

**NORTHFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF April 13, 2010**

Present: Sel. Bluhm, Sel. Knowlton, Sel. Ziminsky
Also Present Morris Capriole, Scott Clifford, John Raffaely, Chief Adams, Mike Summersett,
Glenn Smith

Chair Bluhm called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm

1. Public Appointments

The Chair recognized Morris Capriole who requested that fill taken from town ditches be brought to his property. He realizes that the town has liability concerns and he is willing to sign a waiver of liability. Board members explained that liability is just one of the concerns; there is also the equity issue of dividing available fill among those who want it. The Board denied Mr. Capriole's request.

The Chair recognized Scott Clifford who asked the Board to move forward with contracting with a firm other than Metrocast for cable service in town. Board members and Mr. Clifford discussed the pros and cons of working with different cable companies and the problems Mr. Clifford has been having with Metrocast. Glenn confirmed that the current franchise agreement, which is non-exclusive, expires on 12/31/13. The Board authorized Scott to contact alternate cable companies on behalf of the town to gauge their interest in possibly providing service within Northfield.

2. Highway Department

Mike informed the Board that he does have use for fill taken from ditches; he does not recommend giving it away.

Mike and Glenn informed the board of problems associated with Bestway which last month brought the commercial trash collected in Northfield to a facility other than Wheelabrator in violation of the Solid Waste Ordinance. Board members asked Glenn to follow up with this.

Mike and the Board members discussed various options for selling the F350 which was recently replaced. Mike was asked to develop a reasonable cost for the truck.

Mike asked the Board for permission to deliver sand to the Little League field. The sand was donated by Edmunds but TNLL still needs someone to haul it. Board members agreed.

Mike notified the Board that the Haggart Farm Road sign that was installed this weekend now has 10-12 bullet holes in it. Chief Adams is investigating the incident. Board members discussed various means of replacing the sign and holding the perpetrators responsible for their actions.

Mike updated the Board on the new hire at the Transfer station. Board members discussed the practice of allowing the residents to pay with cash at the transfer station.

Knowlton/Ziminsky moved to stop recording Selectboard meetings. **Motion passed.**

3. Police Department

Chief Adams updated the Board on his efforts to recruit part time officers.

Chief Adams updated the Board on his efforts to obtain a quote from Belknap County Dispatch for covering for Sally when she is on vacation.

Chief Adams informed the Board on the recent accident involving a police cruiser and a deer late last week. The cost of the damage is \$1,585.77. Norm's Auto Body has already ordered the parts; the cruiser should be ready next week.

Chief Adams presented a purchase requisition for new summer tires. Board members discussed the use of summer and winter tires on police cruisers.

Chief Adams reviewed potential savings from operating a motorcycle. He indicated that a motorcycle unit typically runs 300 miles on 12 gallons of gas and would operate about 1,200 miles per month for five months out of the year. As a result we could not run a cruiser, which typically runs 400 miles per week on 23 gallons of gas, for approximately 1,600 miles per month, or about 8,000 miles annually over the five months the motorcycle can be used. The Chief reported that over the five months the motorcycle would use 240 gallons of gas while the cruiser would use 575 gallons, resulting in a savings of 335 gallons of gasoline annually. In addition, because the motorcycle is leased we would not have any maintenance costs. John Raffaely reported that to date he has secured \$1,500 in donations from the community toward a Police Department motorcycle.

4. Town Administration

Glenn updated the Board on the possible impact of the State budget proposals on town revenues.

Glenn reported that Katie Duffey had submitted her letter of resignation as Executive Director of the Pines Community Center.

There was a short discussion concerning sending letters to the applicants not selected in the recent recruitment process.

Glenn reviewed a proposal that the Employee Handbook be updated to require that if the town incurs unnecessary health insurance expense because an employee failed to notify the town of a change in his/her status then that employee is responsible for reimbursing the town for all excess costs incurred. Board members asked that he bring such a policy to the next meeting.

Glenn asked if we would be interested in utilizing inmate workers this year for park cleanup, etc. Mike indicated that he may want to use these workers for cleaning the bank by Cannon Bridge.

Board members discussed the Energy Committee's recommendations concerning shutting off certain streetlights. Chief Adams and Chief Carrier will review the recommendation and report back to the Board by June 1st

Sel. Ziminsky updated the Board on status of recycling committee. The committee is a bit disorganized and uncertain of its mission. At a recent meeting several priority projects were

proposed revolving around recycling, transfer station operations and trash management. He recommended that the Recycling Committee be eliminated and a Solid Waste Management Committee be established in its place. He will prioritize the projects and report back to the Board next week.

Knowlton/Ziminsky moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of April 6, 2010. **Motion passed.**

Ziminsky/Knowlton moved to enter into non-public session under the provisions of RSA 91-A3IIc at 8:46 pm. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.** Present at the non-public session were Mike Summersett and Chief Adams. **Knowlton/Ziminsky** moved to reconvene the public session at 9:30 pm. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.**

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.

APPROVED BY THE NORTHFIELD SELECTBOARD ON APRIL 20, 2010