

**NORTHFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF March 29, 2011**

Present: Sel. Bluhm, Sel. Knowlton

Also Present Mary Lee, Maureen Bouchet, Brian Brown, Sally Robert, Chris Raffaely, Leslie Keysor, Chief Adams, Bob Southworth, Glenn Smith.

Meeting was called to order at 6:31 pm.

**1. Public Appointments**

The Chair recognized Mary Lee who addressed the Board concerning the Northern Pass project. She asked that the town to oppose the project, noting that as of March 22<sup>nd</sup> there are 29 towns that are opposing the project. Mary reported that she has attended numerous hearings on the project and researched its impact. Even though it cuts through a small portion of Northfield she feels that it will adversely impact the town and have little positive impact. Mary is concerned about the trespassing and traffic on her property both during and after construction, visual blight by locating 13 story tall towers in the conservation area, health problems linked to high voltage wires, and increases in the size of the current clearcut. She asked that the town oppose the project and submit a letter of opposition prior to the April 12<sup>th</sup> deadline for public comment. She also asked that the town write the Governor stating our opposition and add information concerning Northern Pass to the website. Board members agreed to take the information under advisement but that they would not reach a decision before April 12<sup>th</sup>.

**2. Highway Department**

Bob updated the board on the work required so that town trucks will pass inspection as well as shoulder work being done on Zion Hill Road and then Bay Hill Road.

Board members reviewed the seasonal road posting procedures. After discussion Board members agreed that the Amerigas exemption application should be approved for this year and the process should be reviewed prior to next year's posting season.

Board members discussed the proposal that the Highway Department workers be provided with uniforms. Discussion points included whether uniforms should be required, whether they can be paid for using a payroll deduction, and use of the uniforms. After discussion Board members decided to pursue the option of voluntary use of uniforms with the employees opting to use the program paying for half of the cost through a payroll deduction.

Bob updated the Board on the trash issue at the Suldenski building on Elm Street. Letters have been sent out informing the building's owner and tenants that municipal trash collection will cease next week.

**3. Police Department**

Chief Adams reviewed an Highway Safety Grant application that has been returned by the state because it lacked the proper signatures.

Chief Adams presented unsolicited donations he has received to date to fund a lease of a police

motorcycle in 2011:

Ron Martin	\$1,250.00
Kathy Fowler	\$ 100.00
Norm's Auto Body	\$ 500.00
Jonathan Stankatis	\$ 200.00
Park and Go Markets	\$ 250.00

Board members discussed the pros and cons of having a police motorcycle, including the Chief's proposal to purchase additional helmets and to send an officer to a tuition-free 40 hour training session so he could operate the motorcycle.

Chief Adams presented the Board with a proposed Utilization of Roadway – Traffic Control Officers Ordinance. Board members reviewed the ordinance and suggested updates. The Chief will bring the revised ordinance in to the next meeting.

#### **4. Town Administration**

Glenn updated the Board on the recent meeting concerning the underground storage tank used by Northfield WRSD, Tilton, TNFD and TNWD and managed by Northfield since 2000.

Glenn outlined a proposal to change property and liability insurance carriers.

#### **5. General Business**

Board members reviewed general correspondence and payroll & accounts payable manifests. Bluhm/Knowlton moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of March 23, 2011. Motion passed.

Sally Robert inquired as to the status of a streetlight at the end of Cannon Bridge. She had reported it broken a few months ago and it still isn't fixed. Glenn was asked to follow up on this.

**Bluhm/Knowlton** moved to enter into non-public session under the provisions of RSA 91-A3II c at 8:15pm. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.** Present at the non-public session were Bob Southworth, Glenn Smith. **Bluhm/Knowlton** moved that the minutes of the non-public session be sealed. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.** **Knowlton/Bluhm** moved to reconvene the public session at 9:05pm. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.**

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 9:05pm

APPROVED BY THE NORTHFIELD SELECTBOARD ON APRIL 12, 2011