

**Town of Northumberland**  
**Board of Selectmen**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Date: June 3, 2019**  
**Place: Town Meeting Room – 10 Station Square**  
**Time: 6:00 PM**  
**Draft copy**

Board Members present: Chris Wheelock, Chair, and Mike Phillips

Others present: Ann Corthell, Norm Cotter, Pete Marshall, Al Rossetto, George Kenison, Mike Kelly, Robert Pinett, Glen Cassady, Peter J. Pelletier, Reginald Charron – Recorder

1. **Chairman opens the meeting:** C. Wheelock opened meeting at 6:00 PM
2. **Acceptance of Minutes:** Motion to accept the May 20, 2019 minutes by: M. Phillips, 2<sup>nd</sup> by: C. Wheelock, All in favor 2-0
3. **Selectmen Business:**
  - a. Department Head Business:  
Glenn Cassady – Road Agent
    1. Running behind on big list of projects due to weather. Lots of culvert washouts and holes to patch. Need direction as to which way to proceed with paving budget. Will State help with Church Street by taking over? C. Wheelock says if road is brought up to a certain standard they may with some concessions to the Town.
    2. Road bed is thin pavement and all sand below. Putting money into Church St. and then have 100,000 pound trucks on it is wasted money. Time is running out as it is June already, need to know which way to go with projects and there are an abundance of poles and manholes to do.
    3. C. Wheelock: Just in today, 23 Cumberland St. resident Kim Morse think resurfacing is now causing water to back up and not runoff because of height of road. Material will be used to fill and build up, not a lot of material needed.
    4. Maple St. Torrential downpours cause washing of dirt out of driveways; we have to pick up it all up.

5. Reggie Charron Agrees with Glenn on holdups caused by weather. That a lot of projects are coming all at once, i.e., Eversource and DOT. Putting in poles on Route 3 has been challenging because they are very close to water lines. There is no material in the banks to plant the poles. If poles hit the water line, the Town will have to pay to replace. Working with State and got poles to go in behind the water line. Materials taking a long time to arrive and the amount of materials is causing delays on Perras road, down, as well as the railroad bed.
6. New expensive meter for Marietta Lane changed. Keith and Winston did a very good job, only down 2 hours. Hopefully we will see a better accountability of water usage. In a couple more weeks we will be reading meters again for 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter bills.
7. Filled up Rotobec's water line. Did not pass pressure test. Issues are on their end. Rec center lines and general condition of lines not used for years is much degraded. Causing many leaks.
8. C. Wheelock: Glenn before we move on, a letter did not make agenda, but, a letter from town to Ahead about the housing over by. You requested they put in smoking and trash receptacles. G. Cassady explains how bad it looks with over 200 butts floating around a manhole, they get cleaned up and a week later it is a mess again. C: Wheelock: No smoking on their property. So just go onto the street. G. Cassady: It just looks terrible.  
C. Wheelock: It says letter was emailed, haven't seen yet. But just requesting that AHEAD put in some receptacles. Don't think we need to vote on that.
9. C. Wheelock: Next item we need a motion to grant Robin Irving Administrative status in addition to her already granted authorized status for the USDA/RDA portal to submit online grant applications. Motion made by M. Phillips, seconded by C. Wheelock. All in favor, passed 2-0.
10. C. Wheelock: Cash summary M. Phillips: These numbers are not reconciled for May. We started with \$693,000 in our account. Revenues added \$337,000, 1<sup>st</sup> issues taxes have begun. Our usual expenses are payroll and paying the school amounted to \$456,000 leaving us with \$573,000 end of month so we are in good shape.

11. C. Wheelock: Next item is a dog warrant. So Peter can enforce unlicensed dogs in town. Need motion to sign. M. Phillips makes motion, C. Wheelock 2nds, all in favor, passed 2-0.
12. C. Wheelock: Non-resident transfer station permits. 2 renewals. Wesley Wix, 292 Page Hill Rd and Alan and Laurie Capson, 13 High St., both paid fee. Motion to approve on both, M. Phillips makes motion, C. Wheelock 2nds, all in favor, passed 2-0.
13. C. Wheelock: Then we have a past due tax yield warrant. Landowner has been notified several times and has not responded so that would double by law. So need a motion on this one. M. Phillips makes motion for dooamage x 2, C. Wheelock 2nds, all in favor, passed 2-0.

**Public matters to be addressed by board.**

1. Chris Wheelock: Announcement of road work on Cumberland Street mentioned by Reggie. Bob Pinette presented complaint in person. Complaint of people parking in wrong direction and busses pulling out and tearing up road, as well as people coming down the wrong way after the busses have left. Chief Pelletier comments that it will take a while for people to get used to the change of a one way street. Pinett inquires on the cost of a fine, Chief Pelletier responds believes it is \$124. Mike Kelly: While we are talking about that could we address a couple of things? I guess my first question is to the Chief, have there been any citations for illegal parking? Parking signs since 2003, nothing new. Chief Pelletier: There is a little bit of a new parking scheme things since we did the one way thing. I'm aware of some citations that have been issued. Cannot give you an accurate number. Mike Kelly: You can't miss the signs. And the kids have their cars parked there all the time when playing basketball. Also cars parked in the wrong direction. The other issue is we have to address Park Street. No parking on one side, hazardous, tight for big trucks, etc. C. Wheelock: Can you guys get together, Peter and Glen and get a recommendation to the Board? More discussion on trucks and permission to travel both ways on the road for deliveries.
2. C. Wheelock: Another thing to read, June 4<sup>th</sup> - June 7<sup>th</sup> is private contractor work on Cumberland Street. June 5<sup>th</sup>, all residents east of this location need to use the Emerson Road egress and ingress for the day. Road closure signs

and cones will be placed along the way of 43 Cumberland Street that Reggie spoke about. Planning Board meeting on June 5<sup>th</sup> that is scheduled for here.

3. Email from Becky to me about Board Commission Committee, Advisory Committee, this is for the nonpublic. If there is nothing else.
4. Ron??? Mike???: Printed signs coming for Page Hill on no ATV traffic. Eames street signs are a concern because of sign. Need to be bigger. Discussion on signs and parking bans to be continued. C. Wheelock: Also bring up 4 hour parking ban while school is in session. Discussion on graduation may last more than 4 hours. Ann Covell: Going thru old ordinance book and seeing there is already an ordinance on the books for those streets.
5. C. Wheelock: Need a motion to go into non-public. M. Phillips, motion made to go into non-public, seconded by C. Wheelock, all in favor, passed, 2-0.

Next meeting, June 17, 2017

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Kathan

Select Board Minute Taker

Minutes approved by Select Board Members on \_\_\_\_\_

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Chris Wheelock  
Select Board Chair

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Michael Phillips  
Select Board Chair