

NORTHFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
Minutes of the Meeting of January 2, 2018, 5:00pm

Present: Sel. Crowley, Sel. Southworth, Sel. Allen (remote)
Also Present: Andy Buteau, Chief Raffaely, Glenn smith, Scott Haskins, Tom Black, Fred French, Ken Norton

The meeting was called to order at 5:00pm

1. Public Input

Scott Haskins noted that Andy and his crew did an awesome job during the Christmas Day storm.

2. Police Department

Sel. Southworth noted that there were some problems with animal control. Chief Raffaely noted that there was a problem but that it has been taken care of.

Chief Raffaely reported on problems with the police department phones.

3. Public Works Department

Public Works Director Andy Buteau reported that Jason Durgin is still getting prices for fixtures for Arch Park lights. He also updated the Board on the status of equipment repairs.

Tom Black reported problems with plowing on Arch Street. He contends that the sidewalk is not being plowed as well as it has been in the past, it is too narrow and icy. Also, he is being threatened for parking his truck in a manner that blocks the sidewalk. Mr. Black states that he has been parking in the same manner for 10 years without a problem, he doesn't know why it is a problem now. Board members discussed the matter, including the width of the right of way, the lack of places to keep snow in the right of way, maintenance issues and whether Mr. Black could block the sidewalk with his plow truck. Sel. Southworth noted that the solution is that the snow has to be removed since there isn't room for the street, sidewalk and a snowbank. Mr. Black agreed to park his truck so that it does not block the sidewalk.

Mr. Black noted that Mr. Howard is piling snow at the corner of Vine and Elm Streets such that visibility is limited. Chief Raffaely agreed to follow up with it.

Mr. French representing the American Legion inquired as to what whether the town would be interested in swapping part of Surrette Park for the American Legion property. Sel. Crowley responded that there has been discussion of getting a commission together review all park areas in Northfield.

Andy presented a PAR for recruitment of an on call plow driver. Sel. Allen reported that the individual had worked for the Tilton and he recommends hiring him. Board members signed the PAR. Andy asked that the road crew be adequately compensated for working Christmas day. **Crowley/Southworth** moved to compensate Public Works employees for time and a half rate if called out on December 25th, retroactive to 12/25/17. **Motion passed.** Andy asked that he be allowed to roll over unpaid leave not used in 2017. Board members took the matter under consideration.

Andy reported that he has ordered salt and what has been delivered is full of water and frozen given the

low temperatures.

4. Administration

Town Administrator Glenn Smith reviewed the 2017 performance appraisal schedule and the status of sewer liens.

Schedule Board members reviewed proposed warrant articles for 2018 town meeting.

Ken Norton expressed appreciation for the development of the new Blais Park on Cross Mill Road.

Glenn reviewed the status of elderly and disabled tax exemptions. Residents who have been granted exemptions are concerned as the latest revaluation increased their tax amounts.

Southworth/Crowley moved to enter into non-public session under the provisions of RSA 91-A3II c at 6:48pm. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.** Also Present: Glenn Smith. **Crowley/Southworth** moved to reconvene the public session at 6:50pm. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.**

5. General Business

Board members reviewed accounts payable, payroll manifests and general correspondence. **Crowley/Southworth** reviewed the minutes of the meeting of December 19, 2017. **Motion passed**

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 6:53pm

APPROVED BY THE NORTHFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN ON JANUARY 2, 2018