



## **NORTHFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING**

Minutes of the meeting of June 15th, 2021

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

**Also Present:** Town Administrator Ken Robichaud, Public Works Director Justin Bernier, Police Chief John Raffaely, Jason Durgin, Heather Durgin, Amanda Latulippe, Kristen Vaughn, Thomas Goley, Scott Beliveau, Gary Andrews, Carl Bartlett, Ken Thomlins, Lisa Thorne, Sheri Sprague, Mike Therian, Tim Goulet, Dave Dalrymple, Lee Dalrymple, and Pat Tucker.

**Selectmen Waldron opened the meeting for the Selectmen's work session at 4:00 pm.**

We recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Sel. Waldron made a motion at 4:01pm to go into nonpublic session under NH RSA 91a;3-II, (A&C) seconded by Sel. Hubble, Roll call vote Selectmen Haskins–Yes Selectman Hubbell–Yes and Selectman Waldron- Yes.**

**Waldron/Hubbell moved to reconvene the public session at 4:44pm. Roll Call Vote, Selectman Haskins – Yes, Selectman Hubbell- Yes and Selectman Waldron-Yes, Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.**

**Waldron/Haskins moved to seal the minutes of the non-public session because divulgence of the information likely would affect adversely the reputation of any person other than a member of the board, or render the proposed action of the board ineffective.**

**Roll call vote, Selectman Haskins-Yes, Selectman Hubbell –Yes and Selectman Waldron-Yes. Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote and the minutes are hereby sealed.**

- **Department of Public Works Update:**

Director Bernier discussed the backhoe which John Deere will be installing the thumb and the bucket and they have swapped out the tires and wheels. It maybe available to the Town by next week to demo the machine.

Justin informed the Selectmen that he will be getting a couple more bids for the tree work for Shaker and Bay Hill road projects.

Director Bernier has the scope of work ready for bidding on the road projects and will give to Stephanie for distribution. The selectmen discussed the project and the time lines with the projects, supplies are backordered for up to 12 weeks on some items.

Also discussed was the transfer station can begin accepting #1-2 plastics for recycling as the market is in a positive direction now for revenue on these recyclables. Also, discussed were extending the transfer station hours until 7 pm. Director Bernier stated that according to NH DES rules you may not be open later that 6pm, or earlier that 6 am at any NH transfer Station.

The DPW Director discussed with the Selectmen on the Surplus Equipment for sale. All items are at the DPW and all in a row in back of the DPW garage for anyone to view. All items will be sold by sealed bids and bids will be due by July 26<sup>th</sup> at 5pm. The bids will be opened the next day at the Selectmen's regular public meeting.

- **Police Department Update:**

The Chief presented Anna Doherty to the Selectmen as his new recruit. Ms. Doherty was given the oath by Selectman Mark Hubble. Officer Doherty will begin on the Northfield Police Department next week as Northfields newest police officer.

The Chief as well as Sgt. Fitzherbert gave a presentation to the Selectmen on new protective vests. The current vest is worn underneath the clothing and is not visible. The new proposed vests are worn on the outside of the shirt and are visible. The new vest will keep the officer more comfortable in the warmer months. The current ballistic plates from some of the old vests will be utilized if they are under the 5 year expiration. Also to be purchased with the outer carrier vests will be shirts to be worn under the officer's carrier vest. The cost for the vests is around \$4,500.00 for all officers. Selectman Haskins and Selectman Hubble approved the vest purchase. The Chief will come to the Selectmen next week with a PAR request.

Police Chief Raffaely updated the Selectmen on Car 15 and a battery and starter issue that was repaired and the vehicle is back on the road.

- **Administration Update:**

The T/A presented the Selectmen with a letter of support for the Winnepesaukee River Trail Grant. Selectman Haskins and Selectman Hubbell signed the letter.

The Selectmen discussed a "pay to throw" trash bag for any resident that has more trash than (2) 45 gallon trash containers. The resident would purchase a bag at town hall and they could bring the bag once full to the transfer station and they may dispose of this bag in a special dumpster. The Selectmen would like to know the cost of the bags as well as the size. The dumpster would be \$350 per month for a 10 yard dumpster and would be emptied weekly. The dumpster would be paid through offsetting revenue by purchasing of the bags.

The Town Administrator presented the Selectmen with solid waste regulations on trash cans and illegal dumping of trash in public areas.

The Town Administrator gave the Selectmen an MOU from Tilton on the senior bus transportation to the senior center in Tilton. The Selectmen will review this and will discuss this next week.

The T/A updated the Selectmen on Tiltons new date for Fireworks and the use of Surette Park. They will be held on July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

- **Other Business:**

**Selectmen Waldron/Haskins motioned to approve the minutes from June 8th, 2021. All in favor, motion passed. Minutes are approved as presented.**

**The Chairman opened Public Comment at 7:00 pm**

Kristen Vaughn- voiced her concern with contracts and read some past meeting minutes and spoke to agenda times.

Thomas Goley- would like the Selectmen to reconsider the 45 gallon restriction.

Darlene Bitetto- discussed having a 48 gallon container which is only 3 gallons over the 45 gallon restriction.

Ann Tucker- Discussed Selectmen meetings and when they occur.

Valarie Allen- Discussed the information board across from the DPW Garage and ownership of that board.

Dave Dalrymple- spoke to the transfer station hours and recyclable revenue stream.

Mike Therrien- spoke about the Dumpster at the transfer station.

Kevin Leandro spoke to the Selectmen on transfer stations and what he did in Gilford. The Selectmen would like to invite him back to discuss and take a road trip to the Gilford transfer station.

Scott Beliveau- spoke on 1&2 plastics at the transfer station, the hours of the Transfer Station could be later or more days.

**The Chairman closed public input at 9:00pm.**

The board discussed next week's meeting time will be at 5:00 pm

With no further business to come before the Board of Selectmen the meeting was adjourned at 9:15pm.

**Minutes Recorded by T/A Ken Robichaud**

**Approved June 22, 2021**