



**TOWN OF NORTHWOOD
BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

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**Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes
September 20, 2022**

ROLL CALL: Vice-Chair Tim Colby, Select Board Member Beth Boudreau, Select Board Member Jim Guzowski, and Select Board Member Pamela Sanderson. Hal Kreider arrived at 6:35.

STAFF PRESENT: Town Administrator Walter Johnson

6:00 P.M. Vice-Chairman Colby opened the Northwood Board of Selectmen meeting with a roll call and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Citizen's Forum:

Library Trustee Betty Smith and Library Director Donna Bunker told the Board that Allied Clearwater provided annual service on the water system on August 18. They came back on August 22 to fix a plug and determined the unit needed new controls. Since the unit is already eight years old, they provided an estimate to repair the system and an estimate to replace the system. The Library Director forwarded both estimates to the Library Trustees, the Town Administrator, and the Public Works Foreman, with the request the Facilities Committee Fund be used to pay for the systems, per the Building Maintenance Memorandum of Understanding. The Town Administrator asked that McBride come look at the system and give an estimate. That estimate had not been received as of the September 15 department head meeting. Allied Clearwater is now recommending the system be replaced, due to the amount of time it has been out of service. In answer to B. Boudreau questions, TA Johnson said the quote to replace the system is \$8,790 and \$4,015 to repair it. Both quotes from Allied Clearwater. Vice-Chair Colby asked if the water will be drinkable. Betty Smith stated that after repair or replacement, the water will still not be drinkable. Donna Bunker explained that they have a point of entry treatment system supplied by the State that is separate from the iron system. The State system treats the water quality as it comes in and it takes out MTBE and contaminates out of the water. They test it several times a year. Generally, it functions as it should, but occasionally contaminates slip in and notification is sent when that happens. But for safety reasons, they have been advised to continue with bottled water. Pam asked if the faucet water is still high in iron. Donna confirmed it is. She added her fear is if it

44 sits too long, the iron sediment and build up would be bad for the pipes, furnace,
45 appliances, water systems, etc.

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47 Mary Faiella of Old Turnpike Road spoke about the issue of candidate signs at the
48 transfer station. She read the RSA and thinks it is being mis-interpreted. The first
49 sentence of the RSA states that “No political advertising shall be placed on or affixed to
50 any public property including highway rights-of-way or private property without the
51 owner’s consent.” Town property is owned by the people of Northwood, so if the
52 owners of the property, as represented by you, give their consent for advertising to be
53 on the public property, then that seems to comply with the law. And that the law
54 permits advertising on public property is supported by all of the subsequent wording
55 of the law. In the fourth sentence the RSA says “Political advertising may be placed
56 within the state-owned rights-of-way as long as the advertising does not obstruct the
57 safe flow of traffic and it is placed with the consent of the owner of the land...” The
58 State owns the right of way in front of the transfer station and the town owns the
59 transfer station and the people of Northwood own the transfer station, so with their
60 consent the signs could be placed there. And they could be placed in the right-of-way
61 by the clear interpretation of the fourth sentence of the RSA. It clearly envisions
62 advertising on public property because it says no person shall remove or destroy
63 political advertising which is placed on public property. Then it adds that political
64 advertising may be removed by town maintenance or law enforcement personnel, but
65 they have to keep it to return to the candidate. If the candidate was a law-breaker,
66 under this law, you wouldn’t expect a town official to be required to return the
67 evidence of the broken law to the law breaker. She thinks any phrase in an RSA
68 needs to be interpreted in light of all the other language in the section. She said if you
69 look at the State DOT website or other town websites, there is a clear expectation that
70 there is actually advertising being placed on public property.

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72 Tom Johnson, Meadow Lane – Tom is a representative from Northwood Crankpullers
73 Snowmobile Club. ARPA Funds request is on the agenda for later in the evening and
74 he wants to speak on that topic. He wants to thank the Board for releasing the initial
75 \$3,500 grant and hopes the Board can see their way to another release for the balance
76 or a portion of the requested \$10,000 grant. These funds have stimulated their
77 volunteer efforts on town-wide multi-use trail maintenance this year. Also, on August
78 30 Tom sent an email to the Board members for an additional ARPA funds proposed
79 town project that they were not aware of last June when this was last discussed. This
80 trail project is located on a town owned Class VI road. It is a multi-use trail project
81 and is very time sensitive, in their opinion. Delaying it until next year will expose it to
82 potential additional damage from winter thaw, spring storms, mud season, and
83 another 7 weeks of potential hurricanes. Drought conditions over the last couple
84 years makes this project ideal at this time for access to this very remote, forested site.
85 An early decision made tonight, which is preferred, or at your October meeting will
86 allow us time to order materials, and equipment that may need to be produced and
87 mobilized and volunteers before the necessary vendors and material producers shut
88 down for the season. Tom said he visited the site with the fire chief regarding the lack
89 of emergency access and believes he supports our proposal. Selectpersons Sanderson
90 and Colby have also been out to the site for their better understanding of the projects.
91 Tom offered to take any other Selectmen out there if needed.

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93 **Minutes: “To accept the minutes of August 23, 2022. “**

94 **Motion: P. Sanderson**

95 **Second: B. Boudreau**

96 J. Guzowski said in lines 225 and 226 the minutes say Jim's remarks are attached to
97 the minutes. But they were not attached. He would like to have them attached. Also,
98 in his motion on line 240, the part about confirming if the town can remove signs was
99 a comment made by P. Sanderson, and not part of his motion.

100 H. Kreider sent an email to T. Colby regarding line 276 where the town received a thank
101 you from Richie McFarland for a donation received, but it doesn't indicate the amount
102 or the use of the donation. He would like to have that information added.

103 **Motion "To approve the minutes of August 23, 2022, as amended."**

104 **Motion: P. Sanderson**

105 **Second: B. Boudreau**

106 **Motion carried by vote of 4/0.**

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108 **Consent Agenda:**

109 Accounts Payable Manifest dated 8/31/22 – Batch #73 for \$98,253.92. Items of note
110 include \$9,500 to Cross Country Appraisal for their monthly assessing fee and a
111 partial payment on the assessing update data, a payment to Emmy's porta-potties for
112 \$3,130 for the rec department, a payment to HealthTrust for \$ 22,402.98 for employee
113 insurances, the IRS for taxes for \$11,327.74, a payment to Ponderosa Dumpsters for
114 \$13,805.20 for trash hauling, payment to Plodzik & Sanderson for the final payment
115 for the 2022 audit of \$4,000, and \$3,203 to Waste Management for trash disposal.

116 Accounts Payable Manifest dated 9/14/22 – Batch #75 for \$746,678.74. Items of note
117 include a payment to Data Radio Management for \$22,698 for fire radio equipment.

118 This is the 3rd and final year of the communications upgrade. Also a payment to
119 Equipment East for \$3,200 for the final lease payment on the excavator, to GMI
120 Asphalt for \$119,081.78 for reclaim and repaving of Allen Farm Road, payment to
121 Hodgkins Maintenance for our lawn mowing contract for \$2,785, Irving Oil for gas for
122 town vehicles for \$2,923, a school payment for \$500,000, Tom Morgan for work on the
123 Master Plan for \$3,745, and Viking of Maine for \$66,067 for the fit-up of the new
124 highway department truck.

125 Accounts Payable Manifest dated 9/14/22 – Batch # 76 for \$38,297.92. This is a
126 payment to the IRS for taxes for \$10,009.80 and to NH Retirement for \$28,288.12.

127 Payroll Manifest dated 09/07/22 – Batch # 090722 for \$45,035.01

128 Payroll Manifest dated 09/21/22 – Batch # 092122 for \$50,663.41

129 Appointments:

130 Diana Anderson - Community Power Purchasing Committee

131 Other:

132 Intent to Cut, Map 220, Lot 10 – Rooney/Charles Moreno logger

133 **Motion: "To approve the consent agenda as presented."**

134 **Motion: P. Sanderson**

135 **Second: B. Boudreau**

136 **Motion carried by vote of 4/0.**

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138 **Town Administrator Report:**

139 Staffing: Still have three full-time positions open in the police department, including the
140 School Resource Officer, one full-time position in the fire department, and one full-time
141 in the Land Use Administrative Assistant position.

142 DPW Projects: Work continues on the 2022 projects. Allen Farm Road is done. Work
143 on ledge removal at the rec field will begin tomorrow. DPW will trench & install the

144 conduit from the electric pole and meter to the well shed at rec field after ledge removal
145 is done. Work on the utility shed for the well, pump, and electric is underway. The
146 electrical upgrades at the transfer station for the new compactor will be done next week,
147 along with electrical work for the new message sign. Library water filter system is being
148 evaluated pending results of water tests from McBride.

149 Message Sign: We are waiting on delivery and installation. We are approaching the
150 estimated 8 week delivery time.

151 Town Owned Property: The sale of 10 Gary Road has been closed for \$11,000.

152 Transfer Station Compactor: A second estimate was received for a new compactor. The
153 first quote was \$22,500 and the second was around \$29,000. DPW Foreman Brown
154 recommends the lower price option. The Board has previously approved that
155 expenditure, so we will be moving forward with that. There is a 10-to-14-week lead time
156 on delivery. All the required electrical work will be completed soon.

157 Crack Sealing: Crack sealing on Jenness Pond Road will be completed by October 3,
158 with work being done on the weekend.

159 2023 Budget Prep: Budget creation is underway. The Town Administrator and Finance
160 Director will meet with the department heads between Oct 4 and Oct 6 to review and
161 discuss the budgets. The draft budget will go to the Board on October 13. TA Johnson
162 would like the Board to consider holding a budget work session on Oct 18 to begin
163 review of the budget. Further work can be done on Oct 23. The budget will go to the
164 Budget Committee on or before November 18. Saturday, December 3 is the Budget
165 Committee work session to review the town budget. The Board agreed to hold a budget
166 work session on Oct 18 at 6:00 p.m. with the department heads.

167 Email Change: The change-over went smoothly. Mainstay can continue to assist
168 anyone with issues with the new system.

169 **At 6:35, Chairman Kreider arrived and assumed conducting the meeting.**

170 Surplus Equipment Sale: The town has several pieces of surplus equipment that could
171 be sold off. TA Johnson recommends using Municibid, which is a web-based auction
172 company that deals in municipal items only. They have been getting good prices for the
173 equipment they sell, and the town could set bid minimums. It would cost the town
174 nothing. There is a buyer's premium added to each item to cover the costs, similar to
175 the sale of the town owned properties sold at auction.

176 **Motion: "To go through Municibid for the sale of surplus equipment, to post it on
177 the town website, and on the community page."**

178 **Motion: P. Sanderson**

179 **Second: T. Colby**

180 T. Colby asked to have the 3' clean up bucket added to the list. The town will handle all
181 the title transfers.

182 **Motion carried by vote of 5/0.**

183 Upcoming Meetings: Regular meetings on Oct 11 and 25, with an added budget
184 workshop on Oct 18.

185 Email Addresses Update: J. Guzofski commented that the new email addresses have
186 not been changed on the website. TA Johnson said that either the old address or the
187 new address format will work.

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189 **NHMA Legislative Policies and Principals for 2023 – 2024 Legislative Session:**

190 The policy committee of NHMA has a list of proposed policies and their recommended
191 positions on each one. This Friday, TA Johnson will be at NHMA to vote according to
192 the Board's wishes. Some Board members stated they did not necessarily agree with all

193 the issues and positions personally, but they had no issue with TA Johnson voting as
194 per the NHMA recommendations on all the articles.

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196 **ARPA Funds Request:**

197 P. Sanderson spoke about the recent request from the Crankpullers Snowmobile Club
198 for ARPA funds to repair a wash-out on Old Mountain Road. The site is way up in the
199 woods, not far from Winding Hill Road and is very difficult to access. It is a section of
200 roadway that is becoming a gorge. Tom Johnson outlined what would need to be done
201 to make it accessible, both for trail use and for emergencies. Tom has outlined the
202 following costs for repairs: 250 cubic yards of fill for \$4,861, crushed gravel (1 ½ inch)
203 to fill soft areas and shore up access from Winding Hill Road to the gorge, stormwater
204 will be managed above ground as culverts may become clogged or crushed, requiring
205 maintenance. This is done with ditches and diverter flaps. A diverter is an angled piece
206 that would be installed across the road and any water running down would hit it and
207 be diverted off to the side of the road. They are made from salvage rubber, so will not
208 prevent hikers, bike riders, horses from going through there. Ditches aligned with 4” to
209 6” stone or infiltration berms using the same stone will carry water away from the road
210 surface. Approximately 72 cubic yards @ \$2,160 of erosion stone will be used to divert
211 water. There should be seven diverter ditches or flaps installed. There will be more
212 filling than cutting to keep existing roots to stabilize the ground that is there.
213 Equipment needed is delivery for 2 pieces of equipment @\$400, mini excavator for
214 ditching bucket @ \$550 for one day, track skid steer or bulldozer for grading and filling
215 @ \$600 for two days, fuel for both @ \$200 (estimated), for a total of \$2,350 for
216 equipment, materials costs of \$7,021. Total labor costs are zero since this is a completely
217 volunteer organization. Total project cost is rounded to \$9,500. Approximately 400 feet
218 of repairs. J. Guzofski asked how long the road has been like this? H. Kreider agrees
219 the road has deteriorated, but he doesn’t feel the sense of urgency, and whether this is
220 the right fix. He believes the total costs would be more than double that estimate. He
221 doesn’t want to rush and not do the right job and throw away the money. He would
222 like to have Chris Brown look at it. Maybe we can use town equipment. P. Sanderson
223 wants the Board to be informed before making a decision, but this is a time sensitive
224 item.

225 This topic was tabled for the moment to hold the scheduled public hearing.

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227 **7:00 Public Hearing to Receive Comments on Changes to the Transfer Station Fee**
228 **Schedule:**

229 TA Johnson said the Board has authorized fee changes at the transfer station, with
230 some going up, some down, and some eliminated. There have been no new proposed
231 changes since then. H. Kreider opened the public hearing. Jim Vaillancourt had the
232 following suggestions: The citizens need to be educated in the actual cost of disposal of
233 items. Most towns have a charge to remove freon from items on top of the fee to dispose
234 of the items. There should be charges for large items such as stoves. Sleep sofas should
235 have the metal taken off and discarded separately. Citizens should have the option to
236 separate a sleep sofa themselves and save the on the fee. Demo is hard to calculate
237 without a scale. Some towns judge by the pick-up truck load. Shingles and sheetrock
238 should be separate from wood demo. Painted wood demo should be separate because it
239 is lighter and costs less to haul away. Carpets should be charged by the size of the
240 carpet. Lightbulbs should be separated by type and fluorescent bulbs should have a fee
241 for them. Paint cans should be addressed because oil-based paint is a hazardous waste
242 and latex can be dried and included in trash. He suggested having coupons that could

243 be purchased at the Clerk's office and used at the transfer station instead of writing a
244 check or using a credit card for the fees. Chairman Kreider closed the public hearing
245 at 7:11. He reported the Board had surveyed other towns fees and deliberated on this
246 issue. With increased fees there is a risk of people throwing trash beside the road instead
247 of bringing it to the transfer station. He would like to ask DPW Foreman Chris Brown
248 to review these suggestions and come back to the Board at the next meeting. P.
249 Sanderson thanked Jim Vaillancourt for doing a wonderful job with details and facts. It
250 gave her things to think about. B. Boudreau feels that mattresses should be listed
251 under furniture on the pamphlet. TA Johnson said that C. Brown wanted to keep the
252 fee schedule as simple as possible to prevent tying up the manpower at the facility.

253 **Motion: "To adopt the proposed fee schedule with the amended changes."**

254 **Motion: B. Boudreau**

255 **Second: J. Guzofski**

256 **Motion carried by vote of 5/0.**

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258 **Town Wide Property Values Update:**

259 Letters have gone out to all the taxpayers with the new preliminary values. Scheduled
260 hearings will begin tomorrow through next week. Currently there are over 110
261 appointments scheduled. When the hearings are concluded and any necessary
262 adjustments are made, the assessor will prepare the MS-1 Summary of Property Values
263 report to the DRA. This should be completed by October 4. Then we will have to wait
264 for the DRA to review all the information from the town, school, and village districts to
265 prepare to set the tax rate. B. Boudreau commented that last year there was a delay in
266 the process because not all paperwork from the districts was received on time. TA
267 Johnson said that the town has offered to help them if needed. Once the tax rate is set,
268 the tax bills will be sent out right away. H. Kreider said the Board will need to discuss
269 how much the Board of Selectmen will buy down the tax rate. He would like to look at
270 the numbers as soon as possible so the Board can hold the amount raised by taxation
271 to equal or less than last year.

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273 **7:30 Public Hearing to Receive Comments to Accept and Expend Unanticipated** 274 **funds from a grant from the Homeland Security Department Assistance to** 275 **Firefighter Grant program in the amount of \$11,671.42 to install a fire alarm** 276 **system at the Narrows Fire Station.**

277 Chief Tetreault said he applied for the 2021 Assistance to Firefighters grant program for
278 a new fire alarm system in the Narrows station. The current system is from 1984 and
279 is non-functional. The grant was awarded and the town's share on top of the grant
280 amount is 5%, or \$583.58. This will be taken from the building maintenance line. There
281 are currently working smoke detectors in the station, but no automatic reporting to
282 dispatch. This new system will have heat detectors, smoke detectors, CO2 detectors,
283 digital dialers, strobes, and a control panel with room for expansion. Chairman Kreider
284 opened the public hearing. There was no public comment. Chairman Kreider closed
285 the public hearing.

286 **Motion: "To accept and expend the \$11,671.42 grant from Homeland Security to**
287 **install a fire alarm system at the Narrows station with the town portion of 5%, or**
288 **\$583.58."**

289 **Motion: P. Sanderson**

290 **Second: T. Colby**

291 **Motion carried by vote of 5/0.**

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293 Continuation of ARPA funds discussion:

294 The Board asked Chief Tetreault for his assessment of the Old Mountain Road condition.
295 He feels improvements to that area would make it better to get out there for an
296 emergency, such as an injured snowmobiler, or a forest fire. H. Kreider restated that
297 he doesn't see the urgency and feels the DPW Foreman Chris Brown or a town engineer
298 should look at it. He would prefer to know we are doing the right fix. He added that if
299 the road is going to remain open to vehicles as it is now, it will require much more base
300 material and layers built up. B. Boudreau stated that we didn't know about the urgency
301 at the pond in the Meadows either and we lost that dam. She feels we should take the
302 savings on the volunteer labor and act on it. She asked if we could prioritize having
303 Chris Brown look at it and the Board can discuss again at the next meeting. T. Colby
304 sees everyone's point but since it is a town road, he would like to get Chris's input. J.
305 Guzofski agreed to have Chris look at it. B. Boudreau 100% supports the idea and
306 wants to make sure we do it the right way and fund it the right way. TA Johnson said
307 this is a Class VI road and the town is not permitted to expend funds on a maintenance
308 of a Class VI road. An alternative is to go through the process of having that road
309 designated as an emergency lane, in which you can spend town funds on it to maintain
310 the road to a minimal level for emergency purposes. A public hearing is required and a
311 vote of the Board of Selectman. If that happens, the town is taking on the commitment
312 to continue to maintain the road for emergency use beyond the use of ARPA funds. We
313 would also have to determine what length of the road we are declaring the emergency
314 lane. If there are other sections of the road that are not passable, we would need to
315 invest money in those other sections also to get emergency vehicles through there if
316 needed. Another option is to reclassify the road from a Class VI road to either a Class
317 A or Class B trail. That is a more in-depth process because you are discontinuing the
318 road as a highway and it is becoming a permanent trail. This plan will prevent using it
319 in the future to extend the road further, without laying out the road again. Public funds
320 can be used to maintain the trail. However, there may be implications of legal access if
321 landowners need to go over the trail to reach their properties. This process would have
322 to go to town meeting as well. H. Kreider said the trail aspect interests him because it
323 leads right into the State Park. It would help to protect that area from development.
324 The Board decided to add this topic to the next agenda, after Chris has looked at it,
325 Walter can give the pros and cons on each option, and Chief Tetreault can determine if
326 the entire road should be designated, or if only a certain length that would include this
327 wash-out area. H. Kreider said we should also be looking at the other side of the swamp
328 because it is almost just as steep. We may need to look at the whole length up to the
329 park.

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331 Continuation of Assessment Update Discussion:

332 TA Johnson reported he put out a press release on the website to answer common
333 questions about the re-assessment process and why it is being done again. After the
334 hearings are completed, they will have more definitive numbers. He went on to explain
335 that property values increased significantly during the years 2015 and 2020. They have
336 continued to go up in the 2020 and 2021 as well. Some properties were assessed at 65%
337 of the market value. The town is trying to stay ahead of this so when the town does the
338 next required update in 2025 there shouldn't be such dramatic increases like we saw
339 in 2020. This process also helps to make sure we maintain equity among property
340 owners within property type classifications. This is a way to keep things in balance
341 and be fair and equitable across every property type. P. Sanderson asked if values start
342 to drop, will the town do another revaluation again? TA Johnson said probably not

343 because if values decline by 10 – 15%, we would still be within the compliance ratio that
344 is recommended. Tax rates are tied to the total spending authorized by the taxpayers.
345 Assessed values stay the same until the next re-assessment unless there have been
346 changes to the property. H. Kreider reiterated that we are not in control of the market
347 values, but the Board is committed to not raising any more money by taxation than last
348 year.

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Candidate Signs on Town Property:

351 J. Guzofski said at the last meeting he had made a motion to ask Walter to contact the
352 Secretary of State's Office for clarification of the RSA and to clarify where the RSA says
353 "may be removed", how they were defining that, and clarifying the process if there is a
354 complaint made. Jim was confused by Walter's email. He added that Mr. Tudor and
355 himself had made phone calls and he assumed that Walter would do the same. He feels
356 it is common sense that no state official will share their opinion with you in an email.
357 H. Kreider stated the only thing the town has a choice with is whether or not the town
358 removes the signs. We can if we want to because the RSA says we may. P. Sanderson
359 feels the town cannot supersede what the state has put into law. The Board has said
360 that candidates can stand at the transfer station and hold a sign during operating
361 hours. T. Colby understands it has been done in the past, but now we know there is an
362 RSA that spells it out that no one can put political signs on town property. B. Boudreau
363 said she is in favor of allowing political signs on town property. J. Guzofski asked who
364 makes the decisions to remove the signs because the Town Administrator had the last
365 ones removed? TA Johnson said if it is illegal to have them there, how can we not
366 remove them? J. Guzofski asked why all signs were not removed, instead of just some
367 of them. TA Johnson said the RSA gives the authority to the town to remove political
368 signs on town property. P. Sanderson said the recent incident involving removing signs
369 involved a candidate that was not aware of the RSA and once they were informed of
370 such, they removed the signs themselves. She added that there is no intent to target
371 any group with this law – it is black and white, no signs. There was ongoing discussion
372 around the issue.

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Board Task Manager:

375 B. Boudreau asked about the list of potential tax deeded properties received from the
376 tax collector and should it be on the list. TA Johnson said that nothing can be done
377 with that until after September 29. After that, there will be a final list of properties that
378 have not been paid. The Fire Chief and Building Inspector will need to do environmental
379 assessments regarding liabilities for the town if the properties are deeded. At the meeting
380 on October 11, we will have the final list, the assessment report, and the Board can
381 either deed the properties or sign a waiver.

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383 TA Johnson asked about the progress of sprucing up the town hall and if there is
384 anything he should be doing? T. Colby reported that he is working with Gary Tasker on
385 having pictures wrapped on canvas and then can be hung. The total cost would be
386 about \$1,000. He will get that nailed down over the next couple days. H. Kreider asked
387 about the progress of getting rid of the AV equipment. TA Johnson said he is waiting
388 on getting the inventory list from Steve at the school. Steve has been tied up with the
389 start of the school year.

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393 **Committee reports:**

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395 B. Boudreau asked if the 250th Committee will be giving a report to the Board. TA
396 Johnson has a financial report from them. He will ask the Committee to attend a Board
397 meeting and give a report.

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399 The Budget Committee will meet November 3 for a quarterly meeting and on December
400 3 to review the town budget.

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402 T. Colby has data from the state on the Route 4 Safety issues. Not all members have
403 reviewed it yet, but they will soon and then hold a meeting.

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405 H. Kreider said the safety facilities committee is discussing how to bring out community
406 awareness and outreach for the safety facilities evaluations. The Committee needs to
407 know what the community wants for this type of facility. They are considering using the
408 same consultants that worked on the Master Plan process. They have a proposal to
409 have them set up a website to generate interest, hold public interest sessions, and get
410 feedback. H. Kreider is proposing using the Cable Fund to pay for this service since it
411 is a form of communication with the public. He asked if the Board has any interest in
412 this. B. Boudreau said she appreciates using non-tax money to seek the information.
413 P. Sanderson feels there has not been enough time to review this information and is not
414 prepared to vote tonight. The topic will be put on the next agenda.

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416 **Citizen Forum:**

417 Mary Fiella of Old Turnpike Road was glad to hear the discussion of the candidate
418 signage issue. She thinks it is clear the RSA says the town can allow signs on town
419 property because the residents of Northwood are the owners of the town properties, and
420 they can give their consent and the Board of Selectmen are in charge of those properties.

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422 Tom Johnson spoke again regard the request for ARPA funds. He had hoped the Board
423 would act on that tonight. He explained that the Crankpullers have no interest in
424 rebuilding or fixing the road for the town, but just to fix a hazard. As of tonight, the
425 Board has been informed that area is a hazard, and he will keep the minutes of this
426 meeting in case something happens out there. The Crankpullers have met their
427 responsibility to make the Board aware of the hazard. He suggested the Board put up
428 signs at the top and bottom of the gorge for “No wheeled vehicles – foot traffic only”. He
429 also said that if H. Kreider earlier was referring to the bridge the Crankpullers installed
430 several years ago, they did that under the direction of DES. They are proposing to do
431 the same thing for this town road if the Board grants them the funds.

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433 P. Sanderson feels the letter received from the attorney general should be read into the
434 minutes as part of the discussion on political signs on town property. TA Johnson said
435 it is in the meeting packet and the public has access to the packet.

436 **Motion: “To reopen the political sign discussion for the purpose of including the**
437 **Attorney General’s response to TA Johnson’s inquiry.”**

438 **Motion: P. Sanderson**

439 **No Second**

440 **Motion failed.**

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442 **At 9:05**

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444 **Motion: “To go into a non-public session under RSA 91A:3 II (a) “personnel”, (b)**
445 **“hiring” and (c) reputation.”**

446 **Motion: T. Colby**

447 **Second: B. Boudreau**

448 **Motion carried by roll call vote: T. Colby – yes; P. Sanderson – yes; B. Boudreau –**
449 **yes; J. Guzofski – yes; H. Kreider – yes.**

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451 **Resumed Public Session at 9:55pm**

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453 **Motion: “To seal the non-public minutes because it is determined that divulgence**
454 **of this information would adversely affect the reputation of a person other than a**
455 **member of the public body itself.”**

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457 **Motion: T. Colby**

458 **Second: B. Boudreau**

459 **Motion carried 5/0 by roll call vote.**

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461 **Motion: “To adjourn”**

462 **Motion: J. Guzofski**

463 **Second: T. Colby**

464 **Motion carried 5/0 at 9:56M.**

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474 Minutes respectfully submitted by
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