

**NORTHFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF January 31, 2012**

Present: Sel Bluhm, Sel. Swancott  
Also Present Sally Robert, Brian Brown, Sara Robert, John Raffaely, Shane Dow, Kim Flanders, Maureen Bouchet, Ed Green, Joyce Fulweiler, Dennis Allen, Chief Adams, Bob Southworth, Glenn Smith

Vice Chair Steve Bluhm called to order at 6:30 pm

**1. Public Appointments**

The Chair recognized Dick Stevens who explained that during the October storm his lawn was scraped by town trucks plowing Kimball Street. He stated that previous Highway Superintendents used to swale his driveway every spring, Bob didn't do that this spring. He has cleared behind the big tree growing in the public in the ROW so trucks could get around it but he doesn't want town trucks on his property anymore.

Dick Stevens explained that he has contacted previous Selectmen and town employees concerning Sel. Bluhm's removal of sand from town pile for use at his apartment complex. Sel. Bluhm noted that the apartment complex isn't his, he is an employee there. The owners of the building negotiated an arrangement with Albert Cross under which they would purchase a load of sand each season and add it to the town sand pile. Steve would then remove sand for use at Northfield Commons; whatever was left at the end of the season would revert to the town. The agreement has been in place since 1997, long before Steve was a selectman, and he has never used all the sand delivered to the pile in any season. He also noted that since becoming a selectman he has always made sure that his fellow Board members were aware of the arrangement.

Mr. Stevens noted that after the sand paid for by Northfield Commons is dumped in the pile it is mixed with salt paid for by the taxpayers so it isn't appropriate that it be used by Northfield Commons. Sel. Bluhm responded that the value of the sand paid for by Northfield Commons left at the end of the season exceeds the cost of the salt added by the Town, so the deal is still a net benefit to the town.

Ed Green asked why Northfield Commons dumps its sand in the town sand pile. Sel. Bluhm responded that the owners of Northfield Commons believe the arrangement benefits all parties: the town receives a donation of the excess sand and the owners don't have to deal with the liability of maintaining a sand pile on their property.

Mr. Stevens expressed his belief that the arrangement isn't right and should not continue.

**2. Highway and Sanitation Department**

Bob informed the Board that he is going to ask the Budget Committee for additional money for salt and vehicle maintenance. Board members asked if they need additional money for fuel, Bob said he would look into that. He also reported that Truck 7 has been repaired and Truck 5 is being repaired.

### 3. Administration

Glenn reviewed the proposed amendment to the town policy on use of town vehicles. Board members postponed action until a full Board was present. He also reviewed the proposed modifications to the town cyclic assessing schedule and the most recent updates to the proposed UST agreement. Board members asked that Glenn consult the town auditor concerning these proposed changes.

Glenn reviewed the proposed revised agreement among consortium towns working on a renewal of the Metrocast franchise agreement. Action was postponed until all Board members were present. He also advised the Board that Mary Lee wanted to use the town hall for an informational meeting concerning her Rights Based Ordinance proposal. Board members agreed to let Mary use the hall for this purpose.

Board members reviewed the Tilton warrant article concerning Island Park maintenance.

**Bluhm/Swancott** moved to enter into non-public session under the provisions of RSA 91-A3IIa,d at 7:30 pm. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.** Present at the non-public session were Bob Southworth, Chief Adams and Glenn Smith. **Bluhm/Swancott** moved that the minutes of the non-public session be sealed. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.** **Bluhm/Swancott** moved to reconvene the public session at 7:55 pm. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.**

The Chair recognized Joyce Fulweiler and Dennis Allen who presented their recommendations for the PAYT proposal. Joyce indicated that she wants to do PAYT and likes working with the Co-op as it is a tried and true organization run by municipalities. She would like to see single stream collection of recyclables at the transfer station, much as they are collected in Tilton. Sel. Swancott acknowledged that if single stream recycling is adopted the town will send its recyclables to the Co-op when their facility comes on line if that is the most cost effective solution. Dennis Allen reviewed the system in place in Tilton, in which single stream recyclables are brought to the Bestway facility in Belmont. Glenn noted that we are awaiting a quote for a similar service from CM Whitcher. A general discussion of the economics of disposal of single stream materials followed.

Joyce next proposed that the town establish a revolving fund into which revenues from the sale of PAYT bags can be deposited and from which certain expenses related to collection and disposal of waste and recyclables can be paid. She stated her belief that by doing this people will be better able to see how bag revenue monies are spent. A general discussion followed on the merits of establishing a special fund for this purpose as opposed to paying for all expenses out of the general fund.

Jim Presher gave a presentation on the merits of PAYT and played a short DVD relating to the operation of a single stream recycling facility.

Board members reviewed general correspondence and payroll & accounts payable manifests.

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 pm

APPROVED BY THE NORTHFIELD SELECTBOARD ON FEBRUARY 7, 2012