

**NORTHFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF March 23, 2010**

Present: Sel. Bluhm, Sel. Knowlton, Sel. Ziminsky  
Also Present Mike Summersett, Chief Adams, Kevin Waldron, Brian Brown, Maureen Bouchet, Glenn Smith.

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm

Steve Bluhm indicated the need to elect Chair and Vice Chair. **Knowlton/Ziminsky** moved to rescind policy adopted in 2009 that the third year Selectmen is automatically appointed Chair. **Motion passed.** **Ziminsky/Knowlton** moved to appoint Steve Bluhm as Chair. **Motion passed.** **Ziminsky/Knowlton** moved to appoint Jamie Knowlton Vice Chair. **Motion passed.**

**1. Public Appointments**

The Chair recognized Kevin Waldron who asked why the Selectmen were not at the WRSD annual meeting. Kevin and Board members discussed the unprofessionalism shown by TNFD and other fire personnel following last week's voting. Kevin distributed printouts from the Facebook page of Chris Harris, writing as 'Craven Moorhead' in which he indicated that Kevin Waldron can 'stick it up your \*\*\*' and several members of TNFD indicated that Kevin should be voted in as 'town moron'. He also reported that a TNFD firefighter recently flipped off his wife on the public street. Sel. Ziminsky said that he has talked with Chief Carrier concerning the unprofessional comments of TNFD personnel and that it is his understanding that the Chief takes these matters seriously and is addressing the issue. There was a general discussion of responses to Fire District vote.

**2. Highway Department**

Mike asked the Board members if he could order the truck approved at town meeting. After discussion he was instructed to get competitive quotes on the truck and body.

Mike and the Board members discussed recruitment for the open Recycling Attendant/Laborer position. Board members discussed the logistics of the situation; Sel. Bluhm indicated the need to do a criminal background check. Mike and Glenn were instructed to work on the advertisement.

Mike reported that the metal pile will be picked up on Friday. He updated the Board on recycling issues and informed the Board that as a result of the recent rains the spring road postings will stay up for another week.

Mike asked if he could proceed with crushing the asphalt at the transfer station at a cost of approximately \$6,000. Board members concurred.

Mike updated the Board on efforts to replace the calcium tank damaged during this winter's accident.

Mike presented purchase requisitions to the Board and updated Board members on training needs.

### **3. Police Department**

The Chief and Board members discussed the replacement of a police cruiser. The Detective's car is scheduled to be rotated out this year.

The Chief indicated that he was not satisfied with the responses to the recent ad for a police officer. Board members discussed the situation with the Chief at length. The option of filling scheduling needs with a number of part time employees was discussed. The Chief was instructed to find out how many qualified persons were interested in working on a part time basis before re-advertising for a full time position.

### **4. Town Administration**

Board members reviewed the list of Board and Committee members up for reappointment this year, and made the following appointments by consensus:

Selectmen's Liaison to Administration:	Stephen Bluhm
Selectmen's Liaison to the Highway Department:	Geoff Ziminsky
Selectmen's Liaison to the Police Department:	Jamie Knowlton
Selectmen's Representative to the Budget Committee:	Jamie Knowlton
Public Member of the CIP Committee:	Kevin Waldron
Selectmen's Representative to the CIP Committee:	Stephen Bluhm
Selectmen's Representative to the Planning Board:	Jamie Knowlton
Selectmen's Representative to the Recycling Committee:	Geoff Ziminsky
Selectmen's Representative to the ZBA:	Geoff Ziminsky
Alternate to the ZBA:	Brian Brown

Glenn was instructed to ask those Board and Committee members whose terms are up this year if they are interested in being reappointed. He was also asked to invite Patricia Howe and Kim Robichaud to next week's meeting to discuss their interest in the Conservation Commission and Planning Board respectively. Board members agreed that as the Fire Services Committee had completed its task it should be disbanded.

Glenn suggested that the Town look into obtaining electricity through a reseller as a means of reducing our costs. A general discussion ensued, at the conclusion of which Board members agreed that the Energy Committee should be asked to pursue this option, with the understanding that we will need to work in cooperation with other jurisdictions to develop a usage pool large enough to negotiate with.

Board members and Department Heads discussed keys at town hall. Glenn reported that 20 keys cannot be accounted for. Various means of securing the building were discussed and Glenn was asked to obtain quotes for this.

Board members and Department Heads reviewed the purchase requisition policy. Glenn was asked to write up a complete policy that includes the memo written last October along with changes made since that time.

Discussion of the Northfield Tilton Economic Development Corporation was deferred to the next meeting.

Board members reviewed and approved the proposed contract from Paul Darbyshire for Tax Map Updating Services.

**Knowlton/Ziminsky** moved to enter into non-public session under the provisions of RSA 91-A3IIe at 9:10 pm. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.** Present at the non-public session was Glenn Smith. **Knowlton/Ziminsky** moved to reconvene the public session at 9:17 pm. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.**

**Knowlton/Ziminsky** moved to accept the settlement agreement in the matter of Northfield v. Hastie as presented by the town attorney. **Motion passed.**

**Knowlton/Ziminsky** moved to accept the minutes of the meeting of March 2, 2010 as presented. **Motion passed.**

**Ziminsky/Knowlton** moved to enter into non-public session under the provisions of RSA 91-A3IIc at 9:24 pm. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.** Present at the non-public session was Chief Adams until 9:50. **Knowlton/Ziminsky** 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 10:15 pm. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.**

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

APPROVED BY THE NORTHFIELD SELECTBOARD ON March 30, 2010