

**NORTHFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING**  
**Minutes of the Meeting of July 9, 2013**

Present: Sel. Bluhm, Sel. Shepard, Sel. Waldron  
Also Present: Mike Izard, LRPC, Jeremi Snook, SYC, Kevin Mansur, Bonnie Descouteaux,  
George Flanders, Valerie Allen.

The Chair opened the meeting at 6:31pm

**1. Public Appointments**

The Chair recognized Mike Izard of the Lakes Region Planning Commission who presented the Rt. 140 Corridor Study preliminary results. Mike reviewed data for Rt. 140 through Shaker Road, identified an issue with the Rt. 140/Shaker Road intersection and provided a recommendation to lower speed limit northbound on Rt. 140 at this location. The report also recommends that the town review zoning regulations to better define access points onto Rt. 140 as the area becomes developed to ensure safe access.

**2. Highway Department**

Highway Superintendent Bob Southworth who introduced Jeremi Snook who outlined the proposal of Spaulding Youth Center to piggyback on the Shedd Road paving project to install an at-grade sidewalk on Shedd Road from Spaulding Road to Davis Cottage. Board members discussed the request, raising questions concerning liability, cost of continued maintenance and striping. Sel. Bluhm noted that the request was coming in late as work on the project is due to begin next week. Mr. Snook replied that SYC had only recently been notified of this project. Glenn was asked to call the attorney to discuss liability issues surrounding this proposal.

Bob updated the Board on a drainage complaint filed by Greg Chapin of 42 Ledge Road. Mr. Chapin contends that water is flowing down the side of the road onto his property. He is asking that the town install a roadside culvert to divert the water. Board members asked Bob to prepare a more detailed presentation showing current conditions and what is being suggested.

Bob presented a layout of proposed painted sidewalk lines on Elm Street prepared by Arnold Adams and a copy of the 1985 ordinance prohibiting parking on Elm Street. Board members discussed safety issues involving the installation of painted sidewalk lines and retaining current conditions. Mr. Masur stated that he is very concerned for pedestrian safety with the current parking arrangement on Elm Street who currently must enter into the travel lanes to walk around cars parked on the road side. Bob was asked to investigate requirements for sidewalk widths.

Bob distributed cost sheet for paving driveways on Bay Hill Road that are alleged to have been damaged by water running off of the road since it was repaved in 2005. Board members reviewed the information. Sel. Shepard said that she would like to visit the site before making a decision. Sel. Waldron inquired if the proposal was to have the town pay the entire bill or if the

homeowners would assume some of the costs. Board members decided to visit the site individually and continue the discussion at the next meeting.

Board members reviewed hydraulic studies of the drainage system above the Loranger property from 2005 and 2012. Sel. Waldron stated that he thought the solution would be to install a drainage ditch along the class VI portion of Forrest Road, which, with a closed system along the Class V section of road, would carry the water to Williams Brook. Bob reviewed that option. Board members discussed the option and decided to conduct a site walk. Bob offered to put together a more detailed plan that the Board can review.

Bob reported that Truck 11 is down and has been towed to Bow for repair under warranty. This leaves us with one 6 wheeler and one 10 wheeler truck. He asked for permission to hire an additional 6 wheeler and driver if needed due to weather conditions until truck 11 is returned to service. Cost would be \$65/hour from Ken Partridge. Board members approved.

### **3. Police Department**

Acting Chief Raffaely reported that the new cruiser will be ready for duty next week; the 2009 cruiser will be available for use as a town car on Friday. Board members discussed options for painting the town car.

John was asked to obtain additional quotes on tires for the 4x4.

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

The Chair asked if there were any additional public comments before entering non-public session. George Flanders asked if the Board was going to act on the recommendations of the Rt. 140 committee report. Sel. Bluhm said that the Highway Safety Committee will review it.

Valarie Allen asked if SYC can pay to have a road widened, or widen the roadside in the winter by winging back the snow then can other people? She was told that they can't, and we are unsure if an agreement can be reached with SYC to do this at this location. She also asked how Busby can dump material at the lot on the corner of Bay Hill Road and Fiske Road, her understanding is that this property is wetlands and has environmental issues. She was advised that the placement of material is done under an agreement between Busby and the landowner, she needs to bring her concerns to them or to DES.

**Shepard/Bluhm** moved to enter into non-public session under the provisions of RSA 91-A3IIa,b,e at 8:56pm. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.** Present at the non-public session were John Raffaely, Bob Southworth, 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 10:44pm. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.**

## **5. General Business**

Board members reviewed accounts payable, payroll manifests and general correspondence. **Bluhm/Shepard** moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of June 25, 2013. **Motion passed.**

Sel. Bluhm noted that Bob Southworth has been asked to develop a plan for identifying and fixing road drainage issues.

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 10:46 pm.

APPROVED BY THE NORTHFIELD SELECTBOARD ON JULY 23, 2013