

**NORTHFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING**  
**Minutes of the Meeting of Thursday February 8, 2018**

Present: Sel. Crowley, Sel. Southworth, Sel. Allen  
Also Present: Chief Reffaely, Andy Buteau, Steve Randall, Keith Murray, Scott Haskins, Paul Blaisdell, Kevin Waldron, Bill Wilder, Gretchen Wilder, Glenn Smith

The meeting was called to order at 9:38pm

Board members reviewed proposed warrant articles:

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred and Forty One Thousand Four Hundred dollars (\$241,400) to the Road Reconstruction Fund for the purpose of funding major road and bridge repair and reconstruction projects as needed.

*Selectmen agreed by consensus to recommend this article*

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Road Repair Revolving Fund pursuant to RSA 31:95-h for the purpose of funding road and bridge repair and reconstruction and appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents of the fund. All monies received from the Highway Block Grant will be deposited into this fund, and the money in the fund shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year, and shall not be considered part of the town's general surplus. Such funds may be expended only for the purpose for which the fund was created. This article would result in no increase in the amount to be raised by taxes.

*Selectmen agreed by consensus to recommend this article*

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Four Hundred Fifteen Thousand Eight Hundred Seven Dollars (\$415,807) to fund road and bridge reconstruction and repair projects with Two Hundred Eighty-eight Thousand Eight Hundred Seven Dollars (\$288,807) to come from the Road Reconstruction Fund, and One Hundred Twenty Seven Thousand Dollars (\$127,000) to come from the Road Repair Revolving Fund monies and no funds to come from taxation. This shall be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until December 31, 2019.

*Selectmen agreed by consensus to recommend this article*

ARTICLE 7: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand dollars (\$100,000) to be deposited in the Sandogardy Pond Road State Aid Reconstruction Capital Reserve Fund.

*Selectmen agreed by consensus to recommend this article*

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Two Million Seven Hundred Twelve Thousand Six Hundred Seventy-nine Dollars (\$2,712,679) to fund reconstruction of Sandogardy Pond Road, funding to be provided through State Aid Road reimbursement from the state of New Hampshire of Two Million One Hundred Seventy Thousand One Hundred Forty-three Dollars (\$2,170,143.00), transfer from the Sandogardy Pond Road SAR Fund of Four Hundred Fifty Four Thousand Two Hundred

Forty-three Dollars (\$454,243.00) and the remaining Eighty-eight Thousand Two Hundred Ninety-three Dollars (\$88,293.00) to be voted from Unassigned Fund Balance and no funds to come from taxation. This is a non-lapsing appropriation as per RSA 32:7 VI and will not lapse until December 31, 2019.

*Selectmen agreed by consensus to recommend this article*

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Three Hundred Dollars (\$15,300) to purchase lot R08-23 for the purpose of providing a retention basin in conjunction with the Sandogardy Pond Road reconstruction project with Twelve Thousand Two Hundred Forty Dollars (\$12,240) to be provided by the State of New Hampshire and Three Thousand Sixty Dollars (\$3,060) to be allocated from the unassigned fund balance and no funds to come from taxation.

*Selectmen agreed by consensus to recommend this article*

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy Five Thousand dollars (\$75,000) to the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of replacing Public Works Department equipment as needed.

*Selectmen agreed by consensus to recommend this article*

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate One Hundred Seventy-six Thousand dollars (\$176,000) to purchase a new Trackless Municipal Tractor for the purpose of sidewalk plowing, roadside mowing and other uses with One Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars (\$140,000) to come from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund, Sixteen Thousand Dollars (\$16,000) to come from the sale of replaced equipment and the remaining Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) to be allocated from the unassigned fund balance and no funds to come from taxation.

*Selectmen agreed by consensus to remove the word "Trackless". Sel. Southworth stated his opposition to the article as amended, stating that the current machine is safe if operated correctly and that the mowing capability of the proposed machine is not as represented. Selectmen agreed to recommend this article as amended on a vote of 2-1. Glenn was asked to include tallies of Selectboard votes on the warrant.*

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Police Equipment Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA35:1 II for the purpose of replacing Police Department equipment and to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand dollars (\$40,000) to be deposited in this fund.

**Selectmen agreed to modify the article as follows: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Police Equipment Revolving Fund pursuant to RSA 31:95-h for the purpose of purchasing or replacing Police Department equipment. All Special Detail Funds, less salary, taxes and retirement benefits paid to Northfield police personnel, will be deposited into this fund, and the money in the fund shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year, and shall not be considered part of the town's general surplus. Such funds may be expended only for the purpose for which the fund was created.**

*Selectmen agreed by consensus to recommend this article as amended.*

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Thirty-nine Thousand Eight Hundred dollars (\$39,800) to replace a Police Cruiser with funding to come from the Police Equipment Capital Reserve Fund and no funding to come from taxation.

***Selectmen agreed to modify the article as follows: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Thirty-nine Thousand Eight Hundred dollars (\$39,800) to replace a Police Cruiser.***

***Selectmen agreed by consensus to recommend this article as amended.***

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand dollars (\$10,000) to the Computer Replacement Fund for the purpose of funding replacement of computers to be allocated from the unassigned fund balance and no funding to come from taxation.

***Selectmen agreed by consensus to recommend this article***

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to replenish the Facility Emergency Repair Fund and to raise and appropriate Two Thousand Three Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$2,350) from the Unassigned Fund Balance to be deposited in this fund and no funds to come from taxation.

***Selectmen agreed by consensus to recommend this article***

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:81 Commercial and Industrial Construction Exemption to allow a new construction property tax exemption for commercial and industrial uses. The exemption shall apply only to municipal and local school property taxes assessed by the municipality and shall exclude state education property taxes and county taxes. The exemption shall be as follows: 50% of the increase in assessed value attributable to construction of new structures, and additions, renovations, or improvements to existing structures for the first year, 40% for the second year, 30% for the third year, 20% for the fourth year and 10% for the fifth year. Subsequent years will be assessed at the full rate. This schedule will be applied to all projects submitting a proper application each year during the exemption period, which will remain in effect for a period of five years from adoption.

***Selectmen agreed by consensus to recommend this article***

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee recommended sum of Three Million Three Hundred Twenty-two Thousand Three Hundred Seventy-nine Dollars (\$3,322,379.00) for general municipal operations. This article does not include special or individual articles listed above.

***Selectmen agreed by consensus to recommend this article***

Selectmen agreed to review the CIP plan on Tuesday.

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 10:45pm.

APPROVED BY THE NORTHFIELD SELECTBOARD ON FEBRUARY 13, 2018