



TOWN OF NORTHFIELD



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NORTHFIELD BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING Minutes of the Meeting of January 26, 2017

Present: George Corliss, Peg Shepard, Lisa Swancott, Dennis Allen, Keith Murray, Linda Luedke,
Steve Randall

Also Present: Chief Raffaely, Patrolman Chapple, Andy Buteau, Glenn Smith

Lisa Swancott distributed pay scales from the towns of Gilford, Merrimack and Bristol, claiming that Northfield Police Officers are underpaid. Chief Raffaely responded that two officers are interviewing for other positions, Officer Chapple is leaving and that a \$2/hour raise for all officers would prevent the departures and would be less expensive than hiring uncertified officers.

Officer Chapple said that the town needs to increase salaries. Chief Raffaely said that he cannot continue to work extra hours to cover shifts due to vacant positions.

Committee members discussed adding \$55,000 to the budget to accommodate the \$2.00/hour proposed raise.

Committee members reviewed the Police Department budget proposal. Discussion points included part time wages, vehicle maintenance, electricity and heat, gasoline and telephone expenses.

Murray/Swancott moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of January 19, 2017. **Motion passed.**

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 8:37pm.

APPROVED BY THE NORTHFIELD BUDGET COMMITTEE ON FEBRUARY 2, 2017