ON AUGUST 23, 2016