

**NORTHFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING**  
**Minutes of the Meeting of February 7, 2017**

Present: Sel. Crowley, Sel. Southworth, Sel. Allen

Also Present: Deb Peverley, Dave Liberatore, Lisa Swancott, Glenn Smith, Chief Raffaelly

The meeting was called to order at 5:00pm

**1. Public Input**

The Chair recognized Officer Seligman who reported that the data usage problem has been solved and he is working with the State about removal of the brick modem. He noted that IMC is now aware of the problem and has issued an alert to all their customers.

The Chair recognized Deb Peverley who distributed contracts and materials related to the sale of Union Church property. Sel. Crowley asked that the property disclosure forms be filled out.

The Chair recognized Dave Liberatore who noted that the town has an offer on the Bean Hill Road property, conditional upon determining the status of the sewer system on the lot. Board members discussed options and conditions.

**2. Police Department**

Chief Raffaelly noted that his officers have been busy and he had a non-public item to discuss.

**3. Public Works Department**

Board members reviewed information recently received from Underwood Engineering concerning the reconstruction of Zion Hill Road. They expressed concern at the cost of the project given that Underwood estimates that the reconstructed road will need crack sealing in 3-5 years and an overlay in approximately ten years. Board members reviewed various repair estimates. Sel. Southworth noted that savings could be realized by combining the bidding for this project with that for other projects. Board members agreed by consensus that the cost of the project can be reduced significantly by using town forces and strategic contracting rather than putting the job out to bid. Glenn was asked to ask Underwood to proceed with preparation of bidding documents.

**4. Administration**

Town Administrator Glenn Smith presented information concerning deliveries to Wheelabrator from Casella. After reviewing the data Board members agreed by consensus to withdraw their approval to move the Wednesday collection day to Thursday until they can speak with Casella representatives.

Glenn informed the Board that members of the police department have filed a petition with the Labor Relations Board for the formation of a union, working through AFSCME. The matter has been forwarded to the town attorney. The attorney advises that the cost of defending this action will likely be between \$5,000 and \$7,000. Glenn asked that the Board approach the Budget Committee about adding this amount to the 2017 proposed budget. Board members agreed.

Glenn advised that action relating to proposed changes in overtime policies be put on hold until matters

before the Labor Relations Board are resolved.

Board members reviewed elderly tax exemption criteria. Glenn updated the Board on the status of awarding the Boston Post Cane and the status of the sale of the Windfall and Reservoir Road properties.

Board members decided to hold this year's candidates night at 7pm on Thursday March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Glenn reviewed the impact of passage of HB413 on town finances. Sel. Southworth asked about the potential impact on the town budget and Glenn estimated that it would save the town \$17,000.

Board members agreed by consensus to schedule the next meeting for Thursday February 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm to avoid a conflict with the TNFD budget hearing. Also, the TIF public hearing and Sandogardy Pond Road public hearing will be scheduled to occur during the meeting of February 21<sup>st</sup>.

Board members reviewed the proposed town warrant.

Sel. Crowley informed the board that the Underground Storage Tank committee has voted to disband and will be returning assets to the member communities.

#### **5. Non-public session *RSA 91A-3 IIa***

**Crowley/Southworth** moved to enter into non-public session under the provisions of RSA 91-A3II a at 7:06pm. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.** Also Present: Chief Raffaely, Glenn Smith. **Crowley/Southworth** moved to reconvene the public session at 7:35pm. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.**

**Crowley/Southworth** moved to seal the minutes of the non-public session just completed 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.**

Board members reviewed general correspondence and payroll and accounts payable manifests.

**Crowley/Allen** moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of January 31, 2017. **Motion passed.**

Sel. Crowley informed the board that the Underground Storage Tank committee has voted to disband and will be returning assets to the member communities.

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 7:38pm

APPROVED BY THE NORTHFIELD SELECTBOARD ON FEBRUARY 16, 2017