

NORTHFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
Minutes of the meeting of December 2, 2014

Present: Sel. Shepard, Sel. Crowley, Sel. Waldron

Also Present: Jim Clements, Nancy Court, Jennifer Moulton, Tom Fulweiler, Chief Raffaely, Johnny Van Tassel, Glenn Smith,

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm

1. Public Appointments

The Chair recognized Jim Clements, CEO of Spaulding Youth Center who noted that the intersection of Spaulding Drive and Shedd Road has become a safety concern for the management of SYC. He presented for discussion purposes a proposal to construct a new alignment for Shedd Road that would circumvent the new school building. Board members reviewed the proposal, including issues that would be raised concerning the ownership of the proposed road, the new Shedd Road/Spaulding Drive intersection. Board members agreed to consider the proposal at a future disposition of the existing alignment of Shedd Road, access to the Class VI portion of Shedd Road and the status of the meeting.

The Chair recognized Hall Memorial Library Trustees Tom Fulweiler and Nancy Court and Library Director Jennifer Moulton. Ms. Moulton distributed revised budget figures. Board members discussed the proposal to increase hours for two employees and the new outreach program through which the library provides reading programs to day care centers.

2. Highway Department

Highway Superintendent Johnny Van Tassel updated the Board on the response to last week's storm as well as outfitting of the new truck. Board members discussed the clearing of sidewalks, noting that downed limbs were not removed from the Park Street sidewalk until Monday morning. Selectmen decided that in future storms it is acceptable to incur overtime expenses if needed to clear sidewalks in a more timely fashion, emphasizing that clearing of roads remains the top priority. Sel. Crowley noted that a car was parked on Elm Street in a manner that prevented the town from plowing the sidewalk. Chief Raffaely responded that the car should have been parked closer to the existing fence and will let the owner know that they should do so in the future so the sidewalk can be plowed and used.

Board members thanked Johnny and his crew for doing such a good job in their response to the recent storm, commenting that this was a difficult storm to respond to because the ground is not frozen and the snow was so wet and heavy.

3. Police Department

Police Chief John Raffaely reported that the emergency shelter had opened for last week's storm and 4 people used the service. Also, he and TNFD responded to a broken water pipe at Pines Community Center.

4. Administration

Board members reviewed the updated assignment list and considered 2015 budget recommendations. Board members also discussed the proposal presented by Spaulding Youth Center earlier in the evening.

5. General Business

Board members reviewed accounts payable, payroll manifests and general correspondence. **Shepard/Crowley** moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of November 25, 2014. **Motion passed.** **Shepard/Crowley** moved to approve the minutes of the non-public meeting of November 25, 2014. **Motion passed.**

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 9:39pm

APPROVED BY THE NORTHFIELD SELECTMEN ON DECEMBER 9, 2014