

NORTHFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
Minutes of the Meeting of November 13, 2012

Present: Sel. Ziminsky, Sel. Bluhm, Sel. Shepard
Also Present: Don Minor, Dan Desrochers, Christine Raffaely, Leigh Webb, Kevin Waldron,
Chief Adams, Bob Southworth, Glenn Smith

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm

1. Public Appointments

Chair recognized Leigh Webb who offered his services as State Representative if the Selectmen wanted anything addressed in Concord.

The Chair recognized Kevin Waldron who asked as to whether the Town has considered collecting trash itself. Board members replied that it had been considered but that it was a more expensive option.

The Chair recognized Dan Desrochers who inquired about his request that his driveway culvert be lowered so he can pave his driveway. Currently the culvert only has 6 inches of cover, he needs 12 inches of cover for paving. Bob Southworth noted that in order to lower this culvert we would have to lower the roadside ditches and put in a new crossroad culvert at a cost of about \$3,500. Sel. Ziminsky asked if the taxpayers incur this cost so Dan can pave his driveway. He asked Dan if he would be willing to pay the town to do for this project. Sel. Bluhm noted that if we drop the ditch under his driveway we will have to drop the rest of the ditch and water will pond if we don't install the new culvert. He noted that the town could simply grant a waiver of the requirement that there be 12 inches of fill under pavement. Bob Southworth noted that we have sent a request to the landowner across the road seeking permission to discharge water onto his land as part of this project. So far no response has been received.

Board members and Mr. Desrochers discussed options and reviewed the history of the project. Dan expressed frustration with how long the process has taken. Sel. Shepard reviewed the process and asked if he wanted the taxpayers to pay for the ditching required for his driveway. Sel. Ziminsky said he did not think the taxpayers should incur this expense, Sel. Bluhm thought it might be appropriate if the town would benefit, Sel. Shepard advised that we develop a cost estimate and put it before the people. Dan said that he feels that with the taxes he pays the town should redirect this water so he can pave his driveway.

Don Minor addressed the Board about a trailer in his park on Granite Street. It has been abandoned; he would like the town to take the trailer so he can purchase it and dispose of it. Glenn Smith noted that this has been discussed previously, the Board agreed to consider this on the condition that Mr. Minor agree not to charge the town lot rent as long as they owned the trailer and that he would file an amount in escrow against a future bid on the trailer. Mr. Minor agreed and Glenn was asked to draft an agreement.

2. Highway and Sanitation Department

Highway Superintendent Bob Southworth reported that they have completed cleaning Pines park after hurricane Sandy and he has a chance to sell the wood from the fallen trees for up to \$1000. Board members approved. Bob reported that the Highway crew would like to use their floating holiday on the day after Thanksgiving, and the garage would be closed. Board members approved.

3. Police Department

Chief Adams noted that he has received notification that Mobile Data Terminal training will be offered at Belknap County SO next Tuesday. Board members approved sending officers to the training. He also discussed a proposal to contract with Hebron Bridgewater Refuse District for disposal of drugs and paper products at a cost of \$200/year, unlimited use. After discussing the options Board members approved.

4. Administration

Town Administrator Glenn Smith reported that a logger has expressed interest in logging the town sand pit property. Board members asked that he obtain a written proposal.

Glenn reported that the Selectmen have been invited to participate in the 2012 Tilton Main Street Christmas parade.

Board members reviewed the technology, police uniforms, trash collection, police training and revenue elements of the 2013 department request budget

5. General Business

Board members reviewed general correspondence and payroll & accounts payable manifests.

Ziminsky/Shepard moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of October 30, 2012.

Ziminsky/Shepard moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of November 3, 2012.

Motion passed.

Bluhm/Ziminsky moved to enter into non-public session under the provisions of RSA 91-A3IIa at 8:37pm. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.** Present at the non-public session were Bob Southworth, Chief Adams and Glenn Smith. **Ziminsky/Shepard** moved that the minutes of the non-public session be sealed. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.**

Ziminsky/Shepard moved to reconvene the public session at 9:50 pm. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.**

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 pm

APPROVED BY THE NORTHFIELD SELECTBOARD ON NOVEMBER 20, 2012