

NORTHFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
Minutes of the Meeting of May 25, 2017

Present: Sel. Crowley, Sel. Southworth, Sel. Allen
Also Present: Glenn Smith, Chief Raffaely, Jason Durgin, Scott Haskins, Andy Buteau, Kip Cormier, Regina Nadeau, Rose Marie Welch,

The meeting was called to order at 5:01pm

1. Non-public session

Crowley/Southworth moved to enter into non-public session under the provisions of RSA 91-A3II c at 5:02pm. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.** Also Present: Glenn Smith. **Crowley/Southworth** moved to reconvene the public session at 6:01 pm. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.**

2. Public Input

The Chair recognized Rose-Marie Welch who reported that the proceeds from the sale of Union Church would be placed in the building fund to be used for major repairs. Chair noted that Sel. Southworth had suggested that the check be presented in a public ceremony. Rose agreed to work with the Town Administrator to arrange a presentation ceremony.

The Chair recognized attorney Regina Nadeau, representing Kip Cormier, who discussed the proposed PILOT agreement. After discussion, both parties agreed that the criteria for ownership of lots should be that there are two separate owners of parcels on the road in question. Board members also agreed that PILOT payments should continue until the \$1.5 million development threshold is reached, not as long as the \$1.5 million development threshold is in place. Board members agreed to take under advisement the request that the PILOT payment be calculated using only the municipal portion of the tax rate. Attorney Nadeau noted that Mr. Cormier would not sign the PILOT agreement until agreements with the water and sewer districts are in place. Sel. Crowley summarized recent discussions with the sewer commissioners.

Code Enforcement Officer Jason Durgin reported that he has started researching issues of junkyards and junky yards. His ability to respond to complaints is hampered by the fact that there is no local ordinance. Board members discussed whether the town should have such an ordinance and informed Jason that they are not inclined to support any restrictions on junky yards. Sel. Southworth asked Jason to continue his research concerning junkyards and report back to the Board.

3. Police Department

Chief Raffaely asked the Board to cease its practice of random drug testing for police officers. Board members discussed the matter. Sel. Southworth agreed that there is no need for random drug testing. Glenn said that the town has the option of reasonable suspicion testing, random testing provides little deterrence. Sel. Allen and Sel. Crowley said that they believe random drug testing is an effective means of preventing drug use by the officers.

Chief Raffaely asked for confirmation that there was no meeting next Tuesday. He also asked for permission to pick up the new cruiser, which was granted. He reminded Board members that National Night Out is August 1st.

Chief Raffaely reported that the Police Association has offered to purchase a mountain bike for the

department. Board members authorized acceptance of the gift.

Chief Raffaely reported that now that the Department is at full staff he would like to reclassify one of the patrol officers as a detective. His intent is to promote from within.

Board members reviewed the proposed changes to the special detail policy with Chief Raffaely. **Crowley/Southworth** moved to accept the modified three paragraph special detail policy. **Motion passed**

4. Public Works Department

Public Works Director Andy Buteau reported that R&D would like to start paving Bay Hill Road and Woodlawn Ave. next Wednesday. Board approved the plan. He noted that the town will be doing the shoulder gravel. Sel. Southworth noted that the town will save a lot of money by doing this itself.

Andy reported that he will follow up with several potential buyers for the truck for sale. He also reported that a citizen has asked to bring a load of Japanese knotweed to the transfer station. Board members discussed the matter and affirmed that Japanese knotweed is not accepted at the transfer station.

Andy reported that he will no longer be using material from the leaf pile as it has been found to be full of garbage. Sel. Southworth said that Ken Partridge used to screen the material. Andy will follow up on this.

Scott Haskins inquired as to the results of Andy's informal poll about replacing Amnesty with a voucher system. Andy reported that almost all people were in favor of the idea.

5. Administration

Town Administrator Glenn Smith presented information affirming that Rangeway #4 is a town road for 4,488 feet. Board members discussed signage and continuing town ownership of this right of way.

Board members reviewed the proposed summer meeting schedule, agreeing to a modified schedule. They also agreed to starting meetings at 5:00pm. Sel. Southworth asked that a note be added to the agenda that accommodations will be made if a person cannot attend a meeting at 5:00pm.

Board members authorized Glenn to approach the Town of Belmont concerning code enforcement issues. They also asked that review of the proposed Northern Pass MOU be added to the next agenda.

Sel. Southworth noted that he was in favor of using the municipal tax rate to calculate the proposed Cormier PILOT amount. Sel. Allen concurred. Glenn was asked to notify Mr. Cormier's attorney.

6. General Business

Board members reviewed accounts payable, payroll manifests and general correspondence. **Crowley/Southworth** moved to accept the minutes of the meeting of May 9, 2017 as amended. **Motion passed.**

Crowley/Southworth moved to enter into non-public session under the provisions of RSA 91-A3II c at 8:15pm. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.** Also Present: Glenn Smith. **Crowley/Southworth** moved to reconvene the public session at 8:37 pm. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.**

Crowley/Allen moved to seal the minutes of the non-public sessions completed this evening 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.

Crowley/Allen moved to accept the quote of Cybertron Inc. for IT services at a 2017 cost of \$17,490.00 including equipment and services. Sel. Southworth and Sel. Crowley noted that the review committee had reviewed six proposals and interviewed representatives from 4 firms in making its recommendation.
Motion passed.

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 8:39.

Approved by the Northfield Selectboard on June 6, 2017