

Town of Northumberland
Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes (Draft)
Date: Monday, October 4th, 2021
Place: Town Meeting Room – 10 Station Square
Time: 6:00 P.M.

During the meeting wearing of masks is requested for all individuals along with social distancing protocol in place

Board Members Present: Bill Caron, Acting Chair, Keith Bronson.

Others Present: Glenn Cassady, Pete Marshall, Norm Cotter, Al Rossetto, Reggie Charron, Terri Charron, Kathy Frechette, Robin Irving

- 1. Chairman opens the meeting:** Bill opens the meeting and asks for a motion to accept last meeting's minutes.
- 2. Acceptance of Minutes:** Keith makes motion to accept minutes, Bill seconds, all in favor, 3-0.
- 3. Selectmen Business:**

a. Department Head Business: Highway and Water/Sewer

Glenn Cassady gives report:

Paving is finished except for the sewer dig and that is next.

Starting to Winterize.

Salt shed coming along but slower because of some Covid outbreaks. There will be money left over to use on insulating the roof of the Town Garage and is getting quotes for next year on doors and windows.

Removal of Beaver dam to start.

Sheds will start to get filled with material

Still have not received the ambulance or cruiser for sale, need the room. Will want to assess the ambulance, may salvage.

Removal of park benches, flower pots and a little more mowing before winter.

Grader came and spread Chloride but rain turned it into potholes, grader will return.

Bill asks Glenn if the Beavers have been caught.

Glenn replies with no.

Keith would like the Beavers brought to his house. Also expresses that the vehicles have to be moved very soon.

Norm asks if they are registered.

Glenn replies that the plates are non-expirable.

Kathy Frechette makes a comment that the trees still have not been trimmed. Discussion of whose responsibility to cut and possible injury if not cut ensues.

Reggie Charron gives report:

The water project is going well. The pool will be hooked in tomorrow and then

everything will be off the AC. Having to cut and tap out of road as it is safer. Almost got killed by fast cars in a construction zone – tired of it – Police Dept., nowhere to be found.

Keith and Hayden have done the meter reads, went quickly and without incident.

Moving to hydrants to get them ready for winter.

Preparing for the well cleaning at the end of the month. With 162,000 gallons average per day, can go almost 48 hours without starting pumps.

Rexford coming to clean septic tanks and leach field, done yearly as preventative maintenance for Northumberland Village. Unfortunately, everybody calls now to pump septics instead of spreading out over the year.

November 1st the Scada system will be finished.

One issue Friday when a chip truck took out 2 poles, the lines and transformer, all the power was returned quickly.

Loom on the lawns where dug up for water lines will be done soon, all going well but busy, putting in lots of hours.

Discussion of Cumberland Street issue and how that is going. Revolves around a house, whether it will be torn down, possible use of the fitting in the basement. Further discussion on the possible fixes, Reggie adamant that water has to go into the sewer, and a check valve is not reliable.

b. Discussion/decision of partial use of ARPA funds

Short discussion on partial use, full and part time employees. Motion by Keith, seconded by Bill, all in favor, 2-0.

c. Discussion/decision of North Country Council Representation

Motion to keep Robin Irving as NCC Representative by Keith, second by Bill, all in favor, 2-0.

d. Final discussion/decision on Blanco proposal – big ball field

Keith motions to table until the Athletic Director and Rec Fund are in line with Mr. Blanco. Bill seconds, all in favor, 2-0.

e. Discussion/authorization of CRF money transfer to annual paving

Project - \$95,500 – Keith makes motion to transfer the CRF money to annual paving, Bill seconds, all in favor, 2-0.

4. Applications/Permits and Warrants:

a. Meeting Room Use Application – Primex – 10/4/21

Keith makes motion to approve Meeting Room use by Primes, Bill seconds, all in favor, 2-0.

b. Building Permit Applications(s) – 216 Lancaster Rd – Map 227, Lot 32 – Keith makes motion to approve, Bill seconds, all in favor, 2-0.

36 Church St – Map 107, Lot 004 – Keith makes motion to approve, Bill seconds, all in favor, 2-0. Fee waived because it is for Groveton Elementary School.

123 Lancaster Rd – Map 222, Lot 001 – McMann – Keith makes motion to approve, Bill seconds, all in favor, 2-0.

5. Public Matters To Be Addressed By The Board:

- a.** Announcement – Upcoming holiday notice – Town Offices will be closed on Monday, October 11, 2021 in observance of Columbus Day Holiday. Will reopen on Tuesday, October 12, 2021.
- b.** Cemetery Trustees to have a meeting on October 26th at 6pm at 19 Main Street for mowing bids.
- c.** Source Water Protection Plan Meeting, Oct 5 at 5pm at the Town Office. Conservation for wells.
- d.** Other: Discussion on tree planting in the Cemetery gully not allowed, water line is in the way. Someone wants to put in Dogwood trees to beautify. Bill to try and speak with person to explain why that cannot be done.

Kathy Frechette - MOM's flag looks awful, shredded.

Keith – their flag, we can't do anything about it.

Discussion of how much it would cost to replace, upwards of \$10,000.

Bill – Town's people need to remind them of proper flag educate.

Cemetery – fall cleanup discussion.

Reggie – wants to add – the new permits for EPA will cost a lot more money, will have to discuss. DES Preindustrial was happy but says we need to update our sewer ordinance wording.

Bill makes motion to go into Non-Public, Keith seconds, all in favor, 2-0.

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

- a.** Personnel Matter (s) – Police Officer hiring, position and proposal to be determined, Jim makes motion to hire on terms of no sign on bonus, Keith seconds, all in favor, 3-0.

Discussion of hiring a Town Administrator – terms to be layed out – in negotiations of hiring. Keith makes motion to go thru hiring of Town Administrator process, Jim seconds, all in favor, 3-0.

Vote to approve and convert Deputy Chief position to an Administrative Assistant for Ambulance. Jim makes motion, Keith seconds, all in favor, 3-0.

- b.** Resident Matter – 27 Marietta Lane – FYI by Min.

Back to Public session at 8:52pm.

Motion to seal Non-Public minutes by Keith, Bill seconds, Jim by phone. All in favor 3-0. Roll call was made to seal the minutes.

- 7. Adjournment:** Jim makes motion to adjourn at 9:02pm, Keith seconds, all in favor, 3-0.

Next meeting, October 18, 2021

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Kathan

Select Board Minute Taker

Minutes approved by Select Board Members on _____

X

James Weagle
Northumberland Select Board via phone for ...

X

Bill Caron
Northumberland Select Board Acting Chair

X

Keith Bronson
Northumberland Selectboard Member

****The deadline for agenda items is noon on the Friday before the scheduled meeting. (Effective 7/11/05) by majority vote of the Board of Selectmen.***

*****The agenda is subject to change.***

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