

Town of Northumberland
Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes (Draft)
Date: Tuesday, February 22, 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

Selectmen Present: Jim Weagle, Chairman, Keith Bronson, William Caron

Others Present: Tammy Letson, Norm Cotter, Al Rossetto, Sean Durkin, Reginald Charron, Terri Charron, William Daisey, Jr., Peter J. Pelletier

- 1. Chairman opens the meeting:** Jim opens the meeting and asks for a motion to accept the minutes.
- 2. Acceptance of Minutes:** Keith makes motion to accept minutes, Bill seconds, all in favor, 3-0.
- 3. Department Head Business:** This comes later in the meeting.
 - a. Ambulance – Peter Pelletier presents report for Jim Gibson to Tammy Letson to hand to Select Board.

Jim reads the Ambulance brief. To date 78 calls have been answered, in 2021 at this time there were 62 calls. Comstar report: Received \$21,403.25 in payments, does not include private insurance, direct town billed, etc.

Announcement that the 45th Parallel will be hosting EMT classes. All welcome to go.
 - b. Police – Peter Pelletier reports that: 8 new investigations have been started, there have been 5 arrests and 1 crash. He will be on vacation until March 8th.

Discussion by Tammy, Peter and Select Board on the Town Meeting timing. Peter corrects that he will be back a few days sooner.

Peter is scheduling the department for refresher courses on 1st Aid and CPR training to get everyone up to date.

Peter was trying to schedule ice training but unfortunately that will have to wait for next year because of weather and scheduling conflicts.

FYI – the cellar is flooded....again.

Norm asks if it is in this building.

Peter – yes

Discussion amongst Al, Tammy and Bill on mold concerns and that it probably already exists.

Keith asks Peter if there is anyone in training.

Peter: No, has been discussed in previous meeting.

4. Matters from the public:

- a. Review/discussion/decision of request to use Big Ballfield

Jim reads that this is a request from Kathleen Laundry Jones. A color run in memory of her sister. Proposed date of June 4th from 8am to 5pm. Fund raiser

for scholarship. The use of biodegradable, water-based paint, will be erased quickly.

Discussion by Select Board to make it a town sponsored event for insurance to cover. Some questions on whether town sponsorship will qualify for this event. Terri Charron asks if there will be waivers signed for this event in case of injury. Jim assures her that insurance knows this and they are fine with it.

Tammy brings up that June is a big ball season and wonders if there will be any conflicts.

Jim says that event sponsors will coordinate with teams and reschedule if necessary.

Tammy was just concerned about scheduling, busy season.

Bill makes motion to approve as town sponsored for June 4th. If the date changes the event sponsors will have to come back to the Select Board. Keith seconds, all in favor, 3-0.

5. Town Administrator Business: Tammy Letson

- a. Update of scheduled meetings – met with Q-Hydrogen, a meet and greet, and would like to know if they can use the town water as a backup. Concern on how much water needed, will get back to us with firmer numbers.
- b. Meeting Friday with USDA on 3 projects 1. Possible funding for Public Safety Building 2. Funding for the Water Project 3. This project unknown. Discussion ensues with the Board, Tammy and audience on what it may be. No one seems to know. Reggie may attend if possible to set time.

Meeting on Friday afternoon with DWGW (Drinking Water Ground Water) Trust Fund. Potential monies available from the Exxon dollars available. Jim mentions that these were funds that were originally going to be used for the tank, but that has been remedied.

Tammy mentions that there is \$200,000 for the mill site project.

Reggie Caron brings up there is a meeting with Guildhall.

Jim fills everyone in on the leak that occurred in Guildhall where the village tank was full on Friday and completely empty on Monday.

Reggie and crew spent a lot of time and resources looking for the tank. Found it to be an abandoned trailer. There will be a bill to Guildhall, approximately \$3,300. Reggie explains that Guildhall is a mess, that it needs a maintenance person.

Norm Cotter asks if that is where Northumberland gets their water.

Reggie says yes it is pumped all the way to Northumberland.

Al Rossetto hopes that Guildhall will be getting billed.

Reggie answers yes and currently \$6.50 and that is why the rate must rise.

Al thanks Reggie for fixing but does not want a deal in rate for Guildhall.

Jim mentions that Tammy is looking into more information regarding the rates.

Bill asks Tammy if she is starting her meetings with department heads.

Tammy: Monthly meetings to start. Trying for as soon as possible, would like the first Wednesday of March, some conflicts exist, tracking vacations to help with the conflicts.

c. Bank Authorization – Union Bank

Tammy asks that the Select Board authorize her again for “read-only” access to financials. Jim mentions to Tammy that they need to additionally remove Maggie Frizille from Cohoes Advisory from access as the town does not use them anymore.

Bill makes motion to give Tammy “read-only” access to financials and to remove access to Maggie Frizzell, Keith seconds, all in favor, 3-0.

d. Review/discussion of draft solid waste ordinance update

Tammy hands the Selectmen a copy of the updated Solid Waste Ordinance for review only. Well written.

Jim also mentions that he sent him an email update on the permit.

Tammy: on the value changes?

Jim: yes

Bill: we will need to have a public hearing on the increase.

Jim: we can do at same time as presenting ordinance.

Discussion by Bill and Tammy on new ordinance, good concepts.

Further discussion by Al, Reggie and all on updating sewer/water ordinance and all other town ordinances, has been 10 years or more.

Terri asks if the Selectmen’s meeting will be on March 7th, the day before Town Meeting? It will have to be held elsewhere as the room will already be set up.

Further discussion on making it work as is and Al bringing up that Planning Board will be meeting on Wed. Terri says it will all be cleaned up by then.

e. Any other Town matters - none

6. Applications/Permits/Agreements/Warrants/Abatements:

- a. Annual Tax Map Maintenance Agreement – CA Technologies/Cartographics – GIS maps update. Keith makes motion to approve contract, Bill seconds, all in favor, 3-0.

Tammy asks if this is for GIS online access to maps.

Yes.

- b. Agreement for Services of 2021 Financial Audit – Plodzick and Sanderson.

Tammy says this is up in price but not significantly.

Bill asks if there are any changes?

Jim is reviewing, says the fee is \$15,750.

Tammy explains that is a good price for the size of the town.

Bill makes motion for Chairman to sign contract, Keith seconds, all in favor, 3-0.

7. Announcements: None, and no public comments made.

- 8. Non-Public Session: (Pursuant to RSA'S 91-A:3, II (a)):** Bill makes motion to go into Non-Pub, Keith seconds, all in favor, 3-0 by roll call vote.
- a. Motion to seal minutes motion made by Bill, seconded by Keith, all in favor, 3-0.
- 9. Adjournment:** Bill makes motion to adjourn at 7:15pm, Keith seconds, all in favor, 3-0.

Next meeting, March 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

X

Keith Bronson
Northumberland Selectboard Member

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