

NORTHFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
Minutes of the Meeting of May 29, 2018

Present: Sel. Crowley, Sel. Haskins, Sel. Brown (participating by phone)
Also Present: Chief Raffaely, Andy Buteau, Glenn Smith, Scott McGuffin, Jason Durgin

The meeting was called to order at 5:00pm

1. General Business

Board members reviewed accounts payable, payroll manifests and general correspondence. **Crowley/Haskins** moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of May 8, 2018. **Motion passed.** Board members reviewed suspense item list.

2. Public Input

The Chair recognized Scott McGuffin who discussed appointments to the WRSD Apportionment Formula committee. Board members agreed with Scott McGuffin's recommendation that the three Northfield representatives be School Board member Keith Murray, Selectman Glen Brown and public member Lana Dearborn.

3. Non-public Session

Crowley/Brown moved to enter into non-public session under the provisions of RSA 91-A3II c,e at 5:16pm. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.** Also Present: Scott McGuffin, Jason Durgin, Glenn Smith, Chief Raffaely, Andy Buteau. **Brown/Crowley** moved to reconvene the public session at 6:10pm. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.**

Crowley/Haskins 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.**

4. Public Works Department

Sel. Crowley introduced the possible sale of the skid steer. Board members discussed the matter with Andy. Sel. Crowley said that he will research the possible value of the equipment before determining the process by which it will be sold.

Public Works Director provided an update of road paving projects. Drainage work has been mostly completed on Shaw, Peverley and Keasor roads. Zion Hill Road project is complete and came in a little over budget due to the increasing cost of asphalt. Paving the north and south ends of Shaw Road and Peverly Road will begin soon.

Chief Raffaely said that he thinks the roads in the village area need attention.

Andy reported that the reconfiguration of the Transfer Station has been completed. Superior Fence donated fencing for the project. Andy reported that the boulders have been placed along

Knowles Pond Road at the pond to prevent illegal parking. Board members discussed replacing the boulders with a guardrail. Andy will obtain pricing for this. Andy noted that road striping has been completed.

5. Police Department

Chief Raffaely reported that he had three quotes for a replacement copier for the police station and recommends accepting that of Toshiba for \$3,704 plus \$395/year maintenance cost. Board members approved and signed the necessary purchase requisition.

Chief Raffaely updated the Board on police officer recruitment efforts.

6. Administration

Selectman Crowley reviewed a recent article on municipal liability that appeared in Town and City magazine. Board members discussed the issue as it relates to the Skate Park. Board members discussed removal of the skate park fence. Glenn volunteered to bring a plan for fence removal to the next meeting.

Town Administrator Glenn Smith noted that the signing of the contract for awarding the Sandogardy Pond Road reconstruction project is scheduled for Wednesday. Sel. Crowley noted that he has concerns about the cost of the project that might prevent him from signing the document.

Glenn and Code Enforcement Officer Jason Durgin presented a draft nuisance ordinance. They noted that the purpose of the ordinance was to allow the town to address issues before they became inordinately expensive. Glenn noted that the recent Drake Drive issue cost the taxpayers more than \$13,000 to address, Jason added that if a nuisance ordinance was in place then he could have addressed the issue a year ago before the rat infestation impacted the neighbors.

Sel. Crowley stated that he believes the ordinance is unnecessary as all necessary regulation already exists in state law. Also, he believes that the ordinance places undue restriction on what a person may do on their own property.

Glenn stated his opinion that the ordinance will help protect the investment that taxpayers have made in Northfield, noting that many residents complain about the impact of nearby junkyards on their property values.

Sel. Brown suggested that the matter be deferred to a future meeting.

Board members reviewed requests for elderly exemptions.

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 7:56pm

Approved by the Northfield Board of Selectmen on June 5, 2018