

Town of Northumberland
Board of Selectmen
Meeting Notice and Proposed Agenda
Date: Monday, November 18th, 2019
Place: Town Meeting Room – 10 Station Square
Time: 6:00 P.M.

Selectmen present: Chris Wheelock (Chair), James Weagle, Michael Phillips

Others present: Pete Marshall, James Gibson, Sam Oakes, George Kenison, Al Rossetto, Dale Covey, Gabrielle Flanders, Peter Pelletier and recorder.

- 1. Chairman opens the meeting:** Chris opens the meeting and asks for acceptance of minutes.
- 2. Acceptance of Minutes:** Jim makes motion to accept minutes, Michael seconds it, all in favor, 3-0.
- 3. Selectmen Business:**
 - a. Department Head Business: Ambulance and Police Depts. Report by James Gibson for Ambulance: There have been 473 calls to date, 543 calls for same time period in 2018. Down 70 calls from last year. There were 100 requests for transfers to date, 21 accepted, 79 declined. The Comstar reports Gross commitments as of 11/15/2019 to be \$374,230.00. The total collected for 2019 as of 11/15/2019 is \$142,569.15, Becky reports that as of 11/18/2019 \$165,009.83 has been collected. James has been in touch with many of the surrounding EMS agencies regarding coverage, personnel and overall future outlooks. Lancaster is not looking to take on anymore. Berlin is looking at closing its EMS. Milan is an area that has to have coverage. Michael asks how many calls, James replies about 50, but diverse area. Michael asks James to explain Lancaster, James says they do not want to take on anymore they have enough. Chris asks if Milan would be an opportunity. Much discussion on that topic.

Peter Pelletier reports for the Police Dept.: There have been 6 new cases opened and 5 arrests. Brian Mattson has started his job as a full time officer. Recently there was an enhanced patrol with more motor vehicle pullovers, about 14, some tickets issued, and marijuana seized.

Peters goes on to explain the department purchased an ID machine and will share with the local SAU and others to make badges. This is a minimal cost to the town.

Chris brings up to Peter about a comment that a resident made about the end of the Thompson Road. There were 2 equipment trailers with stove pipes coming from them. People were living in them. Peter will keep his eye on that situation.

Bids for the Town Report. Becky received 2. One from Smith and Town Printers for 550 (reduced quantity) at \$1809. Other printers Liable?? Came in at \$3281.33. Smith and Town printed last year. Jim makes motion to

- accept Smith and Town's bid, Michael seconds, all in favor, 3-0.
- b. Deputy Health Officer Appointment Nomination – No information.
 - c. Prima America water hammer issue: Chris met with 4 representatives from Prima America to discuss progress and water issues and showed the Town's support for Reggie who is trying to protect the water system. They have months before they are ready to start up. Chris discusses 2 plans 1. Of putting in a 13,000 gallon tank. 2. Putting in a "wet system" to alleviate the town's water hammer issue in conjunction with the tank. There was some concern that Fire Marshall Toomey would not accept Plan 1. Two plans are being developed and drawn up by Peter Bloomfield. Once the plans are drawn up they will be presented to Reggie and the Board to look over before they are presented to Fire Marshall Toomey. Prima America is also looking at a long term solution, possibly a diesel generator.
 - d. Review/reminder of snow mobile ordinance for ensuing season: on August 22, 2017 the OHR/ATV ordinance was approved but never voted on. Whether a license or OHR/ATV certification for 12 years and up to drive these vehicles. Jim makes motion to accept the ordinance, Chris seconds, Michael is opposed because he believes 12 year olds are too young to drive these vehicles. Jim makes motion to approve, Chris seconds, 2-1, 1 opposed.
 - e. Transfer Station CFR money, bills paid. Jim makes motion to transfer funds, Michael seconds, all in favor, 3-0.

4. Applications/Permits and Warrants:

- a. Supplemental Warrant: Acceptance of 2020 municipal aid which are unanticipated funds from the State in the amount of \$105,335 paid in 2 installments. No restrictions. Currently the money is in the general fund and there will be a warrant article to decide where money goes. Some discussion by Board and audience on how the monies can be used.
- b. Abatement Application: the Presbyterian Church is asking to have both issues of 2019 taxes abated until they get their non-profit status in 2020. The Church as a part of the closing deal with Dave Caron paid the first issue 2019 taxes. Board discusses and feels the first issue was a condition of the closing and should not be abated. Discussion of other abatements like Veterans, non-profits. Motion made by Michael to accept abatement of 2nd issue 2019 taxes, Chris seconds, 2-1, Jim opposed.
- c. Yield Tax Warrant
Debra Millick \$1,092.13. Jim makes motion to accept, Michael seconds, all in favor, 3-0.
Jenifer Walburn and Chris Shep?? \$767.32. Jim makes motion to accept, Michael seconds, all in favor, 3-0.
- d. Running Water Applications
Dennis Segoin???, Northumberland School District, Village Precinct. Jim makes motion to accept, Michael seconds, all in favor 3-0.
- e. Meeting Room Use Request by Min for January 4th from 12 until 4 or 5pm for a baby shower. Application to be gotten from Min by Chris. Fee needs to be paid. Jim makes motion to sign application and receive fee. Michael seconds, all in favor, 3-0.
- f. Veteran Credit Application: Les and Nancy Joy. Meets all criteria. Motion by

Jim to accept application, second by Michael, all in favor, 3-0.

- g. Solar Exemption Application: Andrew Schaffermeyer?? Of Longview Drive, motion by Jim to accept application, second by Michael, all in favor, 3-0.

5. Public Matters To Be Addressed By The Board:

- a. Holiday Announcement: Selectmans offices closed Nov. 28 and 29th for the holiday. Reopens at 8AM on Monday, December 2nd.

The next budget session for the Ambulance, Emergency Mgmt, Health Administration, Highway and Solid Waste on November 19th.

Conservation Commission to meet on Nov. 20 at 7pm at 10 Station Square.

- b. Additional items:

Al Rossetto speaks and thanks the Board for the reimbursement for the books. There are a total of 5 books and they will be placed in the Library for public reference. Thursday is Androscoggan meeting and will have a discussion of tipping fees and how the fee is based on Mill days use. Would like to reduce the fee by 10%. Comparison of Guildhall's fee which is less than Northumberland. Al to pursue this with guidance from the Board. Much discussion by Al and Board on tipping fee structure, and pursuing lower fee.

George Kenison asks the Board what their stance is on opening a business on Page Hill. Chris has gotten involved with that since the last Planning Board meeting. According to zoning it is allowed to run a business out of a residence, even if it is the next lot. Shawn lease to own for his storage shed. Chris advised Shawn to get a building permit. The salt/sand shed is not in violation. Kenison has concerns over the amount of traffic and noise. It is not a home business it is a commercial business. Al Rossetto says it is a separate lot, Chris says that is not wrong according to the zoning rules. At Planning Board it will be determined whether it goes to Zoning or not. Rossetto and Kenison are convinced there are violations. People on the dirt road are very unhappy with the situation. It is tearing up the road. Board discusses residential and commercial and home based businesses and the differences and will be checking into the rules.

Discussion about Community Garden – Flanders: Gabrielle Flanders has opened up 3 free produce stands. Would like to start a free community gardens, most surrounding towns have them already. Would like to get town approval for a community garden. Flanders will purchase the land or if the town will donate some land, she has the backing of some companies. Explains there are a lot of advantages to the town to have one. She would like to teach people about composting. Board discusses and thinks it may be a good thing. Need more information.

6. Non-Public Session: (Pursuant to RSA'S 91-A:3,II (a), (b), ©, (d), (e):

- a. Personnel Matter – Jim makes motion to go into Non-Public Session, Michael seconds. All in favor, 3-0 to go into Non-Pub at 7:05pm.
- b. Jim makes motion to go back to Public Session, Michael seconds, all in favor, 3-0. Non-Pub ends at 7:30pm

- 7. Adjournment:** Jim makes motion to adjourn at 7:31pm, Michael seconds, all in favor, 3-0.

Next meeting, December 2, 2019

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Kathan
Select Board Minute Taker

Minutes approved by Select Board Members on

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Jim Weagle
Northumberland Select Board Chair

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Chris Wheelock
Northumberland Select Board Chairman

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Michael Phillips
Northumberland Select Board Member