

Town of Northumberland
Board of Selectmen
Draft Meeting Minutes
Date: Tuesday, January 18, 2022
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, William Caron, Keith Bronson
Others present: James Gibson, Sean Durkin, Al Rossetto

1. Chairman opens the meeting: Jim opens the meeting at 6pm and asks for acceptance of the minutes from the January 3rd meeting.

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

3. Selectmen Business:

a. Department Head Business: Ambulance and Police

James Gibson gives report for Ambulance: Closeout 2021 calls: 565. To date 2022, 25 calls, 2021 at this time 20 calls.

Comstar: Jan 18 2021 closeout: \$461,956. Allowable billed out (Medicaid/Medicare) \$212,913.28. Collected \$162,293.95, excludes town contracts, payments directly to the town, outside source payments.

All ambulances up to date.

Signed the NORPAC agreement for lights and sirens.

Covid very rampant in surrounding towns. Lost previous member, Jeff Flanders to Covid.

Bill asks if all ambulances up to date include the one being refurbished.

James: no, not sure where that is at.

Money has been found to pay for, but no updates so far.

Keith to follow up with Glenn.

Chief Pelletier gives report for Police: hands out summary sheet to Selectmen.

From December meeting to now: 8 new investigations opened, 4 arrests made, 1 crash investigation. No update for Motor Vehicle stops, a new system being put into place that will account for that.

2021: 131 new cases opened, 69 arrests made, 21 crash investigations, 797 motor vehicle stops. In house total calls for service: 1,546, Grafton additional: 1,712 total calls for service by department 3,258.

2020: 130 new cases opened, 84 arrests made, 26 crash investigations, motor vehicle stops decreased because of Covid. Total of calls for service: 1,963.

2019: 120 new cases opened, 68 arrests made, 24 crash investigations, 517 motor vehicle stops. Total calls for service: 2,078.

Things are going relatively well, actively recruiting for 3 positions, 1 on payroll to replace Officer Mattson and 2 created by Cause?? Grant.

Closing up a couple of major cases which one or more may go federal.

Doing the best we can without people.

Keith: what does CFS mean?

Chief Pelletier: Calls For Service.

Al Rossetto: you had approximately 3000 calls in one year. How many people do you have?

Chief Pelletier: 3, had 4 until Mattson left in mid December.

Al: There is more to the call than just the stop, there is paperwork as well?

Chief Pelletier explains the logging and paperwork behind the calls for service.

Al: Thank you very much for doing a tremendous job with not enough people and inadequate facilities.

b. Review/discussion/decision of 2022 Cyclical Revaluation Contract

Annual contract with Commerford, Nieder and Perkins. Motion by Keith, second by Bill, all in favor, 3-0.

Al asks Selectmen if they are aware of the construction by Eversource.

Selectmen responds that they are aware.

c. Discussion of next steps to have "Deaf Child" signs put up on Summer St.

Resident concerned about the increase in traffic on her street due to construction, would like a "Deaf Child" sign put up. Select Board agrees that there should be a sign. Keith makes motion to put "Deaf Child" sign on street, Bill seconds, all in favor, 3-0.

4. Applications/Permits and Warrants:

a. Intent to Cut – Map 240, Lot 16

Person responsible for cutting, Dave Falkenham

Owner lives in Thornton.

Property hard to identify on map. Discussion on possible area.

Bill makes motion to approve, Keith seconds, all in favor, 3-0,

Peter brings in clearer map

b. "Housekeeping" Abatement – water/sewer – Map 106, Lot 030

Oakes, double billed, amount: \$175.80 Bill makes motion to approve, Keith seconds, all in favor, 3-0,

c. Supplemental Warrant – sewer – town wide drains – fourth quarter
Bill makes motion to approve the warrant of \$8,750, Keith seconds, all in favor, 3-0.

Al asks if the amount has gone down.

Jim explains that it was recalculated and found to be grossly over figured so reduced.

5. Public Matters to be addressed by the Board: None

Jim asks for motion to go into Non-Public, Keith makes motion, Bills seconds, all in favor, 3-0 by rollcall vote.

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

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

Discussion of personnel and resident.

Bill brings up the January 19th Precinct Meeting at 6pm.

Becky to provide a savings cost and benefits. Jim preparing the warrant article. Two people opposed, feel the Select Board will interfere with day to day operations. False.

7. Adjournment: Bill makes motion to adjourn at 6:46pm, Keith seconds, all in favor, 3-0.

Next meeting, February 7, 2022

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Kathan

Select Board Minute Taker

Minutes approved by Select Board Members on _____

X

James Weagle
Northumberland Select Board via phone for ...

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Bill Caron
Northumberland Select Board Acting Chair

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Keith Bronson
Northumberland Selectboard Member