

**NORTHFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN
AND
NORTHFIELD BUDGET COMMITTEE
Minutes of the joint meeting of November 19, 2015**

The meeting was called to order at 7:34pm

Present: Sel. Waldron, Sel. Crowley, Sel. Southworth, George Corliss, Linda Luedke, Dennis Allen, Lisa Swancott.

Also Present: Barbara Normandin, Nick Johnson, Wayne Brock, Dawn Schimberg, Gail Lyman, Jim Doane, Brittini Stewart, Peg Shepard, Dawn Schimberg, Glenn Smith

The Chair recognized Gail Lyman, representing the Community Action Program, who reviewed the 2016 budget request, help support operating cost, asking for increase for the first time in many years. Discussion points included services provided, contributions from other towns, number of households served and federal funding.

The Chair recognized Peg Shepard, representing the Old Home Day Committee, who reviewed budget request. Discussion points include the cost of the horse pulls.

The Chair recognized Jim Doane representing the T/N Recreation Council. Discussion points included building repair plans, grants received to date and assistance programs. Jim informed the members that they had not received the Lowes grant which will require a modification to repair plans.

The Chair recognized Barbara Normandin and Nick Johnson of VNA who outlined services provided by the agency. Discussion points include investments, investment income, decreases in Medicare reimbursements, the number of towns that do not provide support, and change in expenditure levels from prior years. Mr. Johnson was asked to forward 2015 financials to Glenn when complete.

The Chair recognized Dawn Schimberg and Wayne Brock of Youth Assistance Program, who reviewed the request for an increase of \$3,100 in funding. This amount funded salary and benefit increases. Dennis Allen asked what YAP had done in response to 2014 request that they seek outside funding. Ms. Schimberg noted that they had requested from various agencies and put a donation jar out. Sel. Waldron asked why Northfield paid more than Tilton and was told that it was based on the school formula which tracks with caseload. Lisa Swancott noted that there was no provision for fundraising efforts in the 2016 budget. Other discussion points included the impact of Sanbornton's decision not to fund the program, charging for services and the degree to which this duplicates the county diversion program.

Glenn asked for guidance in responding to a request from a new agency for town funding and was told that the town was not considering new agencies at this time.

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 9:04pm.

Approved by the Northfield Board of Selectmen on November 24, 2015