

**NORTHFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, MAY 2, 2012**

Present: Sel. Bluhm, Sel. Shepard, Sel. Ziminsky

Also present: Katherine Dawson, Sandy Plessner, Joe Jesseman, Pat Consentino, Joyce Fulweiler, Don Stevens, Nancy Brown, Tim Dow, Chief Adams, Glenn Smith

The Chair opened the meeting at 6:30 pm

1. Public Appointments

The Chair recognized members of the Tilton Selectboard. Katherine Dawson indicated she was surprised that the Board had not recommended approval of the Island engineering study warrant article at town meeting. Sel. Ziminsky and Bluhm noted that they had agreed that the matter should be brought before the voters but did not personally approve of the project. Sel. Ziminsky noted that the option of having Northfield relinquish its portion of ownership in the Island has been brought up, he asked if the Tilton Selectmen would be open to that idea. After discussion the Tilton Selectmen said they would discuss this option among themselves.

Members of both boards discussed the proposed veteran's monument by Cannon Bridge and the request from the American Legion that a gate be installed in the guardrail to provide access to this monument. Glenn read the response from DOT indicating that installing a gate would compromise the crashworthiness of the guardrail and is not recommended by DOT.

Katherine Dawson noted that several years ago a study had been commissioned relating to Northfield and Tilton becoming partners in recycling. She said that the study indicated that such a partnership was a good idea but that Northfield had rejected the plan anyway, she inquired as to whether Northfield was willing to change its position on this matter. Sel. Shepard said she has been looking forward to such an opportunity. Sel. Ziminsky noted that the town is re-investigating what we are doing with recycling given the recent town meeting vote. All Northfield Selectmen indicated they would be willing to work with Tilton on this. Joe Jesseman updated the Board on the status of the Coop's single stream facility, noting that the plan was dead. Sel. Shepard inquired as to the Tilton Selectman's plans for working with Northfield. Tilton Selectmen responded that their goal was to maximize the tonnage diverted from the waste stream.

Pat Consentino noted that Tilton's new Senior Center is opening on May 10th at 1:30pm, Northfield Selectmen, Steve Adams and Glenn Smith are invited to attend.

Don Stevens questioned why vehicles owned by the Aqueduct Society were allowed to use fuel from the municipally owned UST when they were privately owned vehicles. The matter was referred to the new UST oversight committee. **Ziminsky/Bluhm** moved to appoint Bob Southworth as Northfield's representative to the UST oversight committee. **Motion passed.**

2. Highway and Sanitation Department

Sel. Bluhm informed the other Board members that he and Bob are investigating the option of

contracting out the mechanic duties at the Highway Department. Sel. Ziminsky said he would be open to this idea, Sel. Shepard said she was also open to it but would need to be convinced that a contractor would be as ready to respond in case of emergency as a regular employee.

3. Police Department

Chief Adams presented patrol schedules and purchase requests. He also inquired as to purchasing two computers through JAG grant, which the Board approved under the condition that the price was the same as what was quoted last fall during the budget process.

Chief Adams noted that the Highway Safety Committee needs to meet to review his grant applications for this year. Board members asked that the meeting be scheduled for the next week.

4. Administration

Glenn reviewed the vacancies on town Boards and Committees, Board members authorized recruitment for these positions. **Ziminsky/Bluhm** moved to reappoint Brian Brown as an alternate member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment. **Motion passed.**

Board members reviewed and approved a letter to the Awakening Spirit Christian Church concerning use of the Union Church building. Board members also reviewed proposed payments to CM Whitcher during the extended contract period and approved the payment schedule by consensus.

5. Non-Public Session

Ziminsky/Bluhm moved to enter into non-public session under the provisions of RSA 91-A3IIa,d,e at 7:23 pm. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.** Present at the non-public session were Chief Adams, Lt. Raffaelly, Sgt. Dow, Keith Murray, Mike Scott, Glenn Smith. **Ziminsky/Bluhm** moved that the minutes of the non-public session be sealed. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.** **Shepard/ Bluhm** moved to reconvene the public session at 9:55pm. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.**

6. General Business

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

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 9:55pm

APPROVED BY THE NORTHFIELD SELECTBOARD ON MAY 15, 2012