



NORTHFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

Minutes of the meeting of February 3, 2022

Present: Selectman Kevin Waldron, Selectman Mark Hubbell, and Selectman Jason Durgin.

Town Staff Present: Town Administrator Ken Robichaud, and Police Lieutenant Mike Hutchinson

Also Present: Ken Tomlin, Kristen Vaughn, and Leif Martinson

Selectmen Waldron opened the Selectmen's Work Session at 4:00 pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Jon Rich from Cybertron was present and met with the Selectmen on an additional invoice that the Town received above and beyond the annual contract. Mr. Rich will review the invoice and get back to the Town if there are any issues. Mr. Rich went on to explain what the contract covers and what they do not. When the Town adds on new products that would be an additional cost to the Town, but once that is added on, it now falls under the contract. Mr. Rich will communicate more with the Town Administrator on invoices and new upgrades in the future. The Selectmen thanked Mr. Rich for meeting with them and look to a solid relationship into the future.

Police Department Update

Lt. Hutchinson told the Selectmen that the new cruiser is in and at the dealer. The Dealer may bring the vehicle to Global (who installs the emergency equipment), so we do not have to.

Administration Update

The Administrator presented the Code Enforcement log for January. The Selectmen reviewed this log.

The Selectmen reviewed the 2021 Transfer Station revenue/expenses document. The total for 2021 was \$14,949.75, which when compared to 2020 it was (\$32,061.44).

The Winnisquam Regional School District CIP Committee is requesting a meeting with the Selectmen on February 8th, 2022 to discuss the Bond proposal. The Selectmen will be happy to meet with them.

The Town Administrator presented two petition warrant articles for the Selectmen to review. One is an online Town Clerk Package for the Town Clerk to process online registrations/transactions. The second is to increase the Board of Selectmen from 3 members to 5 members. The second article requires the Selectmen to have a Public Hearing on this proposed article. The Selectmen do not support either Petitioned Warrant Article.

The Selectmen will hold a public hearing on this matter on Tuesday February 15th 2022 at 6pm. Discussion revolved around the term limits and the election processes.

Discussion on the building codes came up again and what the requirements are for permits for building in Northfield. The Selectmen decided to change the building permits to the State regulations on building codes.

Selectman Waldron opened Public Input at 5:10 pm

Ken Tomlins- discussed solar lights and sick time for town employees. Mr. Tomlins suggests separating sick time from vacation time.

Heather Durgin-wanted to clarify next week's meetings as to what they were.

Scott Haskins- wanted to know how the Selectmen feel about increasing the Selectmen from 3-5 members.

Selectman Hubbell/Durgin motioned to accept the minutes of January 25th, 2022, meeting as presented, all in favor, motion passed.

Other Business

Selectman Hubbell wanted to discuss the Town of Northfield is behind in many issues- one being pay rates. We are short staffed in many departments. We have no problem sending out money to outside agencies. We really need to do something in this area, we need to compensate our employees in DPW, Police Department, and Town Hall. This needs to happen with this board as this is happening to us now.

The Selectmen recessed the meeting at 5:20pm

The meeting was reconvened at 5:26

Sel. Waldron made a motion at 5:28 pm to go into nonpublic session under NH RSA 91a; 3-II, (A, B &C) seconded by Sel. Hubbell. Roll call vote—Selectman Hubbell—Yes, Selectman Durgin-Yes, and Selectman Waldron- Yes.

Waldron/Hubbell moved to reconvene the public session at 5:56 pm. Roll Call Vote, Selectman Hubbell- Yes, Selectman Durgin -Yes, and Selectman Waldron-Yes, Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

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

The Selectman recessed the meeting at 5:58 pm to join the Budget Committee public hearing on the 2022 Town Budget.

Selectman Waldron reconvened the selectmen meeting at 7:37 pm to have a public hearing on the 2022 Warrant Articles.

The Selectmen read the 18 warrants as presented.

Selectmen Waldron opened the floor for public comment:

Kristen Vaughn- wanted to make sure that the Town is getting a second cruiser for 2022 as well as the one that is coming to the Town shortly from 2021. Ruling on short term rentals has been decided on wording from the Planning Board. Waterfront recreation area.

Leif Martinson- wanted to see if the Town will be explaining Article #2 & #3. Also, he would like to support article # 16.

Waldron/Hubbell motion to move the Warrant Articles to town meeting as is, all in favor, motion passed. Selectmen signed the 2022Warrant Articles.

Sel. Waldron made a motion at 8:00 pm to go into nonpublic session under NH RSA 91a; 3-II, (A, B &C) seconded by Sel. Hubbell. Roll call vote—Selectman Hubbell—Yes, Selectman Durgin-Yes, and Selectman Waldron- Yes.

Waldron/Hubbell moved to reconvene the public session at 9:29 pm. Roll Call Vote, Selectman Hubbell- Yes, Selectman Durgin -Yes, and Selectman Waldron-Yes, Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

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

Other Business

Next week's meeting Tuesday February 8th will be at 4pm.

With no further business to come before the Board of Selectmen, this meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Minutes Recorded by Town Administrator-Ken Robichaud

Minutes voted and accepted on February 8, 2022 on a vote of 2-0.