



NORTHFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

Minutes of the meeting of February 18, 2020

Present: Chairman Wayne Crowley, Sel. Scott Haskins, Sel. Glen Brown (via speaker phone)
Also Present: Chief John Raffaely, Andy Buteau, Stephanie Giovannucci, Rob Pearlman, Fred & Wendy French

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by Chairman Crowley.

- **Public Input**

Rob Pearlman was present regarding the home he rents located at 145 Park Street. Sel. Crowley stated that they are having issues with the tenants children playing on the highway lot next door located at 147 Park Street. There are heavy trucks coming in and out and cannot see the children. Mr. Pearlman has warned the tenants about the danger of the children playing on the highway lot. He stated that if they continue that he will not renew their lease.

Fred French stated he was concerned that he saw salt being used on Forrest Road and he has lived there for 42 years and never recalled salt being used before on this road. Sel. Crowley stated that we use salt on all paved roads for safety reasons. Mr. French said he saw an article on WMUR that said road salt was interfering with well systems. He added that his well is located close to the road and the salt should be adjusted per use of the road. Mr. Buteau recalled what storm Mr. French is referring to and that the road was black and wet and the temperature was going to be below freezing within hours, this is why he put salt down strictly for safety and this was done to all paved roads. Mr. French said he is worried he will have to buy a new well and he can't afford it. He added that they do not want city water. Sel. Haskins asked him if he has had his water tested. Mr. French said he is working on it. Sel. Haskins asked to see the picture of the salt. The Board agreed that the salt on the road in the picture was an average amount of what is put down on the roadways.

- **Police Department Update**

Chief Raffaely stated he did not have any updates at this time.

- **Public Works Update**

Sel. Crowley stated that Kenny Partridge is working on Rand Road. Mr. Buteau Confirmed. Sel. Crowley stated that the culvert on Shaker Road will probably need to be removed. Mr. Buteau and Sel. Haskins said they both recalled the meeting with the public and that it did not need to be removed anytime soon, if ever. Sel. Haskins asked why Mike Bean was inquiring about the culvert. Sel. Crowley stated that Mr. Bean wanted to make sure we budgeted to remove it and added that we'd probably need to go through DES. The Board agreed to leave the culvert alone now.

- **Review of Transfer Station Expense & Revenue :**

Mrs. Giovannucci read the changes in revenue and expenses from 2018 to 2019. Sel. Crowley asked if they closed the Transfer Station then the \$40,000 would be be put onto the residents that need to get rid of the items. The Board decided not to make any changes at this time.

- **Administrative Update:**

Mrs. Giovannucci and Mr. Haskins reviewed the Open Space Plan with the Board.

Mrs. Giovannucci distributed a spreadsheet with the HRA usage in 2019. Board confirmed that approximately 50% of the HRA was used and that is what was budgeted for 2020.

Mrs. Giovannucci updated the Board on the tree stump removal on Summer Street and Elm St., stating that she spoke to her contact at Eversource and they will be driving by this week, and will view the issue and get back to her.

Crowley/Haskins moved to accept the minutes of February 11, 2020 as written. **Motion Passed.**

Crowley/Haskins moved to accept the minutes of February 4, 2020 as written. **Motion Passed.**

Crowley/Haskins moved to enter into non-public session under the provisions of RSA 91-A3II (b) (d) (l) at 6:19 pm. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.**

Also Present: Stephanie Giovannucci, Chief John Raffaelly

Public session reconvened at 7:08 pm.

Crowley/Brown moved to seal the non-public session minutes because divulgence could affect adversely the reputation of a person not on this board. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.**

There being no other business the meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm

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