

NORTHFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
Minutes of the meeting of June 7, 2016

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

Also Present: Dick Stevens, Kevin Sturgeon, Chief Raffaely, Andy Buteau, Glenn Smith

The meeting was called to order at 5:00pm

1. Police Department

Chief Raffaely reported that a parking problem has developed on Cottage Street; neighbors are parking on the street in such a way that a resident cannot access his property. He recommended that a no parking zone be established. Board members agreed and asked Glenn to schedule a hearing.

Chief Raffaely reported that the Police Department phones will be repaired next week and updated the Board on an animal cruelty case. Sel. Crowley asked for an update on IMC reporting. The Chief responded that the requested reports have been printed. Sel. Southworth asked for an update on the new cruiser. The Chief responded that it will be delivered in July.

2. Highway Department

Highway Superintendent Andy Buteau updated the Board on efforts to hire seasonal laborers and part time transfer station employees.

Board members discussed the future of the highway garage property and whether the facility should be relocated to Johnson Road. Sel. Crowley reported that Construx is working on an estimate for repairs of the existing building. Town Administrator Glenn Smith reviewed regulations concerning holding a special town meeting. Board members agreed that the question of relocating the town garage needs to be addressed and scheduled a public hearing on the matter for July 12th at 6:30 or 7:00pm. Andy Buteau was authorized to investigate costs of site work at Johnson Road.

Sel. Allen asked for an update of catch basin cleaning work. Andy reported that all went well, 200 catch basins were cleaned without a problem. He asked for authorization to ask Eastern Pipe to lock in the low bid price for an additional two years, which was granted.

Andy reported that a resident inquired as to cross walk signage on Rt. 132. Board members noted that this is a state road outside of our jurisdiction and discussed cross walk signs on town roads.

3. Administration

Board members discussed town support of the Pines Community Center. Sel. Crowley reported information received in an earlier conversation with Tilton-Northfield Recreation Council Chair Rose-Marie Welch. Board members expressed interest in continuing the relationship with the Pines on the condition that the TNRC address safety concerns, address public confidence issues and show that it is financially viable. Glenn was asked to draft a letter to the TNRC.

Glenn reported that DES offered to resume testing water in Knowles Pond under their volunteer testing program. Board members discussed swimming at the pond and other town parks, safety issues and town

liability. Selectmen instructed Andy to purchase and install 'Swim at your own risk' signs, and opted not to test the water at Knowles Pond.

Glenn updated the Board on the health insurance transition.

4. Non-Public Session

Crowley/Allen moved to enter into non-public session under the provisions of RSA 91-A3II c,d at 7:21pm. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.** Also Present: Andy Buteau, Glenn Smith. **Crowley/Allen** moved to reconvene the public session at 8:01pm. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.**

Crowley/Southworth 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.**

5. General Business

Board members reviewed accounts payable, payroll manifests and general correspondence. **Crowley/Allen** moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of May 24, 2016. **Motion passed**

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 8:01pm.

APPROVED BY THE NORTFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN ON JUNE 14, 2016