

**NORTHFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 2012**

Present: Sel. Bluhm, Sel. Shepard, Sel. Ziminsky  
Also present: Jason Durgin, Bob Southworth, Chief Adams, Glenn Smith

The Chair opened the meeting at 6:30 pm

**1. Public Appointments**

The Chair recognized Jason Durgin. Board members discussed his proposed appointment as a regular member of the Planning Board with Mr. Durgin. **Ziminsky/Bluhm** moved to appoint Jason Durgin as a full member of the Planning Board. **Motion passed**

**2. Highway and Sanitation Department**

Bob Southworth discussed the possible size of the new salt shed. He had originally suggested a 55 x 42 foot shed but other sizes have been mentioned. He would like feedback from the Board as to what size shed they would approve so he can determine the required weight of the pre-load of the site. Board members signed a purchase requisition for one half of the estimated number of blocks.

Bob proposed painting stop bars and sidewalks this summer, along with striping of those roads not done last year. Completing stop bars and sidewalks would cost \$1,800. Sel. Ziminsky asked that Bob prepare a list of roads that were completed last year that may need striping again this year along with roads that were not painted last year due to construction projects and roads to be worked on this year. Bob will work with Chief Adams on this list.

Bob informed the Board of the upcoming meeting of the CRSW/RRC organization. He also informed Board members that he has met with Lisa Martin and Jim Bouchard concerning he drainage issues above the Loranger property. They will have recommendations put together by next week.

Bob advised the Board members that a citizen has been making unauthorized improvements to the class VI portion of Polly Ham Road as well as to a parcel along the road. Dana has responded to the issues on the property; Board members asked that he file a report on the matter. Bob and Steve Adams have responded to issues along the road.

**3. Police Department**

Chief Adams presented DUI and speed enforcement grant applications. **Ziminsky/Shepard** moved that Glenn Smith be appointed chair of the Highway Safety Committee. **Motion passed.** **Bluhm/Shepard** moved to authorize signing of the DUI and speed enforcement grant applications for 2012. **Motion passed.** Chief Adams reviewed a grant he had applied for two years ago which would provide for the purchase of five new portable radios. Board members approved acceptance of this grant.

Chief Adams presented purchase requisitions and informed the Board that he will be seeking the assistance of WRHS agricultural students to prune the bushes that have grown up around the

veteran's memorial next to the police station. He also discussed air quality in the station. Several employees are experiencing allergic reactions while in the facility; it has been many years since the air conditioning ducts have been cleaned. He has obtained one quote for such work and will bring others to the next meeting.

#### **4. Administration**

Glenn Smith reviewed the suggestion that the town assess the value of paved driveways. Currently this is the only major property improvement we do not include in the assessed value of a property. Our assessor has reported that all their clients except for Northfield assess this improvement; our informal survey shows that some towns include this in their assessments and others don't. Board members asked that Glenn obtain additional information from other towns as to how common this practice is.

Board members reviewed and signed the warrant for the June 2012 tax collections.

Glenn presented the final copies of the Underground Storage Tank Agreement approved at town meeting. **Ziminsky/Bluhm** moved to authorize the Town Administrator to sign the UST agreement on behalf of the Town. **Motion passed.**

#### **5. Non-Public Session**

**Ziminsky/Shepard** moved to enter into non-public session under the provisions of RSA 91-A3IIc at 7:07 pm. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.** Present at the non-public session were citizens seeking to negotiate tax payment agreements and Glenn Smith. **Bluhm/Shepard** moved that the minutes of the non-public session be sealed. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.** **Bluhm/Ziminsky** moved to reconvene the public session at 8:56pm. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.**

#### **6. General Business**

Board members reviewed general correspondence and payroll & accounts payable manifests. **Ziminsky/Bluhm** moved to approve the minutes of the meetings of April 17, 2012, April 24, 2012, May 2, 2012 and May 14, 2012. **Motion passed.**

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 8:58pm.

APPROVED BY THE NORTHFIELD SELECTBOARD ON MAY 29, 2012