

**NORTHFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF May 25, 2010**

Present: Sel. Bluhm, Sel. Knowlton, Sel. Ziminsky
Also Present John Raffaelly, Dave Griffin, Kathryn Morgan, Paul St. Hillarie, Mike Hastings, Scott Barney, Janet Gloddy Young, Kristen Daniels, Mike Summersett, Chief Adams, Glenn Smith.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm

1. Public Appointments

Knowlton/Ziminsky moved to enter into non-public session under the provisions of RSA 91-A3II (a) and (c) at 6:35 pm. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.** Present at the non-public session were Glenn Smith and taxpayers seeking to enter into tax payment agreements. **Ziminsky/Knowlton** moved to reconvene the public session at 7:35 pm. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.**

The Chair recognized Paul St. Hillarie of Bestway Disposal Services who outlined his company's reason for diverting Northfield trash from the Penacook facility to a different facility during the month of March 2010 in violation of the town's solid waste ordinance. He indicated that this had been done to reduce costs. The average pickup in Northfield is just over 2 tons per week; Mr. St. Hillarie noted that it takes a lot of time to dump this trash in Penacook so it is cheaper to comingle the trash with that from other towns and dump it at another facility. This is what he did in March. Mr. St. Hillarie and Mr. Hastings indicated that they thought the fine imposed by the town was excessive and proposed other responses, including taking trash not collected in Northfield to Penacook and presenting it as trash collected in Northfield to 'make up the tonnage' and performing unspecified services at the transfer station in lieu of paying the fine.

Board members inquired as to whose trash ours was comingled with in March. Mr. St. Hillarie indicated he did not know. There was a general discussion of GAT, the provisions of Northfield's Solid Waste Ordinance, and the equity of the fine imposed by the town. Board members indicated that this would be taken up next week.

2. Police Department

Chief Adams reported that he had called Aaron Chappelle, who reported that Pulsar Alarm Systems had told them that the donation check for the motorcycle lease had been paid. John Raffaelly said that Mark Huette of Manchester Harley Davidson had told him that he had received the \$1,500 check and that all that was needed was \$720 in additional donations, which he then procured. Sel. Bluhm noted that the town had been in contact with Manchester Harley Davidson and was told that Pulsar Alarm Systems was making monthly payments, a check for \$185.00 had been received, but \$1,315.00 was still pending. Sel. Knowlton noted that the lease the Chief signed does not provide for early termination, according to the lease the Town is responsible for making a full year's payment to Manchester Harley Davidson whether Pulsar makes its payments or not. Sel. Ziminsky said that the issue had dragged on much too long, and proposed if that if we do not receive confirmation in writing from Manchester Harley Davidson tomorrow that the funds for the motorcycle lease have been received then we should return the

motorcycle. Sel. Knowlton proposed that the Board give Chief Adams two days to obtain this confirmation. Board members agreed and instructed the Chief to obtain written confirmation that the lease payments have been made by Pulsar Alarm Systems within 48 hours. When he obtains the written confirmation he will forward it to Glenn, who will verify the information.

Chief Adams reported that customers of Dipsy Doodle have been parking in the Police Department lot and on the lawn. He asked for authorization to purchase signs indicating the lot was to be used for Police business only. Board members agreed and also asked that he contact the operators of Dipsy Doodle so that they may notify their customers of the restriction.

Chief Adams notified Board members that there is a problem with unauthorized use of the town dumpster at the Police Department. After discussion it was decided that the dumpster was no longer needed and will be removed.

Chief Adams updated the Board member on the status of background investigations on potential part time officers. There was a general discussion of the use of part time officers.

Chief Adams presented the Board with a light duty work schedule for an employee.

Sel. Ziminsky asked if the shift schedule for use of motorcycle had been prepared. Chief Adams noted that it hadn't as the future of the motorcycle is still in question.

Sel. Knowlton questioned the Chief concerning an invoice for repair of a generator, which was several hundred dollars higher than anticipated. The Chief and Board members reviewed the invoice in detail. The Chief will call the vendor to inquire about the labor charge.

Sel. Bluhm noted that the Police Department is in need of repair. A general discussion followed. Chief Adams will bring a quote for repair of the handicapped ramp to the next meeting.

3. Highway Department

Mike discussed a pending intent to cut request. Out of concerns that this work would damage the public road he would like to require a \$1,500 road bond and also require that the landowner replace the culvert at the point where a private logging road meets the town road. Board members agreed.

Mike reported that someone had cut the locks and chains at the holding area. It does not appear that anything is missing but there was some damage. There was a general discussion of security at the holding area.

Mike asked the Board if it were acceptable to dispose of 125 batteries at the holding area. He has found a vendor who will give us \$6.00 per battery. Board members agreed.

Mike asked the Board for permission to buy a couple of trimmers at a cost of \$329.00 each. Sel. Ziminsky asked for some time to obtain another bid for this equipment.

Mike updated Board on new diesel fuel charges, informed the Board that water testing would begin at the beach tomorrow, updated the Board on work to be done to replace a drainage system on Cofran Avenue, informed the Board of a drainage issue on Wethersfield Road, and discussed leave time.

Mike and the Board discussed repairs to the town drainage easement on the Hastie property. Mike has visited the property and it is dry enough to start work. He has scheduled the work to begin the week of June 21st, although this may change if there are major storms between now and then.

4. Town Administration

Glenn updated the Board on the JLMC meeting held earlier in the day; updated the Board on progress with the construction of Phase II of the Winnepesaukee River Trail and asked for permission to move forward with implementing the new website now that email issues had been worked out. Board members granted permission.

Board members reviewed the 2010 tax deed properties.

Board members discussed the proposed settlement agreement in the matter of Northfield v. Dunne. **Ziminsky/Knowlton** moved to accept the agreement as drafted by the town attorney and authorize the Chair to sign it on behalf of the Board. **Motion passed.**

Knowlton/Ziminsky moved to accept the minutes of the meeting of May 11, 2010 as amended. **Motion passed.**

Knowlton/Ziminsky moved to accept the minutes of the meeting of May 18, 2010. **Motion passed.**

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 pm.

APPROVED BY THE NORTHFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN ON JUNE 8, 2010