

NORTHFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
Minutes of the Meeting of July 24, 2012

Present: Sel. Bluhm, Sel. Shepard, Sel. Ziminsky (6:45pm)

Also Present: Christine Raffaely, Beverly Cullen, Kevin Waldron, Maureen Bouchet, Jim Swancott, Lisa Swancott, Albert Carlisle, Neil Adams, James Reed, Penny Reed, Janva Adams, Derek Lacourciere, Lisa Martin, Keith Murray, Scott Hilliard, Bill Wilder, Gretchen Wilder, Crystal Southworth, Diane Cullen, Kevin Fife, Rich Bellerose, Eliza Conde, Bob Southworth, Chief Adams, Glenn Smith

The meeting was called to order a 6:35pm.

1. Presentation to Chief Adams

Sel. Bluhm summarized Chief Adam's 20 year career as a full time police officer for the Town of Northfield. Sheriff Hilliard said a few words of tribute for Chief Adams, who was presented with a plaque commemorating his achievement by the Selectmen.

The meeting was recessed at 6:50 pm.

The meeting was reconvened at 7:05 pm.

2. Public Appointments

The Chair recognized Al Carlisle who discussed his concerns with the Bay Hill Road drainage project and his desire to rescind the easement he had earlier granted the town for this project. Board members did not rescind the easement but agreed to modify the project so that it would not infringe on Mr. Carlisle's property. Bob Southworth recapped his conversation with a representative of New England Electric Cooperative concerning relocation of their facilities in the public right of way. Glenn Smith updated the Board on continuing conversations with the PUC concerning an invoice received from Fairpoint Communications for \$11,000 to relocate an underground cable they had placed in the public right of way. Glenn was asked to seek resolution from the PUC.

The Chair recognized members of the Conservation Commission who convened a public hearing for the proposed purchase of conservation land off of Rand Road. Conservation Commission Chair Rich Bellerose reviewed the proposal, described the lot in question and the funding for this purchase. Members of the public expressed concerns about the impact of this purchase on the tax base and its impact on traffic throughout the neighborhood. Members of the public also expressed support for preserving conservation land in town.

The Conservation Commission closed the public hearing at 7:45pm, the Selectboard meeting continued.

3. Highway and Sanitation Department

Lisa Martin of QCC addressed the Board relating to certain billing questions relating to a recent project. Board members agreed to pay half of the invoice amount.

Bob Southworth reported that he has reviewed the references for Granite State Minerals. He would like contracts with two companies in case one cannot provide salt on an as-needed basis for any particular storm. He asked the Board for authorization to purchase up to 800 tons of road salt from International Salt at a price of \$61.83/ton and 800 tons from Granite State Minerals at a price of \$56.76. **Ziminsky/Shepard** moved to authorize Bob to sign contracts with International Salt and Granite State Minerals for road salt for the 2012/13 season as proposed. **Motion passed.**

Bob reviewed the proposal from Tilton Northfield Water District to start work on replacing a water main under 1300 feet of Granite Street next month and summarized the discussions he and Chief Adams had with TNWD staff and contractors. Board members reviewed a proposed Temporary Construction Easement and authorized Bob to sign the agreement on behalf of the Board once it has been reviewed by the town attorney.

4. Police Department

Chief Adams presented shift schedules and an updated Detective/Juvenile Officer position description, which will be presented for signature at the next meeting. In addition, he also reported that the pump for the septic system at the police station needed emergency repair last Sunday, at a cost of \$1,300. He also presented a purchase requisition for a replacement radio.

Chief Adams updated the Board in his research into a new uniform vendor, noting that the town could experience considerable savings by switching to this vendor. Selectmen Ziminsky requested a spreadsheet summarizing such savings.

5. Administration

Glen noted that the topic of moving town meeting to a larger venue has been brought up and asked for the Selectmen's opinions. After discussion Board members asked that he contact the School District about this.

Board members reviewed the recent ZBA decision granting a variance to allow for the construction of a single family home on a parcel with no frontage on a public or private road. The property is located on a former road that was discontinued by the voters in 1941. After discussion, Board members agreed to request a rehearing from the ZBA and asked that Glenn draft a letter so notifying the ZBA.

6. Non-Public Session RSA 91A-3a

Ziminsky/Shepard moved to enter into non-public session under the provisions of RSA 91-A3IIa at 8:40 pm. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.** Present at the non-public session were Bob Southworth, Chief Adams, Lt. Raffaelly and Glenn Smith. **Ziminsky/Shepard** moved that the minutes of

the non-public session be sealed. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote. Ziminsky/Bluhm** moved to reconvene the public session at 9:40 pm. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.**

7. General Business

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

Ziminsky/Shepard moved to approve the minutes of the meetings of July 10, 2012. **Motion passed.**

Ziminsky/Shepard moved to approve the minutes of the meetings of July 17, 2012. **Motion passed.**

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 9:41pm

APPROVED BY THE SELECTBOARD ON AUGUST 8, 2012