

**NORTHFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF December 21, 2010**

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

Also Present Wayne Crowley, Kevin Waldron, Brian Brown, Mike Pearson, Bob Southworth, Chief Adams, Glenn Smith.

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm

Chair opened the meeting and reviewed rules by which deliberation would continue.

1. Deliberations for Selectmen's Hearing of December 14, 2010

Ziminsky/Knowlton moved to enter into non-public session under the provisions of RSA 91-A3II a at 6:02pm. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.** Present at the non-public session was Glenn Smith. **Ziminsky/Knowlton** moved to reconvene the public session at 6:34pm. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.**

The Chair announced that the Board had voted to dismiss Officer Brown and informed members of the audience that a written decision would be available tomorrow.

2. Public Appointments

The Chair recognized Planning Board Chair Crowley who reviewed the facts of the recent decision concerning the Foster subdivision. The Fosters had approached the Board to seek a change to the designation of their lot as unbuildable, which was established as a condition of the creation of the lot. Wayne had researched the situation and found that the Planning Board had the authority to revisit a decision reached by a previous Planning Board if an applicant filed a new application requesting such. When the Fosters did so the Planning Board reviewed the new application. The ZBA had already issued the variances needed for approval. Given this, the Board found the proposal to be consistent with the conditions of the ordinance and granted approval.

Bob Southworth reported that he has reviewed the driveway permit application related to this lot and has no objection to it. Board members signed the driveway permit application.

Sel. Ziminsky left the meeting at this point.

Wayne Crowley informed the Board that he is now on the executive board for LRPC. He reminded the Board that Brownfield funds are available and that the town should avail themselves of these funds before taking possession of any property if they feel there may be environmental concerns.

The Chair recognized Kevin Waldron inquired as to who dumped trash in the recycling bins at the Transfer Station without authorization several months ago. Glenn said he would follow up with this. Bob reported that the security cameras are up and working at the Transfer Station. Kevin inquired as to the cost of the recent public hearing requested by Officer Brown and informed the Board that they missed an opportunity to resolve the situation earlier. Glenn advised the Board not to discuss its decision until the written notice of decision had been drafted. Kevin requested that a camera be purchased for the police 4x4.

3. Highway Department

Bob Southworth asked the Board to confirm the dates on which the Town would cease plowing the parking areas for the Pines and Library. Plowing for the Pines will end on 12/31/10. Glenn reminded the

Board that no formal vote had been taken to end plowing at the Hall Memorial Library. **Bluhm/Knowlton** moved to cease plowing the Library as of 1/31/11. **Motion passed.**

Bob announced that he has a offer for the sander for \$2,250. Board members authorized Bob to sell the sander at that price soon as certified check or money order is received.

Bob reported that his crew has started building the aluminum bin at the transfer station. He is considering installing a gate on the bins to prevent theft.

The new door to the transfer station should be ready in a week or two.

4. Police Department

Chief Adams presented purchase requisitions for office supplies, the purchase of ammunition, purchase of uniforms and purchase of a circuit board for the new copier that will allow the unit to scan documents.

5. Town Administration

Glenn asked the Board to encumber \$6,666 for the updating of the town's hazard mitigation plan, this amount consisting of the grant funds recently awarded and the local match. **Bluhm/Knowlton** moved to encumber \$6,666 for the updating of the town's hazard mitigation plan. **Motion passed.**

Geoff Ziminsky returned to the meeting at this point.

Cindy Caveney updated the Board on efforts to get dog owners to register their dogs. There are still 57 unregistered dogs with 39 owners. The next step is to take the owners to court seeking payment. Board members concurred.

Board members discussed the proposed SOP relating to the donation of time by police officers for non-town functions. Chief Adams reported that the SOP has been developed and signed. He also reported that an SOP has been developed relating to the use of town equipment and uniforms by town employees while they are employed at second, part time or temporary jobs not with the town.

Board members reviewed the individual accounts in the Police 2011 budget request. Items discussed included:

Board members opted not to ask the voters to approve funds for a police motorcycle. Sel. Knowlton noted that only one officer is qualified to drive the motorcycle, and the ancillary costs associated with the unit does not make it worthwhile to operate.

Board members discussed funding county attorney costs at \$10,000 instead of the requested \$14,000, noting that officers can prosecute their own violation level offences.

Ziminsky/Knowlton moved to reduce the amount in the 2011 budget proposal for county attorney services to \$10,000. **Motion passed.**

Board members reviewed the 2011 CIP budget.

6. General Business

Knowlton/Ziminsky moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of December 7, 2010. **Motion passed.** **Knowlton/Ziminsky** moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of December 14, 2010 as amended. **Motion passed.**

Board members reviewed general correspondence and payroll & accounts payable manifests

Board members discussed with Chief Adams the impact of the Officer Brown situation on morale within his department.

Chief Adams reported that one of his officers recently informed him of an upcoming short term disability related absence starting next month.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:10 pm

APPROVED BY THE NORTHFIELD SELECTBOARD ON DECEMBER 28, 2010