

**NORTHFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF April 26, 2011**

Present: Sel. Bluhm, Sel. Knowlton, Sel. Ziminsky
Also Present Jim Bouchard, Maureen Bouchet, Kevin Waldron, Scott Caveney, Al Luedke, Brian Brown, Peter Fife, Laurie Jordan, Tom Jordan, Abby, Oeser, Chris Dumont, Georgette Dumont, Lisa Martin, Marsha Carrier, Michael Hoyt, Lori Hoyt, Greg Hill, Eliza Conde, Chris Raffaely, Katherine Dawson, Pat Consentino, Sandy Plessner, Norm Beaudreau, Beverly Kohn, Patricia Sawicki, Chief Adams, Bob Southworth, Glenn Smith.

Meeting was called to order at 6:29 pm.

1. Informational Meeting – Bean Hill Road Project

The Chair recognized Jim Bouchard who reviewed the Bean Hill Road SAR project. Jim reviewed funding for state SAR projects, the challenges facing Bean Hill Road and the different proposed solutions identified by Quantum Construction Consultants. Jim reviewed the proposed solution which calls for reclaiming the road surface, installation of new drainage systems and sliplining a large culvert. The surface of the road will be raised by 10 inches and driveways will be regarded accordingly. In response to questions from residents in the audience Jim indicated that the project is planned to be completed in two construction seasons, that runoff water will not be directed across Rt. 132, that the existing stone walls will be preserved, and that about 20-30 trees are proposed to be removed as part of this project. He also reviewed the proposed drainage system. He indicated that the next step in the project is to submit the plans to DOT and negotiate the necessary drainage easements.

2. Public Appointments

The Chair recognized members of the Tilton Selectboard, who presented a list of Island Park repair procedures dated October 15, 2010 that they had forwarded to the Northfield Board last fall. Northfield Selectmen reviewed the activity since that time, including the decisions the two Boards reached at their joint meeting of November 30, 2010. The Board members discussed Island maintenance needs and proposed methods of working together. Sel. Ziminsky, working off of the list of points agreed to on November 30, 2010, suggested that the two Police Chiefs confer to establish protocols for patrolling the Island and that the Northfield Interim Highway Superintendent and the Tilton Director of Public Works confer to develop a maintenance plan. Glenn was asked to compare the rules of use of Island Park for both communities. Northfield Selectmen expressed their desire to establish protocols in a timely fashion.

3. Highway Department

Bob Southworth updated the Board on recent activities: The crew has been preparing for amnesty days, truck 2 is back on the road, the new tire balance has been purchased and is operating.

Board members reviewed the proposal to provide uniforms to Highway workers who wish to participate in a uniform program. The voluntary program will be funded in part by the town and in part by participating employees through a payroll deduction. **Bluhm/Ziminsky** moved to approve the proposed amendment to the Northfield Employee Handbook to provide for a voluntary uniform program and to authorize Glenn Smith to sign the proposed agreement with Cintas relating to this program. **Motion passed.**

After discussion, Board members agreed by consensus to start summer hours for Highway workers.

Bob presented purchase requisitions for Board review and signature.

Bob reviewed his discussions with QCC concerning the repair of Ledge Road. Board members asked him to obtain a formal quote for this project.

4. Police Department

Chief Adams reviewed vacation accrual hours.

Board members reviewed donations received to fund a police motorcycle lease. Board members agreed by consensus that it would not be appropriate to accept the donation of Ron Martin given his criminal record and the appearance of coercion asked Glenn to return his check. Sel. Ziminsky discussed the propriety of uniformed police officers accepting donations from citizens while on duty. Kevin Waldron informed the Board that discussion of the police motorcycle was getting under his skin; if the Board felt that a police motorcycle was needed it should fund one, if not they should not accept donations for one. Sel. Knowlton informed him that the town is in a trial period: funding for the motorcycle was cut because it wasn't being used. The Chief is obtaining alternative funding for the unit to provide for a period in which he can show that the motorcycle can be used to reduce vehicle wear and tear, vehicle miles and gas expenses. If this trial is successful the town may resume funding the motorcycle.

5. Town Administration

Board members reviewed a proposed fire extinguisher inspection contract. **Ziminsky/Bluhm** moved to accept the contract as proposed by Tri-State as presented and authorized Glenn to sign the contract. **Motion passed.**

Board members asked Glenn to move ahead with obtaining a cell phone for the Welfare Director

Board members chose not to review the Northern Pass project.

6. General Business

Board members reviewed general correspondence and payroll & accounts payable manifests. **Bluhm/Ziminsky** moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of April 19, 2011. **Motion passed.**

Ziminsky/Bluhm moved to enter into non-public session under the provisions of RSA 91-A3II a,d at 9:00 pm. Present at the non-public session were Chief Adams, Bob Southworth, Glenn Smith. **Ziminsky/Bluhm** moved that the minutes of the non-public session be sealed. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote. Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote. Ziminsky/Bluhm** moved to reconvene the public session at 9:30pm. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.**

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.

APPROVED BY THE NORTHFIELD SELECTBOARD ON May 3, 2011