

Town of Northumberland

Board of Selectmen

Meeting Notice with Proposed Agenda

Date: Monday, March 2, 2020

Place: Town Meeting Room – 10 Station Square

Time: 6:00 P.M.

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Selectmen present: Chris Wheelock, Board Chair, Jim Weagle, Michael Phillips

Others present: Tim Emperor, Jane Emperor, Norm Cotter, Al Rossetto, George Kenison, Nancy Merrow, Reginald Charron, recorder.

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

2. Acceptance of Minutes: Chris asks for a motion to accept minutes. Jim makes motion, Michael seconds, all in favor, 3-0.

3. Selectmen Business:

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

Chris informs that Glenn has the flu but generally they have been removing snow for the last couple of weeks, but no breakdown.

Email from Becky regarding the bids on the old 2007 truck.

Michael asks if it is advertised in the newspaper.

Chris: No.

Discussion on asking price, Randy recommended \$10,000.

Someone from the audience asks why it did not get traded in. Jim explains that the dealer did not want the truck as a trade in and would have given us a very low offer.

Michael and Chris decide to advertise at minimum bid of \$10,000 and extend the date to March 13.

Reggie gives report. Last week the Winter Street water tank had a problem with the old transducer. Has to be sent out and rebuilt as it is outdated and discontinued. Really need the new system. During the storm when the power went out there was no power for water/sewer but we have backup generation. There is another treatment plant violation because the concentration is so high. Lost 2 pumps from freezing. Lost all when the power went out. New ones would fire up once a week, the old ones get fired up every 2 to 3 months. Good news is that the water usage is staying at a low level, 80,000 to 90,000 gallons per month, not a fluke.

Nancy Merrow?? in audience says she noticed a Mason plow truck and wanted to know if they were working for us.

Chris: No, they are contracted by the State.

b. Review/discussion/vote of updates to Assistance Application

Chris discusses the review of the rent assistance program. The rate is currently up to \$125 per week for a 1 bedroom and \$137.50 for a 2

bedroom. Because the market has increased so the rates need to increase. The new rates will be \$137.50 for 1 bedroom and \$162.50 for 2 bedrooms. Jim makes motion to accept, Michael seconds, all in favor, 3-0.

c. Tim Emperor - Trail proposal

The Groveton Trail Blazers would like to put in snow ramps in the same area as planned pending Reggie's concerns. DES needs land owner permission, and the Town is the land owner. Jim makes motion for Chris to sign the grant for permission, Michael seconds, all in favor, 3-0.

Discussion continues with the inventory of Town equipment.

Chris: Michael and Randy are working on this.

Michael: There is a 10 wheel Freightliner dump that will need to be replaced in 2022 unless we choose to extend its life by sand blasting, replacing wheels and painting. The 1997 mower will be replaced with capital reserve money. The 2012 pickup truck potentially will be replaced around 2024. One of two ambulances will need to be replaced next year and one police cruiser next year as well.

Norm Cotter?? Asks if we don't have a 24 hour Police Department then the cruiser should not need replacement. The cruiser is a 2015.

Jim: We did replace cruisers every three years but changed it to every 5 years.

Norm Cotter??? How many ambulances do we have?

Chris: Three and we are looking at the viability of maintaining three ambulances.

d. Review/discussion/decision of Normandeu Trucking Service Agreement

Chris discusses the changes in rates for containers going to Mt. Carberry. In 2018 and 2019 the rate was \$2.48, in 2019 and 2020 it was \$2.55. New tipping fees will be for 2020 and 2021 at \$2.65 and 2021 and 2022 will raise to \$2.73. Double hauls were \$4.59 now \$5.96 and \$99/hour for freeze ins after 45 minutes on the lift. These price hikes are due to fuel charges.

Michael and Chris discuss whether the use of Normandeu has gone down. It seems that it has about \$4,000, less than 2018 and the recycling and dump permits have helped. Some further discussion on bids from different rubbish removal haulers.

Al wants to know if the Selectmen would like the numbers for Northumberland, they would.

George Kenison???? Asks if Primo America is making fuel yet.

Chris: No they have been having meetings with Annie Kuster and others. They will not be in production until the new system is installed, dry for them, wet for us.

Jim makes motion to sign the bid from Normandeu, Michael seconds, all in favor, 3-0.

4. Applications/Permits and Warrants:

a. Non-Resident Transfer Station Permit Applications

Non-resident renewals for Lisa Shaffin, Ricky Deberge, Red Dam Conservatory (Tom Wemyss), Robert Chapman, Newton Revocable Trust,

Marcy Francesca. All fees have been paid Jim makes motion to renew permits, Michael seconds, all in favor, 3-0.

5. Public Matters To Be Addressed By The Board:

Nancy Mellow has a question regarding the Town Reports, 7 years ago the Emergency Numbers were posted in the Town Report. Can that be done again? Good for Seniors as a quick reference.

Chris: will make a note of that and give to Robin for next year.

Nancy Mellow: There is no reporting of the Rec Department this year.

Chris has mentioned that to the Rec Dept., and will follow up.

Nancy Mellow: Those are appropriated funds.

Jim: Will get the Senior Meals report too.

George Kenison asks when the road bans will go into effect.

Chris: depending on the weather, Glenn will make that decision.

George states that some roads are bad and that Lancaster has already posted Page Hill.

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

None.

7. Adjournment: Chris asks for motion to adjourn, Jim makes motion to adjourn at 6:34pm, Michael seconds, all in favor, 3-0

Next meeting, March 16, 2020

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Kathan
Select Board Minute Taker

Minutes approved by Select Board Members on _____

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Jim Weagle
Northumberland Select Board Member

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Michael Phillips
Northumberland Select Board Member

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Chris Wheelock
Northumberland Select Board Chairman