

**NORTHFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF January 11, 2012**

Present: Sel. Ziminsky, Sel. Bluhm, Sel. Swancott

Also Present Sally Robert, Brian Brown, Bob Southworth, Sam Evagilista, Glenn Smith

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm

1. Public Appointments

The Chair invited members of the public to speak, none chose to do so at this time.

2. Highway and Sanitation Department

Bob Southworth and Sel. Bluhm reviewed the fact that there are no signs informing citizens that they are not to remove gravel from the town stockpile. Board members discussed the matter and directed that a sign be erected informing people that the gravel is not for distribution to the general public.

Bob informed the Board that Mr. Stevens has indicated that he doesn't want the town to turn around in his driveway on Kimball Street while plowing anymore. He reported that the situation is manageable if he makes changes to how the street is plowed. Board members asked Glenn to write letter informing him that the town will not use the driveway.

Board members authorized Bob to bring the old sidewalk plow to Fairfields as previously discussed and to dispose of the old tire changer for \$200 unless a higher bid can be found on craigslist.

3. Town Administration

Board members reviewed the proposed changes to the agreement governing the underground storage tank. WRSD is proposing that the trust funds be replaced with a special bank account. After discussion Board members agreed that the proposal needed work before it can be brought before the voters. Additionally they expressed concern that the distribution of ownership and liability in the proposed agreement does not fairly reflect current usage of the tank.

Bluhm/Swancott moved to reappoint Wayne Crowley as a Northfield Representative to the Lakes Region Planning Commission. **Motion passed.**

Board members approved the plaque for the Boston Post Cane.

Board members considered the option of moving toward a high deductible/HRA health plan offered through Anthem. Discussion items included how premiums were to be paid, covering the deductible and the history of rate increases by both Anthem and Cigna. Board members agreed by consensus to not change health care providers at this time out of concern of Anthem's history of high rate increases and Schoolcare's proposal to develop an HRA option for 2013. **Bluhm/Swancott** moved to authorize Glenn Smith to sign agreement with Schoolcare for health benefit coverage for the period of July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013. **Motion passed.**

Board members reviewed the proposed warrant for the 2012 annual meeting, a draft of the Selectmen's Report and materials prepared to summarize issues relating to the PAYT proposal. Board members discussed among themselves and with citizens in attendance the estimated cost of the program, the logistics of implementing PAYT and the relative merits of curbside recycling vs. transfer station recycling. Bob Southworth presented a plan of renovations to the Transfer Station that would be needed to handle increased traffic if voters approved PAYT/Transfer Station recycling. It was agreed to hold a second public hearing on the matter on January 24th. Board members agreed that the warrant should only present one option, which could be modified from the floor.

The Chair announced that the Board was about to enter into non-public session and asked if anyone had any topics for discussion before that vote. Brian Brown asked when Detective Adams was granted a take home vehicle. He has researched the matter and discovered that Det. Adams has been taking her town car home for the past two weeks. Board members said they would ask Chief Adams about this. Mr. Brown also said that it has come to his attention that Chief Adams has identified him as the person who sent the Board an email recently which reported disparaging comments said to have been made by Chief Adams and Sgt. Raffaely at a certain party. Mr. Brown emphasized that he knew nothing about this email, the only reason he knows about it now is that Chief Adams and Sgt. Raffaely are not smart enough to keep their mouths shut in public and rumors that they identified him as the author have gotten back to him. Mr. Brown asserted that he was at the party in question. Sel. Bluhm said that they knew about the email. Board members stated that they had not heard any indication that Brian Brown had circulated it.

4. Non-public session RSA 91A-3a

Ziminsky/Swancott moved to enter into non-public session under the provisions of RSA 91-A3IIa,b at 8:15 pm. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.** Present at the non-public session were Bob Southworth and Glenn Smith. **Ziminsky/Bluhm** moved that the minutes of the non-public session be sealed. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.** **Swancott/Bluhm** moved to reconvene the public session at 9:10 pm. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.**

5. General Business

Board members reviewed a request from a citizen for a refund of tax interest paid.

Board members reviewed general correspondence and payroll & accounts payable manifests. **Ziminsky/Swancott** moved to approve the minutes of the meetings of December 13, 2011 as amended. **Ziminsky/Swancott** moved to approve the minutes of the meetings of December 27, 2011. **Motion passed.**

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 9:30pm

APPROVED BY THE NORTHFIELD SELECTBOARD ON JANUARY 24, 2012