

**Town of Northumberland
Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
Date: Monday, March 4th, 2019
Place: Town Meeting Room – 10 Station Square
Time: 6:00 P.M.
Draft Copy**

Board members present - Michael Phillips, Jim Weagle, Chris Wheelock
Others - Sam Oakes, Al Rossetto, Nancy Mellow, Lisa Perras, Reggie Charron,
Glenn Cassady, Sam Canton, Rebecca St. Cyr - Recorder

1. Chairman opens the meeting:

J. Weagle opened the meeting at 6:00 pm.

2. Acceptance of Minutes:

Motion to accept the February 19, 2019 minutes by: M. Phillips
2nd by: C. Wheelock, All in Favor 3-0

3. Selectmen Business:

a. Dept. Head Business: Highway and Water/Sewer

R. Charron – Water Sewer

Everything is the same. We've had 3 freeze ups that are due to homeowner issues. There was a sewer back up last week, we think it's the lateral but won't know until we run the camera down. We bought 3 more cases of, meters, even though the budget hasn't been approved yet. They have installed 425 -435 meters to date. Winston and Keith will continue with them.

We've been plowing and cleaning up; worked on hydrants again last week. If we get more snow, will need to clean some of it up around them. Charron met with Ferguson Water Works and ordered some parts that are obsolete. The parts that he got were \$750.00, a new hydrant is approx. \$2400.00+. Charron said he put in for four of them.

J. Weagle commented as an FYI – regarding the trailer that burned at Dean Brook; the resident has a new one coming and will be putting a slab down. They might be contacting R. Charron about the water hook up.

The ground is frozen approx. 4' down, where it's been plowed. We are aware of a small leak on Rich St. and we think it's a private lateral. All the back flows were tested last week, it's hard to tell if it's on the outside or the residents. We might be losing 5 gal/minute or less.

Charron said we went down for EJP training last week.

G. Cassidy - Highway

Doing lots of plowing, have used a lot of salt and it's getting hard to find. Cassidy said he is getting some out of Vermont, it delivered last week. Last year at this time we were completely out.

On Rich, Church, Spring and Summer Streets we're having major issues with potholes. We are having a time keeping up with it. We've used approx. 7 ton of cold patch in bags. Last week we removed some of the snow piles that we knew would cause issues when it melts. We cleaned up roadsides last week, there is a lot of ice up to the curbs, we had several complaints. Cassidy said we are trying to keep up with, but we had 2 trucks break down and we're getting worn out! We've been coming in early to get done what we can during regular business hours. Cassidy has been asking people to be patient

Cassidy said he had 16 cord of fire wood delivered and we will start cutting up as we can. When it gets nicer, we will be tackling the pothole issues.

M. Phillips asked if the State DOT has followed through re: Church St.; Cassidy said he hasn't heard from them. Phillips has seen some prices on the tent type shelters for salt / sand storage. We should look at the State's shed as an option also. A. Rossetto commented for a 65' x 60' - \$122,000. Jefferson put theirs up in 2013 at a cost of approx. \$35,000. He spoke with a selectperson about a tear, they plan to repair it; it's been there for approx. 1 year but hasn't gotten any bigger. Rossetto agreed with Phillips that a building might be the better way to go and further discussed size, costs, etc.

M. Phillips asked Cassidy if he could get the dimensions from the State of theirs. There might be \$40,000 in the budget, but it could be more than that. We are working on it!

- b. NCC EOP update services agreement – not to exceed \$4,000. Weagle said most of it should come back through grants.

Motion to sign by: M. Phillips, 2nd by: C. Wheelock, All in Favor 3-0

- c. Expiring terms of appointed positions announcements – 3-year term, expire 3/31/2019. Recreation Commission member; Planning Board member and alternate member, Zoning Board member and alternate member, Conservation Commission member. If anyone is interested in filling one of these positions, submit a letter interest to the Board of Selectmen, 19 Main St., by 3/15/19.

Discussed Section 5a – See below.

- d. Cash Summary – M. Phillips – February, not reconciled. Beginning balance – approx. \$1,300,000; Revenues - \$142,000; expenses - \$521,000; \$95,000 to pay off the ambulance loans; Ending balance -\$1,039,000 to start March with.

4. Applications/Permits and Warrants:

- a. Assessing Officials Response to Abatement Application
 - 1. Un-registered motor home. As of April 1, 2019 – it will be taxed.
Motion to deny by: M. Phillips, 2nd by: C. Wheelock, All in Favor 3-0
- b. Abatement Application (s)
 - 1. GSP Lost Nation LLC; appealing the assessed value of \$3,000,000
Motion to send to the assessors by: M. Phillips
2nd by: C. Wheelock, All in Favor 3-0
- c. Meeting Room Use Application
 - 1. Theresa Michaud – Northern Human Services, for agency activities; 1 day per week. Non-profit – no fee
Motion to approve for 6 months and then review by: C. Wheelock
2nd by: M. Phillips, All in Favor 3-0
- d. Pole License – Public Service / Eversource & Consolidated Comm. – Brown Rd.
Motion to approve by: M. Phillips
2nd by: C. Wheelock, All in Favor 3-0

5. Public Matters To Be Addressed By The Board:

- a. Traffic Flow discussion around high school - L. Perras, D. Bodnar – as resident of Eames St., L. Perras asked the Board to reconsider the (voted on at Town Meeting 2003) possibility of making the street one way – Eames to Park to Pleasant. As Principal of the High School, the 2-way creates a safety issue for students. Most of the students that park on the street are fairly inexperienced drivers. We are trying to get buses through, there's traffic travelling in the opposite direction, and the students have to cross the street. There is a lot of congestion, it's scary. She hopes the Board will consider the possibility of making it a one-way traffic flow. She feels it will be more effective for pickup/drop off. She would like to work with the Chief to have a designated area behind the bus drop off area for parking specifically for pick up / drop off.

C. Wheelock said to eliminate the pickup/drop off in front of the school we would need to get the State involved. Perras feels the one-way would alleviate a lot of the congestion, it would eliminate all of the confusion – it's a tight and congested area. It's an issue even when there isn't any snow as well. It could be an inconvenience for those on North Avenue. R. Charron and G. Cassidy are both in favor of it. Delivery trucks should be able to make corners.

Wheelock commented there will be some inconveniences, but he is in favor of it. He suggested waiting until the snow is gone but change it before school gets out, so the students and teachers could get used to the one-way flow before coming back in the fall. Cars would park on the left going up Eames St.

Wheelock would like to work with the State to resign the area in front of the school. Right now, it says no parking, so if someone is dropping off – they aren't

in violation. Wheelock asked Cassady about working with the State for signage from in front of Mrs. Emerson's house and the old store to make it 3-hour parking, only. G. Cassady said he thought there was an ordinance and were signs posted (at one time) in that area for 2-hour parking, but there was a lot of controversy about it. He is in favor of it. Cassady mentioned that there is a space over by the snack shack that is kept plowed for parking during the winter months.

It was originally a petitioned warrant article that was voted in at Town Meeting (2003), the Select Board at that time over ruled it.

Motion to make Eames St. to Park St. to Pleasant St. a one-way street tentatively for May 1, 2019 by: C. Wheelock
2nd by: M. Phillips, All in Favor 3-0

- b. Planning Board Meeting - Wednesday, March 6, 2019 - 7:00 pm
- Town Elections - Tuesday, March 12th - 10 Station Sq. - 11:00 am-7:00 pm
- Town Meeting - Saturday, March 16th - HS gym, 10:00 am
- Conservation Commission - Wednesday, March 20th - 10 Station Sq. - 7:00 pm
- Precinct meeting - March 5, 2019

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

Motion to go into Non-Public by: M. Phillips
2nd by: C. Wheelock, All in Favor 3-0

Into Non-Public session at 6:36 pm

Motion to adjourn the Non-Public session by: M. Phillips
2nd by: C. Wheelock, All in Favor 3-0

The Non-Public session adjourned at 6:48 pm.

Into Regular session at 6:48 pm.

- a. During Non-Public session the Board discussed Personnel matters.
- b. C. Wheelock discussed an email inviting him to a GREAT meeting on 3/5.

7. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn by: M. Phillips
2nd by: C. Wheelock, All in Favor 3-0

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.

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