



## NORTHFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

Minutes of the meeting of July 15, 2021

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

**Also Present:** Town Administrator Ken Robichaud, Police Chief John Raffaely, DPW Director, Justin Bernier, Ken Tomlins, Kristen Vaughn, Amanda Latulippe, Lura Seavey, Carl Bartlett, Joyce Fulweiler, Dave Krause, Daniel Durgin, Jason Durgin, Dylan Mcg

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

**Waldron/Haskins moved to reconvene the public session at 5:36pm. 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.**

- **Police Department Update:**

Chief Raffaely discussed with the Selectmen that Cruiser #19 is back in service.

Chief Raffaely informed the Selectmen that the signs for one way traffic on Vine Street during the school year are in and that DPW will install ASAP.

Selectman Hubbell presented the Chief of Police with a 20 year monetary award for his service with the Town of Northfield. This award was presented as an exception to a newly adopted policy which overlooked the Chief for his 20 years of service.

- **Department of Public Works Update:**

Director Bernier updated the Selectmen on Surplus equipment that is ready for review by the public. We will accept sealed bids until August 2<sup>nd</sup> and will open the sealed bids at a scheduled Selectmen's meeting on August 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The Selectmen signed the intent to cut document for Burl land clearing at Pines Park. Burl will start next week and will remove all pine trees that are sick, dying or that are not healthy as they pose a danger to the Community. Pines Park has been closed to all due to t6eh dangerous condition of the trees.

Director Bernier updated the Selectmen on the Painting machine on backorder, the Peterbuilt truck still waiting for parts, Bay hill Road tree project is completed, the Shaker Road tree project will be completed this week.

- **Administration Update:**

The T/A discussed with the Selectmen the street light replacement to LED project. The discussion was picked up from last week and the Selectmen after much discussion voted to move forward with the project. The cost will be approx. \$21,000.00 to the Town. Eversource will put an incentive towards the project of approx. \$9,000.00. The Towns current electric bill will drop from \$15,000.00 to approx. \$6,000.00 by switching to LED street lights. **Hubbell/Waldron motioned to approve the LED Conversion project as submitted by Affinity Lighting of Dover, NH. All in favor, motion passed.**

An email from a Mr. Thibault on the kids at the Skate Park was discussed. It appears the Mr. Thibault is harassed while at the Skate Park by a group of kids. He suggests to the Selectmen that they should close the Skate Park. The Selectmen advise Mr. Thibault to contact the police if he is harassed at the Skate Park.

The T/A brought forward to the Selectmen updated budget numbers of expenses and revenues to date from Tilton-Northfield Recreation Council. The Selectmen did not approve any more funds at this point with the new submission.

The Town Administrator discussed with the Selectmen an email he received from Comcast. The Selectmen asked the T/A to reach out to Comcast to see if they had any interest in coming to Northfield, as the current internet provider Atlantic Broadband is not popular with the residents of the Town. Comcast at this time is focusing their attention, investments with servicing our current communities in New England. Selectman Hubbell stated that he will do more research on his own to find another alternative to an internet provider.

The T/A discussed with the Selectmen the current confinement and control agreements with Birch Hill Kennels. Discussion was focused on the Control Agreement as the Selectmen are discussing the possibility of the Police Department taking the Control portion back. Questions that need to be answered are does the PD have the equipment and the time to handle this duty? What are the requirements of the Town in responding to loose or lost domesticated animals. The Selectmen will discuss this again next week.

The T/A would like to review the policies and the regulations on the towns website to see if they are still applicable to this time frame and have they or do they need to change? The Selectmen will start with the Code of Ethics for Public officials.

The Selectmen discussed with Mr. Richard Honer his request for placement on the Planning or Zoning Board. The Selectmen asked Mr. Honer questions on his experience and his reasoning for wanting to be on any of the Boards. **After discussion Haskins/Hubbell motioned to accept Richard Honer as a full member of the Northfield Zoning Board, motion passed by a majority vote.**

**Hubbell/Waldron motioned to accept the minutes of the July 6<sup>th</sup> meeting as submitted, all in favor, motion passed.**

#### **Chairman Waldron opened Public Input at 7:25pm**

Amanda Latulippe- voiced her support to the Pines Community Center; it has made a huge impact to her and her children and is an important part of this Community.

Laura Seavey- remarked on the Trash Regulations is not yet posted on the website from last week.

Ken Thomlinson- Commented on information on the website in lacking information. Also; commented on the Franklin White Water Park.

**With no more input Chairman Waldron closed the public input at 8:00 pm.**

**Other Business:**

Selectmen Haskins gave some information in reference to NH DOT and the replacing of guardrails in Tilton along Rte. 3 from the old police station to the Island. This information came from a Tilton Selectman which he states may change the flow of the river as Rip Rap will be placed in the water to help shore up the side of the banks along the road. We are waiting for the Tilton Selectmen to give the T/A an email from NH DOT.

Next Week's meeting will be on Tuesday July 20<sup>th</sup> @ 5pm.

No further business to come before the Selectmen,

**Meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm**

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

**Minutes approved and accepted on July 20, 2021.**