

**NORTHFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING**  
**Minutes of the Meeting of October 17, 2017**

Present: Sel. Crowley, Sel. Southworth, Sel. Allen

Also Present: Andy Buteau, Dave Allen, Rick Moriarty, Cindy Caveney, Glenn Smith

The meeting was called to order at 5:00pm

**1. Public Input**

The Chair recognized Dave Allen and Rick Moriarty of Casella who noted that demand for recycled materials has plummeted resulting in diminished revenues for these items. This will affect Northfield in two ways: First, Casella will be more diligent in ensuring that contaminants are not included with recyclables and will cease to collect contaminated recycling materials. Plastic bags are the largest containment. Second, Mr. Allen noted that in the near future there may be months in which the disposal cost of recyclables is higher than that for trash. The Northfield recycling contract allows the town to terminate curbside collection if this occurs but he asked that the town not take this step as he feels the market will turn around in a couple of months.

Finally, Mr. Allen said that Casella will be moving the Wednesday pickup day to Thursday and will let residents know of the change before it is implemented.

**2. Public Works Department**

Public Works Director Andy Buteau reported that Jason Durgin is still working on developing a quote for repair of the Arch lights. Also, his crew is finishing work on drainage systems related to recent road projects. The new truck will be delivered during the first or second week of November.

Andy reported that Kip Cormier has stopped by the shed asking for input on the installation of telephone poles on South Park Development access road. Andy instructed him not to install poles in the roadside ditches. Sel. Southworth asked if plows sanders and trucks are ready for winter. Andy responded that they were.

**3. Administration**

Town Administrator Glenn Smith reviewed the intent to sign distributed by LRPC concerning electricity purchasing. Sel. Southworth expressed concern that this might not be the best available price. Sel. Crowley reported that he feels it is; that the provider currently supplying WRSD cannot match the quoted price. Also, WRSD will be contracting through LRPC, if the town does not it will be pursuing a contact independently and given our low usage we will not be able to secure as good a price as offered by LRPC.

Glenn informed the Board that a person has recently expressed interest in purchasing lot R12-17L, which the town acquired by tax deed many years ago. He reviewed the deeded access to this parcel. Board members stated that they were not interested in selling this parcel at this time as they did not know when the deeded access was created.

Sel. Crowley inquired as to the status of delinquent tax payment agreements. Glenn reported that they were all up to date. Sel. Crowley inquired as to his fellow selectmen as to the status of the Northern Pass MOU. Glenn was asked to put this on a future agenda. Sel. Crowley inquired about efforts to find a new location for the Union Church bell. Cindy Caveney reported that she has discussed the idea with the Historical Society; they will come up with ideas for a new location.

**4. Non-public RSA 91A-3 II(c)**

**Crowley/Southworth** moved to enter into non-public session under the provisions of RSA 91-A3II c at 6:23 pm. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.** Also Present: Glenn Smith and Josh Carter. **Crowley/Southworth** moved to reconvene the public session at 8:22 pm. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.**

**5. General Business**

**Crowley/Allen** moved to appoint Steve Randall as a member of the Capital Improvement Program Committee. **Motion passed**

Board members reviewed accounts payable, payroll manifests and general correspondence. **Crowley/Allen** moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of October 3, 2017 as amended. **Motion passed.**

**Crowley/Allen** moved to seal the minutes of the non-public session just completed as divulgence of the minutes would adversely affect the reputation of a person not a member of the Board. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.**

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm

APPROVED BY THE NORTHFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN ON OCTOBER 24, 2017