

**Town of Northumberland**  
**Board of Selectmen**  
**Meeting Date: Tuesday,**  
**February 18, 2020**  
**Meeting Notice Time: 6:00 P.M.**

Board Members present: Chris Wheelock, Chair, Michael Phillips, James Weagle (later arrival).

Others present: Ryan Shannon, George Denison, Al Rossetto, Nancy Mellow, Ed Mellett, Erik Becker, Peter Pelletier, recorder.

**1. Chairman opens the meeting:** Chris opens meeting and asks for motion to accept minutes from last meeting.

**2. Acceptance of Minutes:** Michael makes motion, Chris seconds, all in favor, 2-0.

**3. Selectmen Business:**

a. Department Head Business: Ambulance and Police

Chris reads EMS information: 65 calls in 2020 to date, 2019 had 78 call in the same time period. To date there were 8 requests for transfer, 2 accepted, 6 declined. Comstar report: payments made to date this year, \$24,253.67. Ambulances A1 and A3 have been in for their winter overhauls, this is in addition to regular maintenance. A1 needed just under \$1000 in repairs, A3 needed about \$2000 worth of repairs. A2 is next to be scheduled for winter overhaul.

b. Appointment - Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Elaine Gray to be appointed. Michael makes motion to accept Elaine Gray as Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector, Chris seconds, all in favor, 2-0.

c. Resignation Letter received for planning board member

Jeff St. Cyr turned in his resignation effective 3-31-2020. Jesse Hern, an alternate, has applied for the position, recommended by Planning Board.

d. Discussion/Decision of proposed road work by Conservation Commission

Ed Mellett spoke regarding proposed road work. Relays that for the last four to five years the Conservation Commission has been looking for an access to the north side of Moore Brook. Two different spots were looked at but neither was environmentally friendly. Buying the Damen (?) property was considered but did not happen and the new owners do not want anyone crossing the property. Checking with the Forest Service proved to be complicated and expensive. The Town owns a narrow strip of land on the north side of Moore Brook, not considered to be town forest. Discussions of road work with neighbors, positive, in agreement with the work. There is town warrant article to get the town line established being that the Deed is not informative, would like the Select Board to

approve. Michael asks 2 questions. Can we change the land to town forest? Ed says it could be, but hasn't. Chris says it would be easy to put into town forest. That would be the best solution. Michael asks how much land is being accessed? Ed says about 80(?) acres. Michael makes motion to allow construction by the Conservation Commission.

Nancy Merrow questions the Deed, Chris says it is already town property.

Chris seconds the motion, all in favor, 2-0.

Ed would like Selectmen's approval to have the Boy Scouts present colors and lead the Pledge of Allegiance at Town Meeting. Michael makes motion to allow the Boy Scouts to present colors and lead the Pledge of Allegiance at Town Meeting, Chris seconds, all in favor, 2-0.

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

a. Tax Abatement - 56 Longview Dr

For the Howsons in the amount of \$690.46, recommended by the Assessor. Michael makes motion to approve abatement, Chris seconds, all in favor, 2-0.

b. Solar Exemption Application - 1090 Lancaster Rd

Chris says that it looks like it meets all criteria. Michael makes motion to accept, Chris seconds, all in favor, 2-0.

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

Erik Becker , Tri County Cap, brings up the Homelessness Prevention of \$1122. Michael mentions that this amount is already on a warrant article. Concern by Nancy of how much this will cost. Michael replies about 50 cents per resident, not significant a raise.

George Kenison brings up the warrant on reopening the ATV road and asks if anything has changed. Chris says nothing has changed and that this is an advisory warrant. It is important that there is a large turnout for voting or whomever is there will decide the vote. George asks that the vote is on the number of votes by attendance instead of the good of the Town. Chris and Michael both express the importance of voter attendance.

Al Rossetto announces the need for people to attend the Emergency Preparedness Meeting. The North Country Council puts this on and donates on a 50/50 basis. There has to be enough volunteer time generated to get this \$4000 grant. Could use more people.

Chris brings up that Becky has a plow truck bid, wants to know if time should be extended to pickup another bid. Michael suggests going a week into March. Chris puts it as March 6, 2020 deadline for bid submission.

Nancy Merrow asks if the Budget Hearing has finalized rates and how much of an impact. Michael responds with pennies to 38 cents at most.

Unidentified person asks if there is any more on rezoning. Chris replies no. Depends on vote on Tuesday March 10<sup>th</sup>. Michael reiterates the importance of attendance for the vote.

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

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

**7. Adjournment:** Chris asks if there is anything for public session. Jim makes motion to adjourn at 6:29pm. Michael seconds, all in favor, 3-0.

Next meeting, March 2, 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 Chair

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Chris Wheelock  
Northumberland Select Board Member

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Michael Phillips  
Northumberland Select Board Member