

NORTHFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
Minutes of the Meeting of January 24, 2017

Present: Sel. Crowley, Sel. Southworth, Sel. Allen
Also Present: Scott Haskins, Kevin Fife, Dave Krause, Josh McAllister, Dave Allen, Rick Moriarty,
Chief Raffaely, Andy Buteau, Glenn Smith

The meeting was called to order at 5:00pm

1. Public Input

The Chair recognized Josh McAllister of HEB Engineering who discussed status of the Sandogardy Pond Road reconstruction project engineering study and sought input concerning road specifics. Selectmen and Chief Raffaely informed noted safety concerns in the areas of the Union Road and Glines Park Road intersections and relating to the ledge close to the Cross Brook bridge. Andy Buteau expressed concern with the bridge. He also noted that the predominant material in this area is sand and said that efforts to reconstruct the road base will be ineffective because of this. Those present reviewed these issues.

The Chair recognized Dave Allen and Rick Moriarty of Casella. Dave asked that the Wednesday collection day be moved to Thursday to accommodate Casella's scheduling needs. He said that Casella would send a mailing to all impacted customers notifying them of the change and will run double routes for a few weeks after the transition to help sort through issues. Sel. Southworth inquired as to how much notification citizens would be given. Dave responded that at least one week of notification would be given and the transition itself could happen as early as the week of Feb. 13th or Feb. 27th. Sel. Crowley inquired about the possibility of Casella providing the transfer station with a compactor so as to reduce hauling charges. Dave said that he will provide the town with a compactor if one becomes available if the town provides the necessary pad and three phase electricity. He could offer no guarantee that a compactor will be available in the near future.

Dave Allen asked for permission to comingle school and town trash to accommodate operational efficiencies at Casella. Board members expressed reluctance to allow this given our agreements with the Concord Coop. Sel. Southworth noted that this would be a violation of our solid waste ordinance. Sel. Crowley agreed to ask the School Board to approve additional dumpsters at the schools to solve the problem.

2. Police Department

Chief Raffaely reviewed gigabyte overage from the IMC system. Glenn said that he would continue to work with Officer Seligman on this. Chief Raffaely reviewed the recent dog bite incident.

3. Public Works Department

Public Works Director Andy Buteau presented a purchase requisition for replacement of a door at the Highway Garage which Selectmen signed. He also updated the Board concerning truck repairs and salt purchases. Sel. Southworth expressed concerns relating to the amount spent on salt this year. Selectmen questioned Andy and Glenn on the amount of salt purchased and the year to which salt purchases had been credited.

4. Public Hearing- Driveway Regulations

The Chair opened the public hearing on driveway regulations at 7:10pm. Town Administrator Glenn Smith reviewed the proposed updates. Kevin Fife inquired as to the length of time a permit is good for. There being no other input the public hearing was closed at 7:12pm. **Crowley/Southworth** moved to adopt the revised driveway regulations as presented. **Motion Passed.**

Chair recognized Kevin Fife and Dave Krause, who reviewed information on a town owned parcel

abutting a property Kevin recently purchased. Board members agreed that the parcel should be sold and asked Glenn to notify all abutters.

5. Administration

Town Administrator Glenn Smith reviewed the town's policy relation to the use of town property by residents, noting that it opens the town to a liability risk.

Sel. Crowley updated the Board on the recent hearing relating to education stabilization grants. Board members discussed school funding in general.

Glenn updated the Board on the status of the sale of the Reservoir Road property. He also informed the Board that the Tilton Northfield Water District has asked for permission to cut two dead trees on the property that they feel may damage their water storage tanks if they fall. Board members granted the request.

Glenn presented and updated TIF plan amendment for Board approval. Board members expressed concerns with moving forward with the project, citing possible concerns among voters of the town taking this step instead of the sewer district. Glenn noted that if the town is not ready to move forward with the project then the article relating to the TIF plan should be removed from the warrant, which was done.

Board members reviewed correspondence from attorney Regina Nadeau concerning the possible acceptance of the south park development road. Selectmen rejected criteria suggested by the landowner identifying benchmarks that would trigger town ownership. They also revised an earlier decision concerning when the top coat would be added to the road. Glenn was asked to communicate these decisions to Ms. Nadeau.

Board members decided to pursue the sale of Union Church through realtor Greg Peverly. Glenn was asked to invite Greg to the next meeting.

Selectmen reviewed the proposed 2017 warrant.

Glenn informed the Board that 90% plans for the Zion Hill Road project were received from Underwood Engineers earlier in the day

6. General Business

Board members reviewed accounts payable, payroll manifests and general correspondence. **Crowley/Allen** moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of January 10, 2017. **Motion passed.**

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm

APPROVED BY THE NORTHFIELD SELECTBOARD ON JANUARY 31, 2017