

Town of Northumberland

Board of Selectmen

Draft Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, November 1, 2021

Place: Town Meeting Room – 10 Station Square

Time: 6:00 P.M.

During the meeting wearing of masks is strongly encouraged for all individuals

Select Board Members Present: James Weagle, Chair, Keith Bronson, Bill Caron

Others Present: Al Rossetto, Glenn Cassady, Betty Gilcrest, Pete Marshall, Reggie Charron, Terri Charron, Kathy Frechette, Norm Cotter.

- 1. Chairman opens the meeting:** Jim opens meeting and asks for acceptance of minutes.
- 2. Acceptance of Minutes:** Bill makes motion to approve minutes from October 18, 2021. Keith seconds, all in favor, 3-0.
- 3. Selectmen Business:**

a. Department Head Business: Highway and Water/Sewer

Glenn gives report:

Fall cleanup.

Rehabbing sidewalks, cost of \$1800.

Getting plows out.

Gravel hauling.

Researching pool leaks, so far 3 found. Repaired 2, the third is going to need bigger equipment. Lots of cement to get thru. A bigger project than we may be able to handle. Will resume work in the Spring.

Head and nose gear on plow trucks being put on.

Bill asks about the salt shed siding.

Glenn replies that it will be done, want to get off books by end of year.

Keith asks if sand for public use will be inside or outside of the shed.

Glenn says he will have it outside, either a building or just in a pile outside.

Jim asks when the planters and garbage cans will be picked up for the winter.

Glenn replies not for awhile because the flowers still look so nice, do not want to waste the money spent on them.

Glenn continues with report; the paving is done and skin coats that were put on Maple and Fisk streets looks very nice.

Keith brings up concern of a citizen about flooding on Odell Park that floods driveway.

Glenn replies that should be a non-issue because it is paved.

With no more questions for highway, Reggie reports water/sewer events.

Route 3 project is done, saved \$4,400, have great pictures of work to show. Well cleaning underway, small well done, was in terrible shape, now back to full capacity. The number 1 well to be done this week, also very dirty but everything is going very well, the cleaners are on top of it and very good, Horizons helped keep everything going smoothly. Over 100% improvement in flow.

Cumberland Street hydrants being winterized.

Changed out a motor for an aero tube at the lagoon.

DES inspected the "dams". Getting hammered by DES and EPA over new regulations and permits.

Finally finishing the SCADA system on November 30th, date pushed back because of other projects. The telephone and water are over budget and sample testing will be more expensive because of PFAs. If PFAs are found in the sludge it will be about 3 million dollars versus the current 1 million to clean it up.

A discussion between Keith and Reggie begins on the waterline issue. It was new with one curb stop but froze in 2015. There is 1 meter, the camper is related to the property owner and a water fee is being charged.

Keith states that there is a large camper problem.

Glenn asks to give another update. The ambulance has been assessed and there are 2 verbal quotes for repair. Rear springs would be \$1,600 for the pair to be installed, but this quote does not want to do exhaust. The other quote is for the rear springs and exhaust for \$2,500. All else is fine with the ambulance. Discussion that it should be fixed. The State will not certify the ambulance after repair if it does not have a heated roof over it. Fixing should happen, if no roof can be found then put up for sale as a working, inspectable vehicle. ARPA funds should be used for repair but, have to see if that is qualified under ARPA rules, Al says it is all about the description on whether or not it qualifies.

- b. Discussion of Flag Status Protocol – In the past the Legion Commander used to lower and raise the flag as needed. A new Commander came in for a short time, but now the duty is left to the Town and individuals. Bill clarifies that it is the duty of the Sargent of Arms not the Commander to lower and raise. It is not being done. Monuments should at least be done by Legion

- c. Discussion of water/sewer abatement request received

Deb Lakin for large bill for problem thought fixed. Reggie does not recommend abatement. Abatement would only be for sewer not water. Average of 6,340 gallons of sewer, abatement amount \$314.88. Bill makes motion to approve abatement, Keith seconds, all in favor, 3-0.

Discussion brought on by Betty Gilcrist regarding Cumberland Street flushing in the winter, it will be a band-aid because flushing can't happen in winter. Reggie says he is working on something to help, if the old property can be used to flush on warm days in the winter, and the issue will be revisited in the Spring. Further discussion on winter prep.

- d. Review/discussion/decision of letter of proposal with regard to 1999 International 10-Wheeler Tanker Truck to be sent to Fire Dept. Select Board has an interest. Letter sent to Groveton Village Precinct Commission from the Northumberland Select Board to obtain the truck for

solid waste. Keith makes motion to accept letter of proposal, Bill seconds, all in favor, 3-0.

There has been talk of the precinct dissolving to join the town.

- e. Discussion of dates for 2022 work sessions for department budgets. Dates decided on were November 10, 16 & 17, starting at 6pm.
- f. Discussion/Review of Mutual Aid Contract 2021. \$250 for NCFMAD dues and fees. This covers many area towns, all towns are doing this. Bill makes motion to sign, Keith seconds, all in favor, 3-0.
- g. ARPA funds discussion on whether former and retired personnel qualify. Currently full time employees qualify. Discussion on whether Crossing Guards would qualify. Former and retired employees discussion to be tabled until next Select Board meeting. Decision to give to Crossing Guards, same as part time employees. Motion to accept by Bill, Keith seconds, Jim abstains because he is a crossing guard, all in favor, 2-0.

4. Applications/Permits and Warrants:

- a. Building Permit Applications: (1) Map 236-Lot 009, John Privia. Paid \$250 fee, Al signed, more discussion on whether there should be a fine for work done before. Motion by Bill to accept permit, Keith seconds, all in favor, 3-0 and (2) Map 107, Lot 059, Terry Bedell, paid fee, Al has signed. Bill makes motion to accept, Keith seconds, all in favor, 3-0.
- b. Gerard Estate, Greg Auger landowner. Paid the fee, Al has signed. Bill makes motion to accept, Keith seconds, all in favor, 3-0.
- c. Housekeeping. Oakes was double billed because of a sale. \$163.20 water/sewer abatement. Bill makes motion, Keith seconds, all in favor, 3-0.

5. Public Matters To Be Addressed By The Board:

- a. Upcoming Holiday Notice – Town Offices will be closed on Thursday, November 11th in observance of Veteran’s Day. Town Offices will reopen on Friday November 12th.
- b. Winter Parking Restrictions Notice – vehicles to be parked off street and out of municipal parking lots for plowing purposes from Nov 1 to April 1.
- c. Kathy Frechette brings up the light over the stairs for Select Board meetings, 10 Station Square as well as other infractions. Discussion by all on the landlords responsibilities, lack of compliance, contract rewrite, dissatisfaction with landlords.
- d. Jim brings up camper issues.
 - 1. D&S Auto, letter sent, no residents.
Keith makes a motion to tighten up regulations.
 - 2. First Street, being charged \$100 per day, Police to check, should have been out by October 29th. If there is stove pipe sticking out of it, non-compliant.
 - 3. Rt. 110, letter to move by December 2nd.
Keith makes motion to charge \$100 per day past move out time, Bill seconds, all in favor, 3-0.
Bill makes motion to go into non-pub at 7:37pm. Keith seconds, all in favor, 3-0. Roll call by Selectmen.

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

- a. Resident Matter (TC)
- b. Resident Matter (MK)

Motion by Bill to come out of non-pub, seconded by Keith, all in favor, 3-0.

Motion by Bill to pay funeral expenses, seconded by Keith, all in favor, 3-0.

Discussion for Becky to place ad for Welfare Administer until filled.

7. Adjournment: Bill makes motion to adjourn at 8:07pm, Keith seconds, all in favor, 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Kathan
Northumberland Select Board Minute Taker

Next meeting November 15 , 2021.

Minutes approved by Northumberland Select Board Members on _____

X

James Weagle
Northumberland Select Board Chairman

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William Caron
Northumberland Select Board Member

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Keith Bronson
Northumberland Select Board Member

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