

NORTHFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
Minutes of the Meeting of April 23, 2013

Present: Sel. Bluhm, Sel. Shepard, Sel. Waldron
Also Present: Rep. Webb, Catherine Ferreira, George Flanders, Gary Chabot, Dave Allen, Keith Murray, Sonny Hunt, Derek Lacourciere, Bob Southworth, Acting Chief Raffaely, Glenn Smith

Call to order at 6:30

1. Public Appointments

The Chair recognized Sonny Hunt who outlined the proposal to hold a slalom blackwater canoe race on the Winnepesaukee River in the vicinity of Granite Street on June 22nd and 23rd. Selectmen discussed the proposal. Sel. Shepard expressed concern that town resources might be stretched thin as that is Old Home Day Weekend. Other Selectmen shared the concern. The Town Administrator and Police Chief are to work with Mr. Hunt over the next few weeks to consider the logistics of this proposal and report back to the Selectmen.

The Chair recognized Keith Murray. Mr. Murray introduced Cary Chabot of the NH Division of Economic Development who outlined the Economic Revitalization Zone program. Keith reviewed the proposal for three ERZ zones for Northfield that had been developed by the Northfield Economic Development Corporation. Selectmen discussed the proposal and asked that Keith bring the proposal to the Planning Board for their input.

The Chair recognized Rep. Webb who initiated a discussion concerning the proposed increase to the gas tax and the additional revenue that would come to the town as a result. Sel. Waldron noted that they felt the legislature should stop diverting existing gas tax revenues to other uses before adding new taxes. Sel. Bluhm agreed. Selectmen discussed gambling proposals.

The Chair recognized Catherine Ferreira who expressed concerns about the deteriorating condition of the end of her driveway. Mrs. Ferreira contends that this is the result of actions of the Town. Selectmen discussed the situation, asked Mrs. Ferreira to file a letter outlining her proposed solution and asked Glenn to provide Sel. Shepard and Waldron with background information.

2. Highway Department

Highway Superintendent Bob Southworth and Sel. Shepard reviewed the proposed 2022 Solid Waste Disposal Contract provided by CRSW/RRC. The Selectmen reviewed the contract and options. **Waldron/Shepard** moved to continue the town's participation with CRSW/RRC and approve the 2022 Solid Waste Disposal Contract as presented. **Motion passed.**

Bob provided updates on his research into drainage issues on Blueberry Lane, Sargent Street and Scribner Road. After discussion the Selectmen concluded that the Blueberry Lane and Scribner Road situations did not warrant fixes. The landowner on Sargent Street opted not to accept the fix proposed by the town.

Selectmen reviewed the invitation for paving bids presented by Bob, who will update the document to reflect their comments. Bob presented an updated invitation to bid for the new truck. He asked that the manual dump body cover be replaced with an automatic one. Selectmen approved. Selectmen discussed braking systems; Bob will revise the invitation to bid.

Bob informed the Selectmen that the Water District will begin its work on Granite Street at the end of June. He also reported that he had an offer on the sale of the old water truck. Selectmen postponed this decision until after its review on the policy for disposing of surplus items.

Selectmen and Bob discussed the summer hour schedule for Highway Crew; Bob presented the options of working 4 ten hour days or working 4 nine hour days followed by 1 four hour day. After discussion the Selectmen opted for the latter.

Bob reported that a citizen has requested a dead end road sign for Ledge Road, which Selectmen approved.

Sel. Waldron said he would like to discuss appointing a second in command at the Highway Department. Glenn was asked to put this on the next agenda.

3. Police Department

Acting Chief Raffaelly reported that one of the officers just passed the motorcycle test, bringing the number of personnel qualified to drive the police motorcycle to three.

Selectmen approved advertising the vacant part time police officer position

Sel. Waldron proposed changing the color scheme of police cruisers, saying that the black and white scheme is too intimidating. Selectmen discussed the proposal.

Sel. Waldron noted that the new cruiser has been without a camera since August, he would like that resolved immediately.

4. Administration

Selectmen discussed the proposal to regulate noise and/or fireworks and agreed by consensus not to move forward with this at this time. They also discussed proposals for the purchase of signs to promote recycling and asked Glenn to obtain costs for such signs.

Selectmen reviewed proposed revisions to the town cash management policy. Consensus of the

Selectmen was to approve the revision that increased the amount Department Heads are authorized to spend without prior approval by the Selectmen from \$150 to \$500. Selectmen discussed the adoption of a policy on the disposal of surplus property and asked that the issue be placed on the next agenda.

Glenn presented a proposed revision to the town disciplinary procedures which will be included on the next agenda.

Waldron/Bluhm moved to appoint Acting Chief John Raffaely as Northfield's Interim Emergency Management Director. **Motion passed.**

Selectmen approved the sale of the surplus water truck for \$1,200.

5. Non-Public Session RSA 91-A:3IIa

Shepard/Waldron moved to enter into non-public session under the provisions of RSA 91-A3IIa,b at 9:55pm. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.** Present at the non-public session was John Raffaely, Bob Southworth, Glenn Smith. **Bluhm/Shepard** moved that the minutes of the non-public session be sealed. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.** **Bluhm/Waldron** moved to reconvene the public session at 11:15pm. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.**

6. General Business

Board members reviewed general correspondence and payroll & accounts payable manifests. **Bluhm/Waldron** moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of April 9, 2013 as amended. **Motion passed.**

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 11:25pm.

APPROVED BY THE NORTHFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN ON MAY 7, 2013