

NORTHFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
Minutes of the Meeting of Tuesday, May 21, 2013

Present: Sel. Bluhm, Sel. Shepard, Sel. Waldron
Also Present: Justin Barriault, George Flanders, Scott Hilliard, Geoff Ziminsky Bob Southworth, Acting Chief Raffaely, Glenn Smith

1. Public Appointments None

2. Highway Department

Highway Superintendent Bob Southworth reported that he has received three bids for the repair of the Bergeron Driveway, estimates range from \$1,500 to \$2,080. Board members reviewed the situation. Sel. Bluhm noted that the Bergerons said the problem began when Bay Hill Road was repaved; this occurred in 2005 but they did not report a problem until 2010. Because of this delay the town cannot verify that the road paving caused the problem. Sel. Shepard and Waldron agreed. Board members agreed that the town would not pay for repairing this driveway over what is required to complete the Bay Hill Road drainage project. Bob reported that this project will come in under budget.

Bob reviewed his proposal to install stop signs at 15 intersections that currently do not have stop signs. Glenn was asked to schedule a public hearing on this matter.

Board reviewed the situation with the Ferreira driveway on Drake Drive. Bob reported that it is possible to cover the new culvert with 12 inches of material. Sel. Bluhm noted that the installation of a 12" culvert would require a waiver from current regulations. Glenn was asked to revise the proposed agreement to reflect these factors. Board members discussed the situation, including the waiver and the length of the culvert. Glenn was asked to call Catherine to let her know of the revisions to the proposed agreement.

Bob reviewed figures summarizing activity from the recent amnesty event. Sel. Waldron asked if he knew how many total addresses were represented by people who attended the event. Bob did not have that statistic with him but said he would forward it to Sel. Waldron.

Bob reviewed the truck bids opened earlier that day. Sel. Shepard said she felt the Board should make a decision on this. Justin Barriault spoke of the advantages of the Yankee Kenworth trucks. Sel. Waldron stated that he felt the town could save money by purchasing a good used truck, or a truck off the lot instead of one built to town specs. Sel. Bluhm expressed concerns about buying a used truck. He also expressed concern that this option was just being brought to the table now, after weeks of discussion and after bids had been solicited and opened, he was worried that if we delayed much longer in ordering a truck it might not arrive before winter. Board members discussed the options and deferred making a decision so Bob and Sel. Waldron could investigate purchasing an off the lot truck.

Board members discussed the situation involving the McNamara culvert on Susan Lane. Sel. Waldron noted that this isn't the only culvert that needs to be replaced. He said he thinks the town should replace these driveway culverts instead of the landowner, saying it doesn't make sense to him that the town wouldn't replace \$1,500 in culverts to protect the road. Board members had a general discussion about responsibility for driveway culverts and then authorized Bob to send out a letter asking the McNamarras to replace their blocked driveway culvert.

Bob discussed the replacement of a blocked cross-road culvert on Fellows Hill Road, which Board members approved by consensus.

Board members signed the approve Fellows Hill Road culvert replacement which the Board approved by consensus.

Town signed the warrant for collection of the 1st half of the 2013 property taxes.

3. Police Department

Acting Chief Raffaely reported that he has successfully negotiated a reduction in the Department's latest water and sewer bill. He also informed the Board of the upcoming Timmons Alzheimer's walk.

John noted that he had enough in the budget to outfit the new cruiser without trading in the town car. Board members discussed the items needed to outfit the new cruiser, what might be able to be reused from the old cruiser and what might not be needed at all. Sel. Waldron noted that the Selectmen have not given Acting Chief Raffaely the authority to outfit the new cruiser. Sel. Shepard and Bluhm noted that the expense had been approved by the voters at town meeting. Bluhm/Shepard moved to authorize Acting Chief Raffaely to pick up the new cruiser. Motion passed 2-1, Sel. Waldron dissenting. A decision on outfitting the new cruiser was deferred to the next meeting. . Board members agreed by consensus to allow Bob to sell the town car at the roadside at a price of \$1,200 or best offer.

John asked for the Board's permission to allow the motorcycle to be used in the MCSO Memorial Day parade, Board members agreed.

Waldron/Bluhm moved to enter into non-public session under the provisions of RSA 91-A3IIa,b at 8:10pm. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.** Present at the non-public session were Scott Hilliard, Geoff Ziminsky, Bob Southworth and Glenn Smith. **Bluhm/Shepard** moved that the minutes of the non-public session be sealed. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.** **Bluhm/Shepard** moved to reconvene the public session at 10:15pm. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.**

4. Administration

Board members reviewed and approved the proposal to solicit bids for professional auction

services for the disposal of tax deeded property.

Board members reviewed a proposal to purchase yard signs to promote recycling, Sel. Shepard discussed the proposal. Board members approved the purchase of signs as proposed at a cost not to exceed \$245.00 for 100 signs, Sel. Waldron dissenting

5. General Business

Board members reviewed accounts payable, payroll manifests and general correspondence

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 10:30pm

APPROVED BY THE NORTHFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN ON JUNE 4, 2013