

NORTHFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
Minutes of the Meeting of August 23, 2016

Present: Scott Haskins, Chris Hunt, Sel. Crowley, Sel. Southworth, Sel. Allen
Also Present: Chief Raffaelly, Andy Buteau, Glenn Smith

The meeting was called to order at 5:01pm

1. Public Input

Chris Hunt addressed the Board concerning the recent accident at the Highway Garage and a 'failure of supervision' at the Pines Community Center. Chris believes there is a fault somewhere, something is missing. He is concerned as a taxpayer contributing a serious amount of money toward running of town and there are lapses. He asked that the Board address two items: insufficient lines of sight at the Bay Hill Road/Spaulding Road intersection and at the Fiske Road/Shaker Road intersection. He also believes that the audio recordings of the Selectboard meetings should be kept for more than 2 years.

2. Police Department

Chief Raffaelly reported that the new vehicle is at OME being equipped. Sel. Crowley asked if there is a problem with camping at Knowles Pond. The Chief responded that there is and that he is keeping an eye on it. Sel. Crowley noted that the Knowles Pond ordinance prohibits camping. Sel. Crowley asked if IMC can produce vehicle reports. The Chief responded that it could.

3. Highway Department

Public Works Director Andy Buteau reported that he had called references for companies selling lifts. Board members reviewed the information provided and asked for warrantee information. Sel. Allen and Southworth said that they would like to compare warrantees before making a decision.

Andy informed the Board that the Bay Hill Road project is progressing, the lower end has been dig safed and Ken Partridge should be able to start next week. Also, New Sky will be removing the dead trees from Pines Park shortly.

Andy reported that the vehicles have been inspected. The 10 wheeler needs a spring changed. Board members discussed whether the work should be done as the vehicle is due to be surplus. Andy said that he might keep the truck for special projects as needed. Board members asked that he get a quote for replacing the spring. Andy reported that the recycling container at the Transfer Station is being emptied weekly. Board members discussed the continued use of the facility after curbside recycling started.

Andy informed the Board that Dan Desrochers continues to call concerning the repair of a culvert/ditch line on Shaw Road. Andy can have the necessary easement in place this week but will likely not be able to complete this work this year due to other projects. Board members concurred.

Sel. Allen inquired as to an intent to cut for property off of Reservoir Road. He is very concerned that the trucks and equipment needed for this work will severely damage this newly paved road. Board members discussed what could be done to protect the road. Glenn noted that the Highway Ordinance allows the

Road Agent to post a weight limit on the road and then establish conditions for a waiver to the restriction, including requiring a road bond. Board members did not sign the intent to cut to allow for more research into the matter.

4. Administration

Board members reviewed a list of town properties with Town Administrator Glenn Smith, instructing him to start the process of selling six of the parcels.

5. General Business

Board members reviewed accounts payable, payroll manifests and general correspondence. **Southworth/Allen** moved to accept the minutes of the meeting of August 18, 2016. **Motion passed.**

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 7:12 pm

APPROVED BY THE NORTHFIELD SELECTBOARD ON AUGUST 30, 2016