

Northfield Village Caucus Meeting Minutes
April 23, 2026

Meeting called to order: at 7:03 pm.

Those in attendance

Members: Alicia Bellar, Nancy Blake, Tim Carter, Annie Challenger, Danielle Chircop, Jan Churchwell, Michael Cohen, Kathy Estabrooke, Mark Gantner, Susan Kelly, Bill Lustig, Juanita Martinez, Mike McIntyre, Jerry Mulick, Becky Newport, Kim Orth, Pamela Papadatos, Carol Ritchell, Chaya Rubenstein, Dahlia Saper, Beverly Smith (Chair), Katie Sweeney.

Guests: Lucy Callahan, Kelly Clark, Terry Dason, Barnaby Dinges, Matt Galin, Don Graff, Arielle Hofherr, Sean Hofherr, Anne Mahoney, Anne Olk, Charles Orth, Mike Silverman, Sammi Vanderpal

Approval of Minutes of January 29, 2026: Kathy Estabrooke made the motion to approve, Michael Cohen seconded. Motion carried. Minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report: Michael Cohen reported no change.

Town Hall Segment of Meeting:

Beverly Smith (Caucus President) introduced herself and the Caucus Officers and explained the purpose of the Caucus. Kathy Estabrooke and Tim Carter relayed the purpose of the bylaws and the process of amending them. Michael Cohen discussed the Caucus' oversight function. Alicia Bellar explained the Caucus platform and encouraged residents to complete the forthcoming survey to communicate their expectations from candidates for the Village Board.

Comments and Questions from the Public:

Resident Don Graff opposed the Village giving grants to attract large corporate restaurants at the expense of local establishments. Resident Sean Hofherr joined in and expressed concern that the Village was not looking out for his business interests. Barnaby Dinges talked about the Happ Road Ad Hoc Committee and suggested that the Caucus be more deliberate in their public discourse. Kelly Clark spoke about growing up in Northfield and what attracted her to return to raise her family here.

Summary and Recap: Alicia Bellar told the audience that the Caucus is a bridge between the community and the Village government and encouraged residents to fill out the questionnaire.

Meeting Adjourned: Motion to Adjourn made by Kathy Estabrooke, seconded by Becky Newport. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm