

**Town of Northumberland  
Board of Selectmen**

**Draft Meeting Minutes**

**Date: Monday, July 1, 2019**

**Place: Town Meeting Room – 10 Station Square**

**Time: 6:00 P.M.**

Select Board Members Present: Chris Wheelock Chairman, James Weagle, Michael Phillips.  
Others in attendance: Charles Fanton, Al Rossetto, Nancy Merrow, George Kenison, Randy Potter, Norm Cotter, Pete Marshall, Larry Mesenvey, Reginald Charron.

**1. Chairman opens the meeting:** Called to order by Chris Wheelock at 6pm.

**2. Acceptance of Minutes:** Correction to May 20th, 2019 meeting minutes –change that George Kenison was not in attendance but made a comment. Also, minutes will be signed as they are approved from previous meeting. Motion to accept with change and sign minutes made by Jim Weagle, seconded by Michael Phillips.

**3. Selectmen Business:**

a. Department Head Business: Highway and Water/Sewer

Randy Potter for Highway

-cleaned pool and opened

-re-sweeping of roads to paint lines

-truck and equipment servicing

-patching with remainder of cold patch, difficult to get more

-manhole assessments – Passumpsic Bank

-culvert work – Savage Road

-mowing, trimming

Chris asks for estimate of work to be done at Transfer Station be brought to next meeting, need to move on that.

Nancy Merrow mentions that the Back Road by North Road is getting pretty grown over.

Randy says they are going to get to that, need heavier equipment.

Chris asks for Randy's thoughts on Suicide Hill. Randy says it was a quick job, not terrible but probably ditch line needs to be addressed more. Chris suggests writing a letter to landowner requesting something to be put into the base as it may turn into a dumping spot.

Reggie Charron for Water

-over 500 meters changed out

-all meter reads done, bills are out

-mowing getting done

-water tank washed up, algae removed, looks good, still have large tank to do

-Cumberland Street sewer line done, went well.

-Rt. 3 water line dug by hand

- starting Brown Road work
- Rotobec finalized
- flushing hydrants
- water testing, samples and paperwork, taking a lot of time
- received 6 new hydrants
- 15 manhole risers to do
- guard rail location issues
- problem with no manpower, equipment or money to replace water lines.

- b. Vote for annual review of sealed minutes  
Jim will do, motion by Chris, seconded by Michael. Approved 3-0.
- c. Follow up discussion of light poles on Route 3 bridge  
Michael discusses State wants to remove the lights. Discussion by Board and Highway of taking over the poles as town property and to switch to LED lights at another time.
- d. Follow up discussion of Road Swap  
Michael discusses he has met with DOT over swapping Church Street to State maintained and Main and State Street be town maintained. Engineering needs required by State are costly. Time consuming project. Swap not feasible at this time. Discussion by Board and audience to get grants to improve Main and State streets. Motion by Michael to put road swap on hold, seconded by Jim, approved 3-0.
- e. Vote to authorize Robin Irving as authorize rep status for RD application  
Motion by Jim to authorize Robin, seconded by Michael, approved 3-0.
- f. CNP renewal – escape clause – prices they offer to stay, renewed annually. First year is \$15,000, prices for five years. Motion by Jim to approve, second by Michael, approved 3-0.
- g. Cash Summary - June  
Report by Michael  
Came into June with \$573,000 in account  
Tax revenue received to date \$1,527,000  
Expenditures \$291,000  
Balance of \$1,796,000, not reconciled. But 3 to 4 months of budget and more tax revenue coming, looks good.

#### **4. Applications/Permits and Warrants:**

- a. Salvage Yard License Renewal  
June Goulet(?) of Thompson Road. Does not seem to be an active salvage yard but Becky needs to complete paperwork and testing. Motion by Chris to table decision until Becky can complete work. Jim makes motion, Michael seconds, approved 3-0.
- b. Building Permit Applications (4)
  1. Jesse and Jennifer Everlith(?) of State St. for 15x15 and 9x10 connected wood deck off

back of house, 12x12 wood shed on blocks with metal roof, no electric, to be self constructed. They have paid fee, Terry has signed. Motion to approve by Jim, seconded by Michael, approved 3-0.

2. Keith Young, Eames St. new roof, 8x24 addition on back of main living section, extend porch 6x24 along front of house same distance, convert to one family home. Savage/Caron doing work. Has paid fee, Terry has approved. Motion by Jim to accept, seconded by Michael, approved 3-0.
  3. Kaitlin and Josh Bacon of Garden Way, demo of wall, relocation of bathroom, flooring installation, plumbing and electrical and appliance upgrade. Caron Electric and Kilby Plumbing. Paid fee, Terry approved. Motion by Jim, seconded by Michael, approved 3-0
  4. Charles Fanton, Cumberland St. previous application, Terry did not sign, keep on hold until inspection complete. Discussion with Board and Fanton on inspection. Chris to follow up with Terry. Put on hold until inspection.
- c. Non-Resident Transfer Station Permit Applications (2)
1. Marvin Allen, Craggy Rd, mailing address is Lunenburg VT, made payment. Motion to approve by Jim, second by Michael, approved 3-0.
  2. Michael Labousky, Covell Hts, paid fee. Motion to approve by Jim, second by Michael, approved 3-0.
- d. Assessing Officials Response to Abatement Application  
GSP Lost Nation, assessing officials response. Sansoucy reviewed and denied abatement. Motion to deny by Jim, second Michael, approved 3-0.
- e. Yield Tax Warrant  
Bob Larson, \$5,299.82. Motion to approve by Jim, second by Michael, approved 3-0
- f. Water/Sewer Second Quarter Warrant  
\$72,672.00 Motion to approve by Jim, second by Michael, approved 3-0
- g. Intent to Cut  
MOM's, new application. Not finished last year. Thousands of board feet and tons. Motion to sign by Jim, second by Michael, approved 3-0.

New Business not on Agenda.

Larry from MOMs asking to increase ATV trail from pool for MOMs parking lot for Open House, 4 days only. Filed with State but wil not approved before Open House. Temporary permit. Ending on Sunday half hour after sunset. Michael brings up safety with children on ATVs. Motion by Chris for temporary permit, seconded by Jim, Michael abstains. Approved 2-0.

**5. Public Matters To Be Addressed By The Board:**

Squabbling neighbors in trailer park. Peter Pelletier looked at this and determined it is a civil issue not a town issue. Complaints filed.

a. Holiday Announcement

Northumberland Town Hall closed Thursday July 4<sup>th</sup>, have a safe and festive holiday.

b. Planning Board Meeting to be held July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7pm, Town Meeting room.

**7. Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn by Jim, second by Michael, approved 3-0. Adjourned at 6:44pm.

Next meeting, July 15, 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