

NORTHFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
Minutes of the Meeting of Tuesday, August 28, 2012

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

Also Present: Christine Raffaely, Beverly Cullen, Kevin Waldron, Syd Barton, Lt. Raffaely, Chief Adams, Bob Southworth, Glenn Smith

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm

1. Public Appointments

The Chair recognized Syd Barton, who asked for updates on questions he had asked earlier concerning a sewer line on his Park Street property and alleged contamination of this property from the town salt shed. Town Administrator Glenn Smith indicated he will finish researching the easement by the end of the week. Highway Superintendent Bob Southworth indicated that work is progressing on the new salt shed. Upon completion of this project he will remove the old salt shed and deal with contamination issues.

2. Police Department

Chief Adams presented a purchase requisition for items to outfit the new cruiser. Board members asked for an accounting of the total cost of this unit, including cost of the cruiser, all lights and equipment, lettering and other costs.

Lt. Raffaely reported that he had finished cleaning the old evidence room and has numerous bags of seized narcotics that need disposal. He and Chief Adams discussed disposal alternatives with the Board.

Chief Adams discussed adoption of the revised Hazard Mitigation Plan. Board members asked him to present a summary of changes in this revision from previous versions of the plan.

3. Highway and Sanitation Department

Bob Southworth and Glenn Smith reported that they had not completed the financial review of the mechanic position requested last week. Sel. Shepard said she thinks it is possible to hire a qualified mechanic who would also drive and mow when needed.

Bob reported that the patch at the Elm Street/Granite Street intersection recently installed by the Water District has sunk more than expected. He has instructed the District to level off this area to ensure the safety of the travelling public, they will be doing so tomorrow.

4. Administration

Glenn Smith noted that the check filed by a resident in relation to a recent building permit fee had bounced. Board members agreed that this invalidated the permit.

Glenn reviewed the financial status of the Bean Hill Road project and presented the DRA form MS4 to the Selectmen for review. **Ziminsky/Shepard** moved to authorize the Town Administrator to sign and file the 2012 MS4 on behalf of the Town. **Motion passed.**

Sel. Ziminsky announced that the Town had successfully defended itself against a suit filed by former police officer Brian Brown in relation to his termination. Merrimack Superior Court has ruled for the Town on all points.

Beverly Cullen asked that the Police Department provide input as to how dangerous the knoll on Reservoir Road is, and whether there are other such dangerous areas in Town. Kevin Waldron asked if the town meeting minutes could be put on the town website.

5. General Business

Ziminsky/Shepard moved to enter into non-public session under the provisions of RSA 91-A3IIa,d,e at 7:00 pm. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.** Present at the non-public session were Bob Southworth, Chief Adams, Lt. Raffaelly and 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 8:10 pm. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.**

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

6. Adjournment

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm

APPROVED BY THE NORTHFIELD SELECTBOARD ON SEPTEMBER 10, 2012