

**NORTHFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF September 28, 2010**

Present: Sel. Bluhm, Sel. Knowlton, Sel. Ziminsky
Also Present Madeline Bouchet, Jim DeCormier, Wayne Crowley, Mike Summersett, Chief Adams, Glenn Smith.

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm

1. General Business

Board members reviewed accounts payable, payroll and correspondence recently received. **Ziminsky/Knowlton** moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of September 21, 2010 as amended. **Motion passed**

2. Highway Department

Mike reported that Union Sanborn and Southwick schools have asked that the town pick up their recyclables and deliver them to the transfer station. Mike is concerned that with the smaller crew now working at Highway, he cannot take on this additional task and guarantee that the work will be done as needed, especially during the winter plowing season. Board members discussed the logistics of the situation and the degree to which WRSD has the staff and equipment to perform this task themselves. Consensus of the Board is that we are not staffed to take on this extra task.

Mike reported that David Fox has asked that we truck our brush pile to WRHS for homecoming. Mike recommended that he talk to the Selectmen.

Mike reported that the manager of NRRA has asked to speak with the Board about single stream recycling.

Glenn opened the bid that was received for the Silver Lane culvert replacement project. The bid was from Ken Partridge at a cost of \$6,800. Board members reviewed the bid. **Knowlton/Ziminsky** moved to accept bid from Ken Partridge for Silver Lane culvert replacement. **Motion passed.**

Mike updated the Board on the repair of catch basins, culverts and related paving projects and the problems that the expansion of Amerigas is causing on Forest Road.

Mike and Glenn updated the Board on the situation involving securing 720 Shaker Road.

3. Public Appointments

Cindy Caveney reviewed her request that the Selectboard not waive the penalty for failing to register a dog because the owner claimed not to have received the courtesy reminder. Cindy noted that in addition to mailing reminders she also placed ads in the Echo to remind owners of their obligation to register their dogs and placed a sign in front of town hall to remind people. Additionally, Cindy noted that the town is not obligated to remind owners of the need to license their dogs; this is done as a courtesy. She is concerned that if word gets around town that the

penalty can be avoided by claiming the courtesy card was not received then it will be more difficult to get dog owners to renew their registrations. After discussion the Board members agreed by consensus to not waive the fee of any dog owner simply because the owner did not receive the courtesy reminder.

Sel. Bluhm recused himself from this decision.

4. Police Department

Chief Adams presented Board members with a purchase requisition for ammunition.

5. Town Administration

Glenn reviewed the current proposal to remove 9 streetlights. **Knowlton/Ziminsky** moved to remove 9 streetlights as previously proposed by the Board. **Motion passed.**

Wayne Crowley informed the Board of a new program offered by PSNH under which streetlights can be put on a timer to shut off at midnight. The Energy Committee will be reviewing this.

Glenn updated Board members on payroll issues. Franklin Savings Bank will no longer guarantee that on the weeks with a Monday holiday employees using direct deposit will have their pay credited to their accounts on Wednesday mornings. FSB reports that part of the problem is the fact that Northfield pays its employees on Wednesdays instead of the more standard Friday. After discussion of the problem and options Board members decided that as of January 1, 2011 employees will be paid on Friday instead of Wednesday.

Ziminsky/Knowlton moved to enter into non-public session under the provisions of RSA 91-A3II (b),(c) at 7:35pm. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.** Present at the non-public session were Chief Adams, Glenn Smith, Jim DeCormier. **Knowlton/Ziminsky** moved that the minutes of the non-public session be sealed. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.**

Knowlton/Ziminsky moved to reconvene the public session at 8:25pm. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.**

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm

APPROVED BY THE NORTHFIELD SELECTBOARD ON OCTOBER 5, 2010