

**NORTHFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING**  
**Minutes of the Meeting of August 6, 2013**

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

Also Present: Sally Robert, Richard Pelletier, Chris Hunt, Bob Southworth, Acting Chief Raffaelly, Glenn Smith

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm

**1. Public Appointments**

Sally Robert inquired as to the status of recruitment for a new Police Chief. Sel. Bluhm reported that at this time there isn't an active candidate. Sally asked if the position would be readvertised, Sel. Bluhm said that it would. Sally noted that this would cost more money and expressed her opinion that the Police Department has been without leadership for several years, one officer is already leaving and more will leave unless a chief is appointed soon. She believes that there are good internal candidates that have been in town for several years and know the town.

**2. Highway Department**

Highway Superintendent Bob Southworth informed the Board that Busby has agreed to repair the driveway at 221 Bay Hill Road at the price previously agreed to. Board members gave their permission to continue with this work. Bob also reported that the residents of 30 Sargent Street have approved the solution to the drainage problem previously proposed by the town. Board members gave Bob their permission to move forward with this work. Bob informed the Board that line painting has been scheduled for August 12-14, weather permitting.

Bob reviewed bids for 2013 catch basin cleaning. The low bid was submitted by Bellemore Catch Basin Maintenance at a rate of \$120/hour, project estimated to take 53.5 hours. Board members authorized this work. Sally Robert inquired as to a catch basin that is dropping at Park Street and Holmes Ave. Bob noted that this catch basin is maintained by the State, he will give them a call.

The Chair recognized Richard Pelletier who outlined his drainage problem: water is coming into his basement through a crack in the floor. He believes the water is coming in because a catch basin on Holmes Avenue is not working. Board members asked Bob to look into it.

Bob distributed quotes for a replacement welder. Board members reviewed the quotes and asked to see specs for all machines plus a quote from Taylor Rental.

Bob outlined proposed changes to driveway regulations. Board members reviewed and approved the proposal, asking him to bring in an updated regulation next week.

Sel. Shepard read a letter of thanks for Bob and his crew for work recently completed on Susan Lane.

### 3. Police Department

Acting Chief John Raffaely reviewed three quotes for repair of the air conditioning unit at the Police Department. He recommends replacing unit in 2014; it has been filled with Freon and is working well enough to get us through this year. He also reported that on Monday the main spring on the garage door broke and has been repaired and on Saturday the sump pumps broke, Bob replaced one, John replaced the other. John reported that the new cruiser is in service and presented requests to use the Police Motorcycle in two rides: one for the NH Fire, Police and EMS Foundation, the other for a cancer ride. Board members approved both requests.

Bob updated the board on the demolition of the salt shed; the salt shed is down and dirt work was done this afternoon. The project is completed.

### 4. Administration

Glenn presented a proposal to repair the town hall air conditioning unit. Board members discussed the proposal and decided to continue to use the existing unit through 2013 and budget for a replacement unit in 2014. Glenn reviewed a proposal to dispose of the property recently acquired by tax deed which the Board members approved.

**Bluhm/Shepard** moved to appoint Kevin Sturgeon as a full member of the CIP Committee. **Motion passed.** **Bluhm/Shepard** moved to appoint Dave Krause as a full member of the Conservation Commission **Motion passed.**

Glenn reviewed the recommendation of the Highway Safety Committee concerning the speed limit on westbound Rt. 140. Board members discussed the recommendation. **Bluhm/Shepard** moved to endorse the recommendation of the Highway Safety Committee to move the point at which the speed limit on westbound Rt. 140 drops from 55 MPH to 35 MPH from its current location to a location approximately 1,100 feet east of the Rt. 140/Shaker Road intersection as recommended. **Motion passed.**

The Chair recognized Chris Hunt who said he since he was no longer an employee of Spaulding Youth Center he is now permitted to speak freely about the organization. Chris stated his opinion that Spaulding Youth Center has evolved into a very profitable business that is exempt from everything and that the organization has no accountability. Chris feels that SYC is not paying its fair share in taxes and that it should be taxed as a for-profit business. Glenn reviewed the PILOT arrangement between the town and SYC and the relevant state statutes. Board members asked Glenn to review the use of property at SYC to ensure that the town is taxing the proper facilities are accounted for in the PILOT arrangement.

### 5. Non-Public Session *RSA 91-A:3Iib*

**Bluhm/Waldron** moved to enter into non-public session under the provisions of RSA 91-

A3IIa,b at 7:54pm. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.** Present at the non-public session were John Raffaely 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 9:00pm. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.**

**6. General Business**

Board members reviewed general correspondence and payroll manifest. **Waldron/Shepard** moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of July 23, 2013. **Motion passed.**

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 9:01pm

APPROVED BY THE NORTHFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN ON AUGUST 20, 2013