

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

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DATE: March 15, 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 7:11 pm

OTHERS PRESENT DURING NON-PUBLIC SESSION: Town Administrator Ken Robichaud, Police Chief John Raffaelly and DPW Director Justin Bernier.

SUBJECT MATTER DISCUSSED AND DECISIONS MADE: The Selectmen discussed with Mr. Bernier the hiring of Brian Wickens as a Mechanic, at the starting rate of \$25.00 per hour. The Selectmen approved the hire of Brian. There was a question of tools as Brian has his own tools, does the Town provide coverage for the tools, or does he provide his own insurance for the tools. Administrator Robichaud will get with Primex and work it out.

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SUBJECT MATTER DISCUSSED AND DECISIONS MADE: Chief Raffaely discussed the hiring of Holly Harris from Plymouth State College Police Department. She has 18 years as a police officer and she will come to Northfield with a starting rate of \$33.00 and 5 weeks of vacation, as well as the rank of Detective Sergeant. Holly will have a take home cruiser as she lives close by.

SUBJECT MATTER DISCUSSED AND DECISIONS MADE: Chief Raffaely discussed the hiring of _____ from _____ Police Department. He has 20 years as a police officer with 12 years Part-time and he will come to Northfield with a starting rate of \$31.00 and with the rank of Patrol Sergeant. The Chief did discuss a take home cruiser for _____, but he lives further away. The Selectmen would not agree to a take home cruiser as it is 43 miles one way. The chief will talk to _____ about the cruiser.

SUBJECT MATTER DISCUSSED AND DECISIONS MADE: Discussion of the Town going to on call after 2 am due to short staffing as Sgt. DE Cormier's last day is on Friday.

SUBJECT MATTER DISCUSSED AND DECISIONS MADE: Selectman Waldron discussed the need for Director Bernier to take home his Town truck. Selectman Waldron would like for him to take the old Crown Victoria instead of the Truck. Selectman Durgin stated that he does not think that is a good idea, Selectman Hubbell said he would speak to Justin about it.

Motion made by Sel. Hubbell seconded by Sel. Durgin to reconvene the public session at 9:11 pm, in a 2-1 vote, motion passed.

Minutes recorded by T/A Ken Robichaud