

Town of
Northumberland Board
of Selectmen

Draft Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, July 6th, 2020

Place: Town Meeting Room – 10 Station Square

Time: 6:00 P.M.

Social distancing and masks are encouraged during business meeting

Selectmen members present: Chris Wheelock, Chair, Jim Weagle and Michael Phillips.

Others present: Al Rossetto, Glenn Cassady, Norm Cotter, Pete Marshall, Sean Durkin, Sam Oakes, Reginald Charron, Shawn Swallow, Melinda "Min" Kennett

1. Chairman opens the meeting: Chris Wheelock opens the meeting asking for acceptance of minutes with correction to add Elaine Gray to list of attendees.

2. Acceptance of Minutes: Jim makes motion to accept minutes with correction to add Elaine Gray to list of attendees. Michael seconds, all in favor, 3-0,

3. Selectmen Business:

a. Department Head Business: Highway and Water/Sewer

Glenn reports that lines are being finished on Church St., and then near the Town Office.

Cleaning out the old salt and sand shed and prepping for the new shed has been time consuming.

The rain came and gave Randy time to catch up with work on vehicles.

Need to street sweep the tracks on Church St., with all the State construction, lots of rocks and stones.

Water leak discovered at funeral home and where McKenzie's restaurant and corporation was located. Discovered a new leak on a repair that was done last year.

Would like to catch up and finish the demo of the trailers and foundation set, and get paving bids, and back road mowing set up.

Page Hill is dusty again because of the lack of rain. Would like to Chloride again.

Chris brings up the possibility of mixing water with the chloride, makes it go further. Glenn agrees, will look into getting a tank, may make it easier to apply.

Maple Street driveway washouts a problem again. Have to rebuild them every year.

Chris suggests maybe taking any left over pavement material from the paving and using to redo the driveways.

Michael asks when the paver will be coming, around mid July?

Glenn agrees about the mid of July.

Chris asks if there is anything else for Glenn, if not, Reggie report.

Reggie reports that there was the leak in front of the funeral home. This happens every time the pool gets filled. It is the old 6" AC pipe developing weak spots every time we play with the pool. This time it was a rotten saddle on old McKenzie Corp. Luckily had Beattie come in and dig up as the line is in the middle of the road and the traffic is heavy, dangerous. In digging up it was discovered that even the old repair from last year was leaking.

Michael asks what "AC" is.

Reggie explains that it is cement asbestos from the 1970's. The old service line is still charged.

Glenn mentions that there are still four homes that need to be changed over.

Reggie says it may cost thousands.

Glenn to work with local contractors and get some numbers.

Reggie explains that a 1" line by Addy Hall's was fixed, but it is not in good shape.

Trying to flush hydrants, at first there was no time, now the drought, did not want to waste water, water usage is up some.

Cleaned the tank up on Lost Nation for the first time since it has been installed in 1995. The tank was inspected and was top quality. Mike from Fitch Engineering to meet with Reggie regarding Scada.

Winston and Keith have successfully completed 2nd quarter water readings. There was a read gun failure and that will have to be updated.

For sewer materials we are buying a new 9' H x 40' Long connex box for \$4,000. The old connex is rusted out. The new one will save the PVC from deteriorating in the sun. Will have racks, has vents to keep condensation low and is weather proof. Connex to be set on a pad to keep it high and dry.

On other things Brooklyn Street pumps stopped working because of the heavy rain, got them up and running.

DES is testing all NH sewer plants for PFA's.

Catching up on fixes while paving, like the shut offs for Summer and Spring Streets.

Chris asks if there is any update on the man made pool?

Reggie says "no update", it has not gotten high enough to deal with again because of the dry weather, it is not smelling and is growing in so you don't really see it.

The Mill project is going really well. They are treating all of their water and are improving the site overall.

Chris says he hears they are planning to generate electricity by fall.

Reggie says that they should start in September and that the equipment will start to arrive this week.

Chris agrees that was what he was told the other day.

Michael to Reggie: With this long dry period, do you see a diminishing capacity with the water?

Reggie: I watch it every day. We are only operating on the big well. Since we got the

variable speed drive it has operated much smoother, think we have plenty of water.

b. Discussion/decision about opening meeting house for the summer

Chris announces that there was an offer to Bob Roby??? to show at the meeting house this summer but has decided this would not be a good year because of the cleaning restrictions. Michael and Jim agree with that decision.

c. Announcement of adoption/signing of purchase policy discussed and adopted previously at fall work session – October 7th, 2019. Chris makes this announcement.

d. Discussion/decision on fee schedule for Junkyard licenses/renewals

Chris says the reason for this discussion is to see if we need to change the amount of the fee. Chris recommends that the fee be kept the same, Michael and Jim agree. Jim makes motion to keep the fee at \$25 for renewal and that if new ones come up they will be discussed about their fee cost at a future time. Michael seconds, all in favor, 3-0.

e. Discussion/decision of Recreation Commission member resignation

Chris announces the resignation of Sam Marshall from the Rec Board. No one has shown an interest in replacing her but it is early. Jim makes motion to accept resignation and to thank her for all the years of service. Michael seconds, all in favor, 3-0.

f. Discussion/authorization to proceed with AFLAC product

Chris relays that Becky is looking for approval to persue AFLAC for employees with no cost to the Town. It will be deducted from payroll deduction. Jim makes motion to allow Becky to pursue AFLAC, Michael seconds, all in favor, 3-0.

4. Applications/Permits and Warrants:

a. Second Quarter Water/Sewer Warrant
Signed by all Selectmen

b. Building Permit Applications

1.) Town of Northumberland - 76 State St. - Kerry Pelletier called about putting a 10 X 12 prefab wooden shed with metal roof (from Old Hickory Buildings-barn shaped) between the Rec Building and basketball court (for storage). Jim makes a motion to approve permit and to waive fee, Michael seconds, all in favor, 3-0.

2.) Jody & Logan Ramsay - 348 Stratford Rd. - This is the Gadwah house they purchased from the Town by bid. Jody called and said the materials are going to be over \$5000, so needed an application. Their licensed plumber on will be J D Plumbing when they are ready to install the bathroom. They have paid fee, Michael motions to approve permit, Jim seconds, all in favor, 3-0.

3.) Michelle Mason - 401 Brown Rd. - Michelle is looking to replace an existing quonset hut tent with a 10 ft wide X 20 ft length prefab shed Contractor is Tuff Sheds. Built of wood with vinyl siding with shingled roof. 20 ft off the side boundary, meets setbacks. Have paid fee. Jim makes motion to approve, Michael seconds, all in favor, 3-0.

4.) Emily & Shawn Swallow - Lancaster Rd. - They are under contract on 2 parcels of land just south of the Faith Presbyterian Church on Rte. 3 and want to place a 28 X 34 two-story modular home from Twin Homes on a full basement. Swallow and Sons would do the cement work and site work. It is zoned Residential Low Density, they have put in

for a driveway permit with DOT. Jim makes motion to approve after State driveway permit obtained. Michael seconds, all in favor, 3-0.

c. Non-Resident Property Owner Transfer Station Permit Applications – New

Christine Berry of Lost Nation Rd. Has paid fee. Jim makes motion to approve, Michael seconds, all in favor, 3-0.

Mike Carrier of Gillette St. Has paid fee. Jim makes motion to approve, Michael seconds, all in favor, 3-0.

Kim Pierre of Rich St. Has paid fee. Jim makes motion to approve, Michael seconds, all in favor, 3-0.

Doug Capute Of Second St. Has paid fee. Jim makes motion to approve, Michael seconds, all in favor, 3-0.

d. Land Use Change Tax Warrant

Ed and Barbara Davis on Spaulding Hill Road. Jim makes motion to approve, Michael seconds, all in favor, 3-0.

e. Amusement License Renewal

This is done annually for the American Legion. Jim makes motion to approve, Michael seconds, all in favor, 3-0.

f. Junkyard License Renewal

Chris mentions the fee is currently at \$25 as voted on. License renewal for Harold and Nancy Marshall and Min Kennett and Cindy Mundell. Jim makes motion to approve, Michael seconds, all in favor, 3-0.

g. Water/Sewer Abatement Requests

Robin and Bonnie Reynolds, abatement of \$71.86 because of pool filling. This has not been granted in the past. Chlorine cannot be dumped on ground. Jim makes motion to deny as in the past, Michael seconds, all in favor, 3-0.

Harold and Nancy Marshall – overcharge for water. Jim makes motion to approve, Michael seconds, all in favor, 3-0.

Sanborn - \$168.86 – filled pool, discovered a leak. Jim makes motion to deny, same reason as first abatement request.

Dawn Meunier - \$257.46 – watered tree roots and new grass, did not go to sewer. Motion to deny by Jim, based on previous requests of personal use.

Town of Northumberland - \$17,500 as budgeted supplement for 2020 Storm/Sewer. Jim makes motion to approve, Michael seconds, all in favor, 3-0.

5. Public Matters To Be Addressed By The Board:

a. Announcement of Public Safety Building Committee Mtg. 7/6/20 7 pm by Chris

b. Glenn asks if money can be taken out of the equipment fund to purchase a new mower. It is a zero turn mulcher at a cost of \$11,357.

Chris: this would replace the John Deer tractor that we can no longer find a mowing deck for, but can still be used to mow.

Glenn: yes it can be used with a sickle bar.

Michael: asks if this was put into the budget.

Glenn: it is in the Equipment Fund.

Jim makes motion to approve purchase of new mower with money coming from Public Works.

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

Motion to go into Non-Public Session by Jim at 6:35 pm

Motion to come out of Non-Public Session by Jim at 6:50pm.

Public meeting resumes with Jim making motion to approve payment plan discussed in non-public session. Chris seconds, all in favor, 3-0.

7. Adjournment: No formal adjournment made by Select Board.

Adjournment approximately 6:51pm.

Next meeting, July 20, 2020

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Kathan
Select Board Minute Taker

Minutes approved by Select Board Members on _____

X

Jim Weagle
Northumberland Select Board Member

X

Chris Wheelock
Northumberland Select Board Chair

X

Michael Phillips
Northumberland Select Board Member