

Town of Northumberland

Board of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes (draft)

Date: Monday, August 1, 2022

Place: Town Meeting Room – 10 Station Square

Time: 6:00 P.M.

During the meeting wearing of masks is encouraged for all individuals

Selectmen present: Keith Bronson Chairman, James Tierney, William Caron via phone.

Others Present: Glenn Cassady, Elizabeth Ball, Carl Voas, Sean Durkin, Gail Rossetto, Al Rossetto, Nancy Merrow, Randy Potter, #9, Jason Clough, Judy Fox, Pete Marshall, Reggie Charron, Terri Charron, William Daisey, Peter Pelletier, Norm Cotter, Kathy Frechette, Ryan Shannon

- 1. Chairman opens the meeting:** Keith opens the meeting at 6pm.
- 2. Acceptance of Minutes:** Keith asks for a motion to accept minutes from the July 18th meeting. Jim makes a motion to accept minutes as written, Bill seconds, all in favor, 3-0.
- 3. Department Head Business:** Highway and Water/Sewer

Glenn Cassidy for Highway reports:

Paving quotes received, will discuss next meeting.

Hayden and Reed have been keeping up with trimming around town, side streets and hills.

Roadside mowing proceeding and have been doing some water/sewer connections.

The tank at Normandeu's is ready for removal, Randy and Glenn have it prepped for removal.

Continuing with manhole repairs.

New gate at the cemetery has been installed.

Cold patching continues.

Curbs and sidewalks growing excessive grass and weeds, being weed whacked.

More discussion ensued on grant money.

Jim asks if Roundup could be used, Glenn replies possibly, but pet illness would be a liability.

Someone mentions that there is a drain at the bottom of Ma Street that is full. Reggie says that drains will be cleaned next week.

Kathy Frechette mentions that the driveway looks good, a good job done.

Sean Durkin mentions that even though Lost Nation Road is a state road the shoulder is very dangerous, would be bad if someone went off over it.

Reggie Charron reports for Water/Sewer:

¾" curb water hookup for the Church done. The Church and Hall are now separate.

The SCADA is up and running but problems with the internet conditions. Communication problems were caused with the water plant which caused it to shut down. Winter street may need a directional antenna.

For July we were down 15,000 gallons per month.

Lost Nation is up 25,000 gallons/month, possibly pools are the cause.

Lead and copper were replaced for Groveton. Sampling for 10 houses were taken. Costs are going up as they are requesting more and more sampling, so the time to take them is going up.

NHDES made a visit to the Nation and found everything A++, impressed.

More water usage in Northumberland and Guildhall, but the system is so tight we know where the use is from.

Hayden and Reed have replaced all the old bolts with stainless steel ones, we can always keep them busy.

The new well pumps are in just waiting for 1" galvanized pipe.

For Sewer, the vac truck will be in to clean the whole town sewer, we need to send a notice to residents about that, to have them take precautions, like covering their toilets.

Next week storm drains and catch basins will be cleaned.

The Groveton sewer plant is ready to shut down because of no water.

Meeting with an engineer on trying to retrofit the grinder pumps to save money.

Backflow preventers tested.

Matters from the public:

a. Carl Voas – Building Permit Matter

Carl present to answer questions, copies of the plan given to the Select Board, elevations are a concern. Description of where house will be built, setbacks and sewer line concerns. Discussion of manholes, explanation of calculations.

Reggie received info on sewer line from Voas and has concerns about ledge. More explanation of sewer line calculations, setback from wetlands discussed. Voas reads he letter from NHDES, building specifications presented.

Al adds that 4" rails must be on the deck, not 5". Questions on the surveyor.

Voas responds that the surveyor is in process.

Al adds that the driveway should be included in the survey.

Merger of lots request to Liz.

Discussion on elevations, sewer, surveys, merger, setbacks, and ordinance continues.

Keith does not want to issue a building permit before a survey is done, Al agrees.

Reg and Voas discuss trenching and line digging, connection costs and who is responsible.

Norm Cotter has a question on the curb, does not make sense to him.

Reggie explains that for existing connections there is no cost, but for new the owner is responsible for all costs.

Norm asks if this practice is done in all surrounding towns?

Reggie replies yes.

4. Town Administrator Business:

a. Library Roof – Gail Rossetto tells the Selectmen that the library needs a new roof.

Two out of seven people contacted gave a quote.

1. Tyler Eaton - \$14,563.75

2. Capital Roof - \$26,327.00

Tyler is ready to start.

Nancy Merrow brings up the fact that she has seen leaks and would hate to have all the new computer equipment and books ruined.

Jim makes a motion to accept Tyler Eaton, Solution Roofing quote at \$14,563.75, Bill seconds, all in favor, 3-0.

Sean Durkin questions the Select Board choosing a bid without having to have 3 sealed bids, something he is more familiar with.

Norm Cotter wants to know what guaranty they have for the roof.

Gail replied Lifetime Limited, Al adds that he has seen Tyler's work and it is good.

b. Follow up discussion/decision – 53 Brown Rd

Jim reports that the Select Board mistakenly jumped several steps in this process. The Planning Board must vote yea or nay and the Conservation Commission has to vote yea or nay. If either Board votes no, then it is dead.

If both boards vote yes, then there must be 2 public hearings.

Jim makes a motion to reverse the decision to sell the property on Brown Rd., Bill seconds, all in favor, 3-0.

Al asks if it can be brought up on Wednesday's Planning Board meeting.

Jim makes a motion to allow the Planning Board to hear in August and the Conservation Commission will hear in September, Keith seconds, all in favor, 3-0.

5. Applications/Permits and Warrants:

a. Building Permit Application(s) (6)

1) Map 104, Lot 075, fee pd, Al has signed, Jim makes motion to sign, Bill seconds, all in favor, 3-0.

2) Map 213, Lot 001, Al to sign, Jim makes motion to sign, Bill seconds, all in favor, 3-0.

3) Map 246, Lot 008, Al to sign, Jim makes motion to sign, Bill seconds, all in favor, 3-0.

4) Map 104, Lot 215, Al to sign, Jim makes motion to sign, Bill seconds, all in favor, 3-0.

5) Map 104, Lot 267, Al to sign, Jim makes motion to sign, Bill seconds, all in favor, 3-0.

6) Map 236, Lot 019, Al to sign, Jim makes motion to sign, Bill seconds, all in favor, 3-0.

b. Non-Resident Transfer Station Permit Application(s) (2)

New 1447 Lost Nation Rd, no property owner signature, but fee paid, Jim makes motion to sign, Bill seconds, all in favor, 3-0.

Renewal 53 Brown Rd, Jim makes motion to sign, Bill seconds, all in favor, 3-0.

c. Abatement – Housekeeping – Water/Sewer 14 High St - \$225.40, clerical error, Jim makes motion to sign, Bill seconds, all in favor, 3-0.

d. Sign Permit Application – Map 104, Lot 070 – 14&16 Main St., LLC – 16 Main St. Patricia Scott Realty, fee paid, Jim makes motion to sign, Bill seconds, all in favor, 3-0.

6. Announcements: Supervisors of the Checklist meet August 31 from 3-5 pm in the upstairs of the Town Office for additions or corrections.

Reggie brings up the sewer cleaning next week.

7. Non-Public Session: (Pursuant to RSA'S 91-A:3, II (b)): Jim makes motion to go into Non-Public session at 7:24pm, Select Board Roll Call vote.

a. Personnel Matter (PP)

Jim makes motion to come out of Non-Public session at 7:38pm, Bill seconds, all in favor, 3-0.

Keith resumes Public at 7:38 pm.

Jim makes motion to seal minutes, Bill seconds, all in favor, 3-0, Roll call vote to seal minutes.

8. Adjournment: Jim makes motion to adjourn at 7:41 pm, Bill seconds, all in favor, 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Kathan
Northumberland Select Board Minute Taker

Next meeting August 15, 2022

Minutes approved by Northumberland Select Board Members on _____

X

Keith Bronson
Northumberland Select Board Chairman

X

William Caron
Northumberland Select Board Member

X

Jim Tierney
Northumberland Select Board Member

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