



## Northwood Board of Selectmen Minutes of September 5, 2017

Chairman Wolf called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Roll Call:** Chairman Rick Wolf, Selectman Donald Hodgdon, and Town Administrator Joseph Gunter

**Absent:** Selectman Bryer

Chairman Wolf led the Pledge of Allegiance

### **Citizen's Forum**

None.

### **Public Hearing**

None.

### **Appointments**

Dave Ruth – Ballfield Grass Removal

Dave Ruth: I have been talking to Joe about the Town rec fields on Route 4 where they have major league baseball and where there is a grass infield. I feel that it is really not appropriate since, as far as I know, there has been no groups of that age playing baseball which would basically be 13 to 15. My suggestion was in talking to Joe was to eliminate the grass part – dig it out – and put it off to the side so it can be used for another area for future ballfields and fill it with, probably stone. Then what you would have is a section that would be available for little kids in T-ball, little league with about 60 feet and some Babe Ruth which I believe is 70 feet now as well as adult softball which I couldn't believe how many people were playing on the school fields. When hitting the ball, most of them would hit the ball over the fence as that area is not even 200 feet. This field would have an outfield of almost 300 feet, though it might be a little less. You would also be able to use it should we get another growth of kids 13 to 15 – it would just need to be raked out. Then you would have a field of 60 feet and 70 feet, that way you could leave the pegs in, which are semi-buried, and rake the field down. It would be perfect. If you left the grass you would have a path 3 feet wide and if someone wanted to play real baseball, it would not be sufficient. I just feel we could use stone dust there. I feel I could get a volunteer group to dig out the loam which would be an area about 90 ft. x 90 ft. The problem is the cost of getting the fill. The volunteer work to take it all out and move it to the side will not be a problem. We could get the same group of volunteers to fill it in and spread it. I am coming to you guys for the money to do this as I think we would get a lot of use out of it.

The fields were all mowed within the last week or two and look great. You can almost see that there is grass in the outfield. I know there was some discussion about doing



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a pumpkin fest and trick'or'treat up there. It would be beautiful and eliminate a little bit of the problem with kids down below. I would like to see how we could find some way to get some money to cover the cost of the fill.

Chair Wolf: Maybe you could see what we are going to need for funds and go forward from there. Selectman Hodgdon: I think maybe 8 inches deep would be enough.

Dave Ruth: I would think about a foot. I have talked to some volunteers as I was trying to do things ahead of time. I was thinking maybe sometime mid-September to early October to figure out a way to get that done. Selectman Wolf: We need to come up with the money for this. Selectman Hodgdon: It would be roughly about 30 yards of stone dust. Selectman Wolf: As long as we get it done in the time period that was suggested. Dave Ruth: Maybe we could get some money from the Rec Department. I know they sometimes have money for sand for the beaches or some other projects. Mr. Gunter: If the Board would like, I can do some shopping around to see what the costs would be.

Tim Fountain – CAI Tech – Online Property Cards

Mr. Gunter noted that Mr. Fountain was not present. He noted that Mr. Fountain had wanted to explain online tax cards to the Board. Chair Wolf: Maybe he will be here later.

### **Unfinished Business - Additional**

RFQ Recommendations

Mr. Gunter: We are looking to rebuild the red listed bridge on Bow Lake Road. We had eight submissions for RFQ's for engineering. There was a sub-committee from the Highway Committee that reviewed all the submissions and whittled it down to three possible engineers for the Board to consider. The top three are:

1. Hoyle & Tanner Associates, Manchester, NH
2. McFarlane & Johnson
3. Quantum Construction Consultants, Inc., Concord, NH

Chair Wolf: I think we should set up interviews and interview all three. I do not know what Selectman Hodgdon's thoughts are. Selectman Hodgdon: I do not know a lot about the engineering aspect of it so I am going to have to rely on other individual's recommendations. Have we worked with any of these three companies previously?

Mr. Gunter: No, not to my knowledge. Selectman Hodgdon: There was one that bid previously that we worked with, am I correct? Mr. Gunter: CMA is our Town engineer. Selectman Hodgdon: So, I guess my question is why didn't the committee feel that they were capable of doing it? Chair Wolf: They looked at the total construction costs and based it on that and several other factors. They just felt that their design wasn't up to snuff. I was there; they reviewed each company and felt that



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these were the best. That's why they suggested them. Selectman Hodgdon: I am fine with interviewing these three. I was just wondering why.

Mr. Gunter: Do you want to interview them at a regular selectman's meeting or do you want to do it separately? Chair Wolf: It would be difficult to do at a regular meeting. If someone is going to do a long presentation, it may take a long time. Selectman Hodgdon: I am not against doing it on a regular meeting night but if we are going to do it then, would it be possible to start it about a half hour earlier and doing those first and then have the meeting. Chair Wolf: I do not think ten minutes each is enough time; I think it might take a half hour or better. Selectman Hodgdon: Then they would have to be here for a good part of our meeting. I do not know if that is even feasible. Chair Wolf: We do not have to decide right now. Selectman Hodgdon: I know in the future we have some people coming in and we will be running into that same issue. Personally, I would rather take care of it at the beginning of the meeting rather than make them sit here the whole time. I know you said that ten minutes isn't probably enough. Mr. Gunter: We could spread it out over three different days. Selectman Hodgdon: Then we will be dragging it out over three meetings – that's six weeks. Chair Wolf: They will be starting a year from now anyway. Selectman Hodgdon: On this subject it is okay but we might have others that we might have to adjust our schedule accordingly. If you want to meet with them one at a time, that's fine. Mr. Gunter: I will send you a schedule.

### Plow Contracts

Mr. Gunter: I talked to Mr. Docko. The Board gave him until October 1<sup>st</sup> to respond to the plow contract. When I called, he related that he would be using two trucks – one six-wheeler and a one-ton truck with a plow and sander. He related that is all he provides. Selectman Hodgdon: My question is "Does Charlie feel that we need that third truck?" Should we put the need for that third truck out to bid? Mr. Gunter: Charlie thinks we need a six-wheeler. Selectman Hodgdon: We had the third truck last year. We can put it out to bid and we will see what we do need. Chair Wolf: That is a priority and if we find that we have too much, we can use our truck less. Mr. Gunter: Also, the extra plow guy that we had related that he has found another job. So, would the Board like to put that back out? Selectman Hodgdon: We have to have the full crew. I'd rather make sure that we have that now. Mr. Gunter: Docko will be at the same price as last year but with only two trucks.

**Selectman Hodgdon motion to enter into plow contract with D. L. Docko & Son with two trucks. First truck will be at a cost of \$75 per hour which will be a six-wheeler truck with plow and sander and second truck with plow and spreader will be at a cost of \$90 per hour. Chair Wolf second motion. Motion carries 2/0.**



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### **New Business**

Acceptance of Minutes

Chair Wolf: Perhaps we should wait until later so Selectman Bryer will be here.

Selectman Hodgdon: If he does not make it tonight, we can always do them next meeting.

Process Various Assessing forms and Applications

**Selectman Hodgdon motion to approve intent to cut ten acres at 21 Corson Drive, Tax Map 202, Lot 4. Taxes have been paid. The second one would be Tax Map 207, Lot 40; exact acreage of cut is seventy. This is to levy the taxes with the town. Chair Wolf second motion. Motion carried 2/0.**

**Selectman Hodgdon motion to approve land use tax for 110 Pender Road, Tax Map 210, Lot 70 which land will be taken out of current use and to be collected by the Town in the amount of \$6,300. Chair Wolf second motion. Motion carried 2/0.**

Approval of Manifest(s)

**Selectman Hodgdon motion to approve vendor manifest in the amount of \$48,299.13. Chair Wolf second motion. Motion carried 2/0.**

Approval of Purchase Orders

Mr. Gunter: We started surveying town properties two years ago. This purchase order is for William T. Wormell which was budgeted for \$4,000 in 2017 fiscal year to complete job. He was budgeted for half the job two years ago. Chair Wolf: So this is the second half.

**Selectman Hodgdon motion to approve \$4,000 to William T. Wormell for finishing survey of transfer station budgeted in 2017 fiscal year. Chair Wolf second motion. Motion carried 2/0.**

**Selectman Hodgdon motion to approve installation of guardrails on Lower Deerfield Road by Vermont Recreational. Chair Wolf second motion. After Discussion: Motion carries 2/0.**

Chair Wolf: If we are going to put guardrails up there, I would hope the cement blocks that the town owns, would be brought to the transfer station for security. Mr. Gunter: It was already talked about picking them up and bringing them down there. Selectman Hodgdon: I would like to go on record to note that this is a good idea where we just paved the road so that we can figure out where we can get the money rather than expend the overall budget. We just paved that road; now we might as well complete it.



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**Selectman Hodgdon motion to approve vendor Fierce Apparel in the amount of \$2,025 for fall soccer tee shirts. Chair Wolf second motion. After discussion motion carried 2/0.**

Selectman Hodgdon: Is there a reason we have only one quote? Mr. Gunter: It is a company that we have been using and is a local vendor. We can go out to bid.

Selectman Hodgdon: I am not saying that we should; it is usual that we have three. It seems it is close to the same price we paid last year. Mr. Gunter: It is just that much cheaper because we did not get sweatshirts.

Selectman Hodgdon: I am not saying that this purchase order is wrong, but if we get in the habit of accepting only one quote for certain things, it is hard to make others come back with three quotes. Others have come back with one quote and we say we want two more. Chair Wolf: In all fairness, we should try and get more than one.

Selectman Hodgdon: It is not anything to do with this particular purchase but in the past people who have come to us with one quote, we have said "No" and to come back with three. Using this one as an example, we are approving it because they need the shirts and we have gone with this vendor before. Chair Wolf: That is a good point.

Mr. Gunter: You are absolutely right. For any purchase between \$500 and \$2,500 we should have three. Selectman Hodgdon: I am not saying that we shouldn't go with this vendor; it is just that it is hard to set the precedent for one person and not everybody else.

### Miscellaneous Signatures/Approvals

Mr. Gunter: As you will remember, the State gave us a little bit of extra money for the roads. We called one of our vendors just to get a price for budgeting purposes for correcting the drainage problem over on Bow Lake Road. That came to \$16,260. If the Board wants, I can put this out to bid but it is not really something that has to be bid.

Selectman Hodgdon: How much did the State actually give us? Mr. Gunter: Around \$88,000. Selectman Hodgdon: So, if we were to do this we would still have money left over? Mr. Gunter: Yes. Chair Wolf: We were hoping to use some of that to do the gravel roads which badly need repair. I'm sure the Chief would attest to that. Mr. Gunter: That money rolls over so if you wanted to wait until next summer it would be okay. There is really no rush. Mr. Gunter: I will put this out to bid. Chair Wolf: My point on that is that we need to have somebody that knows what they are doing or it can backfire. It needs to be done so that we know that we are not going to have any more water problems.

Mr. Gunter: A young lady came in and paid off her Tax Agreement so this is deeding the property back to her. She was very proud about this.

**Selectman Hodgdon motion to approve deeding property to Mabel Ames, 14 Gary Road, Tax Map 222, Lot 33-18. Chair Wolf second motion. Motion carries 2/0.**



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Chair Wolf: I would like to say something about these tax agreements. I had a fellow bring it to my attention that he felt we were only helping out certain people in town. I assured him that this was not the intent. I explained that anyone who asks for help and will come in and talk to us deserves consideration and we will certainly talk to them. It is not just for certain people; it is for everybody that was willing to come forward and discuss with us. We cannot knock on everyone's door and offer to help. So, if anyone has any problems, that is the explanation of it. We are not singling anyone out. We are here to help.

Mr. Gunter: The next approval is a Petition and Pole License. They dropped in some telephone poles.

**Selectman Hodgdon motion to approve Petition and Pole License. Chair Wolf seconds motion. Motion carried 2/0.**

Mr. Gunter: We have two individuals that would like to join the Tax Increment Financing District Advisory Committee.

**Selectman Hodgdon motion to appoint David Docko to the Tax Increment Financing District Advisory Committee, term of office expiring August 21, 2020 as well as Richard Bojko, term of office expiring on August 24, 2020. Chair Wolf second motion. After discussion: Motion carries 2/0**

Selectman Hodgdon: Just a quick question, would that be considered as a conflict of interest since his property is within that district? Mr. Gunter: No, in fact you have to have property in that district to join except for the selectman and the chair. It is a requirement per RSA's. We sent out letters to all of the landowners saying just that and that we were looking for people to join. That way they have a say in how the money is spent. Selectman Hodgdon: So, everyone that is on that committee has a stake in that development. Mr. Gunter: Yes, with the exception of one at-large member as well as a selectman member. Hal is the at-large member.

Mr. Gunter: Next is the sale by Metrocast of its properties to Atlantic Broadband. They have sent us this rather thick contract requesting signatures. Our attorney reviewed it, which they did for all concerned. The attorney did recommend some language that the BOS should vote on prior to returning to new owners noting that you accept them taking over the franchise. You need to approve Atlantic Broadband taking the franchise over. The language is the approval. The attorney noted to make this particular motion and that will approve the franchise. Selectman Hodgdon: I feel we are missing some information. There is a lot more information than what the attorney is saying than what we are saying. Chair Wolf: We can review it further. I do not like to vote on things when I do not quite know what the problem is.



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Mr. Gunter: Last time we talked about the red line bridge on Old Canterbury: Those were actually 2017 numbers. If you add about 3% for inflation, it would be about \$172K for the Town. These are all estimates and are not definite numbers. If the Board would like, I can start the process to get our name in the que like we did on the previous one. Chair Wolf: We can always change our mind later if we decide not to do it. It is a lot of money to spend on that little bridge. Like you say, we are not going to lose anything by applying now. If we change our minds down the road, we can do something different.

Mr. Gunter: We had talked about the tree cutting on Sherburne Road. We now have a huge pile of wood out there on Spike Bryant's old property that I would like to sell unless you gentlemen have other ideas for it. I just did not want to leave it there.

Chair Wolf: I think we are a little ahead of ourselves. I see all those stumps standing up there, where are they going to go? Are they going on the existing pile or to the landowner? If we put it up for sale right now, before we get the rest of them cut down and put in the pile, I do not know how anyone could make a fair and reasonable offer if they want to buy it. I think we are going to have a hard time selling it but maybe someone will want to buy it. If it was hard wood, it might be a different story. I would rather hold off for a few weeks until we get everything cut and in the pile. Selectman Hodgdon: When we do decide to put it out to bid, we should include a date by which it must be removed from the property so that it does not drag out and become a long process. Chair Wolf: If someone buys it and wants to cut it there, we need to be careful since the Town owns the property. Should someone get hurt on the property, we could be liable. It should be removed from the property before it is cut. Selectman Hodgdon: I agree.

Mr. Gunter: The last thing we have is Ms. Veena Dow would like to put some hydrangeas here in front of the new portion of Town Hall. She would like three bushes to be pulled out so that she can plant these flowers.

Selectman Hodgdon: Do we not usually go the Facilities Committee for a recommendation on this. I think it is great that she wants to volunteer to do this. Chair Wolf: It should be run by Steve Bailey to see if he has any concerns about it. He's the guy that is charge of facilities. Selectman Hodgdon: Are hydrangeas more maintenance than what we have now? Chair Wolf: I don't know anything about plants. Selectman Hodgdon: I know a little about plants, but what is wrong with the bushes she wants to take out? I'm not saying the hydrangeas won't look better. Are the ones there now infested or something? Mr. Gunter: It's just to improve the look of that area. (A drawing was presented to offer an idea of the what bushes were to be removed and replaced with the hydrangeas.)

Board agreed to address this matter at a future meeting.



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### Wage Study

Board agreed to address wage study at a future meeting when Selectman Bryer would be in attendance. Mr. Gunter: It will be a big discussion.

### Fire Department Dispatch

Chief Bassett: There are a couple of things I would like to address to keep you guys up-to-date. The truck went down to Connecticut last Tuesday night so it has been down there for a week. They will be giving us a call in about 4-6 weeks. We'll take a group down to take a look at it and make any recommendations. They did pick up the truck which saved us the need to get it down there.

We are in the process of hiring for the vacant position and would like your thoughts on being part of the committee for the hiring process. The Fire Department's idea was to do two rounds of interviews. We had ten applicants and for the first round we would interview nine. The committee can then suggest those for a final interview; hopefully maybe about three. We would like a representative from the BOS for the first and second round of interviews. We have copies of the resumes. Chair Wolf: Why are we down to nine? Chief Bassett: One does not meet the criteria and qualifications.

Selectman Hodgdon: I think it is worth giving that one a shot. Also, are you still looking to do interviews tomorrow and on Friday? This is going to take a little bit of time, maybe 45 minutes to an hour each. So, Wednesday and Friday evenings and then suggest those for the second round maybe about three interviewers. I think as far as being on the committee, I will defer to the Chair. I do not think it is beneficial for two of us to be on the committee. If you would like to do it, Rick, feel free to do it; if not, I will be more than happy to do it. Ultimately, we are going to have a second session and the other selectman can attend that one. I do not want to leave Selectman Bryer left out either. Chair Wolf: Selectman Bryer said he did not care one way or the other. Chair Wolf: So it will be on this Wednesday and Friday. Selectman Hodgdon offered to do Friday and Chair Wolf confirmed that he was able to be available on Wednesday. Interviews will be at 4:00 P.M. on Wednesday and 6:00 P.M. on Friday. We should decide what date the second interviews will take place so that we can tentatively offer that date to returning individuals. Chief Bassett: I haven't gotten that far as yet.

Chief Bassett: The truck that is getting done right now replaces two – one we got rid of last year because it was in that contract. The rescue truck, an International, was used to carry basically anything for motor vehicle accidents such as jaws-of-life, hazmat stuff and other rescue equipment. Inspections are this month and I do not know what we are going to have to put into that. We have made provisions to put the critical equipment in other vehicles. Basically, what I am trying to get at is that we should put the vehicle up for sale because I do not know how much money we are going to have sink into it to get rid of it in a month or two. Selectman Hodgdon: Are the inspections due in September or October? Chief Bassett: September. Selectman



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Hodgdon: My concern is if the truck does not sell and we do not register it, we will be down a truck until the new truck is available. I see your concern of not spending money if we are going to get rid of it anyways, that makes complete sense but .....

Chief Bassett: I know but we have had a lot of electrical issues with that and even diagnosing it costs a lot. The actual repair doesn't cost as much as the hours it takes to find some of these issues. We can take it back for inspection and maybe it will pass right off; I am not sure. Chair Wolf: Try inspecting it and if we get the sticker on it, it will be a better selling factor down the road. I hate to spend a great deal of money to get the sticker on it and we are not going to get it back. Selectman Hodgdon: I agree with you but my concern is that nothing delays the new truck.

Chief Bassett: We have four members now, all volunteers, that are attending EMT class which started the end of August and goes to December. Hopefully, they will all pass around Christmas which will mean that we will have double what we have now. So, if we are missing one or two on vacation, we will have availability. When you are missing one or two during the summer months, sometimes it is a bit of a strain. We also have one that is in advanced training which is the next step. A lot of them have to get out of work early in order to be there. Course is four hours twice a week plus some Saturdays. It is a lot of time that these guys put in to help the Town. Board indicated their appreciation to these individuals.

Chief Bassett: With the budget season coming up, the stations that we have now in Town were discussed. Selectman Bryer and the Police Chief discussed this with me a little bit. I would like to know what the Town is thinking about this and I can give you a brief discussion as to what we are thinking ourselves. I have been involved with the prospect of a safety complex for a while now. I was against the study and obviously the Town was, but I think the majority of the people would like to see something about a piece of land where we could put the station. I do not do commercial construction, but in my eyes, you would pick out a piece of land and tailor the structure to that. My guess is that there are different opinions on that but I think that would be a good direction in which to go for the Town. The area of land would have to be small in size; basically, there is not much land available on Route 4 at this end of Town. I think that would be the best way to go about it. We could come up with a figure that we would present to the Town to possibly purchase some land. We do not want to pass up an opportunity for a piece of land that might work. That is our recommendation for that. I think if we keep our priorities straight and not ask for all the bells and whistles, we can keep it at a fair value for the Town.

The Ridge Station is beyond improvements just because of the size, location and age of the building as well as the parking situation on Route 4 which does not allow us to do much with it other than paint it and try to keep it going. With some of the safety concerns, particularly the bathrooms, bunkroom, even the upstairs area and we cannot allow meetings or anything like that because of these safety concerns. The Narrows – there is room for expansion down there. I think it would be smart to put a



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small addition onto the Narrows. This would buy us some time because that station is always going to be there. It might actually save us money on this new building. What we do in the future might save us money plus it would make it safe for the personnel that are working in this Town. What with the trucks backing in, we try to make it as safe as possible but we are also turning a blind eye to some things we should be doing. We do not want to put the Town in a predicament so instead we are putting ourselves in a predicament. Chair Wolf: I think it would be a good idea to look at what it would cost us and see what we can do. Selectman Hodgdon: Maybe we could do a facilities study. Chief Bassett: We have done a little homework on this. We would need to come up with a basic design, and get bids on costs that we could show the BOS and the townspeople. The only money up front would be about \$1K for the design – nothing too fancy. Maybe the Facilities Committee might help. Selectman Hodgdon: Have you thought about taking the money out of another fund or trying to go through a warrant article? I think that would be your best bet. The more information you give the people, the better chance of getting it passed. Chair Wolf: Another thing you might address would be the ventilation system because that is an important thing. Selectman Hodgdon: As far as the safety complex, I agree. Without having a piece of property, I do not see how they can design a building. There is no sense of designing a \$10 million building if we do not have a piece of land to put it on. I think we mentioned that to Glen before about narrowing it down to where we would want it. Chair Wolf: A small addition would be more reasonable. Chief Bassett: If it was reasonable, it would help the Town and us.

Chief Bassett: I have been discussing with Joe and some team members have helped researching different means of dispatch. We have dead zones as far as coverage. I have gotten two bids already. Chair Wolf: Those bids are for what? Chief Bassett: Dispatch. I will probably bring somebody in to do a lot of the testing so he can explain further. That would be the biggest part.

### **Tickler File**

CIP: Work with Board.

Master Plan: Work with Board

Credit Cards: We have everything ready; just waiting for Sandy to get back from vacation.

### **Reports**

Town Administrator's Report

Mr. Gunter: The Transfer Station is going to be the biggest area where we have trouble so we are trying to be methodical. Selectman Hodgdon: I think we should just have the supervisors at first just for accountability purposes till we get the glitzes out of there. It is pretty hectic down there to begin with and it is going to be a lot for Joe to take on at first by himself, but hopefully it will not be too much of a problem. The



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hardest thing is once everybody realizes we are taking them down there. Hopefully, this does not get overwhelming. It might be something that we would have to look at a second machine for down there at some point. Mr. Gunter: Yes, they are relatively cheap. Selectman Hodgdon: I know there are times when it can get pretty hectic when you have three or four people coming in at once.

### **Individual Selectman's Reports**

Chair Wolf: I noticed that one of the handicap signs has been removed at Lucas Pond. We are still having vandalism occurring which has been a recurring problem. We have lost picnic tables, as well as bathroom roofs caving in from kids jumping on them. At the Park'n'Ride, we seem to have a problem there with teenagers hanging out and throwing their garbage all over the place. I have spoken to a couple of groups of kids and noted that if they keep it up, the Town is going to be forced to put up signs for "No Loitering" for a certain time period. Selectman Hodgdon: To piggyback on that, I have read about that and there have been a rash of break-ins of cars at the State Park. I am sure the Police Department is aware of this. It would be cognizant of Townspeople to be a little bit more aware of this and not be afraid to call. Sometimes people may see things but will turn a blind eye to what is happening and it is unfortunate. I do not blame them, but the way that society is now, it is getting worse every day. Things are getting vandalized, broken into, and people are loitering.

Chair Wolf: We did have vandalism of mailboxes on Harmony Road. Some kids took baseball bats and destroyed 20-25 mailboxes in different areas. I would hope that parents pay a little more attention to help us police some of it. Anything they can do would be greatly appreciated. Selectman Hodgdon: Joe, would it be the responsibility of the Town or the State to put cameras up at the State Park? Mr. Gunter: That would be a State thing. Selectman Hodgdon: That place always has cars in there. It is not just the breaking in, but there are other things that are going on there that probably shouldn't. I do not like the idea of having cameras there, but it is at the point that it is a necessity. I go by the State Park and there are sometimes 40 cars parked in there.

### **Citizen's Forum**

Member of Audience: I was not planning on speaking tonight. I am aware of the mailbox destruction on Blake's Hill Road and Harmony Road. I had to repair mine the other day. It was just vandalism which happened around midnight. I do not know whose car they are driving but there were a couple of them out for unexplained reasons.

Regarding the safety complex discussion that occurred earlier with Nick, it has been an ongoing thing and we did look into it about two years ago. We had sort of a sub-committee with the Planning Board involved and we did a series of look/sees of various fire departments and safety complexes around the area checking more than a



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half dozen. They ranged from those that were basic to those that included the bells and whistles, so we have some good information concerning costs that still may be useful. The reason that the process was shot down was due to all the meetings and the costs. A good point was made earlier that people like to see something in writing. We had a number of things fail just because there was not enough groundwork. I think a case could be made that this is a good idea though there are a few contrary opinions. Nick made a good point about Ridge Station that is at the edge of its usefulness with a number of issues and no room for expansion. Its immediate presence is right there on one of the busiest roads in the area. It seems to me to get this into people's minds, there has to be a case made for a structure. What is the point in buying a piece of land if the people are going to say "No." There are towns around including us who have gotten stuck with a piece of land when we do not have the money to spend. It is kind of an ongoing process to have a savvy eye for what might be a good location; there are only a few. Maybe expansion at the Narrows is a good idea. As I said there is some background information and I think we can get it together. There was a tendency by a few who wanted to spend a fair amount of money but I do not think we are in that affordability position. Both in Nottingham and Barrington there were very budget-oriented safety complexes put together which are both decent buildings. With the right architecture, someone can dress up a building.

Selectman Hodgdon: The reason it was brought up again before us was because he wants to put it back on the ballot. We did tell him that we wanted the Police Department and Fire Department to get together on the same page. For that reason, they should have some sort of plan whether it gets passed or it does not. I feel the taxpayers have a right to vote on it one way or the other. They need to have their ducks in a row. We cannot have one saying it one way and the other another way which doesn't make sense.

### **Non-Public Session RSA 91-A:3, II c and d**

**Selectman Hodgdon motion to go into non-public session per RSA-A:3, II (c) & (d). Chair Wolf second motion. Motion carried 2/0.**

### **Roll Call**

**Chair Wolf: Yes**

**Selectman Hodgdon: Yes**

Board went into Non-Public Session at 7:15 P.M.

Board returned to Public Session at 7:35 P.M.

**Selectman Hodgdon motion to come out of non-public session to public session. Chair Wolf second motion. Motion carries 2/0.**



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### Roll Call

Chair Wolf: Yes

Selectman Hodgdon: Yes

Selectman Hodgdon motion to seal non-public minutes of September 5, 2017.  
Chair Wolf second motion. Motion carried 2/0.

### Roll Call

Chair Wolf: Yes

Selectman Hodgdon: Yes

Selectman Hodgdon motion to abate an ambulance ride fee dated November 23, 2016 in the amount of \$670.50. Chair Wolf second motion. Motion carried 2/0.

Selectman Hodgdon motion to abate penalties and interest in the amount of \$577.69 on Tax Map 218, Lot 33. Chair Wolf second motion. After discussion motion carried 2/0.

Selectman Hodgdon: This individual has made an attempt to pay off a substantial bill and this abates the small amount that is still owed. Board is not giving him a discount because he has paid the majority of the penalties and interest balance.  
Chair Wolf: I agree.

### Adjournment

Selectman Hodgdon motion to adjourn. Chair Wolf second motion. Motion carries 2/0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Delores Fritz  
Municipal Secretary