

**NORTHFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING**  
**Minutes of the Meeting of May 9, 2017**

Present: Sel. Crowley, Sel. Southworth, Sel. Allen

Also Present: Mary Lee, Peg Shepard, Chief Raffaelly, Andy Buteau, Glenn Smith

The meeting was called to order at 5:00pm

**1. Non-public session**

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

The non-public meeting was recessed at 6:07pm

**2. Public Input**

Mary Lee reviewed her opposition to the Northern Pass project and informed the Board of opportunities to testify before the Site Evaluation Committee at upcoming hearings on the project. She feels that the project is not good for New Hampshire and that the promised tax windfalls will not occur. She is concerned about the health and safety impacts and impact on local roads.

**3. Police Department**

Chief Raffaelly updated the Board on the situation with Brian Butt, who is living in a trailer on Megan Drive. Mr. Butt has no occupancy permit and concerns have been raised about sanitary and other issues. Glenn informed the Board of actions taken by the Code Enforcement Officer in relation to the situation.

The Chair recognized Peg Shepard who outlined plans to modify the horse pull building in Pines Park to allow for storage of Old Home Day materials before and during the festivities. Questions were raised as to ownership of the building. Peg said that the building needed work for safety reasons and the OHD Committee was going to take this on. Andy Buteau suggested that the Committee purchase a storage unit trailer and that it be installed where the old salt shed used to be and be outfitted with electricity and ventilation. The trailer could provide a permanent base for Old Home Day materials and operations. Peg and the Selectmen approved of the idea, Peg will work to move it forward.

Chief Raffaelly noted that there are vehicles parked where the old salt shed used to be.

Chief Raffaelly reported that he has responded to the situation on Cross Mill Road in which a resident was discharging firearms within 300 feet of his neighbor's home. The resident was told that he cannot do this.

Chief Raffaelly inquired as to when the Board will start meeting biweekly. Also, he asked the Board if they could resume starting meetings at 5pm so people could get out earlier. He noted that few citizens have shown up at 6pm for the meetings.

Chief Raffaelly reported that the new officer started yesterday.

#### **4. Public Works Department**

Public Works Director Andy Buteau reported that the crack sealing vendor has agreed to visit Northfield and develop an estimate for completing the work that needs to be done. He is booked six weeks out at this point but will develop a plan so we will have a budget figure. Sel. Southworth asked if the vendor provided traffic control. Andy will follow through on this.

Andy volunteered to help cook chicken at Old Home Day. He also inquired as to whether the Board would agree to paying the crew to work Old Home Day driving the truck and collecting garbage. Board members agreed that the workers should be compensated for work performed that day.

Board members noted that the 30% schematic design plans have been delivered in advance of this week's public meeting and reviewed easement and other information provided by HEB engineers.

Andy presented quotes from R&D Paving and Pike for the reclamation of Bay Hill Road and Woodlawn Avenue. Board members reviewed costs and tonnage estimates for each. **Allen/Crowley** moved to accept the quote of R&D Paving for the reclamation of Bay Hill and Woodlawn Avenue at a cost of \$123,400 as presented. Sel. Southworth asked why there were only two quotes. Andy responded that he repeatedly asked GMI and Busby to quote but they did not respond. **Motion passed.**

Andy informed the Board that he has met with the water and sewer departments concerning the Howard/Luneau/Cofran Extension project. The project has changed in that both agencies are now saying that they will dig on the same side of the road and will need to place their new pipes under the existing stormwater drainage system, which consists of old clay pipes and should be replaced. The estimated cost of replacing the stormwater system during this project is about \$100,000, which is not in the budget. Sel. Southworth asked that Andy obtain a firmer price that can be used in the future.

Andy reported that cemeteries are being cleaned up and that the town has been asked to unlock gates for the May 20<sup>th</sup> Alzheimer's walk/run.

Sel. Southworth discussed the location, design and materials needed for the installation of the Tom Wooten memorial bench.

The nonpublic session was reconvened at 8:04pm. Also Present: Glenn Smith, Andy Buteau

**Southworth/Crowley** moved to reconvene the public session at 8:16 pm. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.**

#### **5. Administration**

Town Administrator Glenn Smith reviewed the proposed MOU filed by Northern Pass that would govern construction activities if the project is approved. He also presented a request to borrow in anticipation of taxes which Board members signed.

Board members approved the proposed assessing services request for proposals and approved its distribution.

**Southworth/Crowley** 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.**

#### **6. General Business**

Board members reviewed accounts payable, payroll manifests and general correspondence. **Crowley/Southworth** moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of May 2, 2017. **Motion passed.**

Glenn informed the Board that Dave Krause believes he can have an answer to questions concerning rangeway #4 in 2-3 weeks. Also, the 2017 tax warrant should be ready to sign by the end of the week.

Sel. Crowley noted that the Board should work to ensure that the stated tax benefits of the Spaulding development proposal will actually occur. Glenn was asked to work with Spaulding's representative with the goal that they will provide a definitive plan no later than July 1<sup>st</sup>.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:29pm.

**APPROVED BY THE NORTFIELD SELECTBOARD ON MAY 25, 2017**