

NORTHFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
Minutes of the Meeting of September 9, 2014

Present: Sel. Shepard, Sel. Crowley, Sel. Waldron
Also Present: Richard Pelletier, Bill Dawson, Chief Raffaely, Glenn Smith

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm

1. Public Appointments

The Chair recognized Richard Pelletier who stated that he believes the Highway Department will start work on his drainage issue tomorrow morning. Sel. Waldron reported that he spoke with Johnny Van Tassel today and was told that the project should be finished by tomorrow evening.

2. Highway Department

Sel. Waldron reported that the Loranger drainage project has been completed. The work went well and it looks as though the solution will address the problem.

3. Police Department

Chief Raffaely presented an application for a speed enforcement grant with the Dept. of Safety. Board members reviewed the application, which the Chair signed. He also updated the Board on the outfitting of the new cruiser. Sel. Waldron noted that the portion of the police station ceiling with water damage will be fixed tomorrow.

4. Administration

The Selectmen spoke with Bill Dawson concerning the proposal to apply for a wild and scenic river designation for the Merrimack River. Concerns remain as to what restrictions might be placed on the abutting landowners if such a designation was achieved. Glenn was asked to compile a packet of information previously presented on this topic. Sel. Crowley inquired as to the advantage of the wild and scenic designation. Bill responded that the designation would open additional grant opportunities. He also reported that no other river in New Hampshire has received the wild and scenic designation at this time.

Board members discussed the proposed joint meeting with the Tilton Selectmen concerning the Cannon Bridge bid and agreed to schedule this for August 23rd.

Board members reviewed the proposed hiring policy. **Crowley/Waldron** moved to accept the proposed hiring policy effective immediately. It was noted that the new policy would supersede the policy passed in 2009. **Motion passed.**

Sel. Crowley updated the Board on a code enforcement matter concerning storage barrels at a local manufacturer.

5. Non-Public Session RSA 91A-3 II

Shepard/Crowley moved to enter into non-public session under the provisions of RSA 91-A3II b at 4:08 pm. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.** Present at the non-public session were Chief Raffaely and Glenn

Smith. **Shepard/Crowley** moved to reconvene the public session at 4:19 pm. **Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.**

6. General Business

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

Shepard/Waldron moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of September 2, 2014. Motion passed.

7. Other Business

Sel. Waldron reported that the Shaw Road project has been delayed due to equipment failure on the part of the contractor. Selectmen expressed concern that the project may not be done by winter and asked for information as to the completion date specified in the contract. Sel. Waldron said that he feels the town would benefit by purchasing a spreader that could be used in the one ton pickup. Board members discussed the option and asked that he obtain quotes for this.

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 4:29pm.

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN ON SEPTEMBER 23, 2014