

**NORTHFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF December 7, 2010**

Present: Sel. Bluhm, Sel. Knowlton, Sel. Ziminsky  
Also Present Kevin Waldron, Paul Auger, Greg Hill, Bob Southworth, Chief Adams, Glenn Smith.

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm

**1. Non-public session RSA 91A-3b**

**Knowlton/Ziminsky** moved to enter into non-public session under the provisions of RSA 91-A3II b at 6:00 pm. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.** Present at the non-public session were Chief Adams, Glenn Smith, Christine Murray, Meredith Hirtle. **Ziminsky/Knowlton** moved to reconvene the public session at 6:37 pm. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.**

**2. Public Appointments**

The Chair recognized Greg Hill who distributed copies of the final testimony for the joint legislative committee on administrative rules relating to stream crossing rules. RSA 541 allows departments to make rules without legislative approval; new rules are not vetted by JLCAR prior to implementation. Rep. Hill outlined process by which stream crossing rules were adopted by JLCAR. He also reviewed his efforts to date, he has been in contact with NHMA which is also opposed to these new rules. A general discussion ensued concerning the new rules, the impact on municipalities and possible solutions. Glenn was asked to survey other communities to find if they have been impacted by the stream crossing rules. Greg reported that the general impression in Concord is that the purpose of this legislation is to justify the existence of DES and to provide additional funding for DES.

Kevin Waldron expressed his opposition to the Planning Board decision concerning the Foster lot on Gale Avenue. He believes that this decision allows him to subdivide his Bay Hill Road property. Sel. Bluhm asked Glenn to investigate how the Selectboard can challenge the decision of the Planning Board.

**3. Highway Department**

Interim Highway Superintendent Bob Southworth reported on driving test for on-call operators. He also informed the Board of a possible culvert problem on Bean Hill Road. A culvert close to Ski Hill Drive is causing concern. Entrance side is  $\frac{3}{4}$  full and exit side of culvert has collapsed under the road. Pavement is cracked all the way across and sagging toward the exit end. He will be digging out and evaluating the exit end. If it looks like the culvert has failed he will replace it using culvert in stock. Board concurred that this is appropriate.

Bob presented a purchase requisition for tires.

**4. Police Department**

Chief Adams presented the Board with a purchase requisition for two vests, all but \$28.00 of which is paid through grants. The Board discussed vest replacement.

The Chief reported that the new PD copier has been delivered and updated the Board on the cost of IMC training, \$1,200/day for a 10 day course or on line at a rate of \$200 for a 4 hour block.

Chief Adams presented a request from Jen Adams that she be allowed to hold over 40 hours of annual leave time. Discussion followed, Sel. Ziminsky reminded the Chief that as a Department Head it is his job to manage the use of annual leave in his department. **Knowlton/Bluhm** moved to allow Jen Adams to carry over 40 hours of annual leave on the condition that it be used within 90 days of her anniversary date of hire. **Motion passed, Ziminsky opposed.**

Chief Adams updated the Board on staffing issues.

## **5. Town Administration**

Board members discussed the naming of Surette Park. Sel. Ziminsky stated that he believes the park already has a name and does not see the need to rename it. Sel. Knowlton noted that the park was never given a name and does not want the park named after a superfund site. Board members did not reach any decisions concerning this.

## **6. Non-public session RSA 91A-3a**

**Ziminsky/Knowlton** moved to enter into non-public session under the provisions of RSA 91-A3II at 7:45 pm. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.** Present at the non-public session were Chief Adams, Glenn Smith, Bob Southworth. **Ziminsky/Knowlton** moved that the minutes of the non-public session be sealed. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.** **Knowlton/Ziminsky** moved to reconvene the public session at 9:10pm. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.**

## **7. 2011 Budget Preparation**

Board members reviewed revisions to the 2011 Highway Budget and 2011 Revenue Projections

## **8. General Business**

Board member reviewed general correspondence and weekly payroll and accounts payable manifests. **Ziminsky/Knowlton** moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of November 30, 2010 as amended. **Motion passed.**

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 pm

APPROVED BY THE NORTHFIELD SELECTBOARD ON DECEMBER 21, 2010