

NORTHFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
Minutes of the meeting of Tuesday, June 26, 2012

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

Also Present: Jim Lamanuzzi, Raymond Crowley, Leigh Webb, Whitney LaFlamme, Owen Wellington, James Barry, Beverly Cullen, Christine Raffaelly, Glenn Smith, Bob Southworth, Chief Adams

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm

1. Public Appointments

The Chair recognized Ray Crowley who outlined his concern about his property on Mt. Tugg Road. Mr. Crowley believes the road is encroaching on his property and wants the town to resolve the situation. Glenn Smith reviewed the situation, saying that the property is on a private road, Mr. Crowley believes that the town is encroaching on his property. Board members discussed the various issues relating to this road. Sel. Ziminsky asked Glenn if we can find a driveway permit for work on Mt. Tugg Road and recommended that Mr. Crowley might want to seek advice from an attorney if he believes his neighbor is encroaching on his road.

2. Highway and Sanitation Department

Highway Superintendent Bob Southworth informed the Board that road line painting will be done on July 17th, weather permitting. He also inquired of the Board as to whether the power should be turned off at Union Church. Board members authorized that this be done after a walk through has been completed.

3. Police Department

Chief Adams reviewed the status of the JAG grant; cost of the cruiser radio will be \$2,750. There is a balance of \$1,190 on this grant.

4. Administration

Town Administrator Glenn Smith reviewed the situation of assessing public utilities, if we do not reassess utilities this year then we are required to use DRA values which are substantially below estimated market value. He is working with vendors to determine the cost of assessing utilities this year to determine if the increased tax revenue would offset this cost.

Glenn informed the Board that the owner of a trailer park has asked to work with the town to have a trailer removed. The trailer in question is abandoned and subject to tax deeding. The lot owner would like the town to take possession of the trailer so it can be sold to the lot owner who would then resolve the situation. Board members asked that the park owner be invited to the next meeting.

5. Non-Public Session RSA 91A-3c

Bluhm/Shepard moved to enter into non-public session under the provisions of RSA 91-A3IIIb,c,e,d at 6:59 pm. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.** Present at the non-public

session were Owen Wellington, James Barry, Bob Southworth, Lt. Raffaely, Chief Adams and 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 8:07pm. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.**

6. General Business

Ziminsky/Shepard moved to appoint Owen Wellington and James Barry as part time officers. **Motion passed.**

Board members reviewed general correspondence and payroll & accounts payable manifests. **Shepard/Ziminsky** moved to approve the minutes of the meetings of May 29, 2012. **Motion passed.** **Shepard/Ziminsky** moved to approve the minutes of the meetings of June 20, 2012. **Motion passed.**

Glenn Smith reviewed changes proposed by the UST Oversight Committee to the intermunicipal agreement concerning use of the tank. **Ziminsky/Shepard** moved to authorize Bob Southworth to sign the revised UST agreement on behalf of the town. **Motion passed.**

The Chair opened the hearing concerning the failure of Fairpoint Communications to temporarily relocate their wires and structures within the town right of way along Bay Hill Road to facilitate the Bay Hill Road Drainage Project, as per RSA 231:182. Glenn explained that Fairpoint had been given notice of the hearing and had earlier indicated that they would attend. He also explained that the project has been delayed once already because Fairpoint would not respond to requests to relocate their material in the town right of way. **Ziminsky/Shepard** moved to instruct Fairpoint Communications to cooperate with drainage project on Bay Hill Road under the conditions of RSA231:182 with a start date of August 1, 2012 or face fines imposed under RSA231:182. **Motion passed.**

Sel. Bluhm noted that the Bean Hill Road reconstruction project has also been delayed due to the failure of Fairpoint Communications to temporarily relocate their facilities located within the public right of way. Glenn was instructed to notify the PUC of these difficulties.

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 8:16pm

APPROVED BY THE NORTHFIELD SELECTBOARD ON JULY 10, 2012