



NORTHFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

Minutes of the meeting of January 17, 2024

Present: Selectman Jason Durgin, Selectman Mark Hubbell

Town Staff Present: Town Administrator Stephanie Giovannucci, Interim Public Works Director Adam Dow, and Police Lt. Jesse Colby.

Sel. Durgin reopened the public meeting at 5:00 pm.

Brian Groshon of Casella presented information regarding the change in curbside collection effective April 1st.

Mr. Groshon stated that once the contract is signed, they will start working on ordering the containers, they will work with TA Giovannucci for a list of 1-2 unit properties. He added that two weeks before the transition the carts will be distributed and one week before prior, they will collect old carts if residents want to dispose of them.

Sel. Durgin opened the floor for questions.

Questions and Answers as follows...

How far from the road can the carts be? Up to 6 feet

How will residents choose the smaller containers? Board will need to set up requirements to meet the needs of a smaller can. What happens to the old carts are they recycled? They are brought to Wheelabrator for disposal.

Can extra carts be purchased? No, the purpose is to keep curbside disposal costs down, you can bring extra bags to the Transfer Station and pay \$5

Are bags required in the can? No but preferred to keep trash off the street side.

What happens if new homes are added to town? This has been calculated in the new contract.

What if someone wants to start with a smaller can and then changes their minds? Once cans are order they would not be interchangeable, they will get sample sizes to the Town Hall so people can view.

What the reasoning behind cart size criteria? Casella has to order the carts before the service is implemented, if everyone could change out when they wanted, then the Town would need to purchase carts to have on hand.

Do you have to put your street numbers on the carts? No each cart has a serial number that will be assigned to the property, if you want to label your cart, they recommend mailbox stickers.

Sel. Durgin closed the floor for public questions.

Public Input

Bette Hammond stated that the Selectboard and Budget Committee meetings are recorded and put online, can we have the rest of the committees do the same? She added that at the last Planning Board meeting 28 Sargent St had an application in and it was discovered that the house is in commercial and the garage is in residential, when was this changed, and if it was prior to the original application then it shouldn't have been permitted. Sel. Durgin stated that we'd look into this, but they were given a Special Exception during the original process.

Administration

TA Giovannucci stated that she attended her first Cable Franchise meeting and asked the Board if they feel having Breezeline open the brick-and-mortar location for customer services in the area. Board questioned the reasons to have a location open in the area, Mrs. Giovannucci stated in case someone needs to return items, pay a bill, get a new remote, etc, they don't have to wait for the mail and then box up the old one and get it back out in the mail. She added that it was suggested to just open once a month, and that Comcast has a local service location and has agreed to the requirement in the agreement. Board agrees this is important for our residents and opening their location once a month would meet most needs.

Police Department - None

Public Works Department

IPWD Dow stated that we should be receiving the 6 wheeler Monday or Tuesday. Sel. Hubbell asked about the Peterbilt, Mr. Dow stated it's parked.

Mr. Dow questioned when we'd like to send the projects out to bid so we can start getting quotes. He added that we have some budgetary numbers for the catch basins, culverts and Jared Hebert is helping him with quotes on tonnage. Board agreed to start getting the RFP's ready to go out.

New Business -None

Unfinished Business - None

Other Business

Board discussed the election being on Tuesday.

Minutes

Durgin/Hubbell moved to approve the minutes of January 2, 2024. **Motion Passed.**

Public Input

Ken Tomlin stated that we are back to square one with the Police Chief and wanted to inquire about what the plan is. Sel. Durgin stated that the Board has been discussing it and working on the next transition. Mr. Tomlin stated that Lt. Colby did very well during the last search and feels it should be a pretty easy transition.

Scott Haskins asked for clarification on plowing across the road. Sel. Durgin stated that it's allowed, but you cannot leave anything in the road. Mr. Dow added that once the crew has been by to treat the road, they would prefer that people do not push across, as they will remove the salt and sand they laid in the road.

Sel. Durgin recessed the meeting at 6:01pm.

Sel. Durgin reopened the meeting at 6:08pm

Non-Public Session

Durgin/Cunningham moved to go into Non-Public Session at 6:08 pm under NH RSA 91a;3-11 (A). Roll Call Vote – Sel. Hubbell – Yes, Sel. Durgin – Yes **Motion Passed.**

Durgin reconvened the public session at 7:08 pm.

Durgin/Hubbell moved to seal the minutes of the non-public session because divulgence of the information likely would adversely affect the reputation of any person other than a member of the board or render the proposed action of the board ineffective. Roll call vote, Sel. Hubbell – Yes, Sel. Durgin - Yes. **Motion Passed minutes are hereby sealed.**

There being no other business, Sel. Durgin adjourned the meeting at 7:08 pm

Minutes approved January 30, 2024