

**NORTHFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF January 5, 2010**

Present: Sel. Shepard, Sel. Bluhm, Sel. Knowlton

Also Present: Geoff Ziminsky, Glenn Smith

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm by Chair Shepard

1. Public Hearing – Proposed Flood Insurance Rate Maps

The Chair opened the public hearing concerning adoption of the new Flood Insurance Rate Maps proposed by FEMA at 6:35. Glenn reviewed the maps and their impact on the town and citizens living in the flood plain. The Chair opened the floor to discussion from the public. Seeing none, the public hearing was closed at 6:39.

Bluhm/Knowlton moved to adopt the resolution accepting the Flood Insurance Rate Maps presented by FEMA dated April 19, 2010 as part of the Northfield Zoning Ordinance pursuant to RSA 674:57. **Motion passed.**

2. Town Administration

Steve Bluhm updated the Board on the progress being made by the Fire Services Committee and the difficulties being experienced by the Committee by the inability of TNFD to present accurate call data. After discussion, it was decided that the Committee would report its recommendations to the Selectboard at a public hearing on January 19th. Glenn was asked to advertise the hearing.

Board members discussed the logistics of preparing warrant articles for dissolution of the District if they are needed and the funding of startup costs for a Northfield Fire Department if it is needed.

Board members reviewed a request filed by an employee to maintain his participation in the SOU by virtue of his employment by another police department. This request was filed in light of the Board's decision not to participate in the SOU. The Board covered issues of liability and the degree to which participation would impact the employee's work schedule with the Town of Northfield. The discussion expanded to include the issue of outside employment in general. Glenn was asked to contact the Town Attorney concerning these issues.

Board members reviewed to latest version of the proposed 2010 budget. Board members agreed that the budget reflected funding decisions to date and authorized Glenn to forward the budget to the Budget Committee.

Knowlton/Bluhm moved to accept minutes of the meeting of December 29, 2009 as amended. **Motion passed.**

Board members reviewed the proposed policy concerning requesting responses from the Special Operations Unit. **Knowlton/Bluhm** moved to approve policy as presented. **Motion passed.**

Board members discussed issues related to the acceptance of cash at the transfer station.

Board members discussed issues relating to payroll and the way in which time worked is reported for payroll purposes. Concern was expressed that the backup provided does not provide sufficient detail to properly review payroll data. After discussion, Board members affirmed their decision of October 2009 relating to what information needs to be provided to ensure that payroll is accurate and instructed Glenn not to process payroll for any Departments that do not provide the necessary information.

Glenn forwarded to the Board a request from a citizen living in one of the tax deeded properties that penalties and fees be waived for the purpose of repurchasing this property. The Board discussed the matter and decided by consensus not to grant the request.

Glenn reminded the Board that the bid opening for WRT Phase II is scheduled for next Monday and updated the Board on efforts to reach a settlement with DES concerning maintenance of the town beach.

Knowlton/Bluhm moved to enter into non-public session under the provisions of RSA 91-A3IIc at 8:30 pm. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.** Present at the non-public session were Selectboard members. **Knowlton/Bluhm** moved that the minutes of the non-public session be sealed. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.** **Bluhm/Knowlton** moved to reconvene the public session at 9:00 pm. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.**

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

APPROVED BY THE NORTHFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN ON JANUARY 12, 2010