

**Town of Northumberland  
Board of Selectmen  
Meeting Notice and Proposed Agenda  
Date: Monday, June 17th, 2019  
Place: Town Meeting Room – 10 Station Square  
Time: 6:00 P.M.**

**Board Members Present:** Chris Wheelock, Michael Phillips, Jim Weagle.

**Others present:** Nancy Mellow, Alan Rossetto, George Kenison, Charles Fanton, Don Cheney, John Normand, Sherry Manville, Jeremy Greene, James Gibson, Samuel J. Oakes, Glenn Cassady, Addison Hall, P.J. Pelletier, Robin Irving, Kim DeBlois, Cheyenne DeBlois.

**1. Chairman opens the meeting:** Chris calls the meeting to order at 6:00pm

**2. Acceptance of Minutes:** Motion to accept minutes by Chris. Mike will accept minutes with notation, makes motion, seconded by Chris. Approved 2-0.

**3. Selectmen Business:**

- a. Dept. Head Business: Ambulance and Police  
Ambulance report by James Gibson.  
-2019 calls to date: 234  
-2018 calls for same period: 277 Down 43 calls from last year  
-63 requests to transfer to date, 12 accepted, 51 declined: 6 No medic, 2 No second provider, 39 No crew, 4 Other.

Comstar report: Gross commitments: \$185,170.00 as of two weeks ago.  
Total collected for 2019 to date \$84,611.41.

Training on the new Zoll x-series Monitor/Defibrillators will be on June 27<sup>th</sup>.  
Zoll will be sending a representative to train on the operation and deployment of this valuable tool.

All ambulances are current. The new State ambulance equipment list has been released so ambulances will be worked on for updating and rearranging

A new Paramedic will be starting on June 20<sup>th</sup>. A former Weeks Paramedic that resides in Vermont but is licensed in both NH and Vermont. James Santorello is eager to help out. It is summer and already taxed with vacations and staff overworked.

Jim Weagle asks what the new equipment list will cost. James Gibson replies \$100 to \$350 at most and may be able to acquire with a grant. Other items needed are common sense items we already have; the State just now requires it.

Police Dept. report by Peter Pelletier.

-Since May 20<sup>th</sup> 12 new investigations opened. Made several arrests. No crashes covered in last month, which is great.

-Regional training in Colebrook this week.

-Still working on recruiting another full time officer. Other options are available for full time officer.

-Have part time officers, full time certified. As a result we have made some drug seizures and arrests. Cases pending as a result of those seizures and arrests.

-As far as Page Hill, Lost Nation road, keeping an eye on ATV activity. Have received some complaints but have not been able to make any ATV contacts yet. Hoping people will stay off the road until this situation is resolved. Chris Wheelock asks if contact has been made with the resident "Lyons", he may know who the ATV people are. Pelletier, no, not yet. Jim Weagle mentions the problem with ATV fines and signs stating road is open, they will be coming down this week. Thanks Glen for posting signs on Page Hill.

b. Discussion with new applicant Junk/Salvage Yard License

-Jim Greene new owner on Brown Road. New permit for property with a previous junk yard. Conversation between Board and Jim Greene over concern of existing permit for personal unregistered vehicle collection versus active junk yard. Addison Hall suggests checking with State on regulations, helpful to Board. Chris Wheelock recommends tabling this until guide lines are obtained from the State.

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c. Discussion with Board about general road/sidewalk care maintenance-John Normand.

-What are Selectmen going to do with condition of sidewalks and roads? Poor condition. Jim Weagle explains that there is a \$100,000 budget for roads, it takes more, and there is a grant for the sidewalks but that takes time. Chris explains store entrance is scheduled. Railroad track is on schedule. Coming out of one of the worst winters for destruction of roads and sidewalks. Glenn Cassady explains current plan. Cold patch being used but hard to get and expensive, especially bag material. Agrees with the concern of the roads and sidewalks. Need a bigger budget. Up against material availability, manpower and budget limits. Michael Phillips says he would like to request \$200,000 at town meeting for next budget. Glenn asks about the percentage of registration fees to highway fund. Michael says either \$5 or \$10 goes into the highway fund. Glenn, less from State and registration fees won't go far.

-Chris asks Gina??? If she wishes to comment on Grant. Gina informs got the Tack?? grant. But works at a snail's pace. Probably won't see a shovel in the ground until late next year and real construction to begin 2020/21. That will only be a portion of the construction. All the Federal Highway money is discontinued. There is no transportation money, unless the Tiger?? Grant which is used for really big transportation projects. Glenn says band aids put on roads since the Mill closed and the budget regarding manpower is reduced. Need more money, a safety issue.

d. Review of proposed work before start of building permit application-  
Cumberland St. property-owner will be present.

Charles Fanton, owner. Applied for building permit to continue construction, actually an extension. A cease and desist order was placed on the project. Had to get State come and inspect plumbing. Some discrepancies. I don't have an electrician or a plumber. I am going to continue to build my house unless you tell me it has to stay the way it is forever. Another issue from power company, made me move my meter because of snow issues. My question is, because I don't have a plumber and an electrician are you going to deny me the permit extension? Chris Wheelock, we will start with Terry, the building inspector, will inspect. Fanton explains the circumstances of the power company concern. I have water coming in, have to close off that section. Chris, going to follow up on with Terry Bedell and regulations on owner done electrical and plumbing. If everything looks good, you should be able to get a building permit application back in.

e. Trust of Trust Fund Training-Gorham-One of Trustees will be present  
to discuss

Cathy Wells to discuss State of NH offers yearly classes for Trustees of Trust Fund to attend. Paid for the fee for the first year, asked Board for mileage reimbursement, denied. This year asking for payment of class \$60. Board is fine with that. Chris Wheelock asks for motion. Jim Weagle makes motion to allow Cathy to attend class at a cost of \$60, Michael Phillips seconds, approved 3-0.

f. Follow up discussion on Brownfields Study

Discussion by Board and ???? of town's unproductive properties. Determine if they qualify as Brownfields, then clean up. Several toxic waste sites are mentioned, need to pick 3 to 5 properties by tomorrow. Two town properties, 48 Maple and 61 Winter are selected, Landfill, 31 Old Village and Capson, High St. which is privately owned and others discussed. May have to look at 5 to 7. Landfill discussed to qualify for Brightfields, to place solar field on which town would benefit from. Motion made by Michael, seconded by Jim, all in favor, approved 3-0.

g. Next item is review and re-adoption of Town's investment policy. No change review and re-adoption done annually. Motion by Jim, seconded by Michael. Approved 3-0.

h. Request by NSA for recycle pickup by town. Kim DeBlois speaks on being approached by manager of NSA with Barry Normandeau. NSA has containers with carefully recycled material. Would like to know if Town would pick up with curbside service. Kim told NSA that the contract was for only residential service but would bring request to Board. Discussion by Board that no other business gets that service. Would have to budget into next year's budget, cannot do this year. Motion to deny by Jim, second by Michael, approved 3-

0. For the record, Michael asks Robin Irving to write a letter to NSA telling them they can have an employee bring their recyclables.

#### **4. Applications/Permits and Warrants:**

a. Intent to Cut

Jennifer Walburn and Chris Shepherd, Thompson Road. Thousands of feet of various wood types. Cut by Richard Dupuis. Combined acres 30 to cut. Motion by Jim, second by Michael, all in favor. Approved 3-0.

b. Housekeeping Abatement

Last meeting voted on dooamage. Min would like an abatement on the \$548.64 as logger backed out. They will apply again if going to cut. Jim motion to accept, Michael seconds, approved 3-0.

c. Junk/Salvage Yard License Renewals

Harold and Nancy Marshall, Lancaster Road, has been inspected and is a renewal. Motion by Jim, second by Michael, approved 3-0.

d. Building Permit Applications

Francis Faldo, demo of old wood shed with rusty roof, replacing with 12 x 24 prefab wood with metal roof from Reeds Ferry Sheds. They have paid and chief has signed. Motion by Jim, second by Michael. Approved 3-0.

James and Kimberly Cloud of State Street, 8x10 foot porch off front door, 13-foot extension off back of the garage. 3 bids from contractors, Terry has signed, fee paid. Motion by Jim, second by Michael. Approved 3-0.

Steve and Elizabeth Collins, of Lancaster Road, gutting inside and remodeling living space. Ron Caron electrical, Al Beland, plumbing, Terry has not signed. Jim makes motion to approve upon Terry's signature, Michael seconds, approved 3-0.

Kim and Ricky Dubois, of Hall Road, add 16 feet to back of garage, stay with same roof line, putting 2, 12x12 stalls under it. Sides boarded up with door on the back. Terry has not signed but they have paid fee. Jim makes motion to approve upon Terry's signature, Michael seconds, approved 3-0.

Sherry Manville, Jeremy Greene, Brown Road, 16x16 deck, building themselves, pressure treated wood, possible roof over the deck with metal roofing. Paid but Terry has not signed. Jim makes motion to approve upon Terry's signature, Michael seconds, approved 3-0.

Michael Phillips, Lost Nation Road, 24x26 addition to post and beam barn, owner built with subcontractors, 10 pitch gable steel roof, open structure, basement area to be poured slab. Larry Gray Excavator, Mike Blanchett Concrete, Gallen Mill Frame and Ron Caron Electric. Fee paid, Terry has

not signed. Jim makes motion to approve upon Terry's signature, Chris seconds, approved 2-0.

John and Amanda King, Lost Nation Road, 7x14x17 screened in wood frame porch with roof with asphalt shingles, no electrical, self-employed carpenter/mason. Paid fee, Terry has not signed. Jim makes motion to approve upon Terry's signature, Michael seconds, approved 3-0.

- e. Application For Forest Land Reimbursement From State  
Two properties, Cape Horn State Forest, total assessed value of \$733,479, and White Mountains National Forest, \$338,900. Motion to approve by Jim, second by Michael, all in favor, 2-0.
- f. All Veteran's Tax Credit Application  
Ronald and Bonnie Daigneault of Wemyss Drive, qualifications met, longtime residents of Groveton. Motion by Jim, second by Michael, all in favor, approved 3-0.
- g. Non-Resident Transfer Station Permit Application.  
Amy and Matthew Perimeter, new application, Lost Nation Road, reside in Clinton, Massachusetts. Payment has been made. Motion by Jim, second by Michael, all in favor, approved 3-0.

Anything else to address by the Board? When will Terry be signing? Becky will get him on that this week. Also, there will be a fire drill going on at NSA on Wed.

**6. Non-Public Session: (Pursuant to RSA'S 91-A:3,II (a), (b), ©, (d), (e):**

Motion by Jim, second by Michael to go into non-public session at 6:55pm. All in favor, approved 3-0.

Motion to come out of non-public session by Jim, seconded by Michael at 7pm, all in favor, approved 3-0.

**7. Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn by Jim, seconded by Michael, all in favor, approved 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 7pm.

Next meeting, July 1, 2019

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Kathan  
Select Board Minute Taker

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

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Jim Weagle  
Northumberland Select Board Chair

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Chris Wheelock  
Northumberland Select Board Member

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Michael Phillips  
Northumberland Select Board Member