

NORTHFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
NON-PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

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DATE: February 15th, 2022

Motion made by Sel. Hubbell second by Sel. Durgin to enter non- public session under the provisions of RSA 91A-3 II:

- ☒ (a) The dismissal, promotion or compensation of any public employee or the disciplining of such employee, or the investigation of any charges against him, unless the employee affected (1) has a right to a meeting and (2) requests that the meeting be open, in which case the request shall be granted.
- ☒ (b) The hiring of any person as a public employee.
- ☐ (c) Matters which, if discussed in public, would affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of the body or agency itself, unless such person requests an open meeting. *This exemption shall extend to any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine, or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant.*
- ☐ (d) Consideration of the acquisition, sale, or lease of real or personal property which, if discussed in public, would likely benefit a party or parties whose interests are adverse to those of the general community.
- ☐ (e) Consideration or negotiation of pending claims or litigation which has been threatened in writing or filed against the body or agency or any subdivision thereof, or against any member thereof because of his or her membership in such body or agency, until the claim or litigation has been fully adjudicated or otherwise settled. *Any application filed for tax abatement, pursuant to law, with anybody or board shall not constitute a threatened or filed litigation against any body, board, or agency for the purposes of this subparagraph.*
- ☐ (h) Consideration of applications by the business finance authority under RSA 162-A:7-10 and 162-A:13, where consideration of an application in public session would cause harm to the applicant or would inhibit full discussion of the application.
- ☐ (i) Consideration of matters relating to the preparation for and the carrying out of emergency functions, including training to carry out such functions, developed by local or state safety officials that are directly intended to thwart a deliberate act that is intended to result in widespread or severe damage to property or widespread injury or loss of life.
- ☐ (j) Consideration of confidential, commercial, or financial information that is exempt from public disclosure under RSA 91-A:5, IV in an adjudicative proceeding pursuant to RSA 541 or RSA 541-A.
- ☒ (l) Consideration of legal advice provided by legal counsel, either in writing or orally, to one or more members of the public body, even where legal counsel is not present.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Hubbell

X	
Yes	No

Durgin

X	
Yes	No

Waldron

X	
Yes	No

THE BOARD ENTERED NON-PUBLIC SESSION AT 7:22 pm

OTHERS PRESENT DURING NON-PUBLIC SESSION: Town Administrator Ken Robichaud, and Police Lt. Mike Hutchinson.

SUBJECT MATTER DISCUSSED AND DECISIONS MADE: Lt. Hutchinson asked if he could waive the Officers yearly evaluations due to so many officers leaving the Department. The Selectmen said no. Also, wanted to talk about sign on bonuses and how they would work. Increases in Salary and what the rate would be. The Selectmen stated that these are based on the Town Budget passing in March. Lt. Hutchinson discussed with the Selectmen bringing back former Chief Raffaely to help in the interim.

**SUBJECT MATTER DISCUSSED AND DECISIONS MADE:** Town Administrator Robichaud discussed with the Selectmen a recommendation made by Susan Lowrey Town Counsel on the closing or discontinuing of a Road. It was decided to use the subject to gates and bars recommendation as it will be easier with less ramifications. This will be done at next year's Town Meeting.

**SUBJECT MATTER DISCUSSED AND DECISIONS MADE:** The Selectmen interviewed [redacted] from [redacted] for the Chiefs position. [redacted] came up from [redacted] and spent 50 minutes with the Selectmen discussing his experiences. The Selectmen will look at other candidates as resumes come in.

**SUBJECT MATTER DISCUSSED AND DECISIONS MADE:** The Selectmen asked the Town Administrator if he would have Former Police Chief John Raffaely here next week to discuss with him an interim position as Police Chief. Administrator Robichaud said that he would.

**Motion made by Sel. Waldron seconded by Sel. Hubbell to reconvene the public session at 9:34 pm, all in favor, motion passed.**

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