

**NORTHFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING**  
**Minutes of the Meeting of December 18, 2018**

Present: Sel. Crowley, Sel. Brown, Sel. Haskins  
Also Present: Kevin Waldron, Kevin Fife, Chris Hunt, Christina Beadle, Bob Southworth, Gretchen Wilder, Bill Wilder, Chief Raffaely, Glenn Smith, Stephanie Giovannucci

The meeting was called to order at 5:00pm

**1. Public Input**

The Chair recognized Kevin Fife who reviewed the Conservation Commission's request to fund additional water quality testing at Sandogardy Pond beach area and Knowles Pond. No problem with additional testing.

Sel. Haskins asked if the snowmobile club will be able to replace a bridge if the Board retains the prohibition on building structures in Sotir Conservation Area. BS asked if the ordinance will be posted at Sotir. He has found people vandalizing the area. WC asked about consumption of alcohol on the property. Discussion, ATV use. Board members agreed the next official meeting in January they will hold a public hearing for the proposed changes to the ordinance.

Discussion of water quality at Sandogardy Pond, contamination is fecal. Discussion of collection schedule, Conservation Commission is planning on doing additional water quality tests and working with UNH on types of bacteria and cleanup.

**2. Public Works Department**

Diana Road Drainage – Sel. Crowley provided background of the problem. Smith noted the letter recently received from Mr. Landau. Board members discussed the matter. Board asked that the town reach out to lawyer for some guidance in this matter.

Smith reported that we had a resident report that the sidewalks are being blocked by trash cans, they witnessed someone in a wheelchair having to enter into the road to go around the trash cans, Sel. Crowley will have Buteau talk with Casella.

Giovannucci reviewed 2019 amnesty tickets. Board reviewed and discussed. Giovannucci reviewed changes to fee schedule. **Accepted by consensus.**

**3. Police Department**

Sel. Crowley asked Chief Raffaely about the lights at Glines Park and if having them off was a safety issue. Chief Raffaely stated that unless the town is plowing the parking lot at Glines Park, there is no need for the lights. Board agreed by consensus to shut the lights off at Glines Park.

**4. Administration**

Board members reviewed the two citizens that applied to fill the vacancies on the Zoning Board of Adjustments. Sel. Haskins asked who applied first, which was Kevin Waldron. **Haskins/Brown** moved to appoint Kevin Waldron as a full member, and Robert Southworth as an alternate member of the ZBA. **Motion passed.**

Board members agreed to consult with attorney for the status of Gibson Mill Road.

Giovannucci discussed with the Board about being in compliance with federal regulation on the overtime rate for insurance buyouts before the end of 2018. Smith and Giovannucci reviewed the situation, Giovannucci stated that the Town needs to go back 2 years, and it only amounts to about \$1,000. Consensus of Board is that we need to be in compliance.

Smith presented the Board with a new pay scale study based on the newspaper ad for the Town Administrator position. Crowley stated he does not want to make any changes to the pay scale, the only reason it's advertised with this amount is because Municipal Resource Inc. asked for a higher ending rate, stating that the town would not be able to find someone with an \$81k cap, but the Town could hire at a much lower rate.

Board members review the list of committee openings upon Smith's departure, they agreed on waiting to appoint anyone to the Concord Regional Solid Waste / Resource Recovery Coop and the Lakes Region Planning Commission Transportation Advisory Committee. **Crowley/Brown** moved to appoint Stephanie Giovannucci to the Northfield Economic Development Corporation. **Motion passed.**

Smith presented the Board with a letter from Mitchell Municipal Group in reference to the PSNH Appeals and their need to have co-counsel from DTC law firm due to the many recent changes as MMG. Selectboard agreed to this and signed the agreement.

Board member reviewed the two RFP's for attorneys and decided to work with Drummond Woodsum, as a secondary resource for the town.

Sel. Crowley, explained the LRPC 4G Cell Service Maps program, board members signed support letter for the project.

Board members reviewed the proposed 2019 budget for Fund 01.

## **5. Non-Public Session RSA 91A-3 II (b)**

**Crowley/Brown** moved to enter into non-public session under the provisions of RSA 91-A3II a at 8:09pm. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.** Also Present: Stephanie Giovannucci and Glenn Smith. **Crowley/Haskins** moved to reconvene the public session at 9:25pm. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.**

**Crowley/Haskins** moved to seal the minutes of the nonpublic session as divulgence would adversely affect the reputation of a person of the Board. **Motion passed.**

## **6. General Business**

Board members reviewed correspondence and manifests. **Crowley/Haskins** moved to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2018 meeting.

There being no other business, meeting adjourned at 9:28pm

*Minutes approved December 27, 2018*