

**Town of Northumberland**

**Board of Selectmen**

**Meeting Minutes (Draft)**

**Date: Tuesday, February 16<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:** Michael Phillips, James Weagle, William Caron

**Others present:** Norm Cotter, Roach Kennett, James Gibson

- 1. Chairman opens the meeting:** Michael opens meeting at 6:05pm with slight delay.
- 2. Acceptance of Minutes:** Michael asks for motion to accept minutes from February 2nd meeting. Jim makes motion, William seconds, all in favor, 3-0.

Michael also asks for motion to accept minutes from Public Hearing on the Water/Sewer Project which was held on February 10<sup>th</sup>.

**3. Selectmen Business:**

- a. Department Head Business: Ambulance and Police

Michelle reports for both Police and Ambulance. She says that Captain Pelletier apologizes for not being present.

Police Report: for January there were 228 calls answered, 9 new investigations opened, 8 arrests and 4 crash calls.

New training is beginning for recovery coaches. There is no cost to the Town as there is a \$20,000 grant covering the cost.

Ambulance Report: 58 call received to date down 6 from 2020.

Comstar Report: \$15,915.93 received to date.

Covid 19 Report: Numbers are declining, no new cases in last 3 days.

- b. Review/discussion/decision of County Agency 2020 appropriation requests

Tri-County Emergency is now requesting the money from 2020 that was allotted to them. The books for the Town are closed. The 2021 warrant has a request for funds for them. Last year's allotment was \$4,225 for funding and \$1,122 for their homeless intervention program.

Jim: the books are closed and don't want to set a precedence by reopening the books and paying.

Bill: wonder why they didn't ask for it.

Michael in speaking with Becky was told that because of low staffing they did not need.

Jim: Becky has been reminding them.

Michael asks for a motion on this. Jim makes motion to deny because the books are closed and they should have requested it earlier. Bill seconds, all in favor, 3-0.

- c. Cash Summary for January, not reconciled.

First of the month start: \$1,690,598.39

Revenues from Tax Collector, Town Clerk and Ambulance receipts, etc.  
\$204,397.88. Expenses \$386,980.43, ending balance for month \$1,514,590.84.

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

Discussion of 2 contracts to cover the Emergency Medical Services for Stark, Bloomfield, at a cost of \$20 per capita. Jim makes motion to sign contracts, Bill seconds, all in favor, 3-0.

Roach Kennett?????: brings up that it seems like the Ambulance crew has turned down a lot of calls. Should we be adding areas to cover?

Jim: we don't miss calls.

Michael: those are transfers, and have to deny some because of no paramedic available.

Further discussion on 2 ambulances to cover Stratford, Stark, Bloomfield, Maidstone and Brunswick is adequate. James Gibson explains that they answer all 911 calls but cannot take transfers when no paramedic is available. Also explains the difference between types of calls and other things involved with those calls like cancellations, patient evaluations, etc.

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

- a. Notice of Conservation Commission meeting cancellation for February 17<sup>th</sup> with no new date as of now.
- b. Building Committee meets Tuesday February 23, at 6pm at 10 Station Square.

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

Nothing for Non-Pub.

James Gibson asks for copy of contract for Bloomfield. Also he was curious if the new person handling the assessing work could also take over being the 911 liason and work with the 911 numbers.

Jim: After Liz gets familiar with the job, she should be able to do that.

#### **7. Adjournment:**

Jim makes motion to adjourn at 6:32pm, Bill seconds, all in favor, 3-0.

Next meeting, March 1, 2021

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Kathan  
Select Board Minute Taker

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

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Michael Phillips  
Northumberland Select Board Chairman

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William Caron  
Northumberland Select Board Member

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James Weagle  
Northumberland Select Board Member

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