

NORTHFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
Minutes of the Meeting of December 15, 2015

Present: Sel. Waldron, Sel. Crowley, Sel. Southworth
Also Present: Paul Cote, Andy Buteau, Chief Raffaely, Glenn Smith

The meeting was called to order at 5:00pm

1. Review of 2016 Request Budget

Chief Raffaely distributed a vehicle replacement plan which Board members reviewed. Selectmen discussed the need to buy a new cruiser every year and agreed by consensus that the current practice of purchasing a new vehicle every year works well. Sel. Crowley noted that we may be spending more than we need if we need to replace 3 vehicles over a 4 year period. Chief Raffaely presented a proposal to purchase a pickup truck to replace the Ford Expedition, noting that it was cheaper than buying a new Expedition.

Board members reviewed outstanding budget issues. **Crowley/Waldron** moved to expend \$10,200 to provide for digitalization of the town tax maps into an on-line database, to include a link to assessing card information, as proposed. **Motion passed 2-1 Southworth dissenting.**

2. Public Input

Paul Cote addressed the Board concerning a stone wall he had built abutting the drainage ditch on Shaker Road. He said that he was unaware that building in this location would cause a problem. Discussion points included the likelihood that the wall would be undermined by water in the ditch, that it would impede water flow during major storms and that it would be hit by the wing plow while pushing back snowbanks, resulting in damage to the wall and town equipment. After discussion, Board members informed Mr. Cote that the wall would have to be moved out of the right of way.

Board members continued their review of the 2016 request budget.

3. Non-public Session

Waldron/Southworth moved to enter into non-public session under the provisions of RSA 91-A3II c at 7:42pm. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.** Also Present: Tom D'abbraccio, Chief Raffaely, Glenn Smith. **Waldron/Southworth** moved to reconvene the public session at 9:03 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.**

The meeting was recessed at 9:07pm.

The meeting was reconvened at 9:17pm.

4. Review of 2016 Request Budget

Board members continued their review of the 2016 budget and authorized the Town Administrator to proceed with replacing the town hall furnace using funds from the Emergency Building Repair Fund.

5. General Business

Board members reviewed accounts payable, payroll manifests and general correspondence. **Southworth/Crowley** moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of December 8, 2015. **Motion passed.** **Southworth/Crowley** moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of December 14, 2015. **Motion passed.**

6. Administration

Selectmen authorized the replacement of ceiling tiles at town hall at a cost of \$3,200 as proposed of Mike Gouvere.

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 10:06pm.

Approved by the Northfield Board of Selectmen on December 29, 2015