

**Town of Northumberland**

**Board of Selectmen**

**Meeting Minutes (Draft)**

**Date: Monday, February 1, 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:** Michael Phillips, Chair, Jim Weagle, Bill Caron

**Others Present:** Glenn Cassady, Al Rossetto, Reginald Charron, Robin Irving

**1. Chairman opens the meeting:** Michael opens the meeting at 6pm and asks for a motion to accept minutes of January 19, 2021.

**2. Acceptance of Minutes:** Jim makes motion to accept minutes, Bill seconds, all in favor 3-0.

**3. Selectmen Business:**

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

Glenn reports that not too much is going on. Just tending to the small storms, brush trimming, maintenance. Trying to keep overtime down. Bryan has been helping out by doing the street cleaning.

Jim asked Glenn if it was town equipment that hit the pine in the park by the gazebo.

Glenn: yes, a cedar, low hanging branch, no damage to equipment.

Michael asks that if winter continues to be light, there is a project that should be done at the top of Winter Street, the building.

Glenn: Demolish?

Michael: yes, whatever is needed

Jim: If anyone would get in there it is dangerous.

Glenn mentions there is another on Maple St.

Jim: working on that, will have to ask Robin.

Reggie: It was a bad month for me, but things are going well overall with the Town. Want to put the amount of money saved - \$98,550 – in the Town Report, and to show there is a 45,000 gallon per day savings of water.

Used 127,000 gallons of water for the recent fire, luckily the hydrants were just done the day before. This proves that all that work paid off, there were no pressure issues. Want to give a big thank you for letting us update the system.

Looking at the water and sewer issues on the hill. May look at adding a couple of extra sticks, 40 feet of sewer and water line on the hill project.

Bill: that would be good to make a few more improvements on my side.

Michael asks "sticks"? Cap and tee?

Reggie: 8" line extension and hydrants.

Federal report submitted early and has good comments from the State.

Pleasant Street had a sewer issue with wipes, lots of wipes, they are not biodegradable. Need to put in the town report that wipes should not be flushed. Winston has been out 2 months and needs another week to feel up to returning to work, but he is doing well.

Sorry to see a lot of activity at the funeral home, not good. I need to take some time off.

**b. Discussion of bond public hearing schedule**

Michael announces the date of the public bond hearing to be held February 10<sup>th</sup> the same night of the public budget hearing. Must have to get advertisements in the NH Union Leader and the Caledonian Record.

**c. Discussion of Town Meeting set up – per the Governor there is no mandatory requirement for remote, it is up to the individual town on what they want to do. The gymnasium has room for 800 safely.**

Bill brings up email from a resident that says there must be remote in meetings for those who do not feel safe to attend in person. Robin explains that there was nothing in that order for meetings or remote and brings up that Becky has been trying to reach the person and ask them to send what they have been looking at, but no response. Still trying to research what was meant.

**d. Review/discussion/vote to appoint of letter of interest received for Conservation Commission and Recreation Commission**

Michael reads that letters of interest. The first is Brian Newton to renew his 3 year term. Asks for a motion, Jim makes motion to approve, Bill seconds, all in favor, 3-1. The second is for Kristen Parks who filled a vacancy for the Recreation Department and would now like to serve the 3 year term. Michael asks for a motion to approve, Jim makes motion, Bill seconds, all in favor, 3-0.

**e. Follow up discussion, if any, of letter received from Library - None**

**4. Applications/Permits and Warrants: None**

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

**a. Announce upcoming Holiday: Feb 15<sup>th</sup> town offices closed for Presidents Day**

**b. Announce upcoming Public Hearing – Town Warrant/Budget**

Feb 10<sup>th</sup> is the budget and warrant public hearing.

**c. Robin announces that Feb 5<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for the DOT Transportation Alternative Program funding. Putting in for Covered Bridge renovation. Would like the Select Board to vote to have this letter of intent submitted.**

Jim makes motion to allow submission of letter of intent, Bill seconds, all in favor, 3-0.

Al would like to make a note in the minutes that the Building Committee meeting has been changed to Thursday night at 6pm.

Discussion of when the next Select Board meeting will be held because of the holiday. Meeting will be on the 16<sup>th</sup>.

Al comments that for the building committee meeting they have the brochure and talking points ready to present.

Motion to go into Non-Pub by Jim, seconded by Bill, all in favor, 3-0.

**6. Adjournment:** Back into Public, announcement that an employment contract was signed. Motion by Jim to adjourn at 6:24pm, Bill seconds, all in favor, 3-0.

Next meeting, February 16, 2021

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Kathan

Select Board Minute Taker

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

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William Caron  
Northumberland Select Board Chairman

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Michael Phillips  
Northumberland Select Board Chairman

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