

**NORTHFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING**  
**Minutes of the meeting of May 2, 2017**

Present: Sel. Crowley, Sel. Southworth, Sel. Allen  
Also Present: Glenn Smith, Chief Raffaely, Andy Buteau, Dave Liberatore, Jan Wickins, Jason Durgin, Todd Parker, Bonnie Blais, Gretchen Wilder.

The meeting was called to order at 5:00pm

**Crowley/Southworth** moved to enter into non-public session under the provisions of RSA 91-A3II a,c,e at 5:01pm. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.** Also Present: Glenn Smith, Dave Liberatore, Jan Wickens, Jason Durgin, Bonnie Blais, Todd Parker. The non-public session was recessed at 6:00pm.

**1. Public Input**

Gretchen Wilder expressed concern about the continued maintenance of Haggett Farm Road since it has been determined that the road is not a public road. As a taxpayer, she does not feel that the town should spend money maintaining private property. She noted that the road is not up to standards, the town should not set a precedent by taking over a substandard road. Sel. Allen responded that if the town does take it over it is unlikely that the town would bring the road up to current standards. Sel. Southworth noted that we have been maintaining this road since the 1980's and continued maintenance will be expensive. Board members outlined a plan to bring the matter to town meeting in 2018.

**2. Police Department**

Chief Raffaely updated the Board on the recent shooting on Elm Street and noted that the new officer starts work on Monday.

**3. Public Works Department**

Public Works Director Andy Buteau reported that the F550 is behind the shed. Board members decided to sell the truck as is for \$10,000, if it does not sell for that amount they will decide how to dispose of it.

Andy reported that he is still working on obtaining crack sealing quotes.

Board members reviewed the list of contractors that Underwood Engineers will contact directly in relation to the Zion Hill Road project, adding several to the list. They also reviewed a list provided by Underwood of steps for moving the project forward and discussed easement issues.

Board members decided not to move forward with the scheduled public hearing on Sandogardy Pond Road reconstruction unless schematic drawings are received several days before the May 11<sup>th</sup> hearing.

Andy reported that street sweeping is done, he will work on striping next. Sel. Southworth noted that the old pine tree has been removed from Knowles Pond and he can start working on the base for the Wooten memorial bench. Board members discussed the problem of parking along Knowles Pond Road. Sel. Crowley asked for a detailed report of what was brought to the Amnesty event. Andy reported that 99% of the people in his informal survey liked the idea of using vouchers instead of holding Amnesty in the future.

Sel. Crowley noted that the Old Home Day committee does not have a viable trailer; the existing one

cannot be moved. Andy suggested that a storage unit be installed at the old salt shed location. Sel. Southworth said that he believes there are gas valves in this area. Sel. Allen said that he will speak with Peg about this. Andy inquired as to whether the road crew will be expected to work on Old Home Day. Sel. Southworth noted that they used to volunteer for this assignment; he will have to think about requiring them to work.

#### **4. Administration**

Town Administrator Glenn Smith noted that the proceeds from the sale of Union Church have been received; he will have a check cut to the Tilton/Northfield Recreation Council as approved by town meeting.

Board members discussed the status of the rangeway at 'Conde's Corner' on Bean Hill Road and authorized the expenditure of \$500 to Dave Krause to determine ownership.

Board members reviewed general correspondence and payroll and accounts payable manifests. **Crowley/Allen** moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of April 25, 2017. **Motion passed.**

The non-public session was reconvened at 7:20pm

**Crowley/Southworth** moved to reconvene the public session at 8:39pm. **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.**

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm.

**Approved by the Northfield Selectboard on May 9, 2017**