

NORTHFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
Minutes of the Meeting of October 30, 2012

Present: Sel. Ziminsky, Sel. Bluhm, Sel. Shepard
Also Present: Dick Stevens, Don Stevens, Kevin Waldron, Sally Robert, Sara Robert, Keith Murray, Sgt. Dow, Bob Southworth, Glenn Smith

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm

1. Public Appointments

Chair recognized Sally Robert who inquired as to how many officers were trained to ride the Police Department motorcycle, she said that at town meeting it was said there would be three drivers. Sgt. Dow reported that Mike Hutchinson is being considered for going to school for this and was Chris Elphick also being consideration. Sel. Ziminsky asked the Town Administrator to follow up on this.

2. Highway and Sanitation Department

Highway Superintendent updated the Board on the recent Concord Coop meeting. GMQ is 4600 tons less than last year, which may increase tipping fees. He also updated the Board on ongoing discussions between the Coop and the City of Concord, which may result in a refund owed the town. Board members agreed that this should be done via check instead of credit. Bob reported that the Coop is pursuing recovery of metals from the ash landfill.

Bob reviewed the residential trash collection bids and the transfer station hauling contract. Board members reviewed the proposals and related costs. Sel. Shepard noted that CM Whitcher has treated the town well. Consensus of the board is to go with CM Whitcher on for both contracts but affirmed that no decision has been made, deliberations will continue over the next month.

Bob presented a purchase requisition for led lights for a town truck, which Board members signed.

Dick Stevens inquired about hiring of a Truck Driver/HEO. Sel. Bluhm responded that the latest recruitment resulted in one hire, the town is readvertising for the second position.

3. Police Department

Sgt. Dow reported that the Department has finished 4 hours firearms training; all officers have completed training except one part timer. He reported that between October 26 and 28 there were 26 calls for service, 12 arrests, 23 motor vehicle stops, 1 motor vehicle accident, 1 search warrant. Most activity was after midnight. This is the cause of so much overtime last week. In coming week there will be additional overtime because of staffing issues. He is trying to minimize this, there will be 29 hours of OT projected for next week, part time officers will work 56 hours this week to offset overtime. In recent weeks part time officers have offset 144 hours of OT.

Sgt. Dow reported that they received 12 calls for wires, one motor vehicle accident and one tree

falling on house during hurricane Sandy.

4. Administration

Town Administrator Glenn Smith presented and reviewed the 2013 request budget. Total of requests is \$3.9 million, offset by non-tax revenues of \$1.9 million.

Glenn updated Board on upcoming meetings.

The Chair recognized Keith Murray who updated the Board on recent activities of the Northfield Economic Development Corporation and requested release of \$3,000 approved by the voters for economic development at Town Meeting. **Ziminsky/Bluhm** moved to release \$3,000 to NEDC. **Motion Passed.**

Selectboard members signed deed for repurchase of a tax deeded property.

The meeting was recessed at 7:25 pm

The meeting was reconvened at 7:30 pm

Sally Robert inquired as to why the Selectboard was going into non-public session so often, saying it looked as though Selectmen were hiding something. Board members responded that there were personnel and litigation issues for all the non-public meetings but that under statute they could not be discussed.

5. General Business

Ziminsky/Bluhm moved to enter into non-public session under the provisions of RSA 91-A3IIa,e at 7:35pm. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.** Present at the non-public session were Sally Robert, Sgt. Dow and Glenn Smith. **Ziminsky/Shepard** moved that the minutes of the non-public session be sealed. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.** **Ziminsky/Shepard** moved to reconvene the public session at 9:15pm. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.**

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

Ziminsky/Bluhm moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of October 16, 2012. **Motion passed.** **Ziminsky/Shepard** moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of October 25, 2012. **Motion passed.**

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 9:16pm

APPROVED BY THE NORTHFIELD SELECTBOARD ON NOVEMBER 13, 2012