



NORTHFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

Minutes of the meeting of May 19, 2021

Present: Selectman Kevin Waldron, Selectman Scott Haskins and Selectman Mark Hubbell.

Also Present: Police Chief John Raffaelly

Selectmen Waldron opened the meeting for the Selectmen's work session at 5:00 pm.

Police Department Update: There have been continued issues at the Skate Park with damage to Town Property as well as trash strewn all around the Skate Park. It appears to have been vandalized by some people who have dumped household items at the Skate Park.

Also; safety issues continue at the "Loops" with trees being cut down without permission as well as trash strewn along the railroad bed and it appears that some of the "Homemade Loop" could be considered unsafe conditions. The Selectmen have decided to close the "Loops" and it will be posted "No Trespassing", along with a stronger police presence at both locations. Tickets will be issued for anyone trespassing at the "Loops".

Other Business: The Selectmen discussed Covid and how that would affect the Town. If an employee contracts Covid the employee shall be tested immediately for the virus and if that test comes back positive the employee will remain out of work for 10 days. Prior to returning to work the employee shall have another test with a negative test result, before they can return to work. As well as no symptoms (cough, sneezing).

The Town will not provide curbside trash pickup to the Library or to The Pines beginning on June 1st. They must find an alternative for trash removal.

Selectmen Hubbell will contact New England Kenworth to ascertain the sale value of the Peterbuilt Truck that is currently there awaiting repairs. If the value is sufficient to recoup the repair costs we will fix it, if not it will likely be sold as is.

There was discussion about an email from Tilton Recreation to utilize Surette Park at the end of June to set off Fireworks. Any costs associated with their event (Police, Traffic Control, Trash pickup) shall be paid for by Tilton and not Northfield. Tilton will also have to name Northfield as an additional insured on an insurance certificate before Northfield will give permission to use Town Property. Also no vendors will be allowed to set up at Surette Park during this event.

Selectmen Haskins discussed that the Pines Community Center is considering having a corn hole tournament on June 26th. Also Selectmen Haskins discussed the possibility of having a beer tent as well. Conversation revolved around police presence because of a beer tent. Discussion was should this be a police detail or regular scheduled shifts. The Chief stated that no officer would want to do this if detail pay was not involved. What does the Town policy say to police presence with alcohol being served? The Chief stated that he would do the detail if no one wanted to do it.

The Selectmen discussed the fee for using Town Property. They feel that the current \$50.00 is not a sufficient deposit considering that someone could leave the property in shambles and the Town would be on the hook for all costs associated with the cleanup. They will review this again.

Tree cutting at the Pines was discussed. Big Sky Tree Company has been in cutting some trees but has now pulled out to do other jobs. Selectman Haskins informed the Selectmen that Tilton Northfield Recreation will be starting their summer camp program on June 22nd, and the children usually use that area for activities. The T/A will notify Danial Durgin of Big Sky Tree about the time restraints.

Selectmen Haskins brought up for discussion that Union Sanborn School will be closing after the 2022 school year, and what will happen to the building when it closes. The School Board is responsible for the sale of the building and the Town has no say in who buys it. Although the Town will be able to tax the building if no other school or non-profit organization occupies the building. There does appear to be some discussion about a magnet school or some other type of school wanting to have that building. The Town will continue to monitor the future of the building.

There was discussion on the WOW trail and that there seems to be some erosion of the trail near the “Loops” area. Selectmen Haskins will review this with the DPW Director to see if something can be done about it.

There is no further discussion before the Selectmen at this time.

The Selectmen adjourned the meeting at 6:55 pm.

Minutes Recorded by T/A Ken Robichaud

Minutes were approved on June 1, 2021.