

**NORTHFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF September 21, 2010**

Present: Sel. Bluhm, Sel. Knowlton, Sel. Ziminsky
Also Present Greg Hill, George Nault, Nancy Nault, Madeline Bouchet, Katherine Ferreira, Andy Sanborn, Jim Bouchard, Lisa Martin, Donna Rhodes, Mike Summersett, Chief Adams, Glenn Smith.

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm

1. Public Appointments

The Chair recognized Lisa Martin and Jim Bouchard of QCC who reported on meeting of September 3rd with DOT concerning the Bean Hill Road SAR project. DOT recommends putting the entire project out to bid now. The estimated cost is \$1.3 million. The State could provide its portion of the match for this project. To date the town has set aside approximately \$265,000, and would have to raise another \$160,000 to fund its portion. The advantage of bidding the project now is that the Town could take advantage of a favorable bid climate. The Town can structure the bid with various add alternates such that it retains flexibility as to what is ultimately decided upon. Board members discussed the options including design/build. Board members asked QCC staff to start working on a proposal.

The Chair opened the public forum concerning the removal of nine streetlights. Glenn outlined the proposal; Sel. Bluhm reviewed the history of the project. George and Nancy Nault asked that the light on Bean Hill Road not be removed, citing safety concerns. Katherine Ferreira inquired as to how the town was going to deal with broken streetlights if PSNH starts installing energy efficient bulbs. Board members discussed streetlight removal options. Mr. Nault indicated that if the town was going to stop paying for the light in front of his home on Bean Hill Road then he would pick up the cost.

The Chair recognized Andy Sanborn who outlined his reasons for running for State Senate. Mr. Sanborn confirmed that if he is elected state revenue sharing to the towns would be reinstated.

2. Fire Department

Board members approved modifying the amount paid to the TNFD for the last two quarterly payments based on information received from DRA.

3. Highway Department

Mike and Board members discussed the installation of security cameras at the transfer station. Mike will research funding options.

Mike updated the Board on a recent DES inspection of the transfer station.

Mike asked the Board to approve a one year extension of the contract with CM Whitcher for trash collection, as provided for in the contract. Chris Whitcher indicated that if the contract is extended for a year he will not seek a price increase for 2011-2012.

Mike reported that he had confirmed that the paint used by the low bidder for road striping, Seal-Tec Asphalt Coatings Inc., was consistent with state specifications. The Selectboard approved awarding the 2010 road striping bid to Seal-Tec Asphalt Coatings, Inc at a cost of \$7,719.36 by consensus.

Mike updated the Board on the replacement of the Silver Lane culvert. He has received three quotes from local contractors. Board members indicated that they want the project to be put out to bid. Because of the time sensitive nature of this project Board members waived the town's standard 14 day notice requirement. Glenn and Mike will work on getting an advertisement in the paper.

Mike updated the Board on maintenance issues relating to vehicles and gas tanks.

4. Police Department

Steve Adams reviewed the data from a recent LRPC study summarizing traffic on Bean Hill Road from 6th to 21st of July.

Chief Adams updated the Board on the status of a \$40 credit with Piche's.

Chief Adams requested that the Department participate in the Belknap County Public Safety Day event on September 25th by having our motorcycle and Sgt. Raffaelly present. Although we are in Merrimack County, operationally we are more closely aligned with Belknap County. After discussion Board members agreed on the condition that Sgt Raffaelly flex his hours this week such that he can attend the event without incurring overtime.

Chief Adams requested permission to assign patrol officer Nancy Hicks to present DARE programs in the 7th grade at the middle school. Nancy is trained to present this material. Classes would be once a week, 90 minutes per class. Board approved the request on a trial basis for a maximum of eight weeks.

Chief Adams distributed a report on training hours for officers this year, which Board members reviewed.

5. Town Administration

Glenn outlined the need for a fall 2010 TAN. **Knowlton/Ziminsky** moved to authorize borrowing \$200,000 in anticipation of taxes for the period of October – December 2010. **Motion passed.**

Glenn updated the Board on the status of the Winnepesaukee River Trail Phase II construction. Board members decided not to offer the contractor an additional extension on the project.

Board members discussed the resignation of Kent Finemore as a Trustee of Trust Funds. **Knowlton/Ziminsky** moved to appoint Maureen Bouchet as a Trustee of Trust Funds to fill the remaining term of Kent Finemore. **Motion passed**

Board members reviewed the proposed policy relating to the use of the David King Tryon skate park. Glenn was instructed to forward the policy to Lisa Swancott for review prior to adoption.

Glenn updated the Board on a recent report from BTLA concerning assessment of pre-1976 mobile homes.

Board members considered and approved the waiver of a \$25 fine assessed against a homeowner for failure to register her dog. Sel. Bluhm recused himself from this discussion.

Knowlton/Ziminsky moved to appoint Glenn Smith as the Town's representative to the Schoolcare Membership Council. **Motion passed.**

Board members reviewed staffing for the upcoming budget year.

Knowlton/Ziminsky moved to enter into non-public session under the provisions of RSA 91-A3II (c) at 9:40pm. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.** Present at the non-public session were Chief Adams, Glenn Smith. **Ziminsky/Knowlton** moved that the minutes of the non-public session be sealed. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.**

Ziminsky/Knowlton moved to reconvene the public session at 10:15 pm. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.**

Ziminsky/Knowlton moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of September 7, 2010 as presented. **Motion passed**

There being no other business the meeting adjourned at 10:30 pm

APPROVED BY THE NORTHFIELD SELECTBOARD ON SEPTEMBER 28, 2010