

**NORTHFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF February 1, 2011**

Present: Sel. Bluhm, Sel. Knowlton, Sel. Ziminsky
Also Present Brian Brown, Sally Robert, Sarah Robert, Kevin Waldron, Brad Ober, Bob Southworth, Glenn Smith.

Meeting was called to order at 6:31 pm

1. Public Appointments

The Chair recognized Kevin Waldron who expressed their concern that the town may be plowing what may be a private driveway off of Summer Street. Glenn was asked to investigate the matter.

Sally Robert informed the Board that the street light on Elm Street at Cannon Bridge is not working. Glenn said he would contact PSNH.

2. Fire Department

The Chair recognized Chief Ober who reported that there were 1758 incidents in 2010 and that this makes TNFD the 2nd busiest department in the Lakes Region. He reported that 17.3% of these were multiple calls.

TNFD has filled 2 firefighter vacancies and will be at full staff when the new recruits are trained. Also the renovations at Center Street station are progressing, are getting close to the end. The TNFD budget committee finished its work last night; the public hearing will be on February 7th.

Sel. Knowlton asked Chief Ober what his plans were for the call firefighter program. Chief Ober replied that this program hasn't been as successful as it could be and he will be meeting with people in the next few weeks to revitalize the program. He has already started a policy of making follow-up calls to people who miss training and this has made a positive impact. In response to a question from Sel. Knowlton the Chief indicated that the biggest problem with the on call program is a lack of communication between the call people and administration.

Sel. Bluhm asked if they were looking at using call firefighters to cover shifts. Chief Ober said no, but he will use fire prevention people for this use. Also, he is going more outreach to schools.

Sel. Ziminsky asked if there were any budget changes in 2011. Chief Ober said that the main increase will be the decision to offer firefighters a new 2 person and family health benefit and a new ambulance.

3. Highway Department

Bob updated the Board on responses to recent storms.

4. Town Administration

Board members reviewed the proposed 2011 town warrant.

5. General Business

Board members reviewed general correspondence and payroll & accounts payable manifests
Knowlton/Ziminsky moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of January 25, 2011. **Motion passed.**

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 7:28 pm

APPROVED BY THE NORTHFIELD SELECTBOARD ON FEBRUARY 8, 2011