

NORTHFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF August 3, 2010

Present: Sel. Bluhm, Sel. Knowlton, Sel. Ziminsky

Also Present: Roger DeCormier, James DeCormier, Eliza Conde, Lisa Martin, Jim Bouchard, Greg Hill, Syd Barton, Donna Rhodes, Mike Summersett, Chief Adams, Glenn Smith,

The Chair opened the meeting at 6:30 pm

1. Public Appointments

The Chair recognized Syd Barton who complained that since the town restricted Dipsy Doodle customers parking at the police station they are now parking in front of his property. Syd and Selectboard members also discussed the purchase of this property jointly by the town and the owners of the Dipsy Doodle property. Glenn was asked to contact the property owners.

The Chair recognized Jim Bouchard and Lisa Martin who updated the Board on the Bean Hill Road Project. Discussion followed concerning the phasing of this project and the relative costs of certain elements of the project. Sel. Knowlton asked if QCC foresaw any major permitting hurdles. Jim responded that he did not.

2. Highway Department

Mike reported that E.N. Dixon of South Hampton has expressed interest in purchasing the truck the town has put up for sale. After discussion, **Ziminsky/Knowlton** moved to sell the F350 4x4 to E.N. Dixon for \$5,500. **Motion passed.**

Mike and Board members discussed the installation of security cameras at the Transfer Station. Mike will review his budget and report to the Board in two weeks as to possible funding for the \$814.00 cost of this system.

Mike updated the Board on the status of the gas tanks at the Highway Garage. Water has been gathering in the tank linings. It needs to be removed before they can pass inspection. He will do this and also regrade the area around the tanks to prevent future accumulations.

Board members authorized Mike to solicit bids for the 2010 paving projects and line striping.

Mike updated the board on the need to replace a culvert on Silver Lane at an estimated cost of about \$7,500.

Mike reviewed with the Board the disposal of ditching material on private property for the convenience of the town to save the cost of hauling each load down to the pit for disposal. Board members were in agreement with the plan.

3. Police Department

Chief Adams presented Hazard Mitigation Grant paperwork to the Board for signature.

Chief Adams presented the Board with a summary of the remaining training needs for his Department for this year. Board members discussed his earlier request to send two officers to New York for firearms training. Chief Adams stated that this is necessary in order to introduce new ideas to this training, which has become stale over the years. Sel. Knowlton expressed concerns with providing training that is not mandatory. After discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to approve sending two officers to firearms training in New York.

4. Town Administration

Board members reviewed and approved a request from the Tilton/Northfield Little League to repair the baseball field.

Board members and Department Heads reviewed the proposed 2010-2011 budget preparation schedule.

Glenn updated Board members on the recent review of assessment practices by BTLA.

Sel. Ziminsky reviewed his communications with TNFD Commissioners concerning their request that Northfield distribute tax monies in advance of the established quarterly schedule. Board members reviewed the impact of accommodating this request. Glenn noted that even with today's low interest rates the cost to the Northfield taxpayers would be approximately \$1,800 per year.

Sel. Knowlton updated the Board on the work of the School Formula Committee.

Sel. Ziminsky asked Chief Adams for an update on his conversation with Cathy Keyser concerning security at her upcoming party. Cathy reported that she is satisfied with the solution proposed by the Board that on duty officers would swing by the party on a regular basis.

Ziminsky/Knowlton moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of July 20, 2010 as amended.
Motion passed.

Ziminsky/Knowlton moved to enter into non-public session under the provisions of RSA 91-A3II (b) at 8:35 pm. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.** Present at the non-public session were Chief Adams, Glenn Smith, James DeCormier, Roger DeCormier.
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 9:50 pm. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.**

Glenn presented the updated chronology of the Foster subdivision issue.

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 pm

APPROVED BY THE NORTHFIELD SELECTBOARD ON AUGUST 17, 2010