

SELECTMENS REPORT

The Board of Selectmen meets as needed, in order to serve the residents of Northfield. The Selectmen, regularly meet the first and third Tuesday each month at 5pm. The public is always welcome to attend, and the Selectmen, look for positive input from any resident wishing to comment. If you need to address the Selectmen on a particular issue, we ask that you please contact, Town Administrator; Stephanie Giovannucci, to schedule a time on the agenda.

This past year, the Selectmen have been very active in attending and participating on other Town Boards. We currently have a Selectmen representative on the Planning Board, Budget Committee, Parks Commission and Capital Improvements Program. We still need resident volunteers to support many of our boards if you are interested in volunteering your time, please submit a letter of interest, to the Town Administrator, for the board you are most interested in being on.

In 2023, the Selectmen went out to bid on paving some of the roads in Northfield. Brandon Hiltz Construction was the lowest bidder and they did drainage work on Megan Dr, Sarah Ln and Silver Ln, and R&D Paving completed the paving work for Bay Hill Rd, Shaker Rd and Keasor Rd. In 2024 we hope to apply the base coat for Megan, Sarah and Silver with the final top coat scheduled for 2025.

We have reinstated the Capital Improvement Program, they have been hard at work creating a 6-year plan for roads, buildings and vehicles. This plan will help the Selectboard with future decision making, prioritizing and budgeting for major capital projects.

The Selectmen welcomed Sergeant Allysia Burton and Patrolman Ryan Smith to the Police Department, both came to the department fully motivated and many years of experience. The Public Works Department hired Wayne Fall as a Transfer Station Attendant, Wayne Kimball as Building and Grounds / Laborer, and Christina Neumann as Administrative Assistant. And at the Town Hall Nicole Woodward was hired as Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector and Mandy Hopkins as Health Officer, both reside in Northfield.

Northfield said goodbye to long time Town Clerk/Tax Collector Cindy Caveney who retired in March, and Police Chief Michael Hutchinson who retired in December. Additionally, Town Administrator Ken Robichaud resigned to relocated closer to home in Raymond, and Public Works Director Justin Bernier resigned also relocated closer to home in Ashland.

In November, Stephanie Giovannucci was promoted to Town Administrator, she's been with the Town for 16 years and has worked with many different entities throughout the town and districts, plus covered the Town Administrator position multiple time while vacant. In January, 2024 Jesse Colby was promoted to Police Chief, with many years in law enforcement and drive to bring the department forward. Both reside in Northfield.

Once again, the Selectman had to talk about curbside collection. They went out to bid and received one quote from Casella for automated services. The Selectboard signed a 5 year contract with Casella, and have asked the CIP Committee to look into collecting trash at the Transfer Station instead of curbside. Costs for pick up and disposal continues to rise, the Board would like to get ahead of the discussion so they are ready when the contract is about to expire.

Additionally, the Board met with Compass Classical Academy who took ownership of Union Sanborn School and assisted them in getting a grant to install LED lighting. We also met with Foothills Foundation who is a Northfield 501C3 group and reviewed what accomplishments they have made in the past couple years, and their future goals with recreation, they have connected with UNH Cooperative Extension, NE Mountain Bike Assoc, Winni River Trail, Mill City Parks, and Highland Mtn Bike Park to help achieve their goals.

In closing the Northfield Board of Selectmen could not accomplish what they do without the support, hard work and dedication of their employees, volunteers, other elected officials and of course the residents and voters of the Town of Northfield, Thank you all.

Northfield Board of Selectmen

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