

Town of Northumberland

Board of Selectmen

Meeting Notice and Proposed Agenda

Date: Monday, November 4, 2019

Place: Town Meeting Room – 10 Station Square

Time: 6:00 P.M.

Board members present: Chris Wheelock, James Weagle, Michael Phillips. Others present: Al Rossetto, Gary Bruin???, Logan Ramsay, Jody Ramsey, Glenn Cassady, Norm Cotter, Richard Humphrey, Michael Humphrey, Pete P???, Robin Irving, Larry Meservey, Reggie Charron, Melinda Kennett and recorder.

- 1. Chairman opens the meeting:** Chris calls the meeting to order.
- 2. Acceptance of Minutes:** Chris asks for motion to accept minutes which were carefully and accurately taken by Michael. Jim makes motion to accept minutes, Michael seconds, all in favor, 3-0.
- 3. Selectmen Business:**
 - a. Dept. Head Business: Highway and Water/Sewer Depts.

Glenn Cassady reports that he is trying to make assessments for budget season regarding needs and pricing for things that need to be done; culverts. Put up 700 yards of sand and going to put up another 100 because last year we fell short and some unmixed with salt has been used for water and sewer projects. Randy has been winterizing everything, getting plow gear all ready. The plow gear will be bolted on this week for the weather that is coming this week. The last two storms made pot holes on Page Hill and have to fill before storm. Problems with Beavers backing up ponds and streams. Winston and Phil have been trapping some large Beavers. That has been eating up a lot of time. Also the issues of the blockage in the pumps, seems like this happens on overtime not regular hours. A newsletter was sent to the residents reminding them what they can and cannot put down their systems. The parking ban went into effect November first. Trying to get geared up and ready for winter. Chris mentions that the new truck is just around the corner. Glenn says yes just finishing the painting, should have in the next couple of weeks, hopefully sooner. The old truck with sander was considered for trade in for \$5,500. It will be put out for bid, worth more. The State is low on drivers and is looking for help from the public to sign on and plow State roads as contractors with own equipment. Michael makes motion to put old truck out to bid when new one comes in. Glenn to come back with minimum bid information. Need CRFs released, have bills from Stanley's, need \$113,000. Paul has 3 bills and will present at next meeting. Motion by Jim to move the \$113,000 from the Highway Maintenance Fund, seconded by Michael, all in favor, 3-0.

Michael asks Glenn what he needs for help to provide a firm budget for sand and salt shed? Where are you with that as we want a firm number. Glenn would have to sit down and work with Board and Lionel because he put up the other thing, got all my lights put in cheaper than expected, really lights up the salt shed area. With remaining money from building maintenance would like to put in a camera in that area.

Chris mentions that no insulation in the attic of the Town Garage. Glenn mentions that may be screws missing from tin and holes in the rubber. Want to consider that repair? Consider both camera and roof repair.

Reggie, have to have lots of help from Highway Dept., lifting out pumps, globs of stuff, rubber. Very time consuming and frustrating. People are reading the mailer. Not sure what it is clogging the pumps, has rubber bands in it. If clogged, but no big rain event coming, will try to get thru the weekend to keep overtime down. We got hydrants in, been really busy flushing and then trying to get everything winterized. Had a big scare with a water leak in front of the funeral home, 8 inch at funeral home but 4 inch on the other side of the road on Route 3. The larger pipe should have been used 20 years ago and now we are dealing with it. Good news that in checking there are no new leaks but that could change at any minute. In the last 6 weeks of dealing with private battles we have saved 50 gallons per minute, a historical low, 200,000 gallons of water per day. Were at 300,000. Thanks for all the help from the departments. But the tighter we get, the closer the time bomb. Agitated with Premier America because the last 2 tests we had we almost blew up the town. Robin to coordinate a meeting between all the right parties concerning the pressure and the affects on the lines. A solution needs to be found. Over a hundred replacements have blown the budget. Now we are getting to the old part of the hill, changed the I-Pro? And the next day complaints of no pressure. Pressure is changing with all the repairs, kind of deflating to get good numbers one day and then creating issues somewhere else. The PFAs, have not heard anything back. It is becoming a national problem. Was at a meeting 2 weeks ago with DES and EPA. The sludge in the lagoons should be removed now, as there is no regulation. As soon as there is regulation and we have not removed it, it will be five to ten times more to get rid of it. Should start looking at that now. Michael interjects that they are thinking that in 2030 they will have to spend over a million dollars to get rid of it. Reggie says time is getting accelerated, and that you have to incinerate the PFAs at a very high temperature and there are not enough incinerators to do that. Dam Bureau is fine with the lagoons and CEU's for licensing. We did have a violation at the lagoon and it is nothing new. It's a problem that we knew about, Glenn and I talked about this 3 years ago when I started finding leaks and finding issues in the ground. We took water out of our sewer system which is great, but, the concentration levels go up. With the permit from the EPA, you not only have to meet concentration levels but the outflow to the river. Our outflow is less but our concentration level is more. We are not polluting the river. The EPA has been understanding of what is going on and we are now back in compliance. Lots of issues, but keeping our chins up.

Al reports that he just got a call from Rick at Prime America at 4:45. He has a written proposal and copies for everyone to look at it.

Reggie does not want to get involved, but wants Prime America to know he is getting slammed politically. He wants them to see the videos. Reggie is upset. Chris reassures him he will be in on the meeting. Al reassures Reggie that it is known he is doing for the good of the town. Al wants Reggie to tell him what to do.

Robin, on another subject. Preliminary engineering for the hill project has been pushed out a couple of years. Just want everyone to be aware.

b. Mike Humphrey - Race track update

Update on plans for speedway. One plan is for a dirt track for UTVs and the

other big thing would be the addition of campsites to draw in a few more people. Chris asks if they have gotten together with Robin on the shore line? They are where they need to be. No permit to move dirt, only if structures. Larry from MOMs is excited to do a co-op venture between both businesses.

- c. Solid Waste Department update on operations
- d. Opening/discussion/awarding of bids received for town owned properties that are for sale

Bids received for 2 of the 7 properties. One is the sliver of land on Route 3 Minimum bid of \$500. Motion made by Jim to accept lower bid of \$400 from abutter, seconded by Michael, all in favor, 3-0.

Next is one acre at 348 Stratford Road. Minimum bid of \$25,000. Actual bid from Logan and Jody Ramsey of \$27,505. Motion by Jim to accept offer, seconded by Michael, all in favor, 3-0.

4. Applications/Permits and Warrants:

- a. Yield Tax Warrant
- b. Richard & Tracy Dupy, Thompson Rd. Yield tax due of \$323.81 motion by Jim, second by Michael, all in favor, 3-0.

Abatement for Jerry Crompton Jr of Preble Street for \$59.63. Customer was charged for a part that was not installed. Motion by Jim to accept, second by Michael, all in favor, 3-0.

- c. Non-Resident Transfer Station Permit Application

Brad Shannon, the property is 48 Hillside Ave. He is a resident of Guildhall. He made the cash payment for the permit. Motion to approve by Jim, seconded by Michael, all in favor, 3-0.

- d. Quasar Wave update: 156 Mechanic Street, the CoGen building. Phase 1: installation of water tank, installation of seven megawatt reciprocating engine inside building, continued painting and landscaping, paving a parking lot, improvements, cosmetic utilities along poles. Phase 2: addition of engine fencing consistent with zoning. Shane Beattie and Mitch Ingerson, contractors. No fee paid as of yet. Robin asked for waiver for site plan review, as it appears not to need a site plan review. Fence is not a wall and Quasar wants to make it as consistent with landscaping as possible, so no one is offended. Need Board to approve building permit contingent upon decision of Planning Board. Jim makes motion to approve with contingency, Michael seconds, all in favor, 3-0.

5. Public Matters To Be Addressed By The Board:

- a. Precinct Meeting Notice

6PM Tuesday November 19th at Fire Station

- b. Upcoming Budget Work sessions announcement

Tuesday November 5th, water, sewer, police, cemetery. Tuesday November 12th, executive financial administration, Town Clerk, Tax Collector, welfare, admin planning zoning, general government, culture, recreation, library, conservation budgets will be reviewed. Tuesday November 19th ambulance, emergency management, health administration, highway and solid waste budgets will be reviewed.

- c. Upcoming Holiday Schedule

Northumberland Town Offices will be closed Monday the 11th in observance of Veterans Day. The offices will return to normal business hours on Tuesday the 12th from 8am to 4pm.

d. Winter Parking Restriction Notice

We also have a parking ban as was previously mentioned, early November thru April, midnight to 7am.

- e. Letter to NCIC: Addressing the slab with a kiosk. That is why Larry is here to speak. Larry Meservey of MOMs: with the acceptance of the kiosk and the responsibilities that go with it, we wanted to continue the benefit for the town of Groveton, certainly for the travel and tourism part of the benefit. So we relocated it to our property. Along with that they to return the property back to its original state which would require removing the soil. Chris was contacted and what we would like to donate a picnic table to the town so that the picnic table could be attached to the slab by bolting so it's not stolen, blown over in wind or end up in the river. So we would like to retain the slab for that reason. It sounded like in the minutes that the Board would like the slab removed. Without the slab we would most likely not want to put a picnic table there because it could disappear. So if the Town is willing to leave the slab we would be happy to put a picnic table there. We believe it would benefit the Town and would part of the overall beautification of the park area, as well as benefiting the trail system.

Michael feels that the slab should be removed because it is such a picturesque place it doesn't make sense to have a slab. Vote to take out slab. Motion by Jim to remove slab, seconded by Michael, all in favor, 3-0. Glenn to take care of and bill will be sent to MOMs.

Al Rossetto came to Chris with minutes from 1984 on Certificate of Occupancy ordinance being adopted. Flood area building code accepted. The Landowner and Contractor(s) sign off for compliance, thus taking the liability off of the Town and Al. Prime America is looking for a Certificate of Occupancy, the State has been contacted to look Prime America over. The certification of businesses is different from residences.

Al purchased code books and would like to be reimbursed by Town. The total amount being \$209.15. Mike makes motion to reimburse, Chris seconds, all in favor, 2-1. Jim not in favor.

Pete Marshall relays that Lancaster is bringing all of their plastic to Prime America. Board not sure about that arrangement, if all goes well, Northumberland hopes to bring their plastic there as well. Prime America turns plastic back into Diesel with no sulfur and does not need an additive to keep it from jelling.

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

Nothing for non-pub.

7. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Jim, seconded by Michael, all in favor, 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:55pm.

Next meeting, November 18, 2019

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Kathan
Select Board Minute Taker

Minutes approved by Select Board Members on _____

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Michael Phillips
Northumberland Select Board Member

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Jim Weagle
Northumberland Select Board Member

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Chris Wheelock
Northumberland Select Board Chairman