

**State of New Hampshire  
Town of Northumberland**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Northumberland, Coos County and State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Northumberland Town Office, Selectmen's Meeting Room, 10 Station Square on the second Tuesday in March next, March 11th, 2014, to act upon the subjects hereinafter mentioned. You are hereby warned that on said date and at said place the polls will be opened at **8:00** in the forenoon and will remain open until **7:00** in the evening for the reception of your ballots under the Non-Partisan Ballot System. You are also hereby warned that on Saturday, March 15, 2014 and at the Groveton High School Ryan's Auditorium in said Town, at **11:00** in the forenoon, the matter of appropriations and such other business properly coming before said meeting will be taken up for your consideration and action.

The Annual Town Election for the Town of Northumberland and the Northumberland School District and also the Special General Election for the State of New Hampshire was declared opened at 8:00 AM, Tuesday March 11, 2014 to act upon the subjects hereinafter mentioned. The polls were declared open for the reception of ballots. Moderator Young also announced that the absentee ballots would be processed at 1:00 PM. At 7:00 PM Moderator Young announced that the polls were closed.

Moderator Young opened the business meeting at 11:00 AM Saturday, March 15, 2014 by leading residents with the Pledge of Allegiance. Moderator Young announced the results of the ballot vote as:

**294 Election Day Ballots**  
**25 Absentee Ballots cast**  
**319 Total Ballots cast**

\*Article 1: To choose by ballot the following Town Officers for the ensuing three years: one Selectman, Library Trustee, Trustee of Trust Funds, Cemetery Trustee, Town Clerk & Tax Collector, and Treasurer.

**Results:**

**Selectman: James Tierney 268**  
**Library Trustee: Nancy Merrow 225, Michael Morris 71**  
**Trustee of Trust Funds: Deborah Weeks 284**  
**Cemetery Trustee: Terri Charron 289**  
**Town Clerk & Tax Collector: Melinda "Min" Kennett 289**  
**Treasurer: Melody Barney 300**

\*Article 2: To choose by ballot the following Town Officers for the ensuing one year: one Selectman, and Auditor.

**Results:**

**Selectman: Michael Phillips 184, Mario Audit 119**  
**Auditor: Kimberly DeBlois 295**

\*Article 3: To choose by ballot the following Town Officer for the ensuing six years: one Supervisor of the Checklist.

**Results:**

**Supervisor of the Checklist: Nicole McMann 291**

\*Article 4: To choose by ballot the following Town Officer for the ensuing two years: one Moderator.

**Results:**

**Moderator: Keith Young 298**

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$344,471.00 dollars for the purpose of operating and maintaining the water department. Said funds to be offset by the water user fees. Any shortfalls in the water user fees will be made up from the accumulated surplus in the "regular water account". (Recommended by Selectmen 3-0)

*Motion made by James Weagle and seconded by James Tierney to accept article as read. No discussion. Hand held card vote. Article 5 passed as read.*

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$393,525.00 dollars for the purpose of operating and maintaining the sewer department. Said funds to be offset by the sewer user fees. Any shortfalls in the sewer user fees will be made up from the accumulated surplus in the "regular sewer account". (Recommended by Selectmen 3-0)

*Motion made by James Weagle and seconded by Michael Phillips to accept article as read. No discussion. Hand held card vote. Article 6 passed as read.*

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,958,701.00 dollars which represents the operating budget of the Town, said sum exclusive of special or individual articles addressed. (Recommended by Selectmen 3-0)

*Motion made by James Weagle and seconded by James Tierney to accept article as read. Discussion: James Tierney told the voters that this was \$72,500 higher than last year due to a hike in insurance and retirement due to a math error from the previous year otherwise it was a flat budget. No further discussion. Hand held card vote. Article 7 passed as read.*

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$11,000 for painting and other external stabilization repairs of the Old 1799 Meeting House located on Route 3 south in Northumberland, with \$10,000 to come from a grant being applied for and tile remaining \$1000 coming from taxation. If the grant is not received, the money will not be raised and appropriated. (Recommended by Selectmen 3-0)

*Motion made by James Weagle and seconded by James Tierney to accept article as read. Discussion: James Weagle stated to the voters that the grant had been received so they were only asking for \$1000. No further discussion. Hand held card vote. Article 8 passed as read.*

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 dollars to be placed in the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund, of which Board of Selectmen are agents to expend, established 2001. (Recommended by Selectmen 3-0)

*Motion made by James Weagle and seconded by Michael Phillips to accept article as read. Discussion: Uldric Bernard asked how much was in the fund. Michael Phillips answered that there is \$12,850.00. Phillips added that they put the cruiser on a rotation on a 3 year cycle and that the Warrant Article as a whole was deliberately kept \$35,000 less than last*

*year to talk about the truck. He added that this was a flat plan. Norman Cotter asked the Selectboard if there would be a new cruiser next year. Chief Marcel Platt answered that there would be a new cruiser next year. No further discussion. Hand held card vote. Article 9 passed as read.*

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to enter into a contract with Normandeau Trucking, Inc. for the purpose of solid waste transportation from the Town Transfer Station. The contract is for 2 years, beginning with Town Meeting 2014 and ending with Town Meeting 2016. The cost of the contract is as follows:

Year 1 \$25,000 estimate (already included in the operating budget)

Year 2 \$25,000 estimate

(Recommended by Selectmen 3-0)

*Motion made by James Tierney and seconded by Michael Phillips to accept article as read. Discussion: James Tierney told the voters that the only reason there is the word "estimate" in this is because he had no idea how much trash was going to be thrown out and how much would need to be transported. Norman Cotter asked if there were any other bids. James Tierney answered that this bid from Normandeau was the only bid received. Amanda King asked the board if this was a high estimate. Tierney answered that this was an estimate based on the historical amount plus \$5000 over last year due to the hike in gasoline. Paula Colebank asked if there was anything more on the "pay as you throw". James Tierney answered that there was a committee working on that but nothing to vote on this year. He added that the transfer committee would be coming up with something this year and it would go to a warrant article and voted on next year. No further discussion. Hand held card vote. Article 10 passed as read.*

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Northumberland/Groveton RBEG Relief Fund, established in 2008. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the Town's fund balance. (Recommended by Selectmen 3-0)

*Motion made by James Tierney and seconded by Michael Phillips to accept article as read. Discussion: James Tierney said that this money came to the town in 1988 and was leftover from the Housing Authority of \$29,090. He added that DRA and the accountants said that the town should re purpose it to the General Fund for another use because it has just sat there for 30 years. John King asked if there was a projected use. James Tierney answered that it would be part of the next article. No further discussion. Hand held card vote. Article 11 passed as read.*

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$73,949 dollars to be placed in the Municipal Office Building Capital Reserve Fund, of which Board of Selectmen are agents to expend, established 2010, said funds to come from fund balance. No amount to come from taxation. (Recommended by Selectmen 3-0)

*Motion by James Tierney and seconded by Michael Phillips to accept article as read. Discussion: James Tierney informed the voters that the \$29,090 from the last article plus a \$30,000 refund from the health insurance settlement and a third payment from Green Steel of \$34,000 will all go here. Uldric Bernard asked when would the town office be moving. Tierney responded that he had hoped it would be this year but is hoping by fall. He said the*

*the drawings done were put out to an engineer and should have an answer this year. Tierney added that we should have about \$125,000 left over and we would need to find a contractor to work within that budget and we'd talk about that in the next article. Paul Bouchard asked if there was a contract on the present town office building. James Tierney answered that there was a month to month plan. Rae Hurlblutt asked if the police department would be moving there as well. James Tierney responded that the police department would be staying right where it is for now. No further discussion. Hand held card vote. Article 12 passed as read.*

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$143,000 for the purpose of renovating the former Groveton Paperboard building for the new town office building. This option will only be used if the Town can not hire a contractor to do the proposed work as planned in the grant/loan that was received last year and voted on at Town Meeting 2013. Said funds will come from the Municipal Office Building Fund, and no funds win come from taxation. (Recommended by Selectmen 3-0)

*Motion made by James Weagle and seconded by Michael Phillips to accept article as read. Discussion: Michael Phillips said that last year we had planned on being in the building by now and we are not. He said that the architect, USDA Funding and such were a mistake and that they had learned a big lesson. He explained that USDA had many standards to meet and now wants to hire someone else for \$60,000 more. Phillips added it made practical sense as a contractor himself not to even touch it. He added that this article was a plan b, one of common sense. Phillips said that there was a lot of good in the building and he wants to finally have our own town office building. He said that last year that there were plans in phases and that this was plan b and still a good plan. John King asked if this \$143,000 was in addition to the \$124,000. Phillips answered that it was the sum of what we have. Alphonse Beland said that he felt it would be best to let the building be a taxable building and to walk away from the mistake. Phillips responded that we did spend money on an architect which USDA required. Phillips said that the building had a lot of integrity and would be utilized basically on the first floor. He added that Whitefield was building a new one floor town office and that we are making this article from using yankee common sense. Phillips said that whatever we get or do it will not exceed what we are paying now. Robin Irving said that she had been actively involved in the grant application process and added that the USDA process is cumbersome and bureaucratic. She said that it was a learning experience. Robin said that it takes a lot longer than what they had thought it would take. She added that the anticipation was that we would be moved by now and many things happened. She said that USDA added another layer after the shut down last fall. She said that the Federal Government is not only to blame because some of it came from our end, which we owned. Ms. Irving said that bid ads went out last Friday and the architect would be negotiating with contractors who bid and then those would go to the Selectboard. She said that she is in favor of an alternative but the Board of Selectmen has the power to deny. She added that every funding agency gets to choose whom to fund and if we deny it we'd be jeopardizing any further funding. Alphonse Beland said that if you put money in an old building it's still an old building. Amanda King asked if we would be saving money in the long run. Michael Phillips said that this project would be less than a ¼ of a million and maybe for \$50-60 thousand less. He said that he had a degree in civil engineering and can think like they do and understands it. Phillips added that there was no budget for phase 2 because he doesn't want it to be any more than what we are paying now and to answer Amanda King he said that we are saving money and he added that he wanted to keep it*

*below what we are paying now. Harriet Sanborn said that we already have a building that we own and cannot afford to buy a new one. She asked the selectboard if this building was safe. Phillips answered that it was safe but the architect wants dimensions smaller per person. He added that we would need space for a meeting, but the office greets a few every day. Harriet asked if this building was handicapped accessible. Phillips answered that it was and we would work to make that even better. Mrs. Sanborn said that this would be a good move for us. No further discussion. Hand held card vote. Article 13 passed as read.*

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 dollars to be placed in the Equipment Capital Reserve Fund, of which Board of Selectmen are agents to expend, established 1982. (Recommended by Selectmen 3-0)

*Motion made by James Weagle and seconded by James Tierney to accept article as read. Discussion: Michael Phillips explained that this was part of the process of keeping an inventory of the town equipment to foresee what is needed as years go by. He added that there was \$64,000 in the fund now and adding \$25,000 to it will work with the flow of equipment. Phillips said that for the town to deliver they needed dependable equipment. He also mentioned that Randy Potters maintenance skills were a great asset to the town and has really helped but in looking ahead the loader and back hoe are showing signs of age and ware so that this money is being put in to meet the needs over the next few years. No further discussion. Hand held card vote. Article 14 passed as read.*

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 dollars to be placed in the Water Pump Capital Reserve Fund, established 2011, of which Board of Selectmen are agents to expend. (Recommended by Selectmen 3-0)

*Motion made by Michael Phillips and seconded by James Weagle to accept article as read. No discussion. Hand held card vote. Article 15 passed as read.*

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 dollars to be placed in the Sludge Removal Expendable Trust Fund, established 2011, of which Board of Selectmen are agents to expend. (Recommended by Selectmen 3-0)

*Motion made by James Tierney and seconded by James Weagle to accept article as read. No discussion. Hand held card vote. Article 16 passed as read.*

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,000 dollars to be placed in the Road Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund, of which Board of Selectmen are agents to expend. (established 2009). (Recommended by Selectmen 3-0)

*Motion made by Michael Phillips and seconded by James Tierney to accept article as read. Discussion: Michael Phillips told the voters that for a long time paving wasn't happening and a goal was set of \$100,000 a year. He added that many of our streets need water and sewer service as well so they are trying to do the few streets that do not need water and sewer service so that this is spent intelligently. Phillips said that they are looking at roads on a 10-12 year plan and what needs water pipe work. Nancy Merrow asked if we were going for a federal grant and if it would affect this. Michael Phillips answered that this was a USDA funded grant and that there are other sources as well. He added that whether a*

*bureaucracy could rule against the town is spirited. Paul Bouchard asked how much was in this fund. Michael Phillips answered that this money was spent each year and the \$5.00 fee on registrations gives it a little more flexibility. He added that money from the Brooklyn St. project came over to this because they decided only to put in a temporary wooden bridge. Phillips said that in 2013 the post office parking lot was paved as was Wemyss Drive, Dean Brook Village, and York Street. He said that all of this could be found on page 63 of the town report. No further discussion. Hand held card vote. Article 17 passed as read.*

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,610 to be placed into the Transfer Station Equipment Capital Reserve Fund, of which Board of Selectmen are agents to expend, (established 2009), with \$3,610 to come from fund balance (of which \$3,610 is from 2012 steel sale proceeds). No amount to be raised in taxation. (Recommended by Selectmen 3-0)

*Motion made by James Tierney and seconded by Michael Phillips to pass article as read. No discussion. Hand held card vote. Article 18 passed as read.*

Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$42,849 dollars, to fund the following charitable organizations at the amounts shown:

Groveton Senior Meals \$15,000  
Child Advocacy Center of Coos County \$ 2438  
Northwoods Home Health & Hospice \$12,759  
Northern Human Services \$ 3,100  
Caleb Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers \$ 2,000  
Tri-County Community Action \$ 4,225  
Northern Gateway Regional Chamber of Commerce \$ 1,219  
CASA of New Hampshire \$ 500  
American Red Cross -NH Region \$ 1,108  
Center for New Beginnings \$ 500  
(Recommended by Selectmen 3-0)

*Motion made by James Weagle and seconded by James Tierney to accept article as read. Discussion: John Jaworowski thanked everyone for their support. He added that Brian Bresnahan and Barry Normandeau helped with getting the cell tower put in. He added that on page 80 of the town report there is a picture of the kiosk in Twin Mountain. He said that this was a \$30,000 info center and will be put here in town down by the covered bridge at no cost to the town. Jaworowski added that he is working very hard with local businesses to bring back the town. Uldric Bernard asked if the Center for New Beginnings was something new and did all of these people ask the town for donations. James Tierney answered that the Center for New Beginnings was in the town report last year and answered that the requests from all had come to the town office. Paula Colebank said that all of the elderly services were used and thanked everyone for supporting this. Marie Hughes said that she volunteered for CASA and this money went for training and such. Chief Marcel Platt said that he used the Child Advocacy Center for cases in town. He added that there were 14 cases last year and currently the police department was working with them and supports it. Tahnya Cloutier said that this was a worthy cause and worth it for these people. Dan Becker said that he didn't know where the request from New Beginnings was in the town report. Becky Craggy said that she had a copy of the letter. She had Keith Young read the*

*request letter to the voters. Peter Riviera said that Caleb Caregivers appreciate the support and that there were 31 clients from Groveton. He said this fund helps senior citizens stay in their home. No further discussion. Hand held card vote. Article 19 passed as read.*

Article 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,970 for the Tri-County CAP, Inc, North Country Elder Program in support of the Seniors Meals Program home delivery (Inserted by petition of voters) (Recommended by Selectmen 3-0)

*Motion made by James Weagle and seconded by Michael Phillips to accept article as read. Discussion: Amanda King asked if this was from the tri county warrant above. Kathy Wiles answered that the other article was form fuel assistance in the Lancaster office and that this article was for senior meals specifically. No further discussion. Hand held card vote. Article 20 passed as read.*

Article 21: To see if the Town will vote to enter into a lease/purchase contract for the purpose of obtaining a T440 Type truck, equipped with a 10 ft dump body, plow, wing, slide in spreader, hydraulics and all controls necessary to operate, for the highway department. The contract is for 5 years. The approximate cost of the truck is \$166,693. The contract contains an "escape clause" which serves to allow the Town to avoid the terms and conditions of said contract in the event that the Town Meeting rejects any annual appropriation for this purpose.

2014 \$35,502

2015 \$35,502

2016 \$35,502

2017 \$35,502

2018 \$35,502

Additionally, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$35,502 as the 2014 payment under this lease/ purchase contract. (Recommended by Selectmen 3-0)

*Motion made by Michael Phillips and seconded by James Tierney to accept article as read. Discussion: Larry Gray said that he thought that this sounded like a lot of money for this truck. He added that he was in favor of a new truck but also feels that the town can do a lot better if we shopped around. Michael Phillips answered that they had looked at 5 different makes of trucks and that this came with everything. Phillips said that he understood what he was saying and read the breakdown of what this included based on a 2014 KW T440. He said that it was \$98,000 for the truck and the rest was the additional things that would make it ready for what the town needed it for. Phillips read Randy Potters review of the old tuck and it is worn out. He said currently the old truck is appraised at \$3500 and needs to be replaced. Paul Bouchard asked if KW meant Kenworth and added that International makes a truck for a lot cheaper price and we didn't need a high class truck. Randy Potter answered that there was a \$2400 difference and comparable. He added that Western Star was the most expensive and that this truck was very well priced, great warranty, awesome dealership and people to work with. James Tierney said that we are not locked into this truck but were are locking into the specs and cost, so others could still be an option. He said that we can substitute still. Denise Normand asked how old the other truck was. Michael Phillips said that the old truck is 14 years old. Uldric Bernard asked who paid for the changed and documentations on wheels for the water department. Randy Potter answered that the wheels on the new truck were \$40 more a piece and well worth the extra investment. Uldric Bernard if we had a sales agreement and if we over expend our budget*

*on those wheels. Randy Potter said that the wheels were within the budget. No further discussion. Hand held card vote. Article 21 passed as read.*

Article 22: To see if the Town will vote to enter into a contract with Commerford, Nieder and Perkins, LLC for assessing services. The contract is for 5 years, beginning with Town Meeting 2014 and ending with Town meeting 2019. The cost of the contract is as follows:

Year 1 \$13,500 (already included in the operating budget)

Year 2 \$14,500

Year 3 \$15,500

Year 4 \$16,500

Year 5 \$39,200

(Recommended by Selectmen 3-0)

*Motion made by James Tierney and seconded by James Weagle to accept article as read.*

*Discussion: James Tierney said that they did not put this out for bid because we had them for the last 5 years and this price was \$50,000 cheaper than it was a year ago. Tierney added that these people had gotten to know us and now have documentations in order for the town. He added that last year there were only 7 abatement requests which mostly was utility who is not even assessed by this company. Mary Foster asked what this company did for the town. James Tierney said the first 4 years they work on keeping properties updated and the 5<sup>th</sup> year do the complete assessment. He added that they keep our building permits and such adjusted accordingly. Mary Foster asked if we were just assessed last year. Tierney answered that the law states that we need to be done very 5 tears and that each year they will do a part of everyone's house until 2018 and keep up on land changes. No further discussion. Hand held card vote. Article 22 passed as read.*

Article 23: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 for the purpose of asset management of the water/sewer department. Said funds to come from a \$15,000 grant and the remaining \$15,000 to come from fund balance. (Recommended by Selectmen 3-0)

*Motion made by James Weagle and seconded James Tierney to accept article as read.*

*Discussion: James Tierney said that the town had gotten the \$15,000 grant. Tracy Morrill asked what the money was for. James Tierney answered that it was assets of the water and sewer department buildings and what is underground. No further discussion. Hand held card vote. Article 23 passed as read.*

Article 24: To see if the Town will vote to establish an Expendable Trust Fund (ETF) under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a for the purpose of maintenance/replacement of Town water tanks. Additionally, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,116 to be placed into the aforementioned ETF, said funds to come from fund balance. Furthermore to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend. (Recommended by Selectmen 3-0)

*Motion made by James Tierney and seconded by Michael Phillips to accept article as read. No discussion. Hand held card vote. Article 24 passed as read.*

Article 25: To see if the Town of Northumberland will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00 (Twenty five hundred dollars) to support North Country Transit's Senior Transportation. (Inserted by petition of voters) (Recommended by Selectmen 3-0)

*Motion made by James Weagle and seconded by Michael Phillips to accept article as read. Discussion: Paul Bouchard said that he was an employee and borderline volunteer for this and that it was a very good service for this area. He added that this transit takes people where they want to go. Paula Colebank added that the hospital volunteers get their transportation from this service and it was very much appreciated. No further discussion. Hand held card vote. Article 25 passed as read.*

Article 26: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500 dollars for the purpose of supporting the Groveton Chem-Free Graduation Fund. These funds to be used to promote alcohol and drug free youth by sponsoring a chemical-free graduation celebration. (Inserted by petition of voters) (Recommended by Selectmen 3-0)

*Motion made by James Weagle and seconded by James Tierney to accept article as read. No discussion. Hand held card vote. Article 26 passed as read.*

Article 27: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500 dollars for the Groveton Cal Ripken Baseball program, to be used to cover accident and liability insurance, tournaments and registration fees. (Inserted by petition of voters) (Recommended by Selectmen 3-0)

*Motion made by James Tierney and seconded by James Weagle to accept article as read. Discussion: Nancy Merrow asked if any of the petitioners were there to address this article and how many kids that it served. Angie Simino answered that in the past it helped to cover the liability insurance and that it served at least 100 kids. Angie added that there were all volunteers running the program and that they just had the sign ups for it. No further discussion. Hand held card vote. Article 27 passed as read.*

Article 28: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500 dollars for the Groveton Community Christmas Organization. (Recommended by Selectmen 3-0)

*Motion made by James Weagle and seconded by James Tierney to accept article as read. Discussion: Uldric Bernard asked about PSNH not allowing us to hook up to the polls anymore. James Weagle said that they are not letting us due to more wiring on their polls. Paula Colebank said that it looked very nice when someone pulls into town. No further discussion. Hand held card vote. Article 28 passed as read.*

Article 29: To see if the Town will vote for the complete discontinuance of the Old Route 3, from Tax Map 227 Lot 27 to Tax Map 229 Lot 52, which encompasses all of Old Route 3 east of the Connecticut River and south-southeast of the Ammonoosuc River. (Recommended by Selectmen 3-0)

*Motion made by James Tierney and seconded by James Weagle to accept article as read. Discussion: James Tierney said this was an article from last year with changed verbiage. He added that if this one went through then the next article would be passed over. He explained that this was a right-of-way that went across the old Potter farm lawn and we are just removing it. Uldric Bernard said that this was written out better but wanted to know where Lot 26 was. James Tierney answered that 26 was not before the 27 on the tax map, but included all that is there. Uldric Bernard asked if the tax value would change. James*

*Tierney said that it would change for one person. No further discussion. Hand held card vote. Article 29 passed as read.*

Article 30: To discontinue the right-of-way of Old Route 3 over Tax Map 227, Lot 26. (Inserted by petition of voters)

*Motion made by James Tierney and seconded by James Weagle to pass over Article 30. Hand held card vote. Article 30 is passed over.*

Article 31: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,200 dollars for the purpose of paying for 50% of the cost of perambulation of the Town boundary with Lancaster. This sum to come from the town's Forest Maintenance Fund. (Recommended by Selectmen 3-0)

*Motion made by James Tierney and seconded by James Weagle to accept article as read. Discussion: James Tierney said that his was for someone to physically walk the boundary every 7 years as required. He added that 1990 was the last year that it was completed and Lancaster had put it in their budget. Tierney said that the walk was approximately 7.6 miles and we have to hire someone to do it. Amanda King said for \$6,400 she'd volunteer. James Tierney answered that it was not as easy as she thought. He said that you have to walk and clear the boundary which is up and over. He added that folks did this for a living and also they have to paint the trees on the boundary. Kathy Wiles asked who would be doing it. James Tierney said that it would go up for bid and the last time it was done James Andritz did it. Kathy Wiles asked if it needed to be a surveyor. Elaine Gray answered that it needed to be a forester. No further discussion. Hand held card vote. Article 31 passed as read.*

Article 32: To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to appoint all other officers as required by law.

*Motion made by Michael Phillips and seconded by James Tierney to accept article as read. No discussion. Hand held card vote. Article 32 passed as read.*

Article 33 To hear reports of agents, auditors, committees or other officers heretofore chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.

*Motion made by James Tierney and seconded by Michael Phillips to accept article as read. No discussion. Hand held card vote. Article 33 passed as read.*

Article 34: To transact any other business that may be legally brought before said meeting.

*Motion made by James Tierney and seconded by James Weagle to accept article as read. Discussion: Moderator Young asked everyone to return their cards to the Supervisors of the Checklist as they left the meeting. No further discussion. Hand held card vote. Article 34 passed as read.*

*Motion made by Moderator Keith Young and seconded by James Weagle to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously by hand held card vote.*

***Meeting was adjourned at 12:25 PM by Moderator Keith Young on 3/15/2014.***

\*Articles 1-4 were printed on the official ballot.

**Northumberland School Election Results:**

**Moderator-1 year- Keith Young (write-in) 54**

**Clerk-1 year- Kathy Wiles 288**

**Board of Education-(2) 3-year terms-**

**William Everleth 173**

**David Hurlbutt 173**

**Glenn Cassady 165**

**Treasurer-1year- Melody Barney 301**

**NH Special State Election Results:**

**Joseph D. Kenney 177**

**Michael J. Cryans 123**

Respectfully submitted,

Melinda "Min" Marshall Kennett  
Town Clerk  
Town of Northumberland

