

Town of Northumberland

Board of Selectmen

Meeting Notice Minutes (Draft)

Date: Monday, November 15, 2021

Place: Town Meeting Room – 10 Station Square

Time: 6:00 P.M. Immediately following Public Hearing on Refunding of Bond

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: James Gibson, Al Rossetto, Owen Leighton, Sam Durkin, Marion Durkin, Nicolas Sanchez-Rosa, Norm Cotter, Pete Marshall, Ryan Shannon

- 1. Chairman opens the meeting:** asks for a motion to approve minutes.
- 2. Acceptance of Minutes:** Keith makes motion to accept minutes from November 1st meeting, Bill seconds, all in favor, 3-0.
- 3. Selectmen Business:**
 - a. Department Head Business:** Ambulance and Police Dept.

James Gibson for Ambulance gives his report: 486 calls to date compared to 502 calls last year at this time.

Comstar receipts: \$133,406.32

Covid still very high.

Staffing issue still a problem, some interest so may have a class.

A2 repairs can be paid by using 2 line items in the budget. State requirement for housing of ambulance is minimal as the ambulance has an interior heater.

Jim suggests that half of the amount of one line item and half of the other be used versus the total use of one line item.

Chief Peter Pelletier gives his report: 373 calls for service, 58 car stops, 13 new investigations, 4 arrests and no crashes. A big thank you to EMS for identifying the issue with the person being arrested.

Keith comments that he noticed there had been 7 days of continuous coverage, will it continue.

Chief Pelletier replies he will do the best he can.

Keith compliments Chief Pelletier on his good job of getting the junk cars and drugs cleaned out of town.
- 4. ARPA funds decision** – Bill does not want checks to go to retirees or those who found other jobs and makes a motion to deny paying ARPA funds to retired or otherwise not employed by the town anymore. Keith seconds, all in favor, 3-0.
- 5. CRF – Roof** -Discussion on whether to authorize an amount of money and to try and find a roof solution in stock. Bill makes motion to spend up to \$1000. The kind of roof, cost to stick build versus prebuy, that this is a temporary fix were part of the discussion. Keith makes motion to table until a more suitable solution is found. Bill's previous motion to keep up to \$1,000 and seek other solutions is voted on. Keith seconds, all in favor, 3-0.

6. Applications/Permits and Warrants:

- a. Abatement Application(s) submitted to Board for review – Nicolas Sanches-Rosa. Proposal is missing information and will have to be resubmitted. Discussion on comparable property, town and school taxes ensued.
Moen/Greigs being taxed all year for partial year ownership. To be discussed further.
Keith Bronson, .15 acres taxed at \$11,000, assessed at \$375. Comparables included. Bill makes motion to send to assessor, Keith seconds, all in favor, 3-0.
- b. Abatement(s)
Groveton Methodist Church – increased water bill. Discussion on occupant for a month in the basement as well as a faulty toilet ball. Keith makes motion to deny abatement, Bill seconds, all in favor, 3-0.
\$1,732 Moen/Greigs tax abatement for months of April, May, June and July. Bill makes motion to approve, Keith seconds, all in favor, 3-0.
Public Service – Eversource. \$4,648.50, the 5th of 6 installments. Bill makes motion to approve, Keith seconds, all in favor, 3-0.
\$406 for Map 205 Lot 09, town owned. Keith makes motion to abate, Bill seconds, all in favor, 3-0.
\$626 for Map 205 Lot 11, town owned. Keith makes motion to abate, Bill seconds, all in favor, 3-0.
Supplementals:
\$1,443 for Ryan Shannon. Change of ownership, first quarter amount abatement. Keith makes motion to abate prior tax, Bill seconds, all in favor, 3-0.
Jill Norman bought property back from the town. Original tax bill was \$1,336, \$445 being abated, new bill of \$891 being sent. Keith makes motion to accept new bill, Bill seconds, all in favor, 3-0.

7. Public Matters To Be Addressed By The Board:

- a. Announce scheduled budget work sessions
Work sessions scheduled: November 16, 6pm: Ambulance, Emergency Management, Help, Administration, Water and Sewer, Cemetery, Tax Collector, Town Clerk.
November 17, 6pm: Executive Financial Administration, Welfare administration, Planning and zoning, General Government, Cultural, Recreational, Library and Conservation Commission.
- b. Notice of upcoming holiday – Office of the Selectmen Closed from November 24 – 26 and will reopen on November 29 at 8am.
- c. Conservation Commission meeting at 7pm November 18, at 19 Main St.
Bill makes motion to go into Non-Pub at 7:03pm, Keith seconds, all in favor, 3-0. Roll call.

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

a. Resident Matter

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

Bill makes motion for taxes to be abated in full and remove interest, Keith seconds, all in favor, 3-0.

9. Adjournment: Bill makes motion for adjournment, Keith seconds, all in favor, 3-0, at approximately 7:32pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Kathan
Northumberland Select Board Minute Taker

Next meeting December 6, 2021.

Minutes approved by Northumberland Select Board Members on _____

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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