

**NORTHFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF August 31, 2010**

Present: Sel. Bluhm, Sel. Knowlton, Sel. Ziminsky
Also Present: Lisa Swancott, Rob Perlman, Maureen Bouchet, Chief Carrier, Mike Robinson, Greg Hill, Mike Summersett, Chief Adams, Glenn Smith,

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm

1. Public Appointments

The Chair recognized Chief Carrier and Mike Robinson. Chief Carrier updated the Board on activity at the August TNFD Commissioners meeting. Chief Carrier thanked the Board for what they have done for the Department during his tenure. Mike Robinson informed the Board that he will be available to respond to their concerns during his tenure as Acting Chief. Board members discussed operation of the Department during the transition with Chief Carrier and Acting Chief Robinson.

The Chair recognized Rob Perlman. Board members reviewed the standing proposal to purchase the Barton property located between Mr. Perlman's property and the Highway Garage. After discussion it was decided not to move forward with this proposal at this time.

The Chair recognized Maureen Bouchet who discussed drainage along Hodgdon Road. She believes that there is a cross road culvert uphill from her property that is partially blocked. As a result excess water is flowing through her driveway culvert. She asked if the town intended to fix this culvert as the decision will impact her work on her driveway culvert. After discussion Mike agreed to inspect the culvert and report back to the Board at the next meeting.

The Chair recognized Lisa Swancott who distributed proposed rules for the skate park. Board members reviewed the rules. **Ziminsky/Knowlton** moved to adopt the rules as presented. **Motion passed.**

2. Highway Department

Mike reviewed the bids received for the 2010 paving projects. Board members reviewed the bids. The total of all projects exceeded the amount budgeted; Mike recommended removal of the Reservoir Road project for budgetary reasons. Board members agreed by consensus to accept the low bid submitted by Pike Industries once the bid has been modified to remove the Reservoir Road project.

Mike reviewed the bids for road striping. Board members reviewed the bids, focusing on paint quality and amounts provided. Chief Adams noted that he had contacted Mike Morrill of DOT and was told that a single yellow center line was acceptable. Mike will research these matters and report back next week.

Mike reviewed the repairs recently done on Cannon Bridge. The Chair asked that this be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

Mike updated the Board on the status of obtaining an easement for the Cofran Avenue drainage project. He and Phil Cain are working on obtaining this easement.

Mike presented bids that he has obtained for roadside mowing. Bid documents presented prices for three options: repairing the existing mowing equipment, renting equipment so that town employees could complete the work and contracting out the service. After reviewing the bids Board members agreed by consensus to accept the quote of John Dodge to complete the 2010 roadside mowing at a cost of \$2,200.

3. Police Department

Chief Adams reviewed his recommendations for streetlight removal with Board members. Board members agreed to recommend the removal of nine streetlights and instructed Glenn to schedule a public meeting for September 21st.

Chief Adams updated the Board on several operational items, including a bill for alcohol testing recently received from Concord Hospital, an incident involving a training exercise conducted by TNFD at the town beach, vehicle repairs and the firearms class he and John Raffaely recently attended in New York.

4. Town Administration

Glenn updated the Board on the status of the Winnepesaukee River Trail construction. Board members reviewed the proposal for the disposition of tax deed properties. Board members agreed by consensus to accept sealed bids for the sale of these properties on December 2, 2010. Board members reviewed and discussed the proposed revisions to the cash management policy, which includes a provision that will eliminate the acceptance of cash at the Transfer Station. **Knowlton/Ziminsky** moved to approve the proposed revisions to the cash management policy as amended. **Motion Passed.**

Ziminsky/Knowlton moved to enter into non-public session under the provisions of RSA 91-A3II (c) at 9:17pm. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.** Present at the non-public session were Mike Summersett, Chief Adams, Glenn Smith. **Knowlton/Ziminsky** 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 10:25 pm. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.**

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 pm

APPROVED BY THE NORTHFIELD SELECTBOARD ON SEPTEMBER 7, 2010