

**Board of Selectmen**  
**Meeting Notice and Proposed Agenda**  
**Date: Monday, January 6, 2020**  
**Place: Town Meeting Room – 10 Station Square**  
**Time: 6:00 PM**

**Selectmen present:** Chris Wheelock, Chairperson, Jim Weagle, Michael Phillips

**Others present:** Sam Oakes, Al Rossetto, Glenn Cassady, Norm Cotter, Pete Marshall, Richard and Tracy Dupuis, Reggie and Terri Charron, Ryan Shannon

**1. Chairman opens the meeting:** Chris opens the meeting with asking for a motion to accept minutes from last meeting with name correction.

**2. Acceptance of minutes:** Jim makes motion to accept minutes with name spelling correction of “Dupy” to “Dupuis”. Michael seconds, all in favor, 3-0.

**3. Selectmen Business:**

**a. Department Head Business:**

**Highway:** Glenn Cassady: Have received more ice than snow this year, more salt use. Also working on demo of trailers, salvaging some items.

**Sewer:** Reggie Charron: couple of issues, small leak on Pinette St., and an old line leak at Fish and Maple. They are out of the way and not affecting the water usage. The water usage has remained consistent for 3 months of 6 million gallons/month. The variable speed drive on the high lifts help keeping the pressure down in the system, which is good and may be more energy efficient. The #2 well has not run for 2 weeks. Trying to see a pattern in well running to try and schedule well cleanings. Energy efficient lighting is being installed, looks good, should be much more efficient. We took in more septage this year, 154,350 gallons this year versus 105,500 gallons last year. Need to add in 90,000 gallons to clean the Northumberland system. There has been 196,000 gallons versus a quarter of a million gallons last year in septage, saving water for in but using more in the out for septage. Additional homes add up.

Chris: asks if there is documentation for additional homes.

Reg: yes, have all documentation

Michael: Is it one truck per household?

Reg: no, more than that. Good news, since the mailing went out regarding rags in the sewage, there have been no more rags. Will start to look at alternatives for lagoons as our lagoons are 50 years old and outdated.

Al Rossetto to Reggie: I have a low boy tank and have it pumped every year. Is there a better time of the year to pick?

Reggie: Spreading out over time away from the high demand, maybe Spring time.

**b. Discussion – R. Dupuis long term rental agreement for 10 Station Square**

Chris opens this discussion with debunking rumor that 10 Station Square has been sold. It has not, per talks with Richard Dupuis. Further discussion on future plans with 10 Station Square. Agreement by Board that the Town should own their buildings. The current lease requires 30 day notice to move. Scary to think that you would have to move in 30 days without a place to go. A Building Committee is going to research what makes the most sense

for a new meeting place. Richard is willing to work with us, we plan to have our own building in 3 to 5 years.

Richard Dupuis: I'm pretty flexible. I came to set the record straight that 10 Station Square is not for sale unless the Town wants it. The previous Board was supposed to buy the building but that fell through because of change in Board members. This building would be your best and least expensive choice because of all the upgrades that have been done. Happy to have you here, choice is yours.

Michael: It is good we have a one year option.

Richard: Maybe we could have a non-public meeting after this meeting.

Board agrees.

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

##### **a. Meeting Room use request at 19 Main St.**

Request by a non profit who will bring in donations to pay for the rental fee. Pamela Altamar? Of River Arts in Lancaster. Becky is involved with this. Jim makes motion to accept and Michael seconds, all in favor, 3-0.

##### **b. Building Permit Application.**

Go Solar – Jeff and Pam Webster of 1090 Lancaster Road. It is signed but not paid the fee has not been paid. Jim makes motion to accept pending payment of fee. Michael seconds, all in favor, 3-0.

Brookview Trailer Park: Demolition of trailer taken for taxes. Jim makes motion to approve and waive the fee. Michael seconds, all in favor, 3-0.

Another trailer, same park, same circumstance. Jim makes motion to approve and waive fee. Michael seconds, all in favor, 3-0.

**c. Water/Sewer Warrant.** Needs to be signed. Chris signs.

**d. Water Abatement:** \$27.50 to Peter and Nancy Marshall, overcharge due to faulty equipment. Jim makes motion to approve, Michael seconds, all in favor, 3-0.

#### **5. Public Matters To Be Addressed by the Board:**

**a. Announcement of upcoming budget work session – 1/13/2020 at 10 Station Square at 6pm.**

**Next Board Meeting: 1/15/2020 at 19 Main Street at 6pm?**

**Planning/Zoning Board Meetings: 1/8/2020 at 6pm and 1/28/2020 at 7pm both at 10 Station Square.**

**Trustees of the Trust Fund – 1/7/2020 at 19 Main Street, 6pm.**

**b. Al Rossetto brings up Building Committee meeting.** Al would like to arrange for the first meeting. Michael responds that he would like to get thru budget season before starting this. Chris brings up that it will probably be end of January/February. All Selectmen to be involved. Michael says that mid February would be best for him.

Jim makes motion to go into non-public session at 6:25pm, Michael seconds, all in favor, 3-0.

Jim makes motion to come out of non-public session at 7:01pm, Michael seconds, all in favor, 3-0.

In Public Session Jim makes motion to seal ALL non-pub minutes. Michael seconds, all in favor, 3-0.

Jim makes motion to adjourn, Michael seconds, all in favor 3-0.

Next meeting, January 15, 2020

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Kathan  
Select Board Minute Taker

Minutes approved by Select Board Members on \_\_\_\_\_

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Jim Weagle  
Northumberland Select Board

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Chris Wheelock  
Northumberland Select Board Chairman

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Michael Phillips  
Northumberland Select Board Member