



## NORTHFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

Minutes of the meeting of February 25, 2020

**Present:** Sel. Wayne Crowley, Sel. Scott Haskins, Sel Glen Brown-Via Phone

**Also Present:** Chief John Raffaely, Andy Buteau, Stephanie Giovannucci, Don Stevens, and Chris Hunt;

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

- **Police Department Update**

**Department Update** - Chief Raffaely stated that he had a part time officer that wanted to be paid for Holiday pay. He's been working regular hours lately, but is not a regular part time employee. The Board agreed not to pay for the Holiday. Chief Raffaely also stated the female officer that the Board signed a PAR for last week will not be taking the position due to possible relocation.

- **Public Works Department Update**

**Posting of Roads** - Andy Buteau, Public Works Director said that Fiddlers Choice Road has been posted with a 6 ton weight limit, however heavy equipment from Eversource is currently utilizing the road, but they assured him that they would fix any damages to the road they cause. Mr. Buteau added that he expects a waiver request from Eversource. Mr. Buteau informed the Board that he will have all gravel roads posted at 6 ton limits by tomorrow and plans to have all asphalt roads posted for 12 Tons by Monday. Chief Raffaely suggesting posting Sandogardy Pond Road sooner due to logging trucks constantly going down the road and the conditions of that road. Mr. Buteau stated that all Class VI Roads are posted now and that waivers are needed. He asked Mrs. Giovannucci to post on the website and in the news.

**Vehicle Maintenance** - Mr. Buteau stated that the 10 Wheeler air can on the air dryer went, the spring is cracked. Mr. Buteau is looking for guidance from the Board as to how much should we continue to spend on this vehicle. The Board asked Mrs. Giovannucci for 2019 expense. She stated \$3,782.94. Sel. Crowley noted that the truck does not have a lot of miles on it. Mr. Stevens said he recalled the CIP Committee stating that if the truck got real bad it should be gone. The Board agreed to cap it at \$5,000 and if he needs more then to come back to Selectboard.

**Curbside Waste Collection** - Sel. Crowley asked the Board to review the Curbside RFQ and they will revisit it next week. Mr. Buteau stated he would like to see the barrels of the sidewalks, Board agreed they would continue the discussion next week.

**Forrest Road** - Mrs. Giovannucci stated that a resident from Upper Forrest Road has requested that numbers be added to the street sign to deter mis-deliveries and multiple turnarounds. The Board said they are okay with the resident wants to put up their own sign, but the Town is not going to add this at this time.

**South Park Drive** - Mrs. Giovannucci said that Regina Nadeau will be at next week's meeting to review agreement for South Park Drive. Sel. Crowley reviewed the agreement & road acceptance. Sel. Haskins stated that the top coat was put down, but he is not sure that it meets specs. Mr. Hunt stated that the Subdivision Regulations has the road specs in it and asked why the road acceptance isn't being brought Town Meeting. Sel. Crowley stated that by State Law the Town does not have to accept the road at town meeting.

- **Administration Department Update**

**Payson Road** - Mrs. Giovannucci stated that Mr. and Mrs. Alberts from 471 Payson Road would like to purchase the town property Located at Map R22 Lot 1-1. The Board said that the two abutters should be offered the land first with the condition that they merge it with their current lot. The Board directed Mrs. Giovannucci to send out a letter if they are interested they should send a sealed request.

**Employee Performance Review** –The Board agreed not to do reviews this year.

**Wage Study** – Mrs. Giovannucci stated that she is still waiting on some data. The Board agreed to put off until April.

**Warrant Article Assignments** – Will be put off until next week for when Sel. Brown is back.

**Economic Revitalization Zone** - Sel. Crowley asked Mrs. Giovannucci to pull Tax incentives the Town offers and look at how we market them. He stated the ER Zone is against the business profit tax through the state. The Board discussed the discount that the Town offers, and asked Mrs. Giovannucci to look into how this effects the TIF District.

**Suspense List Review**- Disposition of Island Park-Meeting with Tilton at Tilton Town Hall on March 18, 2020. The Board reviewed the remaining list and made no changes.

**Open Space Report** – Board discussed the Open Space plan and would like to see that map and priorities list on the wall at the Annual Meeting.

**Candidates Night** – Board approved to have water and cookies available for Candidates Night.

**Crowley/Haskins** moved to approve the minutes of February 18, 2020 as corrected. **Motion Passed.**

- **Other Business**

Mrs. Giovannucci and Sel. Haskins updated the Board on the Zoning Board meeting held Monday evening and noted that the Board appointed Kaitlin Lounsbury as chair, and Kevin Waldron as Vice Chair.

There being no other business the meeting adjourned at 6:44pm

**Minutes approved March 3, 2020**