

NORTHFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
Minutes of the Meeting of June 11, 2013

Present: Sel. Bluhm, Sel. Shepard, Sel. Waldron

Also Present: Sheilagh Bergeron, David Bergeron, Greg Hill, Jim Lamanuzzi, Wayne Crowley,
Bob Southworth, Acting Chief Raffaely, Glenn Smith

1. Public Appointments

The Chair recognized David and Sheilagh Bergeron. Sel. Bluhm recapped the Board's concern that the Bergerons had not reported their driveway problem in a timely manner. They responded that they had reported the problem to Mike Summerset starting on the day the road was paved in 2005 and several times thereafter. They said that Mike had repeatedly told them that the town would fix the problem and they were unaware that they needed to report the problem to the Selectmen also. In response to a question from Sel. Shepard, Bob said that the repairs would cost between \$1,500 and \$2,000. After discussion the Chair asked that the matter be continued to the next meeting.

Jim Lamanuzzi reported on the recent DOT meeting concerning the repairs to the I-93 bridge over the Winnepesaukee River.

2. Highway Department

Highway Superintendent Bob Southworth distributed the final draft of 2013 paving project invitation to bid. Board members reviewed the bids. **Bluhm/Shepard** moved to accept the invitation to bid dated June 11, 2013 as amended to include bid due dates and project dates. **Motion passed 2-1**, Sel. Waldron dissenting.

Sel. Shepard noted that they were still awaiting response from bidders on the sander shed roof and asked that discussion be postponed.

Bob reviewed the five bids received for the Fiske Road reconstruction project, noting that the low bid was filed by Busby Construction Inc. **Bluhm/Shepard** moved to accept the bid of Busby Construction Inc. for the reconstruction of Fiske Road at a cost of \$140,400. **Motion passed 3-0**.

Bob distributed photos of a proposed sidewalk line on Elm Street. Board members discussed the situation. Consensus of Board members is that a yellow sidewalk line is not needed at this location, but a white line delineating the edge of the travel lane is required. Members also discussed the establishment of a no parking zone along Elm Street between Cannon Bridge and Granite Street, and asked Glenn to add this to a notice of public hearing for June 25th.

Bob reported that due to blocked culvert road material ended up on the property of Northfield

Commons. Sel. Bluhm recused himself from consideration of this item as he is the employed at Northfield Commons. Bob reported that there has been a request from the manager that the town clean this up. Sel. Waldron and Sel. Shepard discussed the matter; Bob indicated that cleanup would take approximately 3 hours. Consensus Sel. Shepard and Sel. Waldron was that the town should clean up this material.

Bob discussed a complaint received from Bob Loranger concerning water on his property. Sel. Bluhm asked Sel. Shepard and Sel. Waldron if they could visit the site before the next meeting so the matter could be discussed at that time.

3. Police Department

Acting Chief Raffaely reported that parts have been ordered for outfitting the new cruiser. He also asked the Board for permission to pay \$58 to cover the cost of a physician's visit for a part time officer. The officer does not have health insurance on his day job and the physician's certification is required before he can take a mandatory PT test. Board members granted this, noting that the part time officers save the town a considerable amount over the year.

4. Administration

Board members reviewed the proposal to increase special detail rates to \$62/hour effective July 1, 2013 to offset increased retirement costs. **Bluhm/Shepard** moved to increase special detail rates as proposed. **Motion passed 2-1** Waldron dissenting.

Glenn reviewed a proposed plan to distribute new lawn signs to promote recycling. Board members agreed by consensus that the signs would be distributed at the transfer station free of charge and that a list would be maintained to ensure that they were limited to one per household.

Glenn updated the Board on the results of the recent community planning grant session. General consensus is that given the feedback received at that session the possible changes to the zoning ordinance would be smaller in scope than originally planned. Greg Hill stated his belief that accepting these grant monies would result in a loss of control over local zoning to federal, state, regional and other organizations, saying that Meredith was already experiencing a similar problem with signage. Board members reviewed a letter received from Ben Frost of the NH Housing Finance Authority concerning an earlier case that had been cited by Greg Hill. The letter pointed out that the case involved the use of federal funds to sustain discriminatory housing practices, a situation that does not apply in Northfield. In addition, Ben pointed out that such discriminatory practices are illegal whether the town accepts CPG funds or not.

In response to a question from the Board, Planning Board Chair Wayne Crowley estimated that the Planning Board could complete the work under the revised scope at an additional cost of \$1,000.00. Glenn noted that approximately \$1,800.00 had already been spent on this project, none of which would be reimbursed if the town decided to reverse its acceptance of this grant. Board members directed that all work on this project be suspended until they have had a chance

to review this information.

Glenn presented auctioneer bids for review at the meeting of June 25th.

Bob noted that work on Fiske Road would start July 1st and asked if the Board wanted him to send letters to residents. Board members advised that this should be done.

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

Bluhm/Shepard moved to enter into non-public session under the provisions of RSA 91-A:3IIa at 8:50pm. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.** Present at the non-public session was Glenn Smith. **Shepard/Waldron** moved that the minutes of the non-public session be sealed. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.** **Shepard/Waldron** moved to reconvene the public session at 10:20pm. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.**

6. General Business

Board members reviewed accounts payable, payroll manifests and general correspondence. **Bluhm/Shepard** moved to approve the minutes of the meetings of June 4, 2013. **Motion passed**

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 10:20pm

APPROVED BY THE NORTHFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN ON JUNE 25, 2013