

**NORTHFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 2, 2010**

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

Also Present: Ginny Timmons, Greg Hill, 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 Ginny Timmons who distributed her outline for a town newsletter. Board members reviewed the proposal and discussed the logistics of developing and maintaining a newsletter, advantages of having a newsletter and potential costs. Ginny reviewed the quotes she has received from four printers. She is seeking town funding for the project in the amount of approximately \$1,500 in 2010. Board members referred her to the Budget Committee as the Board has already completed their proposal for the 2010 budget.

**2. Highway Department**

Mike presented a quote for new truck. The Board reviewed information relating to the relative costs and benefits of replacing the existing F350 with a F350, F450 or F550. Only the F550 has a maximum payload sufficient for a sander, plow and sand. He also looked into a Chevrolet model, comparable trucks start at \$45,500 which is considerably more than the Ford. Total cost of the F550 and equipment is \$80,939 although we may be able to save a couple thousand by using existing wing. Steve Bluhm asked about the warranty, Mike responded that it was 3 years or 60,000 miles bumper to bumper, 5 years or 100,000 miles on the engine and 5 years or 60,000 miles on transmission.

**3. Police Department**

Chief Adams presented and discussed a purchase requisition for office supplies.

Chief Adams updated the Board on the recent generator repairs. He had initially been concerned that the head may have been cracked. Upon inspection it was discovered that the water pump belt had snapped, total cost of the repair is estimated to be about \$300.

**4. Town Administration**

Glenn updated the Board on the status of tax abatement appeals. Board members signed the settlement agreement with Mr. Rice.

The Planning Board is seeking permission to contract with Quantum Construction Consulting for review services in relation to a proposal from a developer that includes construction of 1,000 feet of roadway. The Selectmen authorized such.

Glenn reviewed a possible EDA grant that could provide 50% funding for construction of the Rt.

140 sewer project. However, pursuing this grant would require obtaining permission from the voters to move forward without a firm commitment from a developer. Board members opted not to pursue the EDA grant.

Board members reviewed the proposed 2010 warrant articles.

Board members signed the settlement agreement proposed by DES in relation to Glines Park Beach.

Glenn presented the draft 911 maps developed by the NH Department of Safety. The DOS has identified addressing issues within town that they recommend, but do not require, we address. The Board asked Chief Adams to review the issues identified by DOS and report back to the Board.

Board members discussed the response of Chief Carrier to the recommendation of the Fire Services Committee.

**Knowlton/Bluhm** moved to approve of the minutes of the meeting of January 26, 2010 as presented. **Motion passed.**

**Knowlton/Bluhm** moved to enter into non-public session under the provisions of RSA 91-A3IIc at 8:35 pm. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.** Present at the non-public session were Selectboard members. **Bluhm/Knowlton** 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 8:50 pm. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.**

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm

APPROVED BY THE SELECTBOARD ON FEBRUARY 9, 2010