

**NORTHFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF December 13, 2011**

Present: Sel. Ziminsky, Sel Bluhm, Sel. Swancott
Also Present Katherine Dawson, Mark Dawson, Pat Consentino, Brian Brown, Lauren Pike,
Mary Lee, Maureen Bouchet, Sally Robert, Chief Adams, Bob Southworth, Glenn
Smith

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm

1. Public Appointments

The Chair recognized Mary Lee who invited the Selectmen and all people in attendance to attend the next Conservation Commission meeting to which she has invited Gail Darrell from Community Environmental Legal Defense to speak to the public concerning her proposed ordinance to protect the health, safety, and welfare of residents and ecosystems of Northfield by establishing a bill of rights for Northfield residents; by recognizing the right to a sustainable energy future, and by prohibiting the siting of new energy projects that violate the people's right to a sustainable energy future.

2. Highway and Sanitation Department

Bob Southworth reported that the crew is finishing ditching along Shaker Road and will move on to Twin Bridge Road. He also said that he has spoken with the manufacturer of the grader; they do not recommend installation of a second filter as previously discussed. Most grading has been done; they still have to do Bean Hill Road, Keasor Road and part of Shaw Road. Bob proposed replacing part of the fence at Arch Park this year instead of next, he has money in the budget and part of the fence has already fallen. Board members approved of the extra expenditure.

Bob reported that the Budget Committee has asked that the Board purchase tires included in next year's budget this year as price is low now. After discussion Board members opted not to buy the tires now, noting that 2011 revenues are also low. Bob reported that he has sold the sander at the agreed upon price of \$2,200. He also noted that some local residents have started parking their vehicles at the parking garage overnight. After discussion, Board members indicated they did not object to the practice as long as it does not impact operations.

3. Police Department

Chief Adams presented a new policy regarding Juvenile Custody. Board members asked Glenn to send it to Primex for review.

4. Town Administration

Glenn presented proposed amendments to the Employee Handbook relating to unpaid leave and unapproved absences. Board members reviewed the policies. **Swancott/Bluhm** moved to approve the Employee Handbook modifications as amended. **Motion passed.**

Sel. Swancott informed the Board that the Planning Board has opted not to modify the Zoning Ordinance to include a definition of yard sales. If the town seeks to regulate continuing or

permanent yard sales it will need to adopt a stand alone ordinance. Glenn was asked to investigate this option.

Board members reviewed the proposed 2012 revenue budget, approved the request from Metrocast for a 30 day extension to the deadline for responding to operational audit questions filed by the town and reviewed a first draft of the annual warrant.

The Chair recognized Pat Consentino and Katherine Dawson who presented information concerning the 2012 Island Park budget. The cost of engineering a solution to the erosion problem is expected to cost \$30,000. Sel. Ziminsky asked if we could convince a firm to donate their services to this high-profile community project. Sel. Dawson said she had tried approaching retired engineers, the problem is that their licenses are not current. Board members discussed options and agreed that an article should be placed on the 2012 warrant asking voters to raise and appropriate \$15,000 to fund one half of the cost of the engineering study, conditional upon Tilton voters providing the other half. Sel. Dawson noted that the two towns could bond the project. Sel. Swancott said she didn't believe that the Northfield voters would want to take that route.

Bluhm/Swancott moved to enter into non-public session under the provisions of RSA 91-A3IIa at 7:38pm. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.** Present at the non-public session were Chief Adams and Glenn Smith. **Bluhm/Swancott** moved that the minutes of the non-public session be sealed. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.** **Ziminsky/Bluhm** moved to reconvene the public session at 8:35 pm. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.**

5. General Business

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

6. Adjournment

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

APPROVED BY THE NORTHFIELD SELECTBOARD ON JANUARY 11, 2012