

**VILLAGE OF NORTHFIELD
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Minutes of May 12, 2009**

- I. **ROLL CALL:** Chair Libby Hambleton, Trustees Samantha Baraw, Doug Lawson (absent), Thomas McCarney, and James Wilson. Also present were Village Manager Nanci Allard and Superintendent of Public Works William Lyon.

Chair Hambleton called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

- II. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (Scheduled):** None.

III. **ACTION ITEMS**

a. **Approval of Minutes**

1. **April 28, 2009 (Regular Meeting).** Motion by Trustee Wilson, seconded by Trustee McCarney, to approve the minutes. **Motion passed 3-0-1, with Trustee Hambleton abstaining.**

b. **Approval of Bills**

1. **Warrant #22-09.** Motion by Trustee Wilson, seconded by Trustee Baraw, to approve Warrant #22-09. **Motion passed 3-0-1, with Trustee McCarney abstaining due to the possible appearance of a conflict of interest on warrant items.**

- c. **Streetlighting Tariffs.** If a program becomes available, we then would consider replacing the current streetlights with more energy efficient ones. VPPSA's David Mullet will be filing paperwork on behalf of the municipalities in order to meet the May 15, 2009 deadline.

IV. **REPORTS**

a. **Village Manager**

1. **Union Road Drainage Problem.** The LaRoche family contacted us because their driveway washed out during the last storm. Manager Allard will spend some money for the civil engineers to look at this problem so we don't lose our road.
2. **DRAFT Water Use Regulations Ordinance.** Manager Allard distributed an updated version for review. A copy of the materials standards also was included. This will be on the next agenda and (hopefully) the Board can approve it then.
3. **Possible Hydro Project.** Manager Allard is meeting with the owner of the mill in Northfield Falls. There was discussion of a hydro project; there is the possibility that we can apply for a grant. There is a \$500 fee to apply for the \$5000 grant. At this point, we are still gathering information.
4. **Water Project.** This is the West Phase. The impact on the ratepayers is anticipated to be about \$1.42 a month. The Village would be applying for 57% State grant. This would leave the ratepayers to pay for only 43% of the total cost. The project is estimated to cost \$1,500,000.
5. **Town Charter Committee.** The Selectboard has a list of interested Northfield residents and Selectman Morse will chair the committee. Trustee McCarney is willing to be the Village Trustee's representative.
6. **Central Street Culver Grant.** We are waiting for more information.
7. **Recreation Grant.** The Northfield Conservation Commission has been awarded a grant for recreational paths.

b. Committee Reports

1. **Highway Subcommittee.** The subcommittee will be meeting tonight after this meeting has adjourned.

c. Miscellaneous

1. **Public Hearing (Special Village Meeting): May 26, 2009:** Prior to the next regular Village Trustees meeting, this public hearing will be held at 7:00 p.m. in order to discuss the Water Distribution System Improvements Bond to be voted upon by Australian ballot on Tuesday, June 2, 2009.
2. **Annual Village Meeting: June 2, 2009.** Australian balloting will be held from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Northfield High School Lobby; the Open Session will be held in the Mary Granai Corrigan Auditorium at 7:30 p.m.
3. **Special Village Meeting: June 2, 2009.** Australian balloting will be held from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Northfield High School Lobby
4. **Green Mountain Motorheads:** There was a meeting this past week with event organizer David Simpson, Ambulance Supervisor James Baraw, Fire Chief Peter Demasi, Superintendent of Public Works William Lyon, Police Chief Jeffrey Shaw, Village Manager Nanci Allard, and Trustees Chair Libby Hambleton. There now are questions on whether the proposed water project might interfere with the car show. There are no objections; it's just a concern of the logistics with the possibility of construction in the area. Motion by Trustee Wilson, seconded by Trustee McCarney, to permit Green Mountain Motorheads to hold the car show on the Village Common the weekend of August 21-22, 2009. **Motion passed 4-0-0.**
5. **Water Department Priority List.** Trustee McCarney would like the Board to charge Manager Allard to provide the Board with priority list of side street main replacements, water storage requirements, etc. within sixty (60) to ninety (90) days. There have been recent short-term fixes, such as lining the storage at the Cheney Farm Reservoir. Motion by Trustee McCarney, seconded by Trustee Wilson, to have Manager Allard go forward with study as described above. **Motion passed 4-0-0.**

V. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (Unscheduled): none.

VI. ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Trustee McCarney, seconded by Trustee Wilson, to adjourn the meeting. **Motion passed 4-0-0.**

The Board adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Samantha H. Baraw

Samantha H. Baraw, Clerk

These minutes are subject to approval at the next regular meeting.