

NORTHFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
Minutes of the Meeting of Tuesday, January 3, 2017

Present: Sel. Crowley, Sel. Southworth, Sel. Allen
Also Present: Scott Haskins, Chief Raffaely, Andy Buteau, Glenn Smith

The meeting was called to order at 5:00pm

1. Police Department

Chief Raffaely reported that he spoke with Scott Hilliard who said that Merrimack County would charge the town between \$34,000 and \$35,000 for dispatch services. He recommends that we continue to contract with Belknap County for these services.

Chief Raffaely reported that 2016 arrests outnumbered 2015 arrests by 100.

2. Public Works Department

Public Works Director Andy Buteau reported that repairs are proceeding on his truck and that response to the recent storm went well. He noted that the crew appreciated the day off given them by the Board.

Andy updated the Board on the status of the road salt stockpile and vehicle repair needs. He also discussed with the Board the possibility of removing aluminum cans and cardboard from the single stream recycling containers so they may be sold by the town instead of delivered to Casella. Board members discussed the logistics of trash and recycling collection. Sel. Crowley stated that residents still bring recyclables to the transfer station for the social aspect and because they do not believe that recyclables left at the curb are actually recycled.

Sel. Southworth asked if the new spreader was working, noting that it did not appear to be spreading well on Rand road. Andy responded that the driver only salting one lane at a time and that since he is new he is still learning how to use the spreader.

3. Administration

Town Administrator Glenn Smith reported that officers in the Police Department have inquired as to unionizing. He reviewed the relevant statute.

Board members reviewed proposed modifications to the driveway regulations. Glenn was asked to schedule a public hearing for this. Also, Board members reviewed a proposal from Mr. Cormier concerning the potential acceptance of the south park development road. Glenn was asked to prepare an estimate of the tax revenues generated

Glenn informed the Board that the Tilton Northfield Recreation Council had invited them to a reception for their Executive Director candidates. He also presented a proposed contract for lienholder search services. **Crowley/Southworth** moved to accept the proposal for lienholder search services as presented. **Motion passed.**

Glenn reminded selectmen and department heads that evaluation forms will be sent out this week, due at the end of the month.

Board members reviewed the proposed 2017 warrant.

Mary Lee asked the Board to respond to petition distributed by 18 towns seeking clarification of a provision requiring that towns allow Northern Pass to bury transmission lines on municipal rights of way. Board members agreed to review the relevant RSA and respond at a later time.

4. General Business

Board members reviewed accounts payable, payroll manifests and general correspondence. **Crowley/Allen** moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of December 13, 2016. **Motion passed.** **Crowley/Southworth** moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of December 20, 2016 as amended. **Motion passed.** **Crowley/Southworth** moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of December 23, 2016. **Motion passed**

Sel. Crowley noted that there would be no meeting on January 17th due to a scheduling conflict.

There being on other business the meeting was adjourned at 6:40pm

APPROVED BY THE NORTHFIELD SELECTBOARD ON JANUARY 13, 2017