

NORTHFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
Minutes of the Meeting of March 5, 2013

Present: Sel. Ziminsky, Sel. Bluhm, Sel. Shepard
Also Present: Dennis Allen, Chris Whitcher, George Flanders, Dick Stevens, Bob Southworth,
Glenn Smith

1. Public Appointments

The Chair recognized Chris Whitcher who explained that he was dissatisfied with the way the metal recycling contract at the transfer station was handled. Chris said he had been asked to present information to the Town as to how he calculates the amount the town is paid for recycled metals and then was told to remove his container. He felt he was not given a fair chance to provide a quote for this service. Board members, Chris and Bob Southworth discussed the mechanics of metal recycling and how the town is paid for its metal. Discussion points included containerized metal vs. a metal pile on the ground, haulage fees, NRRRA calculations and the difficulty in comparing two quotes when Chris is reluctant for business reasons to divulge how much he receives for the metals. At the conclusion of the discussion Bob was asked to look into building an enclosure so we can stockpile metal or buying our own container. .

2. Highway Department

Highway Superintendent Bob Southworth proposed that the Spring amnesty days be April 25-27. Board members concurred. Bob asked that he be allowed to post spring weight limits on town roads on Friday March 8th. Board members agreed. He also proposed that the town fill in the potholes in the Pines Community Center driveway in advance of voting. Board members approved of this.

3. Police Department

Acting Chief Raffaely updated the Board on three grants for which is is applying. Board members asked that the Highway Safety Grant application be reviewed by the Highway Safety Committee. **Ziminsky/Shepard** moved to authorize Sel. Bluhm to sign the Safety Grant application as presented by Acting Chief Raffaely. **Motion passed.**

John informed the Board that AR training has been completed. Also, the state requires that officers be trained in traffic control safety. Officer Chapple is authorized to teach this course, John asked the Board if they would approve Officer Chapple's temporary return to duty from medical leave for the purpose of teaching this class on the condition that he has the approval of his doctor. Board members approved.

Acting Chief Raffaely informed the Board that part-time officer Barry has resigned, citing a lack of time to devote to the part time position. He also noted that he has been approached by people voicing concerns that Pheonix House may be moving into the old "The Arches" building.

Finally he noted that the new printer has arrived at PD. Sel. Shepard congratulated him on the savings he realized on this purchase.

4. Administration

Town Administrator Glenn Smith updated the Board on the recruitment of a new police chief. Ads have been placed in the Union Leader, the Burlington Free Press, as well on the municipal association websites for Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont. Scott McGuffin, Scott Hilliard, and Kent Finemore have agreed to serve on a selection committee. Sel. Ziminsky expressed his interest in serving on the selection committee since by the time interviews close he will be able to bring the perspective of a former selectman and former police officer to the committee.

Glenn updated the Board on arrangements for the annual candidates night and informed the Board that the town has been awarded a Community Planning Grant for the development of a village zoning district for the center of town.

Ziminsky/Shepard moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of February 15, 2013 as presented. **Motion passed.**

Ziminsky/Shepard moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of February 18, 2013 as presented. **Motion passed.**

Ziminsky/Shepard moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of February 26, 2013 as presented. **Motion passed.**

Don Stevens asked for a copy of letters presented to the Selectboard by town employees concerning the incident involving him on Reservoir Road. Board members responded that they will be discussing this in non-public session.

Bluhm/Ziminsky moved to enter into non-public session under the provisions of RSA 91-A3IIa,c,e at 7:13pm. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.** Present at the non-public session were Amanda Ranni, Micca Ranni, Cindy Caveney, Glenn Smith. **Bluhm/Shepard** moved that the minutes of the non-public session be sealed. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.** **Bluhm/Shepard** moved to reconvene the public session at 7:55pm. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.**

Board members delivered a written response to Don Stevens and outlined the response. Mr. Stevens replied that he is not sorry to see Sel. Ziminsky leave the board.

Board members reviewed the annual warrant in advance of Town Meeting.

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 8:02pm.

APPROVED BY THE NORTHFIELD SELECTBOARD ON MARCH 26, 2013