

NORTHFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
Minutes of the meeting of December 1, 2015

Present: Sel. Waldron, Sel. Crowley, Sel. Southworth
Also Present: Chief Raffaely, Andy Buteau, Glenn Smith, Greg Hill, Dina Hunter, Gretchen Wilder, Bill Wilder, Kathy Lauer-Rago, Nancy Court, David Court.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm

1. Public Input

The Chair recognized Greg Hill who predicted that the state will phase out stabilization grants over the next 25 years resulting in a \$2.6 million increase in school funding obligation to be paid by Northfield taxpayers. He proposed that the town establish a local scholarship program to encourage parents to enroll their children in charter schools and said that if this happens the town's obligation to WRSD will diminish. Board members discussed the proposal.

Dina Hunter presented questions about the recent WRSD lockdown, including the policy on notifying surrounding towns. Sel. Crowley reported that town halls were notified by WRSD as well as Tilton PD. Dina reported that she is concerned as her son was released from a trip to Hout Center into the lockdown situation. She was advised to bring her concerns to the Tilton Selectmen as their police department was the lead agency in responding to this.

2. Police Department

Chief Raffaely reported that the department had raised \$2,650.00 with the No Shave fundraiser. He also presented information on the purchase of 12 jackets for officers at a cost of \$4,584.00, which Board members reviewed and approved. The Chief reported that the new officers have been registered into the Academy, pending successful completion of the PT test.

3. Highway Department

Board members discussed the need for a radio repeater. Highway Superintendent Andy Buteau discussed with Board members the need to purchase steel for the fabrication of a screen for one of the sanders, which was approved. He also informed the Board on the hauling of sand from the town pit. Board members discussed the pros and cons of stockpiling sand, storing sand under cold conditions, storing sand outside, and mixing salt with sand to prevent clumping and freezing.

Sel. Crowley proposed that the town start accepting florescent bulbs at the transfer station and charging enough to cover disposal costs. It was agreed that he would develop a price point for this.

4. Administration

Town Administrator Glenn Smith presented the bids received for parcel R21 34L. Board members discussed the bids and the justness of accepting the high bid. **Waldron/** moved to reject the bids. **Motion failed** for lack of a second. **Southworth/** moved to reject all bids for R21 34L. **Motion failed** for lack of a second. **Waldron/Crowley** moved to accept the bid filed by Timothy Rose for the sale of parcel

R21-34L in the amount of \$3,425.00. **Motion passed 2-0-1, Sel. Southworth recusing himself.**

Board members voted to table the proposed sale of parcel R08-83B.

Sel. Crowley outlined a proposal to monitor the Cross Mill Village pump house, which Board members approved. Glenn updated the Board on the status of the town hall furnace.

5. General Business

Board members reviewed accounts payable, payroll manifests and general correspondence. **Waldron/Southworth** moved to accept the minutes of the meeting of November 24, 2015. **Motion passed.**

6. Non-public session

Waldron/Southworth moved to enter into non-public session under the provisions of RSA 91-A3II c at 8:06pm. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.** Also Present: Glenn Smith. **Waldron/Southworth** moved to reconvene the public session at 8:42 pm. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.**

Waldron/Southworth moved to seal the minutes of the non-public session 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.**

7. Review of 2016 Request Budget

Board members reviewed general government budget request proposals

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 9:31pm

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN ON DECEMBER 8, 2015