

NORTHFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
Minutes of the meeting of February 2, 2016

Present: Sel. Waldron, Sel. Crowley, Sel. Southworth

Also Present: Mike Connelly, Mike Fitzherbert, Christine Murray, Sgt. McIntire, Adam Seligman, Tammy Seligman, Christine Raffaelly, Glenn Smith, Chief Raffaelly, Andy Buteau, George Howe

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm

1. Public Input

The Chair recognized Mike Connelly of the New England Employee Benefit Company who reviewed the proposed Harvard Pilgrim health benefit plan, including prescription and dental coverage. Employees and Selectmen discussed the plan with Mr. Connelly. Discussion points included comparisons of benefits with the current plan, workings of the proposed Health Reimbursement Account, dental coverage, prescription coverage, the preservation of current out-of-pocket maximum amounts and wellness program payouts.

The Chair recognized George Howe who reviewed his request for a boundary line adjustment in relation to Granite Mills Conservation area. Board members discussed the request and advised Mr. Howe to contact Dave Krause to develop a survey that shows the proposed property line.

Sel. Waldron asked the Board if they wanted to move forward with the insurance program this evening. Sel. Crowley responded that he did not as he had questions concerning the wellness programs.

2. Police Department

Chief Raffaelly distributed information relating to the purchase of an Expedition instead of a pick-up as the new police vehicle. He noted that he thought the price differential was going to be \$10,000 but it is instead \$4,000. Sel. Crowley asked him for his preference if the cost were the same. Chief Raffaelly reported he would prefer the Expedition. Sel. Waldron advised that if we warn the purchase of a pickup then we should not specify a make, model or year. Board members discussed the cost effectiveness and utility of a pick up versus an Expedition. Sel. Waldron noted that they are essentially the same vehicle, the main difference is that the back is enclosed on one and not on the other, and buying a cap for the pickup will not cost \$4,000. Board members agreed to change the amount in the cruiser warrant article from \$35,000 to \$39,000.

Chief Raffaelly distributed a request to use earned leave.

3. Highway Department

Highway Superintendent confirmed that the road weight limit is 12 tons. Board members discussed the situation. Discussion points included putting up signs, when to post, and responsibility is the Road Agents. Andy noted that the roadside mower is in regular need for repair and that the Board might want to consider replacing it next year. Sel. Southworth asked if the indicator light in truck 6 has come on

again and was told that it had not.

4. Administration

Selectmen reviewed and approved their report for the 2016 annual report. They also reviewed the draft 2016 budget and warrant. Glenn was asked to obtain information on wellness programs offered by Harvard Pilgrim.

5. General Business

Board members reviewed accounts payable, payroll manifests and general correspondence. **Southworth/Crowley** Moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of January 26, 2016. **Motion passed**

6. Non-public Session RSA 91A-3II (b)

Waldron/Southworth moved to enter into non-public session under the provisions of RSA 91-A3II b,c, at 9:33pm. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.** Also Present: Chief Raffaely, Glenn Smith. **Southworth/Crowley** moved to reconvene the public session at 10:10pm. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.**

Waldron/Crowley moved to seal the minutes of the non-public session of January 26, 2016 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.**

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 10:11pm

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN ON FEBRUARY 16, 2016