

NORTHFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
Minutes of the Meeting of July 23, 2013

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

Also present: Heather McAfee, Jane Uscilka, Esther Gauthier, Jim Doane, Doug Petelle, Brenda Petelle, Donna Love, Sheilagh Bergeron, Kristen Daniels, Wayne Hammond, Bette Hammond, Syd Barton, Bob Southworth, Acting Chief Raffaely, Glenn Smith

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm

1. Public Appointments

The Chair recognized Pines Community Center Director Jim Doane. Town Administrator Glenn Smith reviewed the request of The Pines to adjust the issuance of their town checks to match their expense stream. Jim explained that a complicating factor is that a large number of their summer clients are receiving assistance. Board members discussed the matter and signed the warrant authorizing issuance of the check.

2. Highway Department

Highway Superintendent Bob Southworth discussed removal of the old salt shed. Board members discussed the logistics of completing the project. Sel. Shepard stated that she thought it was best to contract for this work as the Highway Crew was working out straight due to the heavy rains. Bob said that he could get the work done but not right away. Syd Barton expressed his desire to have the work completed quickly. Board members felt they were getting to the point of negotiating with Mr. Barton and deferred further discussion to the non-public session later that evening.

Bob distributed photos showing the proposed line painting on Elm Street. Board members reviewed the information. Sel. Waldron noted that on street parking is not allowed on Elm Street now and he feels we should leave it that way. Sel. Shepard agreed. Consensus of the Board is to leave the 1985 ordinance prohibiting on street parking on Elm Street in place. With the Elm Street issue resolved, Bob discussed scheduling line painting and was told to schedule this work.

Bob distributed photos of the driveways on Bay Hill Road that are being considered for repair. Sheila Bergeron thanked the Board for their work. Donna Love stated that the ponding in her front yard is not connected with the driveway problem and feels the driveway should be repaired. Board members discussed this. Consensus of the Board was that the problem was caused by road water and that the town should repair 30 feet of the Love driveway, as measured from the fog line. Bob was asked to contact the paving contractor about scheduling this.

The chair recognized Wayne and Bette Hammond who described the problem with road water on Sargent Street splashing onto their home. Board members outlined the earlier solution of constructing a swale to move the standing water in this area to a nearby catch basin. Mr. and Mrs. Hammond were concerned as to the depth of the swale. They were advised to check out a similar swale recently constructed on Bay Hill Road and they agreed to do so.

3. Police Department

Acting Chief Raffaely reported that the new tires have been put on the 4x4, that he is still awaiting quotes on repair of the air conditioning system at the Police Department and that the new cruiser will be ready tomorrow.

4. Administration

Glenn Smith distributed the acceptance sheet for the Rt. 140 study report presented at an earlier meeting.

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

Waldron/Shepard moved to enter into non-public session under the provisions of RSA 91-A3IIa,c at 7:40pm. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.** Present at the non-public session were residents seeking to negotiate tax payment agreements, Bob Southworth, Acting Chief Raffaely, Glenn Smith. **Shepard/Bluhm** moved that the minutes of the non-public session be sealed. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.** **Shepard/Bluhm** moved to reconvene the public session at 11:10pm. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.**

6. General Business

Board members reviewed general correspondence and payroll & accounts payable manifests. **Bluhm/Shepard** moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of July 9, 2013. **Motion passed.** **Bluhm/Shepard** moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of July 16, 2013 as amended. **Motion passed.**

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 pm

APPROVED BY THE NORTHFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN ON AUGUST 6, 2013