

**NORTHFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF December 28, 2010**

Present: Sel. Bluhm, Sel. Knowlton, Sel. Ziminsky
Also Present Paul Auger, Kevin Waldron, Bob Southworth, Chief Adams, Glenn Smith.

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm

Ziminsky/Knowlton Glenn has authority to sign direct deposit forms and changes in insurance rates and direct deposit authorizations. **Motion passed.**

1. Highway Department

Bob reported that the new driver worked out well in the recent storm. Bob reported that the loader is down due to an electrical problem and updated the Board on the replacement of the door at the transfer station. Bob reported that the deal to sell the sander has fallen through. Board members discussed the options, which include using the smaller sander, purchasing a larger sander before we sell the small one or lowering the cost on the small sander.

Sel. Bluhm asked Bob if there was anything he would change about his response to the latest storm; Sel. Ziminsky asked if there were any problems in getting workers on the road during the storm. Bob replied that he was satisfied with the response, there were no problems. Chief Adams reported that there were a lot of cars off the road during this storm and that this is common for the first storm of the year.

Bob discussed purchase of a tire balancer. He has found a unit being sold for \$2,095 from a business in Hudson, NH. He will look at it next week.

Bob reported on recent repairs to the diesel truck; we only had to pay for the diagnostic at \$99.00. Total cost of repairs about \$1,400 but the work is covered under warrantee.

2. Police Department

Chief Adams presented a vacation request, which the Board signed. Sel. Ziminsky asked for a schedule for next three months, which the Chief will email to him

3. Public Appointments

The Chair recognized Kevin Waldron who stated his opinion that the Board should buy the sander for the new F550 this week so it may use funds approved in the 2010 budget. Discussion followed. **Knowlton/Ziminsky** moved to purchase a sander for the F550 truck from Donovans for \$6,500. **Motion passed.**

Kevin inquired as to the cost of the Brian Brown hearing. He believes the town screwed up in a major way to get to the point it was at on December 14th. He stated that once the Selectmen knew Officer Brown had gone to Concord twice while on duty he should have been terminated.

4. Town Administration

Glenn reviewed the situation under which the town requires road use agreements as a condition of approving intent to cut forms. The Board approved by consensus to cease this practice. Glenn was asked to research how other towns regulate the use of town roads.

Board members reviewed CIP and salary proposals for the 2011 budget.

5. General Business

Board members reviewed general correspondence and payroll and accounts payable manifests. **Ziminsky/Knowlton** moved to accept the minutes of the meeting of December 21, 2010. **Motion passed.**

6. Non-public session *RSA 91A-3a*

Knowlton/Ziminsky moved to enter into non-public session under the provisions of RSA 91-A3II a at 8:30pm. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.** Present at the non-public session was 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 9:15pm. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.**

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 9:16 pm

APPROVED BY THE NORTHFIELD SELECTBOARD ON JANUARY 4, 2011