

**NORTHFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING**  
**Minutes of the meeting of January 31, 2017**

Present: Sel. Crowley, Sel. Southworth, Sel. Allen  
Also Present: Regina Nadeau, Tom Beaulieu, George Flanders, Glenn Smith, Chief Raffaely, Andy Buteau

The meeting was called to order at 5:00pm

**1. Police Department**

Town Administrator Glenn Smith reviewed current data usage of police IMC system. Usage is still increasing for reasons unknown, resulting in overage charges. Sel. Southworth asked if police data is being sent over the internet because of this problem. Glenn responded that this is not likely. He and Officer Seligman are working with Verizon, IMC and CCS on a solution.

Sel. Crowley asked Chief Raffaely to pick criteria for replacing cruisers now that we have an established and well-staffed vehicle maintenance program and develop a vehicle replacement plan that reflects that criteria. Chief Raffaely responded that this is difficult as all officers drive all cruisers in the department.

**2. Public Works Department**

Public Works Director Andy Buteau reported that the salt shed is full and that he has instituted a slip tracking system that will allow him to provide Selectmen with real time figures as to how much salt has been ordered. Board members discussed the timing of the purchase of salt. Sel. Southworth noted that salt purchased is 'in the bank', there is no question that it will be needed and used. Other board members agreed.

Andy reported that the truck recently involved in an accident has been repaired and is back in service.

**3. Administration**

The Chair recognized Regina Nadeau, representing the owner of the South Park Development who discussed Mr. Cormier's response to conditions established by town for assuming ownership of the subdivision road. They seek to balance the legitimate concerns of the town with the legitimate concerns of the developer, working toward the mutual goal of developing these lots so they may produce tax revenue. They ask that the conditions that transfer of the road be contingent upon sale of two lots and construction totaling \$1.5 million in valuation be replaced with a scenario in which transfer is contingent with sale of one lot and establishment of a PILOT under which the Cormier family would pay the town the difference between tax revenue produced by the parcels and the revenue that would be received from \$1.5 million in valuation. Board members agreed in concept and asked that Ms. Nadeau draft bullet points outlining the basis of agreement.

Board members reviewed Budget Committee decisions to date on the 2017 annual budget. Also, Glenn updated the Board on the sale of Union Church. He also outlined the benefits to the town if HB413 were to become law. Board members agreed to endorse HB413.

Sel. Crowley reported that he had talked with school officials concerning Casella's request that residential and commercial waste be comingled. They report that the schools need bi-weekly collection due to the amount of food waste generated by the facilities. Sel. Southworth noted the problems associated with

mixing waste streams. The Board tentatively agreed to move forward with this pending further review.

Board members discussed the status of the south park development sewer line with Sewer Commissioners Tom Beaulieu and George Flanders. Sel. Crowley noted that the town seeks to encourage development along the Rt. 140 corridor to build the tax base. The north park development has a problem in that it is unclear who is responsible for maintenance of the system. The Board would like to work with the Sewer Commission to address this issue and work for a way to provide sewer to the south park development. Commissioner Beaulieu stated that the sewer commission currently owns no commercial lines and if they take over these lines they will incur additional costs and have no additional revenue to meet the costs. He expressed concerns with partnering with the town given past legal issues. Sel. Crowley noted that adding users would benefit all sewer customers. Mr. Beaulieu responded that the benefit would be minimal as it bills all users the same flat amount. Both Boards agreed to meet next week to work toward a solution.

Board members reviewed the proposed 2017 annual warrant. Sel. Crowley asked for an update on the sale of the Reservoir Road property, which Glenn provided. Board members discussed the process by which evaluations will be completed. Sel. Southworth reviewed past practices. After discussion Board members agreed that supervisors will complete evaluations and that department heads will review them with their employees before they are presented to the Board and that the Board will review Department Heads collectively at a future meeting. Employee evaluations are due on February 14<sup>th</sup>, department head evaluations will be completed on February 21<sup>st</sup>.

Sel. Allen noted that the Budget Committee has been approached by the Police Department, which asked for a salary increase.

#### **4. Non-public session**

**Crowley/Southworth** moved to enter into non-public session under the provisions of RSA 91-A3II a at 7:01pm. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.** Also Present: Chief Raffaely, Glenn Smith. **Crowley/Southworth** moved to reconvene the public session at 7:51pm. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.**

#### **5. General Business**

Board members reviewed accounts payable, payroll manifests and general correspondence. **Crowley/Southworth** moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of January 24, 2017. **Motion passed.**

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 7:52pm.

APPROVED BY THE NORTHFIELD SELECTBOARD ON FEBRUARY 7, 2017