

NORTHFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
Minutes of the Meeting of July 16, 2013

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

Also Present: Jeremi Snook, Bob Southworth, Acting Chief Raffaely, Bob Southworth, Kevin Sturgeon, Glenn Smith

The Chair opened the meeting at 6:02 pm

1. Highway Department

Sel. Steve Bluhm reviewed the proposal from Spaulding Youth Center that a sidewalk be constructed between Davis Cottage and the main SYC campus in conjunction with the Shedd Road repaving project. New information had been received from the LGC attorney and Spaulding Youth Center. Board members discussed the increased liability that would be incurred by the town if it were to grant the request and the ongoing maintenance costs. Glenn was asked to further research the liability issues.

Board members and Bob Southworth reviewed the request to repave certain driveways on Bay Hill Road. Board members indicated that they had individually visited each driveway since the last meeting; Bob presented photos of each driveway. In relation to the driveway at 237 Bay Hill Road, Sel. Bluhm noted that the water in the driveway appears to be coming from the direction of the residence, not the road. He does not feel as though this damage is the town's responsibility. Other Board members agreed. In relation to the driveway at 229 Bay Hill Road, Sel. Shepard said that she felt the damage was the result of water coming off of the town road. Sel. Waldron said that he saw water running down the driveway toward the ditch when he visited th property and believed that the town should repair only to the edge of the right of way on any of the driveways and Board members discussed this option. **Shepard/Bluhm** moved to accept the recommendation of Bob Southworth to repave the driveway at 229 Bay Hill Road, repairs to extend 30 feet from the fog line. **Motion passed.** In relation to the driveway at 221 Bay Hill Road, Board members discussed the ponding of water in the driveway and front yard and were uncertain as to where this water was coming from. A decision on this driveway was postponed until Bob could discuss the matter with the landowner. In relation to the driveway at 185 Bay Hill Road, Board members concurred that the town was responsible for the damage and agreed to repave the driveway 25 feet back from the center of the road. Consensus of the Board is that the town will not maintain these driveways after this damage has been repaired.

2. Public Appointments

Chair recognized Sid Barton who presented his information on an agreement prepared by attorney in relation to his Park Street property. Board members discussed this, Sid asked for a specific date by which the work outlined in the agreement could be done. Board members asked Bob to contact Ken Partridge and work out a date for repairs.

Chair recognized Kevin Sturgeon who outlined his drainage concerns on Shaker Road. He asked that the drainage ditch in this area be cleaned, and Board members agreed to do so.

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

Bluhm/Shepard moved to enter into non-public session under the provisions of RSA 91-A3IIa,b at 7:03pm. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.** Present at the non-public session were John Raffaely, Scott Hilliard 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 9:05pm. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.**

Highway Superintendent Bob Southworth outlined repairs needed for Truck 11. The estimate from Bow Peterbuilt is \$4,446.30 and is not covered under warrantee as the repairs are needed for the emission control system. Board approved repairs as recommended and advised that ongoing maintenance of this system be budgeted for in the future.

Bob noted that the painting of the 2009 cruiser so it can be used as a town car will cost \$377.00. Board members approved the expense.

4. Police Department

Acting Chief Raffaely reported that the central air conditioning system in the police station has failed. He is working with a contractor to develop an estimate for repair of the system.

AC Raffaely reported that the new cruiser should be ready later this week and presented a purchase requisition for tires for the 4x4.

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

Bluhm/Shepard moved to enter into non-public session under the provisions of RSA 91-A3IIa at 9:24pm. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.** Present at the non-public session was Glenn Smith. **Shepard/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 10:32pm. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.**

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 10:32 pm

APPROVED BY THE NORTHFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN ON JULY 23, 2013