

**NORTHFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 6, 2011**

Present: Sel. Ziminsky, Sel. Bluhm, Sel. Swancott
Also Present Harold Harbour, Beverly Cullen, Christine Raffaelly, Anthony Stracqualursi,
Chief Adams, Bob Southworth, Glenn Smith

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.

1. Public Appointments

The Chair recognized Harold Harbour who explained that the American Legion would like to install a monument at the area next to Cannon Bridge as a memorial to those who fought in wars since World War II. The project would include installing a gate on the upper end of this same area to access this memorial. He is seeking preliminary permission from the town to install this memorial, and will come back before the Board with a final design when it is ready. Board members no objection to this proposal but would need to see a depiction of the memorial before making a final commitment.

2. Highway and Sanitation Department

Bob reported that the sifting of material at Arch Hill Cemetery has been completed. His crew will re-seed the area as soon as the ground dries out. Bob reported that the skid steer has been ordered and should be here in mid-October.

Bob reported that he has received Ken Partridge's quote for the dry well on View Street. The cost is \$2,500. Repaving View Street will cost about \$8,000. Board members discussed options and possible sources of funding for the dry well. They will revisit this issue in October after they have had a chance to discuss the options further.

Bob updated the Board on the fact that there is an apartment building on Elm Street at which trash is piling up. He would like to send the owner a third letter telling them that they need a dumpster. Bob has notified Dana as this might be a health issue. Glenn was asked to review ordinances to determine where this stands.

Bob informed the Board that one of the transfer station workers would like to pursue his CDL license and would like to use town equipment to train for this. After discussion Board members asked Bob to develop a training plan.

Bob requested that the highway department stay on summer hours. Board members discussed this and decided not to extend summer hours.

Sel. Swancott asked about mowing triangles along Rt. 132. Bob reported that this is state property and the state has started doing this work.

3. Police Department

Chief Adams reported that the Highway crew did a great job repairing the sump pump in the police station. He also reported that the 2009 cruiser has developed the same heat/AC vent

problems as previous models. Irwin's has estimated repairs at \$800. Mikes Automotive quoted \$300. Board members approved having this work done by Mike's Automotive.

Chief Adams updated the Board on efforts to outfit the 2011 cruiser and the status of having Tri-State Fire Extinguishers replace equipment damaged when one of their fire extinguishers was not properly secured by their staff in the trunk of a cruiser.

Chief Adams informed the Board that he would like to return to an 8 hour shift. Board members expressed concern that the Board hadn't been informed the schedule had changed and would like to be informed in the future. Sel. Swancott inquired as to the degree to which the Chief can manage court related OT and shift schedules to reduce overall OT with this new schedule.

Chief Adams reported on problem of homeless people living along the Winnepesaukee River.

4. Town Administration

Glenn reviewed the revised 2012 budget schedule. and a request from a citizen concerning fees for non-registration of a dog.

Board members requested that the Welfare Director report to the Board quarterly.

Sel. Swancott mentioned that she had asked Glenn to contact Chief Ober about attending Selectboard meetings and that he was told that he can't fit it in. Glenn was asked to draft a letter to the Commissioners concerning this.

Beverly Cullen asked for the Town's assistance for the TNS Christmas Fund. Board members stated that the town would help out.

Bluhm/Swancott moved to enter into non-public session under the provisions of RSA 91-A3IIa,d at 8:00 pm. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.** Present at the non-public session were Chief Adams, Glenn Smith and Bob Southworth. **Swancott/Bluhm** moved that the minutes of the non-public session be sealed. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.** **Bluhm/Swancott** moved to reconvene the public session at 9:30 pm. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.**

Board members discussed clarifications to worker's compensation payments. **Bluhm/Swancott** moved to amend Employee Handbook Section 6.7 as proposed. **Motion passed.**

5. General Business

Board members reviewed general correspondence and payroll & accounts payable manifests. **Bluhm/Swancott** moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of August 23, 2011. **Motion passed.**

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 pm

APPROVED BY THE NORTHFIELD SELECTMEN ON SEPTEMBER 20, 2011