

**Town of Northumberland  
Board of Selectmen  
Meeting Minutes (Draft)**

**Date: Monday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

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

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

**\*During the meeting "social distancing" will be practiced and wearing of masks is strongly encouraged\***

**Select Board Members present:** Jim Weagle, Chair, Keith Bronson, William Caron via phone

**Others present:** Ellen Astle, David Astle, Nicole Shurburne, Doug Menzies, Rose Menzies, James Gibson, Sam Oakes, Robin Irving, Raoul Camara, Norman Cotter, Pete Marshall, Michael Phillips, Troy Burns, Ted Burns, Zack Burns, Melinda Kennett, Joseph Kennett, Al Beland, Crystal Demers

1. **Chairman opens the meeting:** Jim opens the meeting and asks for a motion to accept minutes of April 5, 2021.
2. **Acceptance of Minutes:** Motion by Keith to accept minutes of April 5<sup>th</sup>, seconded by William, all in favor, 3-0.
3. **Selectmen Business:**
  - a. **Department Head Business: Ambulance and Police**

James Gibson for Ambulance reports that calls were down from last year (2020). Also mentioned was the Radio meeting to be held April 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in Lancaster.

Chief Peter Pelletier reports that they've had 290 calls since last meeting. The calls are growing since the department is getting stronger. He will write an article in the newspaper on this.

Asked by Chief Pelletier to the Select Board that the Kapson house on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street needs to be secured as it is dangerous.

Jim brought up to Chief Pelletier that there was a complaint of cars parked on the road at the Fanton property on Cumberland Street, a car was parked in the Municipal Building lot by Cromptons all winter and could these be taken care of by the department.

Min brought up that there was also a complaint about a dog on Goulet Street that needed to be looked into.
  - b. **Discussion of utility change letter – Terry & Al Beland**

Al asks for an abatement on his rental property and made a complaint about the change from residential to commercial.

Norm Cotter stated that letters need to be sent to everyone who originally got their classification changed and let them know that if they can prove the tenant pays the utilities they can get an abatement and change in classification.

The Select Board said that if anyone had an issue they could call.

Norm stated that he felt there needed to be some clarification.

The Select Board approved Al's abatement.
  - c. **Discussion of Pleasant Street billing for Sewer Blockage—Scott Whitaker**

Al Beland said this problem was a town problem and there were pictures in the Town Report.

Discussion tabled until next meeting when Reggie is available.
  - d. **Annual review of ATV Trails Open within Northumberland**

Melcher Street – Main Street (from Groveton Elementary to the St. Lawrence and Atlantic RR at the base of the hill. State Street from the corner of Main Street to the Groveton Municipal Pool and Station Square parking lot only, Riverside Drive, and to allow ATV crossing at the Covered Bridge.

Motion by Keith, seconded by William, all in favor, 3-0. They are the same as last year and open May

23<sup>rd</sup>.

- e. Discussion of updating Solid Waste Ordinance  
Tabled for now, but Keith and William plan on talking to Paul about his ideas.
- f. Discussion of recent State lifting of mask mandate  
Mask mandate will stay in effect and be revisited in a month.
- g. Discussion/authorization for use of small ball field for August music program  
Motion by Keith, second by William to allow the Library to use the small ball field, all in favor, 3-0.
- h. Request to use Big Ball Field – Annual Griffin Donald Kenison Memorial Tournament  
This is a town sponsored event to be held August 13 – 15. Motion by Keith, seconded by William, all in favor, 3-0.
- i. Cash Summary - March  
Jim gives Cash Summary: Beginning of month \$1,326,956.23, Revenue brought in of \$222,266.39, transfers of \$55,564.00, Expenses of \$512,765.50 leaving a balance of \$980,893.12

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

- a. Abatement Application(s) (w/s) (23)
  - Betty Gilcris – motion by Keith, seconded by William to abate \$78, all in favor, 3-0.
  - North Country Birches Property Management – motion by Keith, seconded by William to abate \$1,797.60 sewer, all in favor, 3-0.
  - Kalie Savage – motion by Keith, seconded by William to abate \$40 water/sewer.
  - Richard and Tracy Dupuis – 4 abatements - totaling \$210 water/sewer. Motion by Keith, seconded by William to abate \$210 water/sewer, all in favor, 3-0.
  - Kevin Daley – motion by Keith, seconded by William to abate \$60 water/sewer, all in favor, 3-0.
  - Ricky and Kimberly Deblois – motion by Keith, seconded by William to abate \$60 water/sewer, all in favor, 3-0.
  - Michael Sullivan – motion by William, seconded by Keith to abate \$30 water/sewer, all in favor, 3-0.
  - Keith Young – motion by Keith, seconded by William to abate \$60 water/sewer, all in favor, 3-0.
  - Bruce Oakes – motion by Keith, seconded by William to abate \$60 water/sewer, all in favor, 3-0.
  - Christina Fontaine – motion by Keith, seconded by William to abate \$30 demand fee, all in favor, 3-0.
  - Brian Emerson – motion by William, seconded by Keith to abate \$60 water/sewer, all in favor, 3-0.
  - Harry Rice Jr/Deborah Weeks – motion by Keith, seconded by William to abate \$60 water/sewer, all in favor, 3-0.
  - Chad Guay – motion by Keith, seconded by William to abate \$60 water/sewer, all in favor, 3-0.
  - Elizabeth Prevost – motion by Keith, seconded by William to abate \$60 water/sewer, all in favor, 3-0.
  - Estate of Doris T Tetreault – motion by Keith, seconded by William to abate \$60 water/sewer, all in favor, 3-0.
  - Heirs of Sandow Call – motion by William, seconded by Keith to abate \$60 water/sewer, all in favor, 3-0.
  - Theresa Jesseman – motion by William, seconded by Keith to abate \$30 water/sewer, all in favor, 3-0.
  - John Pothier – motion by Keith, seconded by William to abate \$60 water/sewer, all in favor, 3-0.
  - Kathy Shannon – motion by Keith, seconded by William to abate \$60 water/sewer, all in favor, 3-0.
  - Bog Hollow Property Management LLC – motion by Keith, seconded by William to abate \$60 water/sewer, all in favor, 3-0.
- b. Yield Tax Warrant(s) (2) – not covered

- c. Building Permit Application(s)
  - Michael Leahy – motion to approve by William, seconded by Keith, all in favor, 3-0.
  - Michael Simino – motion to approve by Keith, seconded by William, all in favor, 3-0.
  - Candie Treamer – motion to approve by William, seconded by Keith, all in favor, 3-0.
  - Kurt Gilcris – motion to approve by William, seconded by Keith, all in favor, 3-0.
  - Kerry and Sally Pelletier – motion to approve by Keith, seconded by William, all in favor, 3-0.
  - Leo Chaloux – motion to approve by Keith, seconded by William, all in favor, 3-0.
- d. Veteran’s credit transfer to spouse
  - Motion to approve transfer to spouse by Keith, seconded by William, all in favor, 3-0.
- e. Decision of abatement application with assessor’s response
  - Motion to go with assessor’s response and grant abatement by Keith, seconded by William, all in favor, 3-0.
- f. Amusement License Renewal – American Legion
  - Motion to approve by Keith, seconded by William, all in favor, 3-0.
- g. Non-Resident Transfer Station Permit Application
  - Motion to approve by Keith, seconded by William, all in favor, 3-0.

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

- a. Announce: Supervisors of the Checklist Session, Conservation Commission Mtg., Planning Board Mtg.
- b. Robin to contact Granite State about the water/sewer rates.
  - Jim asks for motion to go into non-pub. Keith??makes motion, William seconds, all in favor, 3-0.

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

- a. Resident Matters
- b. Personnel Matter (2)
  - Keith makes motion to come out of non-pub, William seconds, all in favor, 3-0.
  - Jim relays that payment of taxes with Min was discussed, a couple of employee requests and some property discussions.

**7. Adjournment:**

Keith makes motion to adjourn, William seconds, all in favor, 3-0. No adjournment time given.

Next meeting, May 3, 2021

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Kathan  
 Select Board Minute Taker

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

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James Weagle  
Northumberland Select Board Chairman

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Bill Caron  
Northumberland Select Board Member

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Keith Bronson  
Northumberland Select Board Member