

NORTHFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
Minutes of the meeting of March 20, 2018

Present: Sel. Crowley, Sel. Brown, Sel. Allen
Also Present: Scott Haskins, Chief Raffaely, Andy Buteau, Glenn Smith

The meeting was called to order at 4:30pm

The Chair welcomed Glen Brown as the newly elected selectman.

Crowley/Allen moved to enter into non-public session under the provisions of RSA 91-A3II d,j at 4:30pm. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.** Also Present: Glenn Smith, Andy Buteau, Chief Raffaely. **Crowley/Brown** moved to reconvene the public session at 4:51pm. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.**

Crowley/Allen moved to seal the minutes of the nonpublic session as divulgence would adversely affect the reputation of a person not a member of the Board. **Motion passed.**

The meeting recessed at 4:52pm

The meeting reconvened at 5:00pm

The Chair announced that Dennis Allen has resigned effective March 31st. Selectmen discussed procedures for selecting a replacement and asked Glenn Smith to invite interested citizens to submit letters of interest. They decided that their decision will be based upon the letters of interest, no candidates will be interviewed and that the position will be filled as soon as possible.

Brown/Crowley moved to elect Wayne Crowley as Chair. **Motion passed**

Crowley/Brown moved to elect Glen Brown as Vice Chair. **Motion passed.**

Committee assignments were postponed until the vacancy on the Selectboard has been filled.

Board members asked the town administrator to contact the persons whose terms expire this year to ask if they seek reappointment.

1. Public Input

Steve Haskins asked about the cell tower proposed by TNFD. Sel. Crowley reviewed the proposal discussed at the recent District Meeting and noted that no proposal has been presented to the Planning Board. Also, he has questions of the legality of renting this space to a third party.

2. Police Department

Chief Raffaely outlined the process he will use to fill the soon to be vacant sergeant position as an internal recruitment. He also stated that he has started researching the Pines Community Center firearm policy. Scott Haskins reported that the policy was enacted after the Council heard from concerned parents. In general the policy bans weapons during the period the building is open for children's programs.

Chief Raffaely reported on efforts to recruit a police officer. Sel. Crowley inquired as to efforts to update the hazard mitigation plan and the emergency operations plan. Chief Raffaely will inquire as to whether the grant recently received covers both plans.

3. Public Works Department

Public Works Director Andy Buteau reported that he will have pricing for 2018 paving and drainage projects for the April 3rd meeting. He also reported that he has been approached by the state about using prison labor work crews. Board members discussed the matter with Andy and concluded that there may be an opportunity to use such laborers. Andy was asked to pursue this possibility. Glenn was asked to contact Primex concerning liability.

Andy discussed the placement of Blais Park signs with the Selectmen.

Sel. Brown inquired as to the reconstruction of Cofran Ave. Andy said he was working with the sewer and water districts on this.

4. Administration

Town Administrator Glenn Smith reviewed town meeting warrant articles with Board members. Board members discussed the logistics of implementing town meeting decisions.

Andy noted issues concerning the sidewalks on Vine Street and Elm Street in front of the school and asked if they were the responsibility of the town or the school district. Sel. Crowley said he would follow through on this with the school district. Andy noted that there is a pile of old furniture in front of 6 Elm Street. Board members, Andy and the Chief discussed the continuation of the 'white line' sidewalks in the village area.

Glenn reviewed the increases in the cost of recycling. Sel. Crowley recommended that we stop curbside recycling ASAP and implement the capability of sorting recyclables at the transfer station. Andy noted that the value of newspapers is diminishing as people are not sorting out the glossy inserts that cannot be recycled. Glenn was asked to notify Casella of the decision to terminate the recycling contract. Board members noted that there may be a public hearing on the matter depending on the Casella response.

Board members reviewed the proposed social media policy. **Crowley/Brown** moved to approve the policy as presented. **Motion passed.** Board members discussed the creation of a town facebook page and authorized the town administrator to move forward with a One Call Now emergency notification system.

Glenn reviewed the proposed membership of the open space committee and was instructed to return with a full roster for membership.

5. General Business

Board members reviewed accounts payable, payroll manifests and general correspondence. **Crowley/Brown** moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of March 6, 2018. **Motion passed**

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 7:15pm

APPROVED BY THE NORTHFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN ON APRIL 3, 2018