

NORTHFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
Minutes of the Meeting of September 4, 2018

Present: Sel. Crowley, Sel. Brown, Sel. Haskins
Also Present: Chief Raffaely, Andy Buteau, Glenn Smith, Howard Smith, Claire Smith, Chris Hunt,
Roger Labraney

The meeting was called to order at 5:00pm

1. Public Input

The Chair recognized Howard and Claire Smith. Mrs. Smith maintained that the Sandogardy Pond Road reconstruction project has changed their driveway and the new turning radius is difficult to negotiate and does not allow for a place to put snow. Also, she is concerned about safety in that that fire trucks cannot access the property due to a tight turning radius. She noted that when they came up with a trailer last week and it took three tries to get up the driveway. She has taken her concerns to HEB and was informed that the driveway will be acceptable once the project is complete. The Smiths suggested to HEB that a tree be removed and the driveway be relocated and were told that this could not be done.

Sel. Crowley noted that the driveway when completed will be 28 feet wide, the standard is 20 feet and that when the project is completed the access should be better than it is now. Mr. Smith reported that property pins have been removed. Sel. Crowley said he will review the situation.

The Chair recognized Roger Labraney who reported numerous problems with the Sandogardy Pond Road reconstruction process. He maintained that the contractor has cut roots to large trees, leaving the trees in danger of falling. Sel. Crowley reported that the town does not need to remove the tree if it is out of the right of way. Mr. Labraney said that there is unknown 'muck' running out of a hillside where Hiltz has been digging. He said that his neighbor had been pouring oils, septic material and other material into the ground for years and now it is flowing to the surface because of the project. He believes that the road is poorly designed, noting positioning of culverts and failure to remove grade problems. He was advised to take his concerns to the state.

The Chair recognized Chris Hunt who stated that meeting minutes do not give a complete representation of activities. Board members responded that persons seeking a more complete representation have the audio recordings to refer to. Chris also noted that posting of minutes on the website was not current.

2. Public Works Department

Public Works Director Andy Buteau reported that Keasor Road has been paved and shoulder gravel is being added. He also reported that a resident on Sandogardy Pond Road is concerned that water quality in her dug well is being impacted by the project. He expressed concerns with the process by which complaints for the project are being handled. Board members discussed the process.

Andy reported that the skid steer has been picked up by its new owner, that the International truck is being repaired and that all trucks except for truck 6 have been inspected. He asked if the Selectmen wanted his crew to mow the island this week. They responded that they did.

3. Police Department

Chief Raffaely and Glenn Smith provided an update on the fax problems experienced by the Police Department. Board members discussed possible solutions and authorized Glenn to move forward with establishing a cellular connection for the alarm panel, which should resolve the problem.

Chief Raffaely reported that he is working on a solution to the problem of dead spots for radio contact with cruisers involving the use of the Belknap County channel 24/7. He reported this is much cheaper than installing a repeater. He is continuing to investigate this option.

4. Administration

Code Enforcement Officer Jason Durgin recommended that the town establish a \$25 minimum permit fee, which Board members agreed to implement. Also, he recommended that permits be required for 10x10 sheds as they are taxable buildings. Board members discussed the issues and opted not to change the existing rule that structures under 100 square feet do not require a permit.

Sel. Crowley presented accident data for Park Street, which Board members reviewed. Board members reviewed suspense list items and planned attendance at the upcoming elections. They opted to warn a meeting for 6:30pm the evening of the election in case one is needed.

5. General Business

Board members reviewed accounts payable, payroll manifests and general correspondence. Brown/Crowley moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of August 21, 2018. Motion passed. Crowley/Brown moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of August 28, 2018. Motion passed. Members reviewed the suspense item list.

6. Nonpublic Session

Crowley/Brown moved to enter into non-public session under the provisions of RSA 91-A3II c at 7:15pm. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.** Also Present: Glenn Smith. **Brown/Haskins** moved to reconvene the public session at 9:01pm. **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.**

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 9:04pm

Approved by the Northfield Selectboard on September 18, 2018