

NORTHFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
Minutes of the Meeting of June 4, 2013

Present: Sel. Bluhm, Sel. Shepard, Sel. Waldron

Also Present: Phil Strand, Mrs. Strand, Catherine Ferreira, George Flanders, Jim Lamanuzzi

The meeting was called to order at 7:49pm

1. Public Appointments

The Chair recognized Catherine Ferreira who reviewed the revised agreement relating to her driveway culvert concerns. Sel. Waldron expressed his concerns that the agreement called for replacing the 30 foot culvert with a 30 foot culvert as current regulations state that driveway culverts should be 20 feet in length. **Bluhm/Shepard** moved to accept the agreement with Catherine and Ray Ferreira as presented. **Motion passed 2-1**, Sel. Waldron dissenting.

2. Highway Department

Highway Superintendent Bob Southworth reviewed road line painting bids. He had received eight responses to the request for bids but of these only two were responsive to the bid requirements. Low bid was submitted by Markings Inc. George Flanders inquired as to the lines demarcating the sidewalk on Elm Street between Cannon Bridge and Granite Street. Board members discussed this issue. Sel. Waldron noted that the inclusion of glass beads on the stop lines made these lines slippery for motorcycle users. **Bluhm/Shepard** moved to accept the bid of Markings Inc. for road line painting at a cost of \$7,490.45 plus an additional amount not to exceed \$100 to add a yellow sidewalk line on Elm Street between Cannon Bridge and Granite Street. **Motion passed 2-1** Sel. Waldron opposed stating that he supports road striping in the village area but not in other parts of town.

Bob presented the revised bid spec package for the Shedd Road, Susan Lane and Fellows Hill Road. He presented an addition to the existing bid specs: the inclusion of a new driveway culvert at 96 Fellows Hill Road, the property does not have a culvert now and Bob believes one will be needed once a proper roadside drainage ditch is constructed. Mr. Strand, the owner of the property stated his concerns, saying that a culvert has never been needed in the years he owned the property and that he is concerned that the culvert will result in a bump at the end of his driveway. Board members discussed the proposed culvert. Consensus of the Board members was that the culvert was needed. Mr. Strand did not object. Sel. Waldron asked Mr. Strand if he understood that once the culvert was installed it was his responsibility to maintain it. Mr. Strand said he did understand this. George Flanders stated that he would fix the cross-culvert on Fellows Hill Road before working on the ditch.

Bob asked if there were any other comments concerning the paving bid. Sel. Waldron said that he did not think Shedd Road needed to be paved beyond the Summerset residence. Sel. Bluhm noted that the CIP committee had recommended paving the entire road. Sel. Waldron stated that

one member of the CIP committee disagrees with the committee's recommendation. Board members discussed the issue.

Board members discussed whether the road projects should be bid separately or together. Action was deferred until next week while Bob consulted with Jared Hebert as to whether the time allotted for preparing bids was long enough.

Bob presented quotes for repair of the sander shed roof and a proposal to rebuild the sander shed to allow for trucks to back into the shed fully. Board members discussed the options. Sel. Shepard expressed her opinion that we should fix the storm damage to the sander shed roof now to collect the insurance payment and investigate restructuring the shed at a later date. Board members asked Bob to check with the vendors to see if the earlier quote prices were still valid.

3. Police Department

Acting Chief Raffaely reported that the new cruiser has been lettered. He also reported that Bilodeau had recanted his earlier bid for outfitting the cruiser and the new low bid was that submitted by Ossipee Mountain Electronics. **Waldron/** moved to accept the bid of OME in the amount of \$4,007.00. He noted that this lower amount reflected his opinion that some of the items included in the bid package were not needed as we could reuse the items from the old cruiser. **Motion died for lack of a second. Bluhm/Shepard** moved to accept the bid of OME in the amount of \$4,986.25 for outfitting the new cruiser. **Motion passed 2-1**, Sel. Waldron dissenting.

4. Administration

Town Administrator Glenn Smith reviewed the proposal to increase special detail rates by \$2.00/hour effective July 1st, noting that this was being driven by the fact that retirement rates increase by \$1.88/hour on that date. Sel. Waldron stated that he does not feel that the town's investment in special details, consisting of the cruiser, fuel, insurance, equipment, etc. is recouped by the \$17.51/hour that the town receives for this. George Flanders stated that he does not think Northfield officers should be working special details in other towns. Glenn was asked to place this item on the agenda for the next meeting.

5. Non-Public Session *RSA 91-A:3IIa,b*

Shepard/Bluhm moved to enter into non-public session under the provisions of RSA 91-A3IIa,b at 9:10pm. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.** Present at the non-public session was 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 10:09pm. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.**

Board members discussed the new lawn signs promoting recycling. Glenn offered to bring a distribution plan to the next meeting.

Sel. Waldron noted that the surplus computer equipment proposed to be disposed of may be able to be sold via craigslist. Glenn said he would follow up on this.

6. General Business

Board members reviewed general correspondence and payroll & accounts payable manifests. **Bluhm/Waldron** moved to accept the minutes of the meeting of May 14, 2013 as amended. **Motion passed.** **Bluhm/Shepard** moved to accept the minutes of the meeting of May 21, 2013 as amended. **Motion passed.** **Waldron/Shepard** moved to accept the minutes of the meeting of May 28, 2013 as amended. **Motion passed.**

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 10:23pm.

APPROVED BY THE NORTHFIED BOARD OF SELECTMEN ON JUNE 11, 2013