

**TOWN OF NORTHFIELD
PLANNING BOARD
February 1, 2016
MINUTES**

Members present: Jason Durgin, Doug Read, Laurie Hill, Wayne Crowley, Mike Murphy and Glen Brown.

Minutes: Wayne Crowley moved, seconded by Laurie Hill to accept the minutes of January 4, 2016. Motion passed.

Jennifer Parker – Phoenix House: Preliminary discussion – No one was present for this discussion.

51 Park Street: John Swancott and Josh Dunlop were present to ask what the Planning Board requires for a site plan for a retail store selling firearms, tactical gear and tackle at 51 Park Street. The Board's first reaction was that this is very close to the Union Sanborn School and that the Safe School Regulations need to be researched. Wayne Crowley explained that if this building is not within the safe school area, then a site plan would be necessary showing parking, signage, lighting, etc. Mike Murphy commented that the Board encourages business, but wants to make sure that lighting doesn't impact surrounding residences. The site plan application process was explained and it was emphasized that a hand drawn plan would be acceptable.

Research by board members indicate that the safe school regulations apply up to 1,000 feet from schools.

Other: Greg Hill discussed school funding and the impact of the state reducing the Adequacy funding to Northfield's tax rate. He suggested holding a meeting with Representatives, Senators and Board members to discuss the impact of losing these state funds

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Eliza Conde, Secretary

Minutes approved 03-07-2016