

**NORTHFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF August 17, 2010**

Present: Sel. Bluhm, Sel. Knowlton, Sel. Ziminsky

Also Present: Maureen Bouchet, Bill Dawson, Chief Adams, Glenn Smith,

The meeting was called to order at 6:35pm

1. Public Appointments

The Chair recognized Bill Dawson who outlined the grant application being prepared by the Upper Merrimack River Local Advisory Committee for funds to inventory sensitive lands abutting the Merrimack River and develop best management policies for these lands. Mr. Dawson was seeking a letter of support from the Board for this project, which the Board signed.

2. Highway Department

Steve Bluhm reviewed his concerns relating to the disposal of ditching material, as was discussed at the last meeting.

Glenn updated the Board on the status of the easements required for the Cofran Avenue drainage project. Board members agreed by consensus to accept the quote of Dave Krause to mark the boundaries of the Beecher property at a cost of between \$700 and \$1,000.

3. Police Department

Chief Adams updated the Board on problems with police station's septic pump.

Board members and Chief Adams reviewed the relative costs of alcohol testing charged by various hospitals.

Chief Adams outlined the purchase of night vision monoculars that are available via JAG grant at substantial discounts. These units will be especially useful when investigating burglaries, runaways, etc.

4. Town Administration

Board members discussed the proposal to remove certain streetlights focusing on cost savings and the public safety impact. Chief Adams was asked to map his proposal for presentation at the next meeting.

Board members signed the new policy on capping tax deferrals.

Board members discussed the proposed changes to the cash receipt policy and deferred action until the next meeting to give Mike a chance to participate in the discussion.

Glenn outlined the proposal to name Surette Park.

Board members approved the selling of tickets to the WRTA fundraiser Taste of the Trail at town hall, discussed cleaning Union Church, and reviewed the proposed 2011 budget preparation schedule. Glenn was asked to prepare revenue projections for the remainder of 2010.

Ziminsky/Knowlton moved to enter into non-public session under the provisions of RSA 91-A3II (c) at 8:20 pm. **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.**

Knowlton/ Ziminsky moved to reconvene the public session at 9:30 pm. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.**

Knowlton/Ziminsky moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of August 3, 2010 as amended. **Motion passed.**

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 pm

APPROVED BY THE NORTHFIELD SELECTBOARD ON SEPTEMBER 7, 2010