

Town of Northumberland

Board of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes (Draft)

Date: Monday, May 16th, 2022

Place: Town Meeting Room – 10 Station Square

Time: 6:00 P.M.

During the meeting wearing of masks is encouraged for all individuals

Select Board Members Present: Keith Bronson Chair, Jim Tierney, Bill Caron via phone

Others Present: Bill Daisey, Peter Pelletier, Kathy Frechette, Judy Fox, Norman Cotter, Pete Marshall, Al Rossetto

1. **Chairman opens the meeting:** Keith opens the meeting and asks for a motion to accept minutes of previous meeting.
2. **Acceptance of Minutes:** Jim makes motion to accept minutes, Bill seconds, all in favor, 3-0.
3. **Department Head Business:** Ambulance and Police Depts.

Jim Gibson's notes read: 181 calls to date compared to 159 last year.

Comstar received to date: \$59,929.23

May 25 to 31st is National EMS week to be recognized. EMS rising to the challenge.

Pete Marshall compliments the Ambulance crew for the rubbish pickup.

Chief Pelletier reports: 201 call for service which included 44 car stops. Still trying to get the numbers from the new system.

The Police Dept., also participated in the road side cleanup.

Training continues on the new log reporting system. It has been very busy, there are 30 pages of activity.

Time was spent in Lancaster helping with a fugitive search. The fugitive eventually surrendered and was returned to State Prison.

With the hiring of more officers the Police Dept., is getting closer to 20 to 24 hour coverage.

Al Rossetto thanks Chief Pelletier for integrating the town, state and local departments, and for all of his hard work.

4. Matters from the public:

5. Town Administrator Business:

- a. Discussion of Juneteenth federal holiday – end of Slavery

Celebrated June 20th

Discussion on how that may change the town's list of holidays and whether it will change the number of paid holidays. Will have to go before the Town for a hearing, tabled for now, review personnel policy.

- b. Discussion of Town sign – by the Stratford line is in bad shape. Need to check on pricing to fix or build new. Perhaps the Beautification committee could take this on. Need to research best way to fix for longevity.

- c. Ball field request for the 9th Annual Griffin Donald Kenison Softball game with insurance requirement waived. The proceeds from this pay for uniforms and sponsor teams. Contact Mike or Christy Kenison. To be held August 12 thru 14.

Discussion of severe injury responsibility, requested waiver done previously.

Jim makes motion to give permission without requested insurance coverage, a town event. Bill seconds, all in favor, 3-0.

6. Applications/Permits and Warrants:

- a. Meeting Room Use Application – Coos County Tax Collectors Association – requested for August 11th, with backup date of Sept. 12. No conflict, day before primary. Jim makes motion to allow, Bill seconds, all in favor 3-0.
- b. Non-Resident Transfer Station Permit Application(s)
 1. Matthew Tedone Map 105 Lot 022, resident renewal. Jim makes motion to sign, Bill seconds, all in favor 3-0.
 2. C B Keenan – 5 High St, new application. Jim makes motion to sign, Bill seconds, all in favor, 3-0.
 3. Groveton Central LLC – 2 stickers, multi-family, 30 Main St., new application, Jim makes motion to sign, Bill seconds, all in favor, 3-0.
 4. James and Jennifer Morse, 10 Fisk St. new application. Jim makes motion to sign, Bill seconds, all in favor, 3-0.
 5. Wesley C Woodworth, 118 Old Village, renewal, Jim makes motion to sign, Bill seconds, all in favor, 3-0.
- c. Veteran’s Tax Credit transferring to spouse – information valid. Jim makes motion to sign, Bill seconds, all in favor, 3-0
- d. Building Permit Application(s)
 1. Stephen Tate, 30 Main St, AI has signed. Jim makes motion to sign, Bill seconds, all in favor, 3-0.
 2. Brian and Suzanne Batchelder, Jim makes motion to sign, Bill seconds, all in favor, 3-0.
 3. Sandra Mason, Jim makes motion to sign, Bill seconds, all in favor, 3-0.
 4. Marcus and Daniel Perry, Jim makes motion to sign, Bill seconds, all in favor, 3-0.
 5. Chris and Jamie Meunier, Jim makes motion to sign, Bill seconds, all in favor, 3-0.
AI makes comment on the construction, they were not going to pull a permit, but did pay for the permit.
 6. Lyn Tober, Jim makes motion to sign, Bill seconds, all in favor, 3-0.
- e. Timber Tax Warrant
\$2,827.08 Jim makes motion to sign, Bill seconds, all in favor, 3-0.
- f. First half property tax warrant. \$2,320,369.00. Jim makes motion to sign, Bill seconds, all in favor, 3-0.
- g. Abatement
Final Eversource payment of \$4,648.50, settlement payoff. Map 224, lot 012. Jim makes motion to approve, Bill seconds, all in favor, 3-0.
AI asks about this and brings up that more work is being done. Sansoucy will look at it?
Jim: yes.

7. Announcements:

- a. Groveton Elementary School Memorial Day Program – GES Memorial Day Program, Veterans, Family and Friends May 23 at 10AM GES playground.
- b. Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day at AVRRDD – June 11th
AI has posters and containers for hazardous waste
- c. Precinct meeting 6pm on May 18 at 37 Church St.
- d. Town offices closed on Monday, May 30th for Memorial Day.

Pete Marshall brings up that Old Village Road is getting worse. The south end is getting worse. Discussion of previous cleanup, but it looks like it is getting worse again. Keith makes a note of increased garbage. Judy Fox asks if the Town Administrator will investigate this. Jim says yes as soon as she gets back from personal leave.

Judy Fox asks about fireworks and firepits on Maple Street. Keith lets everyone know that a permit from the Fire Department must be obtained. Jim adds that one should speak to the commissioners regarding fireworks in town. Fox brings up other incidences of Christmas tree burning and furniture. Jim adds that fires are under the jurisdiction of the Precinct. More discussion on things other than fireworks and furniture being burned, like mattresses and there is concern for fire and hazardous contamination.

8. Non-Public Session: (Pursuant to RSA'S 91-A:3, II ()): Nothing.

9. Adjournment: Jim makes motion to adjourn, Bill seconds, all in favor, 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Kathan
Northumberland Select Board Minute Taker

Next meeting June 6, 2022

Minutes approved by Northumberland Select Board Members on _____

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Keith Bronson
Northumberland Select Board Chairman

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William Caron
Northumberland Select Board Member

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Jim Tierney
Northumberland Select Board Member