

**NORTHFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING**  
**Minutes of the Meeting of October 29, 2013**

Present: Sel. Bluhm, Sel. Waldron

Also Present: Chief Raffaely, Glenn Smith, Derek Lacourciere, Dennis Allen, Gretchen Wilder  
Bill Wilder.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm

**1. Public Appointments**

Chair recognized Derek Lacourciere who expressed concern with drainage on Cross Mill Road. He believes that when the road was resurfaced several years ago it was not crowned correctly and as a result water runs down the road; by the time water drains off of the road it is of sufficient velocity to damage the roadside ditches. In addition the ditches are inadequately maintained. Board members discussed the situation but deferred consideration until Sel. Shepard was present. Glenn was asked to inform her of Derek's concerns and put the matter on the agenda for the next meeting.

**2. Highway Department**

Consideration of Highway Department items were deferred given that Sel. Shepard could not attend the meeting due to illness.

**3. Police Department**

Chief Raffaely reviewed snow tire purchase and informed the Board that he had picked up the radio recently purchased with grant funds.

**4. Administration**

Glenn Smith presented the 2014 department request budget, which Board members reviewed. Board members discussed certain capital expense items and use of capital reserve funds. Glenn reviewed proposed changes in the configuration of the town information technology system as they are provided for in the budget request.

Board members discussed the 2014 tax rate. **Bluhm/Waldron** moved to establish an overlay in the amount of \$40,000 for 2014. **Motion passed.** **Waldron/Bluhm** moved to use \$333,724 of the retainage to offset the tax rate for 2013. **Motion passed.**

Dennis Allen inquired about truck maintenance. He had heard that we have a truck with a bad rear main seal, that the truck has been using 4 quarts of oil per week for a while, that Highway has known about the problem and has not addressed it. He expressed concern about vehicle

maintenance procedures at the Highway Department believes it needs its own mechanic. Board members discussed the situation with him, noting the savings of not having a mechanic. It was agreed to look into the situation. Board members were hesitant to discuss the situation in much depth given that the Selectman responsible for the Highway Department was not present.

5. Non-public session *RSA 91A-3 IIb*

**Bluhm/Waldron** moved to enter into non-public session under the provisions of RSA 91-A:3IIb at 7:56pm. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.** Present at the non-public session were Chief Raffaely and Glenn Smith. **Bluhm/Waldron** moved to reconvene the public session at 9:02pm. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.**

**Bluhm/Waldron** moved to seal the minutes of the non-public session under the provisions of RSA91-A:3 II because divulgence of the information likely would affect adversely the reputation of any person other than a member of the board itself. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.**

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 9:05pm

APPROVED BY THE NORTHFIELD SELECTMEN ON NOVEMBER 5, 2013