

NORTHFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
Minutes of the Meeting of July 6, 2010

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

Also Present: David Foster, Barbara Foster, Jim Doane, Wayne Crowley, Kevin Waldron, Scott McGuffin, Dana Dickson, Mike Summersett, Chief Adams, Glenn Smith.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm

1. Public Appointments

The Chair recognized the David and Barbara Foster who explained that in 1986 they purchased an abutting lot from a neighbor who had recently subdivided her property. When the lot was created the subdivider had indicated that it was to be merged with the Foster's lot, which is how it was recorded on the plan. It was originally taxed as one lot. In 2004 the town asked if the Foster's were going to merge the lots, they said no. Thereafter it was taxed as two lots. The Foster's indicated they had approached the Planning Board and ZBA seeking to have the restriction placed on the lot in 1986 lifted but that nothing had happened. As a result they are seeking relief from the Board. Sel. Bluhm noted that it wasn't accurate that the Planning Board and ZBA hadn't taken action; they had made a decision by deciding that the 1986 restriction should not be lifted.

Board members discussed the situation and decided that they needed input from the Planning Board and ZBA before proceeding further.

The Chair recognized the new Executive Director of the Pines Community Center, Jim Doane. Jim introduced himself and a general discussion followed.

The Chair recognized Kevin Waldron who inquired as to the status of repairs of the Island Bridge. He was concerned that the situation may not have been deemed appropriate to justify an emergency meeting.

2. Code Enforcement

Knowlton/Ziminsky moved to enter into non-public session under the provisions of RSA 91-A3II (c) at 6:55 pm. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.** Present at the non-public session were Scott McGuffin, Dana Dickson, 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 7:15 pm. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.**

3. Highway Department

Mike presented requisitions for the purchase of calcium chloride, a water heater for the town garage, grass trimmers and a sander for the new truck. Mike is recommending purchase of a used stainless steel sander from the State at a cost of \$2,500. Consensus of the Board was that Mike should purchase the used unit.

Mike discussed several upcoming projects with the Board, including the status of repairs to the

Cofran Avenue drainage system, the installation of beaver control devices at the dam on Knowles Pond and the removal of the walls from the building on the property recently purchased by the Conservation Commission on Granite Street so as to create an open air pavilion. Board members approved the latter project on the condition that the wood be kept for use by the town.

4. Police Department

Chief Adams reviewed bids he has obtained for the installation of equipment in the new cruiser: Ossipee Mountain Electronics in the amount of \$1,888 and Executive Transfer in the amount of \$1,739. A third company refused to bid. Board signed Purchase Requisition for Executive Transfer.

Chief Adams reviewed bids he has obtained for a radio for the new cruiser: Executive Transfer in the amount of \$2,965; Ossipee Mountain Electronics in the amount of \$2,809 and Two Way Communications in the amount of \$3,854. Sel. Knowlton will try to get a better price from Green Mountain Electronics and will report back tomorrow morning if this is possible. The Board conditionally approved purchasing the radio from Executive Transfer, pending the information to be obtained by Sel Knowlton.

Chief presented a request to carry over 66 hours of annual leave time with the stipulation that it be used within 90 days.

Knowlton/Ziminsky moved to enter into non-public session under the provisions of RSA 91-A3II (c) at 8:54 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 9:25 pm. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.**

5. Town Administration

The Chair recognized Wayne Crowley who outlined the work the Energy Committee has done negotiating with energy resellers, reviewing the coalition of towns and WRSD that he developed, pricing options, and fixed vs. variable rates. Discussion followed. **Ziminsky/Knowlton** moved to enter into a contract with Halifax American for the purchase of electricity pending approval of the contract language by WRSD's legal counsel and authorize Glenn Smith to sign the contract on for the town. **Motion passed.**

Board members reviewed the naming of Surette Park, Glenn will work on advertising such through the website.

Board members reviewed the request to use Union Church. Mike will examine the building and report to the Board before a decision is made.

Board members reviewed and discussed a proposed contract for general engineering services. Glenn was asked to work with QCC on a proposed memorandum of agreement.

Board members reviewed the proposed agreement filed by Lakes Region Public Access Television. After discussion of the town's participation in LRPA TV programs Board members opted to drop membership in the organization.

Glenn outlined his proposal to encourage citizens to sign up for electronic notifications through the town website. Board members concurred.

Ziminsky/Bluhm moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of June 22, 2010 as filed.
Motion passed.

Ziminsky/Bluhm moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of June 28, 2010 as amended.
Motion passed.

Board members discussed code enforcement.

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 10:25 pm

APPROVED BY THE NORTHFIELD SELECTBOARD ON JULY 20, 2010