

**Town of Northumberland**

**Board of Selectmen**

**Draft Meeting Minutes**

**Date: Monday, June 1, 2020**

**Place: Town Meeting Room – 10 Station Square**

**Time: 6:00 P.M.**

**\*Business meetings will adhere to Executive Emergency Orders #16 and #26 No more than 10 total people will be allowed in the meeting room at any point during the meeting and those attending must practice social distancing\***

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

**Others Present:** Robin Irving, Min Kennett, Reginald Charron, Mike Stanley, Dave Brooks, Glenn Cassady

**1. Chairman opens the meeting:** Chris opens meeting at 6pm.

**2. Acceptance of Minutes:** Jim makes motion to accept minutes, Michael seconds

**3. Selectmen Business:**

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

Glenn reports that the street sweeper and grader have come. They have been striking (?) roads for 5 days and have 2 more days of it. Dirt roads have been graded and chloride put on them. A day spent at the Tennis courts cleaning, prepping the big ball field for graduation. Cleaning the shop and moving material in preparation for the new salt shed construction.

Michael asks if the bids for cement work went out.

Glenn asked Becky if they had, Becky said she was still waiting for an OK to send out. Selectmen agree it is OK and Robin to let Becky know ok to send out for bid.

Glenn made contact with Central Paving and they wanted to know if there was paving to be done. Paving to continue on Spring, Summer and O'Dell streets. Glenn to have the numbers to continue paving for West street and the cafeteria side of Pleasant. Tar to be removed, basins checked and do sidewalks and Crossover street paving.

Chris asks if with the paving on Pleasant an extra foot of sidewalk be made to make it easier to plow with the sidewalk plow. Glenn to check with residents and with Eversource about moving poles. Michael says money will be coming in with the first issue taxes.

Glenn asks if ok to demo where the camper was.

Chris: we gave opportunity to remove items from the camper before getting rid of it. Michael and Jim ok with the demo.

Glenn reports that there are 4 more hydrants and a curb on Summer street to do.

Conversation regarding the work on the ball field getting it ready for graduation and to get the field ready for fall soccer.

Robin brings up that a pole was damaged by wind and removed from the Town account which would cause an early termination fee from Constellation.

Eversource removed the meter without notifying the town.

Glenn, Robin and Chris continue to discuss the meter that may go onto the Rec building and not onto a pole. Discussion on the Snack Shack being in bad condition and a proposed second story being built for equipment storage and the cooking area downtown. Robin again brings up that it causes a big mess when utility changes are made. More discussion on the new meter and pole, Chris wants to be sure that there is power on Min's side for town use.

Reggie reports that work is being done flushing hydrants, digging valve boxes on Summer street. That the cemeteries have water on meters to watch the usage, so far the numbers are good. If the pool reopens then those may change.

Chris: The pool is considered a day camp and will open on June 22 and Robin says a request for PPE is in and should be able to be picked up soon.

Glenn reports that Keith and Winston are working on meter changes in pits and that 3 more cases of meters have been ordered. DES is coming to introduce a new representative.

Discussion on the flushing of the culvert behind Wilson's. As soon as done it was plugged up again. Town has right of way to culvert, a letter should be sent to Wilson. There is a question of who doing, but suspected, as that person was the only one to complain. Town's money is being wasted, would like to get it dug out and ripped. Robin asks if there is any legal involvement. Reggie says it is designated a wet lands and that there is a concern that the high water may breach a sewage line and that would be a major issue. Discussion of surprise that the State did not step in.

b. Manufacturing facility proposal – old mill site

Mike Stanley of Transit X explains a project of a low gauge rail way system that could be implemented in Groveton for manufacturing purposes. Extensive discussion by the Board and Stanley on right of ways that would be needed, probability of the project, manufacturing jobs, etc. Select Board positive if feasible. Right of way area needed would be an 8'x5' box corridor, 14' above ground. More detail on Transit X website.

c. 2020 Horizons Engineering Groundwater Sampling Agreements for landfill and wastewater facilities.

Jim makes motion for Chairman to sign, Michael seconds, all in favor, 3-0.

d. Request to use the big ball field for fireworks at graduation.

Jim makes motion to accept the High School using the big ball field for fireworks at graduation, Michael seconds, all in favor, 3-0.

- e. GOFERR Grant agreement signed and first reimbursement request submitted – the Town of Northumberland authorized for up to \$53,000 in grant money. The Selectmen already accepted \$1,502.18 for the first request.
- f. Cash Summary.  
Michael reports the May cash summary. Beginning balance was \$856,000, the revenue received was \$281,000, part of which was a \$56,000 grant. There were \$350,000 in expenses which left a balance of \$785,000. We're in good shape.

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

- a. Dog Warrant – makes unlicensed dogs illegal. Jim makes motion to sign, Michael seconds, all in favor, 3-0.
- b. Supplemental Warrant – Lyon – Lost Nation Road – Town property sold.  
\$514. Jim makes motion to sign, Michael seconds, all in favor, 3-0.
- c. Non-Resident Transfer Station Permit Application  
Cynthia Daly - \$30 pd for two vehicles. Jim makes motion to approve, Michael seconds, all in favor, 3-0.
- d. Racetrack – Chris brings up Governor says pits can operate but not fan seating.

Mike Humphrey called about other race tracks allowing people to go in thru pits. Each team up to 10 people. Mike wants to operate in some capacity. Spectators to go thru pits. Pit people charged \$30. People entering thru pit \$12. Much discussion about the operation of the track during this time. Mike would like a letter of support from Town, much discussion about how to address. Wording in the letter to say the Selectmen support all businesses who abide by the Governor's rules for Covid-19. Michael makes motion to write letter of support for all local businesses who follow the Governor's rules for Covid-19. Jim seconds, all in favor, 3-0.

#### **5. Public Matters To Be Addressed By The Board:**

- a. Groveton Precinct Commissioners Meeting June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020
- b. Voter Notice – checklist update June 2 at 7-7:30pm
- c. Fireworks for graduation to be held on June 12, 8:45pm - 9pm

#### **6. Non-Public Session: (Pursuant to RSA'S 91-A:3,II (c):**

- 7. Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn at 7pm by Chris, second by Jim, all in favor, 3-0.

Next meeting, June 15, 2020

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Kathan  
Select Board Minute Taker

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

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Chris Wheelock  
Northumberland Select Board Chairman

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Jim Weagle  
Northumberland Select Board Member

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Michael Phillips  
Northumberland Select Board Member

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