



NORTHFIELD BUDGET COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting of January 6th 2022

Present: Morris Boudreau, Scott Haskins, Selectmen Representative Mark Hubbell, Amy O'Hara and Carl Bartlett.

Also Present: Town Administrator Ken Robichaud, DPW Director Justin Bernier, YAP Director Dawn Shimberg, Selectmen Kevin Waldron, Jen Adams, Leif Erickson, Scott Hilliard, Pat Lapper, Nancy Corte and Richard Paulus.

Absent: George Corliss, and Don Stevens.

Vice-Chairman Boudreau called the meeting to order @ 6:00 pm.

The Committee met with Judy Huckins representing the Cemetery Trustees on their request for \$6,000.00 for 2022. She explained that the Town must have a cemetery or enter into an agreement to support a cemetery, which Northfield does provide support to Park Street Cemetery in Tilton.

Haskins/O'Hara motioned to approve the minutes of December 16, 2021 with a vote of 5-0, motion passed.

DPW Director Justin Bernier met with the Committee. Discussion on expenses revolved around new equipment, Salt use, gasoline consumption, equipment rental as well as wages and staffing.

Carl Bartlett motioned to reduce DPW Salary by \$78,000.00 from \$389,855.00 to \$311,855.00, with no second, the motion failed.

Discussion continued on tree limbing as the 2021 budget line spent was \$32,500.00, and the 2022 request is \$3000.00.

Carl Bartlett motioned to reduce the tree limbing budget line to \$1,000.00, with no second, the motion failed.

The Budget Committee thanked Mr. Bernier for the great job he has done with plowing the last several storms.

Dawn Shimberg and Jen Adams from Youth Assistance Program (YAP) met with the Committee to discuss their 2022 budget request. Ms. Shimberg and Ms. Adams answered many questions on the program. Natasha Kierstead, who had graduated from the Youth Assistance Program, provided the Committee with a personnel look at how YAP changed her life for the better, as she had to go through the program and gave her the tools needed to be successful in her life. The Committee asked many questions from Ms. Adams and Ms. Shimberg. The following people in the audience spoke to the success of YAP and how important it was for them and the community. Leif Erickson, Scott Hilliard, Pat Lapper, Nancy Corte and Richard Paulus all spoke in the positive for YAP.

Bartlett/Boudreau motioned to fund the Youth Assistance Program at the 2022 requested amount of \$64,287.00. Vote of 3-2 motion passes.

Bartlett/Hubbell motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:35pm, all in favor, motion passed.

Minutes recorded by Town Administrator Ken Robichaud.

Minutes voted and approved on January 13, 2022