

**NORTHFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF June 8, 2010**

Present: Sel. Bluhm, Sel. Knowlton, Sel. Ziminsky
Also Present Chief Carrier, Kevin Waldron, Paul Auger, Donna Lorden, Sheila Bergeron,
Mike Summersett, Chief Adams, Glenn Smith.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm

1. Public Appointments

The Chair recognized Sheila Bergeron who outlined her concerns relating to drainage on Bay Hill Road. She believes that road has been built up and as a result water pools at the end of the driveways. She maintained that the Hill and Bergeron driveways are getting destroyed and would like the town to install culverts. Ms. Lorden indicated that she and others are experiencing water problems that did not occur until the town resurfaced Bay Hill Road. This includes water pooling in the front yard, water in the basement and water gathering in the patio and pool area of the Carlisle house. Mike reported that Bay Hill Road was reconstructed in 2005. After discussion the Board reached a consensus to ask the town engineer to observe the situation in a rainstorm and report to the Board on the severity of the problem.

The Chair recognized Donna Lorden who asked that a Hidden Drive sign be installed on Bay Hill in the vicinity of her driveway. Mike and Chief Adams will investigate the matter.

The Chair recognized Kevin Waldron who described a class he had just attended concerning operation of the Trustee of the Trust Funds.

Kevin Waldron inquired about the Police Department motorcycle. He expressed concern given that voters were told that we weren't going to have a motorcycle this year. Board members outlined the donation of the motorcycle and conditions they placed on its use this year.

2. Code Enforcement

Glenn updated the Board on the Hibbard enforcement action and the recommendation that we request that the upcoming court date be continued for 6 months. Board members concurred.

3. Tilton/Northfield Fire Department

Chief Carrier distributed and reviewed the upcoming TNFD agenda, his monthly report and activity log. Sel. Ziminsky asked for a information relating to fires and other incidents in Northfield and the Chief summarized recent activity. Sel. Ziminsky inquired as to inspections of town buildings. Sel. Knowlton asked for a general update as to how things were going with the District, which the Chief provided.

4. Highway Department

Mike reported that there is a problem with beavers building dams near the outlet of Sandogardy Pond. After discussion the Board authorized removal of the beavers. Mike and the Board

members discussed the hiring of summer help. After discussion, Mike was authorized to hire Cody Smart for the summer.

Mike and the Board members discussed the pending repairs to the Cornerstone Road drainage system. Board members confirmed that it was their intent to abide by the terms of the settlement agreement relating to these repairs and that QCC should inspect the property upon completion of the project so as to document that all work was done according to specifications.

Mike updated the Board on the report of trees being undercut by runoff on the Class VI portion of Blueberry Lane, the status of the Knowles Pond Dam repair and his conversation with Mr. Doubleday concerning his intent to cut.

Sel. Bluhm inquired as to the purchase of trimmers. Mike reported that the units that had been discussed earlier were not robust enough to handle heavy duty use, he will continue to look for a good unit.

5. Police Department

Chief presented the board with the award of \$4,320 for highway safety grant funds. **Ziminsky/Knowlton** moved to accept the Highway Safety Grant of \$4,320 and authorize Chair to sign the document. **Motion passed.**

Chief presented and discussed purchase requisitions with the Board.

The Chief discussed the JAG grant with Board members. We have received a grant for \$2,000 for a radar unit for the motorcycle, which will cover the full cost of this unit. Sel. Bluhm asked if the unit can be used in a cruiser if the motorcycle is not approved for next year. The Chief said that it could be. **Ziminsky/Knowlton** moved to accept the Edward Burns Memorial Justice Assistance Grant program for purchase of motorcycle radar unit. **Motion passed.**

There was a general discussion of the purchase of a radio for new cruiser.

The Chief updated the Board on staffing issues.

6. Town Administration

Board members reviewed the situation involving a fine levied against Bestway Disposal Systems of \$1,000 for each of the four instances in March 2010 in which BDS delivered commercial trash collected in Northfield to a site other than the COOP in violation of the town's solid waste ordinance. **Knowlton/Ziminsky** moved to suspend \$3,000 of the fine on the condition that BDS remain in compliance with town regulations for a period of two years, and to approve renewal of a haulers license for BDS on the condition that the current infraction is resolved through payment of the remaining fine within 14 days. **Motion passed.**

Glenn updated the Board on issues relating to the 2010 tax deeding.

Glenn forwarded to the Board a request by Chester Keyser to rent a 50' x 25' piece of town property by the sand pit. Board members opted not to approve this request.

Board members reviewed the request received this afternoon from the Tilton Northfield Fire

District for an emergency cash advance of \$40,000 needed to cover payroll within the next week. Discussion followed with Commissioner Auger concerning the request and the cash needs of the TNFD. It was the consensus of the Board members to advance TNFD \$60,000 of the amount that is due at the end of the month, on the condition that the remaining \$67,000 be paid at the end of July instead of the end of June.

Glenn introduced the proposed policy for the use of town property. Board members reviewed the policy and agreed to take it up in two weeks.

Glenn distributed fixed asset inventory lists and asked the Department Heads to modify the lists as needed to reflect the fixed assets in their departments. It was agreed to revisit these lists in one month.

Ziminsky/Knowlton moved to enter into non-public session under the provisions of RSA 91-A3II (c) at 8:59 pm. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.** Present at the non-public session were Chief Adams, Glenn Smith. **Ziminsky/Knowlton** moved that the minutes of the non-public session be sealed. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.**

Ziminsky/Knowlton moved to reconvene the public session at 9:29 pm. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.**

Ziminsky/Knowlton moved to accept the minutes of the meeting of May 25, 2010. **Motion passed.**

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

APPROVED BY THE NORTHFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN ON JUNE 22, 2010