

NORTHFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
Minutes of the Meeting of August 3, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 5:00pm

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

Also Present: Jerry Zoller, Joe Adams, Eliza Conde, Jeremy Turner, Mike and Donna Del Trecco, Scott Haskins, Valerie Allen, Steve Sawiki, Carl Bartlett, Glenn Smith, Chief Raffaelly, Andy Buteau.

1. Public Input

The Chair provided an update on the status of Rangeway #4 and opened the public hearing on the proposal to reclassify the Class VI Road as a Class A Trail. Landowner Mike Del Trecco expressed concerns that the change in road status will impact his property values and ability to build on his property in the future. Eliza Conde said that she feels it is not necessary to change the status of the road. When she moved there it was not recognizable as a road, it was later cleared for logging and is now used by recreation vehicles. Jeremy Turner representing Meadowsend Timberlands stated that he feels that the public highway status is important and does not support conversion to a trail status. He noted that there are restrictions that towns can put in place to protect the road. There being no other input the Chair closed the public hearing.

The Chair recognized Jerry Zoller of NHDOT who reviewed I93 bridge painting project. The project will be bid next month with work done in 2018. Bay Street and Rt. 132 will be reduced to a single lane during the project. Traffic will be controlled by flaggers on Rt. 132 and an automated traffic signal on Bay Street. Mr. Zoller asked the Board to approve an agreement relating to flagging and traffic control during construction, which Board members took under advisement.

2. Police Department

Chief Raffaelly reported that Officer Beach had a child and is out for a week. Also, the National Night Out event went well this year. Chief Raffaelly reported that a problem has been recently discovered with carbon monoxide buildup in Ford Explorers. As a result he has purchased CO detectors for the impacted cruisers. He also informed the Board that four officers applied for the Detective position before the end of the filing period.

3. Public Works Department

Board members discussed the status of Rangeway #4. Sel. Southworth noted that the town needs to be consistent in restricting the use of roads. Consensus of the Board members is that the road should retain its Class VI status. Glenn was asked to research the laws concerning naming town roads.

Public Works Director Andy Buteau and Glenn reviewed the concerns expressed by a resident about ditching and dead trees along Shedd Road. Sel. Southworth reviewed the statutes concerning ownership and responsibility for maintaining trees in public rights of way. Andy reviewed the problem of a tree limb hanging low over Bay Hill Road.

Sel. Southworth informed that Board that he had met with the Conservation Commission and all agreed that placing stones and delineators along Knowles Pond Road to prevent parking in the road next to the pond is the best solution to the problem. Also, 'No Camping' signs should be placed at all trailheads. Chief Raffaelly suggested that installing a fence may be more effective. Board members agreed by

consensus to install signs and rock/delineators as recommended.

Steve Sawiki related the difficulties faced by the snowmobile club in maintaining the Class VI portion of Rangeway #4.

Glenn reviewed the condition of the Hodgdon Cemetery wall. Board member discussed repair options and asked Andy to contact Kevin Fife to determine what would be needed in terms of costs and easements to complete the repairs.

Glenn reviewed the request for speed limit signs and cattle crossing signs on Oak Hill Road. Board members discussed the matter and determined that additional speed limit signs are not needed and that the landowner can purchase and install cattle crossing signs at their expense as long as they coordinate installation with Andy and Chief Raffaely.

Chief Raffaely inquired as to why part of Oak Hill Road was striped when the rest was not and was told that the state stripped its portion by the town and the City of Franklin did not stripe their portions.

Andy reported that Spaulding Youth Center has requested that the speed limit on Shedd Road be lowered to 20 MPH. They also inquired as to where the class VI portion of Shedd Road started. Andy was asked to investigate the speed reduction statutes, Glenn was asked to investigate the Class VI road designation.

Andy reported that he has ordered catch basins and culverts for the Howard Avenue project. In addition he has fixed the drainage problem at Cofran/Luneau Avenue intersection, is working on an illegal dumping problem at Glines Park and will be purchasing new cameras for the transfer station.

Andy asked for direction concerning the Zion Hill Road project. There is debate as to how to best deal with drainage/water issues along 700 feet of road. He has spoken with the contractors about this and has concerns about the proposed solution. He does not like the use of fabric in the ditches and feels that it will cause problems down the road. However, it is how the project is designed. Andy outlined his proposed solution. Sel. Southworth said he would like to know the engineer's opinions of Andy's suggestion. Andy responded that he does not see value in seeking the engineer's opinion. Sel. Allen agreed that we should get a quote for Andy's suggested solution. Sel. Crowley confirmed that Board members are committed to putting a binder on the road this year.

4. Non-public RSA 91A-3 II(c)

Crowley/Southworth moved to enter into non-public session under the provisions of RSA 91-A3II c at 7:09pm. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.** Also Present: Glenn Smith and citizens seeking tax payment agreements. **Crowley/Southworth** moved to reconvene the public session at 7:52 pm. **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.**

5. Administration

Town Administrator Glenn Smith reported that assessment meetings have gone well and that the RFP for assessing services is being distributed. He also reviewed the schedule for transitioning to the new phone system at town hall.

Board members scheduled a public hearing for the acceptance of SB38 funds for August 22nd. Glenn reviewed a request from Highland Mountain that a dumpster be made available for use of residents of Elliot Drive and Ski Hill Drive. Board members agreed that the residents of these two private roads should be given the same service as all other residents.

Glenn presented an overview of Franklin's Mill City Park. Board members invited representatives from Franklin to attend the September 5th Selectmen's meeting to discuss the project and its impact on Northfield. Glenn also reviewed the proposed establishment of the TIF Advisory Board. Board members reviewed a letter received from Spaulding Youth Center concerning the potential tax impact of the proposed development on their property. Board members agreed that more of a commitment on the part of Spaulding was needed.

Crowley/Southworth moved to appoint Joyce Fulweiler as a regular member of the Planning Board.
Motion passed.

Glenn reviewed communication received from DOT concerning the new location of state inspection stickers.

6. General Business

Board members reviewed accounts payable, payroll manifests and general correspondence. **Crowley/Southworth** moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of July 11, 2017 as amended.
Motion passed.

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 8:23pm.

Approved by the Northfield Selectboard on August 22, 2017