

**NORTHFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF October 11, 2011**

Present: Sel. Ziminsky, Sel Bluhm, Sel. Swancott  
Also Present Jennifer Disario, Justin Disario, Beverly Cullen, Christine Raffaely, Harold Harbor, Denise Beauchaine Kenneth Curley, Peggy LaFlamme, Robert Rollins, Mary Lee, Judy Stewart, Richard Stewart, Frank Riley Chief Adams, Bob Southworth, Glenn Smith

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.

**1. Public Hearing – Metrocast Franchise Renewal**

The Chair opened the public hearing

Glenn introduced the franchise renewal process. The Chair opened the hearing for public comments. Citizens in attendance expressed concerns with Metrocast channel selection. Mr. Rollins also noted service problems, saying that the picture on his TV freeze since transmission went to a digital format. Mrs. Stewart noted that Comcast offers lower rates for elderly and disabled customers and feels Metrocast should do the same. Sel. Bluhm would like to see a timeframe from Metrocast for upgrading their infrastructure to incorporate newer technology.

There being no other comments the Chair closed the public hearing

**2. Public Appointments**

The Chair recognized Harold Harbour who presented a drawing of the new veteran's memorial proposed for the end of Cannon Bridge. Board members reviewed the drawing.

The Chair recognized Mary Lee who reviewed the work she is doing in collecting signatures on a petition opposing Northern Pass and presented signature pages. Board members discussed the process by which articles can be placed on the town warrant.

**3. Highway and Sanitation Department**

Sel. Swancott reviewed the material prepared by the pay as you throw working group in preparation for the October 25<sup>th</sup> public hearing. Board members reviewed the material and discussed the pros and cons of the proposal. Board members noted that if the PAYT curbside recycling option is adopted then the staffing at the transfer station can be reduced and asked that the projected budget be changed to reflect this.

Bob reviewed the five winter sand bids he has received and recommended that the town purchase winter sand from Pike at a cost of \$4.00 per ton. **Swancott/Bluhm** moved to purchase winter sand from Pike for the 2011-12 season at a cost of \$4.00 per ton. **Motion passed.**

Bob reviewed bids he has received for catch basin cleaning. Board members reviewed the three bids. **Bluhm/Swancott** moved to accept the bid from Belmore for catch basin cleaning at a cost not to exceed \$4,000. **Motion passed.**

Board members discussed the View Street catch basin proposal that had been brought to the Board by the Sewer District earlier this year. **Bluhm/Swancott** moved to accept the bid of Ken Partridge to install this catch basin at a cost of \$2,500. **Motion passed.**

Bob updated Board on the status of the grader repairs and F550 repairs, presented the Board with purchase requisitions and reviewed line painting. He recommends that we move forward with painting Bay Hill Road Extension and Hodgdon Road but hold off on Zion Hill Road until next year as by the time work is done on that road it will be too cold to paint. Board members agreed.

#### **4. Police Department**

Steve informed board that the town has been awarded a Safe Commute to Schools grant for speed controls during school commute.

Chief Adams presented purchase requisitions and vacation requests for approval.

Board members approved using the Police motorcycle in an upcoming ride to benefit veterans.

#### **5. Town Administration**

Board members reviewed the proposed underground storage tank agreement. Glenn reviewed the proposed contract for tax map updates, which reflects the vote taken at the last meeting. **Ziminsky/Swancott** moved to authorize Glenn to sign the contract with Cartographic Associates to complete their 2011 tax map updates. **Motion passed.**

Glenn reported that Katherine Dawson had called to ask that the Selectboard start working with Tilton on repairing the Island retaining wall. Board members discussed this with Bob and Dennis Allen and asked Bob to continue working on this.

Glenn presented and briefly reviewed a proposed agreement received from DES concerning activity and use restrictions at Surette Park.

Beverly Cullen inquired as to who would investigate abandoned property that is attracting vermin and may present a health hazard. Board members advised her to call Dana.

**Bluhm/Swancott** moved to enter into non-public session under the provisions of RSA 91-A3IIc,e at 8:04 pm. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.** Present at the non-public session were Justin Disario, Jennifer Disario, Bob Southworth, Glenn Smith. **Swancott/Bluhm** 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 8:40 pm. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.**

Board members reviewed a communication from LRMFA for supplemental funds for the 2011 budget year. Board members asked Glenn to draft a letter stating that the town would not pay more than what was approved by the voters at the 2011 town meeting.

Glenn noted that earlier in the day DRA had forwarded the 2011 tax rate spreadsheet to the town, he will forward it to the Selectmen.

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 8:46 pm.

APPROVED BY THE NORTHFIELD SELECTBOARD ON OCTOBER 25, 2011