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**Town of Northumberland
Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes – Draft**

Date: Tuesday, September 5, 2023

Place: Town Meeting Room – 10 Station Square

Time: 6:00 P.M.

Board members present: Bill Caron, Jim Weagle
Others: Jeremy Monahan, Sean Durkin, Al Rossetto, Norm Cotter, Pete Marshall, Min Kennett, Courtney McLain, Glenn Cassady, Reggie & Terri Charron, Kathy Frechette, Judy Fox, Amanda Anderson, Ryan Shannon, Eric Brown, Rick Archer – Granite Guild, Rebecca St. Cyr – Minute Taker

1. Chairman opens the meeting:

B. Caron opened the meeting at 6:00 pm

2. Acceptance of Minutes:

B. Caron said there is a note for correction on Sullivan , he's not aware of what the correction is.

Motion to approve by: J. Weagle, 2nd by: B. Caron, All in Favor 2-0

Objection - R. Shannon said he made a request to have the grant list sent to him that was left out of the minutes. A. Anderson entered and said the minutes are wrong and she objects!!

B. Caron said Tammy isn't here to say where or not something hasn't been done from the last meeting. He REINDED the motion to accept. Any corrections will be made at the next meeting on September 18, 2023.

B. Caron, Chairman said it's his meeting to run (a Selectmen Meeting not a Town Meeting) to choose who he calls on. If you know there are corrections to be made please let me know so that we can get them corrected at the next meeting. R. Shannon said that's incorrect sir, because if the minutes were wrong, you can't approve them. B. Caron further explained yes, that's correct and that's why the motion was REINDED until the next meeting.

J. Monahan asked if B. Caron's position is elected – Bill said yes it is. Monahan asked why he talks to the people like they are a thorn in his side. Bill said he's not, it's our meeting to conduct this business in front of everyone. It's his meeting to decide who gets called on and he's allowed to set time Limits. We are putting together a list of what the RSA say's, and everyone will know what is and isn't allowed. This is not a Town Meeting. There was further discussion about Public questions and commenting and closing to the Public.

Bill Caron said he won't be running for Selectman in March; he will be looking for a full-time job and won't be able to do both. If anyone wants to get their name in to run for the position.

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3. Department Head Business: Highway and Water/Sewer

Glenn Cassady, Road Agent – Highway

- After the last meeting, Glenn called a vendor pleading again to have someone come and do some paving on Church St. Central Paving had half a day and came up to get it done. He's not aware of what the cost is.
- The annual roadside mowing has been done.
- With all the rain, the worst road for pot holes is Page Hill. Glenn will go out and band aid it until the grader comes in October.
- We did some street sweeping/cleanup around town before School started.
- If time allows he wants to clean up the grass in the ditch line from Pleasant St to the storage sheds – a lot has been blown out there from residents mowing.
- Randy is busy – it's State inspection month. He's going through all the vehicles.
- This week, since its warm and dry we are hauling in the winter sand.
- Central Paving got the north end of Village Rd. bid to grind up the road and pave. Waiting on them, their equipment is there. Hoping it's done by late fall.
- The storm drain by the grocery store, Andre Brasseur did some research plus we worked with the State on the TAP grant, and we are responsible to fix the area. It will be ground up and the manhole repaired. It will be a band-aid until the TAP grant work starts.
- Started draining the pool a couple of weeks ago.
- Assisted Reggie with the grinder pump project, which is complete.
- He was asked by one of the vendors about the sidewalks on Rich St. The terrain and height of them are not worth putting granite curbs in. Do you want to use asphalt? It's something to consider. Glenn and Bill further discussed funding, etc. B. Caron said he would be ok with paving; it would be a fraction of the cost and there is money in the budget to do it. Glenn said the crack sealing vendor is willing to buy a sidewalk paver to add to their business. Bill said the paving could last 5+ years. The paving in front of Emersons has been there a long time. It's something to think about. The money appropriated at Town Meeting was for 5 years, which we can add to. Bill suggested getting quotes for the paving on Rich St. (from Municipal Parking lot to RR tracks).

Sean Durkin asked if you have the man power, does it make sense to do the prep work and use concrete. Glenn said if we do the prep work, the cement is the easy part. We've done a lot of the sidewalks in the past. It could be easier and cheaper than hiring a contractor to come in. Glenn said when we've planned this in the past we needed 6 guys min. to put it out. There is no need to face with granite the rise is only 2" - 3".

Pete Marshall asked if there be a replacement for the guy that you lost. It was a 4 man crew and now you're down to 3. Will see how it goes – it will be pretty busy.

Norm asked who was hired – J. Weagle said we are waiting on the back ground check before it can be announced.

Amanda – thanked the Board for getting the paving done before school started. B. Caron said thank you. Glenn said the vendor called after seeing the video posted on Facebook from the meeting. They didn't want to hold up business – they went out of their way.

Min asked about a meeting with Glenn, Tammy, and the engineers about the sidewalk grant. Glenn said they went back to the original date in 2026. He said it started as a \$1 million project to almost \$2.2 million and what will the rate of inflation be then. Min asked if the asphalt would last 3 years? Glenn said it should. There are some streets on the hill that he would like to shim coat, it's rough plowing but we are going to tear them up soon.

Glenn said it is what it is!! He's glad that we are spending money in the Village.

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Reggie Charron – Water / Sewer

- Avery flushed and vacuumed all the main sewer lines, cleaned all the pump stations, we did the trailer park – we will bill them for that. We found a grease problem and he spoke with their President about it. We had some interruptions, 60 hrs. were appropriated, 40 hrs. was pushing it. We didn't get the storm drains done because of planning to use Avery around the project on Brooklyn St. Glad that we did the project. He thanked Randy and Glenn for finishing it. Glenn made a very good decision when Reggie couldn't be there. Contractors like to walk away – thanked Glenn for taking care of the issue.
- Issues on the hill on Maple St. there was a very big tree that was full of roots from in front of J. Weagle's house to the RR tracks. It took over 4 hrs. to cut out. We would have had issues with it in February. Then we found an issue where a piece of pipe had broken off in the system and went 100' down the line. We got that taken care of through the ingenuity of Avery, Keith, and Reid Styles; they got the piece out of the pipe and did a fantastic job. There is money available, and we will have Dave Avery come back this fall and do the 20 hrs. of work on storm drains. We did find out that the system is better this year and this needs to be budgeted yearly.
- The grinder project is done, and we shouldn't have a rag issue again.
- Reid has been mowing all summer – it's been a tough summer. We had a sanitary survey, and everything needs to be kept up. He thanks Reid for his help, but we need to get another man in.
- We have hired someone, it's someone that we can rely on. He will carry the same licenses that Reggie does in water.
- Reggie has been busy with the State and EPA testing, backflow is done, it takes time.
- Since the pool went down, our daily average demand has gone down to about 240,000. We were at 300,000 over the summer. Some of it could have been due to the issue on high school loop, which has been fixed.
- Guildhall – Tammy met with the Guildhall Water Commission, they are pursuing grants to fulfill the backflow and metering vault that we've been looking at and have been talking about for years. It is going to be done properly, we've received permission to put the vault where we want it. We are working on it and moving it forward. We appreciate the comments, there are a lot of people to pursue. It's for our protection and Guildhall's. He has good guys there now and they are listening.

B. Caron asked about leaks at the end of summer in the pool area last year, is there still more? Reggie said we knew there was an issue with the 6", which has been fixed now. There is another minor issue with the toys (mushrooms) that we will probably try to fix in the spring.

- Sean Durkin said the backflow issue has him perplexed; he understands they are working on it, but if it happened tomorrow we would be responsible. Reggie said it's not our pit, he said the residents all have backflow preventors on their homes. Reggie said when he started this, his biggest concern was fire protection. There is a recommendation from NH DES that we work with Guildhall to resolve. 4 years ago, we went to the State of VT for answers, and they washed their hands with it.

Sean feels a letter should be issued before they get started. He will keep pressing Tammy on this. Reggie commented that we are all aware of it, it's a matter of where to put it and the money.

Ryan asked if we are providing them water and if/when they contaminate our water is that our responsibility at that point. Reggie said we are providing them the water, it's their pit, in his opinion it's their responsibility. They have a licensed operator that maintains their system. Ryan said we shouldn't even be supplying them water until it's up to par – it's public health. Reggie said there has been an agreement out there for 50 years. Reggie further discussed the agreement.

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Eric asked about the new grinder pump on 110; we won't have any more backup issues? Reggie said that's correct but they will continue to watch it.

Eric said when they re-paved on Brooklyn St. there is a drain in front his house that doesn't drain. It was tapered into the edge of his property, and it doesn't drain properly. It's just a pipe in the ground and the water was diverted to it; he's concerned that eventually it will fill up and flood his basement. Reggie addressed and will stop over to look at it. Eric further described the location of the pipe for Reggie.

J. Monahan said Gary Brown attended a previous meeting and said Guildhall has the money. Reggie said they do have some but it's not enough. Sean further iterated that we need to have a letter in place to cover us. Sean will need to discuss that with Tammy. Reggie further discussed the grants and the issues with getting the money from the government. We are in the same boat with the sidewalks, that project he doesn't know where we will be in the spring with it. In his opinion we won't be able to finish the hill project. If there is a Town that needs money we need it.

Amanda said we talked about the costs for Guildhall; is that the contract that you talked about? No, it was the 50 year contract, which isn't on rates. J. Weagle said there are rates in it but its more about projects that involve them. Guildhall isn't responsible to help pay for the hill project. Reggie said they are paying the same rate for water as we are.

Eric asked how far are we responsible for. Reggie said there is a gate valve at the intersection of Old Village Rd and Guildhall Rd. They take over from the gate valve and beyond. Any repairs are theirs from the gate valve and beyond.

4. Requested Agenda Matters:

5. Town Administrator Business:

- a. Follow up discussion of 4/8/24 Road Toll Request; B. Caron said we missed this date in the road toll email at the last meeting. The date they requested is on the weekend of the total solar eclipse in April. It will be a traffic nightmare, since the north country is the only place to see it (Pittsburg)

Motion to deny the 4/8/24 request and ask them to pick another date by: B. Caron
2nd by: J. Weagle, All in Favor 2-0

Amanda asked why the solar eclipse will affect traffic. B. Caron said they're predicting over 300,000 people will be coming up through to Pittsburg for the best viewing area. J. Weagle said the school will be closed that Friday. They are talking about Route 3 having 2 lanes north and possibly north only on Route 3 and south on Route 16.

- b. Union Bank Certification of Authorizing Resolution – This is basically the Union Banks authorization for Tammy to do what Becky Craggy was doing.

Motion to approve by: J. Weagle, 2nd by: B. Caron, All in Favor 2-0

B. Caron said we have hired a person for Becky's replacement. We are waiting on the background check.

- c. Discussion of request to use Big Ball Field for Event – Granite Guild

B. Caron read a letter of request from the Granite Guild and Community Builders Hub. On 10/28 they are planning a Hunter Moon Family Fun Night; they have also made a request for permission to use the small ball field to SAU 58.

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Activities will include - guest speakers, story tellers, we have requests pending with the Abenaki Tribal Counsel, NH Astronomical Society and others, Personalities licensed by SONY pictures have agreed to appear as Ghost Busters; a feature length family film, we will also have a bonfire. We are reaching out to some food truck vendors and to Courtney McLain to see if interested in having Trunk or Treat as part of this event. We have discussed with Chief Pelletier and received his endorsement. The Fire Department has indicated that they would participate. R. Archer said the Superintendent is on board with it. He has also sent requests to Wanda Cloutier and Jo Robinson and is waiting to hear back from them.

M. Kennett discussed Trunk or Treat; the first 2 years Chapman let them use part of the old mill yard. Then we moved it to the small ballfield, which was the perfect place for it, but Wanda wanted it for the Rec. The past 2 years it's been in the Municipal Parking lot near the Police Dept.

B. Caron said we've had a exorbitant amount of rain since May; the ball fields are ok to walk on but if a truck went over it they could leave tracks. There is an area by the snack shack for parking; or we could keep the trucks just on the perimeter of the field.

Terri asked if it could be done out in the municipal parking lot? Bill feels they will probably need more area. Min said they talked about doing the Trunk or Treat on 10/28 so it wouldn't affect the Rec. A lot of towns do the Trunk or Treat on the weekend and then have Trick or Treating on 10/31. It would be sort of like the Legion; they usually have a party for the kids on the Saturday before Halloween.

Al Rossetto discussed having the event out here instead of the small ballfield where there would be no issues with mud or grass. R. Archer had a concern with the PD having to come and go.

R. Archer said they will have insurance for the event. They are in the process of trying to set up a community center in Town, which will require them to have coverage. J. Weagle said if we approve an event that is sponsored by the Town, it's covered by the Town insurance.

R. Charron commented that porta potties would be needed if holding the event here.

K. Frechette - mentioned Homecoming - there is a bonfire on the dirt that gets set up and the Fire Department is there to take care of it. Amanda spoke about having the event at the ballfield and the Trunk or Treat in the municipal lot here. Discussion continue about the event location, etc. Granite Guild will probably not hear from Wanda until their next meeting. R. Archer said time is of essence, they need to get flyers prepared and to the printers.

J. Weagle was ok to approve for 10/28 and make it a Town sponsored event. R. Archer said he wasn't sure what Trunk or Treat was doing so as a courtesy they reached out to Courtney.

K. Frechette asked if regular trick or treating will still be on the 31st as usual; the Rec Center usually has a costume judging on the 31st. Min commented that regular Trick or Treating has always been on the 31st. The Rec Center decides the date for Trick or Treating. B. Caron said it's our decision to make regarding the 28th, which is a Saturday. The 31st is a Tuesday. R. Archer said they are just looking to have a fun family event.

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R. Archer said he's done this for about 10 years, it's all community based, non-profit but expanded based on various community needs. When he first moved here he met with Tammy to discuss his background. He has a background in writing grants, within a week of being here he met with Chief Pelletier and was asked to spearhead a back-pack program for school kids. He successfully did that, and we gave the backpacks out here.

R. Archer further discussed other programs he has worked on. He would like to start doing music events, and maybe an Octoberfest next year. He's trying to get a lot of energy to bring people in.

R. Shannon commented that he (Archer) gets it. People in this Town don't get it and you Sir do. How the economy runs by bringing business to the Town. R. Archer said that every dollar that's spent during events there is usually another \$10-\$15 that's spent locally.

R. Archer said he's also working on the bridge to get discussions going. He has spoken with a congress woman and the Governor. He wants to do all he can; we will be looking for volunteers and donations. The non-Profit was established in 1998 and has been in existence since.

B. Caron asked what the timeframe is for the event. Archer said approx. dusk until 10:00 pm or so. Bill said his only concern is vehicles on the ballfield, the condition of the field will need to be confirmed before the event. Amanda noted that there is space for food trucks by the basketball court, near the snack shack.

Motion to approve the event on 10/28 as a Town sponsored event by: J. Weagle
2nd by: B. Caron, All in Favor 2-0

J. Weagle asked if he is looking at music, Archer is working with another non-profit, Community Builders Hub; he will defer that to them and further discussed. J. Weagle said he has all the equipment and is willing to do it for nothing.

d. Other Business:

Amanda said she has been asking about information on grants since March, she has sent email, etc. is there a better way to get the information. B. Caron said they will ask Tammy about it; she has been busy helping Becky with payroll, etc. preparing for her last day.

Amanda asked about the handicapped parking near the restaurant that was approved. She was told the signs are up but there are no signs up over there. J. Weagle said he has asked about it but is waiting for an answer. He should have the information from his contact in a week or so. We don't know if it can be done in a regular parking spot. We have to address the egress – it's an ADA compliance thing.

M. Kennett asked about Trunk or Treat it hasn't been approved that she's aware of.

Motion to approve the use of the municipal parking lot for Trunk or Treat on 10/28 or 10/31 and being Town sponsored by: J. Weagle
2nd by: B. Caron All in Favor 2-0

Amanda asked if it makes sense to have everything on 10/28; people don't want to dress the kids twice. Since we have this awesome event happening that could result in revenue for the Town. K. Frechette said she will go with what ever the consensus is. 10/28 or 10/31

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6. Applications/Permits and Warrants:

- a. Yield Tax Warrant – Map 214, Lot 034 – \$238.11

Motion to approve by: J. Weagle, 2nd by: B. Caron, All in Favor 2-0

- b. Intent to cut – Map 232, Lot 2 - Mark Robinson, the owner will be cutting approx. 14 acres.

Motion to approve by: J. Weagle, 2nd by: B. Caron, All in Favor 2-0

a. Building Permit Applications (2)

1. Map 205, Lot 006 - Steve McMann replacing deck, new vinyl siding, the fee is paid.

Motion to approve by: J. Weagle, 2nd by: B. Caron, All in Favor 2-0

2. Map 107, Lot 054 – Richard & Jill Patry, front porch on West St. side of home, metal roof – Al Rossetto said the address is West St. but the driveway and mail box are on Mountain View. If we call this the front of the house it doesn't meet the setback, Al and the Board further discussed. Al said we are looking into the 911 address; J. Gibson will look into the 911 issue to see about getting it changed to Mountain View. B. Caron said based on the assessment the address is 35 West St.

Motion to approve considering the driveway is on Mountain View St. by: J. Weagle
2nd by: B. Caron, All in Favor 2-0

3. Map 104, Lot 222-00-00 – Sandra Boudle, 31 Maple St. 16' Porch/deck – Victor Baldwin is the contractor. Al said it meets the setback.

Motion to approve by: J. Weagle, 2nd by: B. Caron, All in Favor 2-0

4. Map 103-003 – Bruce Pelletier, 3 Pleasant St., replacing current porch with new entrance on north end of new porch.

Al Rossetto reviewed the lot map; they want to move the driveway from one side to the other. Al checked with Glenn, and they haven't put in a request for a driveway permit. Al didn't signed the permit until clarified.

Amanda asked if it matters to the Town which side of the house the driveway is on? Yes it's a road cut and there is an existing driveway. He has to have a driveway permit and a curb cut. Al further discussed. K. Frechette asked if changing the driveway changes the footprint, Al said yes but. Al said he didn't have any issues with the building portion of the permit. The Board further reviewed the map. J. Weagle said he can't have 2 driveways; he would have to close the current one off. B. Caron said we need to get clarification from the owner on the driveway. He can only have one driveway.

Motion to TABLE the building permit for Map 103-003 until the owner knows he can't have 2 driveways by: J. Weagle, 2nd by: B. Caron – Tabled until 09/18/23

Al said he has no problem with the porch; the permit will be pending Al's signature when he gets back from vacation.

5. Map 251, Lot 009 – 603 Solar is installing solar panels, B. Caron reviewed the specs. Belknap Electric is the contractor. The fee has been paid.

Motion to approve by: J. Weagle, 2nd by: B. Caron, All in Favor 2-0

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Al was given a heads up by a neighbor. He discussed an issue regarding a project that is happening that doesn't have a building permit, not sure about State Permits. Al will see Liz tomorrow about it. J. Weagle said the project needs to be shut down asap until resolved.

Briefly discussed building permits, they need to be received by noon on the Friday before a scheduled business meeting.

Motion that all Building Permits need to be received by noon Friday, before a scheduled business meeting by: J. Weagle, 2nd by: B. Caron, All in Favor 2-0

R. Shannon asked if the project they were discussing is over \$5,000. He thought a building permit wasn't needed if it's not over \$5,000. J. Weagle said we are not just talking about a building permit; it has to be State approved which is a whole different ball game. B. Caron said a certified engineer has to design and submit to the State for approval and then it comes back to the engineer. It's a process.

The Board will issue a cease and desist order to the property owner ASAP. The fee for a building permit is \$250.00 when not filed; plus, we can fine \$250.00 for a filing late. The State permit needs to be confirmed as well.

Courtney asked who they are speaking of? J. Weagle said they can't divulge the name at this time. We don't know if they already have the State permits or not. They would still need a building permit if it's over \$5,000. Amanda asked if we are opening ourselves up for a fine if they are not permitted. No, the property owner would be fined by the State.

7. **Public Comment:

- R. Shannon – Becky is gone now; you potentially have the position filled. Tammy has taken over everything. B. Caron said yes she is doing payroll and vendor payments. Ryan asked what happens if Tammy has an emergency or has to go on vacation, who covers for her? B. Caron indicated the Board.
- Courtney said as a Town we pay for services and as an employee she deserves certain things to happen on time. Becky is now gone, and Tammy is on vacation. There was something that had to be done this morning, she was asked to do it but didn't clearly hear what it was. She had to be out, so Min took care of it. She was uncomfortable doing it and it was something that shouldn't have fell into her or Mins laps. J. Weagle said it fell to her because we didn't have the form yet. We weren't told about the form but would have taken care of it if we did. Courtney said it was something that we were allowed to approve a vacation directly after we didn't have someone. There is a big lapse of not having Becky, it's a disservice to the Town.

B. Caron further discussed the process of hiring the right person to fill Becky's position. Amanda asked if there is a time line of how long before that person will be in the position. J. Weagle said yes, and we have a date, but we can't officially say until the background check is done. Amanda is uncomfortable having the Town Administrator doing both jobs and strongly feels we need someone different in each position. Looking at common sense, there are checks and balances to ensure certain things don't happen. R. Shannon said we are getting at liability issues as well. Becky's position is the only one that can touch personnel files; Tammy or the Board can't touch them. That is in the handbook; he asked the Board to be careful. Ryan said the letters that were put in the girls files a year ago where put in by Tammy. They are illegal and should be taken out. B. Caron said the Board authorized by them. Ryan said its on record that Tammy put them in the files.

- E. Brown said the rumor around Town is that one of the Police officers is suing the Town, is there any truth to that? J. Weagle said if there is a court case, it's public knowledge. Eric just wanted to know as a concerned citizen if it's true and feels it's a legitimate question. J. Weagle

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answered by saying if there is a case he could find it. He doesn't know legally what he can and can't say. As Selectmen we have to be very careful with what we say. He would be able to find it if there is one.

R. Shannon asked if there is a case, is the officer on leave? J. Weagle said we can't do that; it would be retaliation. Ryan asked about their mental state. If they are not in their right state of mind that would be a liability to the Town. J. Weagle said our legal counsel is aware and has told us what we can and can't do; we follow their advice.

Eric said he understands this person is claiming emotional distress, which can cause anger issues. We should have assigned him desk duty and can it be discussed during Non-Public session. If we have an officer suing and claiming emotional stress, which is a mental health issue; do we want an officer working in this situation with anger problems. Shouldn't they be evaluated and placed on administrative leave or desk duty until the issues are resolved. He finds this a waiting lawsuit when an officer may lose control because he feels disrespected by Town members – it's a lawsuit waiting to happen. This Board should be concerned about that. He is asking the Board to recommend that he has a psychological exam to protect the citizens and the Town from potential lawsuits.

B. Caron said when issues arise, we seek out Legal Counsel and get their guidance and recommendations from the Lawyers. We have been talking with legal counsel on matters of this or that, unfortunately we had issues in the Town office that we can't speak of because there are still sealed minutes and cannot discuss anything right now. We have the interest of Towns people at heart.

Eric said his main concern is a potential lawsuit that could cost the Town \$100,00 or \$1,000,000 depending what could potentially happen.

Amanda asked if this is a safety concern for the Town. J. Weagle said we have asked legal counsel and have to be very careful what is said. Amanda asked if there is insurance so that it won't cost the residents? B. Caron said we are covered.

Courtney commented that when Min and I we had a statement on the door, it was disrespectful. She asked if they got a second opinion or is there just one. J. Weagle said there are several attorneys that review cases; B. Caron said we have paid Attorneys; our liability insurance has their own Attorneys and then there are NH Municipal Attorneys.

Amanda asked if the insurance goes up when a claim is filed. J. Weagle said we have insurance, we know how it works and the coverage, but we don't know that.

- Courtney advised the Trunk or Treat will on October 28th.
- B. Caron asked Eric where to find his videos – type in Groveton Chronicle or on YouTube and he tries to share them to the Groveton Neighborhood page. J. Weagle said if anyone complains about the language, it will be shut down. Eric would like to see the Town post the recording as well and further discussed how it could be stored. Towns people could go to the website to listen. B. Caron said it's something that we can look into.
- Amanda asked about parking for the restaurant; how do we get designated parking for this business? J. Weagle said its public parking; if we do it for one, it has to be for everyone. B. Caron suggested putting it on the agenda for another meeting. J. Weagle said we tried by sending letters to the property owners, however none wanted to do anything. Amanda wanted to know how to request parking for this restaurant. It's not about 1 business; her questions won't be answered tonight. Courtney requested that parking should be on the agenda for the next meeting. She understands doing it not just for one, she agrees that parking is a problem. There should be something that we can do, one possibility might be making it night parking only.

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The people in the apartments should be able to park across the street. There are 2 dogs in the apartment building that are ferocious when people walk by them. She requested from Tammy that a letter be sent to them. She doesn't know the tenant; the PD needs to go there and tell them to get the dogs registered. Courtney further discussed the dog issue.

B. Caron said when the parking issue at the High School came up – you pay taxes, and you get a permit to park in front of your house. When in VA he had to buy parking permits for each vehicle; he had 2 visitors passes. B. Caron said parking permits are not allowed in NH per RSA, but he hasn't explored it. Amanda used to have to buy them when living in Franklin, NH. She has asked before; can the restaurant pay for parking spots. B. Caron said it will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

- R. Shannon said the businesses are the backbone of the Town – he understands where J. Weagle is coming from if doing for one it's got to be for all. Lancaster does have a method they use during business hours.
- Courtney asked about the dogs again and requested that Tammy or the Board talk to the PD about it. We just need to do something for the files to be sure we are following NH Laws.
- Amanda said the PD did email her previously about the parking, they were unwilling to do anything, but the Board can direct them.

8. Announcements:

9. Next Board Meeting Date: Monday, September 18, 2023 – 6 pm

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

There was no Non-Public Session held.

11. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn by: J. Weagle

2nd by: B. Caron, All in Favor 2-0

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca St Cyr, Minute Taker

*Agenda is subject to change

**Deadline for Agenda items is 12:00 noon on the Friday before scheduled business meeting

(By vote of Board of Selectmen at 7/11/2005 meeting)

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Minutes approved by Northumberland Select Board Members on _____

X _____
William Caron
Northumberland Select Board Chair

X _____
Jim Tierney
Northumberland Select Board Member

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Jim Weagle
Northumberland Select Board Member