

**NORTHFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 9, 2010**

Present: Sel. Shepard, Sel. Bluhm, Sel. Knowlton

Also Present: Lisa Martin, Jim Bouchard, Kevin Waldron, Geoff Ziminsky, Chief Adams, Mike Summersett, Glenn Smith

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Chair Shepard

1. Public Appointments

The Chair recognized Lisa Martin and Jim Bouchard who presented the preliminary engineering report on the reconstruction of Bean Hill Road. Jim reviewed the history of the project and presented alternative solutions based on preliminary engineering data.

Alternate 1	Full roadway boxout	\$1,193,134
Alternate 2	Reconstruction, installation of gravel and geogrid	\$970,413
Alternate 3	Reclamation and repaving	\$837,722

QCC recommends alternative 2, the cost of which is above DOT estimates. After discussion the Board authorized QCC to work with DOT to have the project completed in phases for cost reasons.

Glenn and Jamie reviewed a possible grant opportunity to construct a park and ride at exit 19. The town has sought construction of this facility since 2002. Board members discussed logistics and funding for this project.

Bluhm/Knowlton moved approve submission of an Office of Energy and Planning grant application for construction of a park and ride facility at exit 19 and to authorize Glenn to submit the application on behalf of the town. **Motion passed.**

2. Highway Department

Mike presented request from Cara Kelley to install a granite bench at the Arch in memory of her grandfather. Board members discussed the request and instructed Mike to research the matter further. Board approved request on condition that Ms. Kelley purchases the bench and pays for installation, the town will assume ownership and maintenance responsibility once the bench is installed.

Mike and Chief Adams expressed concerns about a proposed new development on Bean Hill Road and how they are to provide input to the Planning Board for this project. They were instructed to contact Eliza on this matter.

Mike updated the board on staffing issues.

3. Police Department

Chief Adams updated the Board on staffing issues.

4. Town Administration

Glenn reviewed a proposal that the town institute a \$25 fine against owners who fail to register their dogs. Board members and Chief Adams discussed the matter. The Board agreed by consensus to authorize institution of this fine.

Glenn and Steve Bluhm updated the Board on issues relating to the payment of WRBP capital costs by the Sewer District.

Board members reviewed draft warrant articles for the 2010 town meeting.

Board members and department heads discussed the schedule for annual employee evaluations. Evaluations will be due from the department heads on February 23rd.

Board members discussed the town response to misinformation that has been distributed concerning the proposal to dissolve the TNFD. It was the consensus of the Board that response to individual letters should come from the Fire Services Committee, but that the Selectboard should draft a comprehensive letter presenting the facts of the situation.

Knowlton/Bluhm moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of February 2, 2010 as presented. **Motion passed.**

Knowlton/Bluhm moved to enter into non-public session under the provisions of RSA 91-A3IIc at 9:20 pm. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.** Present at the non-public session was Chief Adams. **Knowlton/Bluhm** moved that the minutes of the non-public session be sealed. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.** **Bluhm/Knowlton** moved to reconvene the public session at 9:35 pm. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.**

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 pm

APPROVED BY THE SELECTBOARD ON FEBRUARY 23, 2010