

**Town of Northumberland
Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
Date: Monday, April 4th, 2016
Place: Town Meeting Room – 10 Station Square
Time: 6:00 P.M.**

Board members present: Michael Phillips, Jim Tierney, Jim Weagle
Others present: Mike Sterling, Glenn Cassady, Mike Simino, Shane Whiting, Al Rossetto, Reggie Charron, Keith Knapp, Randy Potter, Robin Irving, Roger Dickson, John Warzocha – Horizon Engineering, Rebecca St. Cyr – Recorder

1. Chairman opens the meeting: J. Weagle opened the meeting at 6:00 pm.

2. Acceptance of Minutes:

Motion to approve the 3/28/16 minutes by: J. Tierney
2nd by: M. Phillips, All in Favor 3-0

3. Selectmen Business:

a. Department Head Business: Highway-Water/Sewer Depts.

Glenn Cassady - Highway

The past month the crew was out only 2 times to treat the roads; we still have plenty of salt. When it was warmer, the crew was out York racking the back roads, filling in ruts, etc. The gravel and stone that we stock piled on Page Hill Road, has been helpful. We picked up some more wood from the lot in Lost Nation, it's all cut and in the shed. Will be picking up the wood from the Eversource right of ways also.

R. Potter has been working on the oldest W/S truck, since we didn't go for a new one, we've put some money into it. Randy also worked on the power brooms and trimmers and regular service work on other equipment.

Started working on the rec fields; the big ball field first. The playground that Head Start uses has a metal fence (which they paid for), but the hinges and latches need to be repaired. When it thaws out there is some landscaping to get done near the snack shack.

Taking care of pot holes and cold patching, when it thaws out we will start our normal spring cleaning. The street sweeper will be in; it could be for just ½ a day.

Update on the Transfer Station – we have been bombarded with TV's, tires, etc. The inventory list hasn't been done yet. There was an issue with a No. Stratford resident dropping off and taking stuff out. Cassady said he spoke to him, there are still some issues.

Reggie Charron – Water/ Sewer Depts.

Charron introduced John Warzocha, a hydrologist with Horizon Engineering. He was present to discuss the wells; he does a lot of work for the State. He met with R. Charron and R. Irving a couple of weeks ago and went over the situation with the well fields. Charron said there is mineral encrustation, they haven't been touched since 1994 when they were put on line.

Horizon had a lot to do with it during the initial stages. Mr. Warzocha reviewed the MAR report, the work done at the well field was excellent and done right. He said what you are facing is a decline in yield and mineral encrustation, it's not unusual in gravel wells for this to happen over time. The wells do need maintenance over time, particularly if there are any unlimited concentrations of iron, manganese or other minerals in the water. John described the specs of the wells; over time you want to keep the velocity low. What happens over time, even in one that is well designed you start getting some clogging of the screen; usually you see this in wells with high iron.

There may be more of a mechanical problem with our well. John reviewed the process when drilling a well. The well development that was done looks pretty good, there was 76 hours on one and 34 hours on the other. 76 hours is a pretty typical development program, but that doesn't mean that it's good for ever. John said what we might be experiencing (instead of the iron issue); is there may be some fines coming in clogging the screen, which is easier to deal with. Because the wells are so close together, you can't touch one without touching the other. You run a risk of having a situation of pumping silty water after working on them. Warzocha suggested having the wells cameraed, Tri-State does a good job. Charron said he is planning on doing this with Granite State Water on Wednesday and he further discussed.

Charron said we need to start looking at a different source also. J. Warzocha further discussed that process. You need to be careful where you look. It's a relatively long process and it can be costly. The big thing is once a location is found, lock it up. An option that could be considered is, one of the reports reference a potential location near the existing wells, which could serve as a back-up well. Charron further discussed, this would allow us to get the cleaning done before we lose them. John thought we could probably get away with doing some gentle work on the wells. Charron said he would have approx. 24 hours if the whole Town is filled up without doing anything to the system. If he went lower, watching the pressure on the hill 48-50 hours. By doing this mechanical we have a better chance, because phenomenal the chemical takes up to 4 days. The potential to hook up with Lancaster would be. We could look at portable water in an emergency.

Warzocha said he would be inclined to go to the State with some options, due to the situation. You could hook up a temporary pump, run a line from a temporary (back-up) well. The cost is approx. \$20,000 - \$30,000 for the well, the whole thing for less than \$50,000 (estimate only).

John feels the wells will come back easily, we are maintaining, but they can continue to decline over time. M. Phillips asked if they just clean the screen, Reggie – they will clean out the silt. John further reviewed another process for cleaning with a surge block. Last year when we had to do a repair, we kind of did the same thing.

The Board has all the estimates and information regarding the wells. The back up well is just an idea. John suggested taking it one step at a time, starting with the camera. Discussion continued on our path forward for the wells.

Other W/S:

Charron is continuing to work on mapping the distribution for leak detection. It will be pushed out until August or September so that we can get the complete system.

1st quarter readings are going out. Keith Knapp has been doing an excellent job changing out meters. YTD there have been 27 meters replaced.

The sewer truck is scheduled to be here in August. Charron is dealing with a couple of private issues. Brooklyn St. will start tomorrow; Winter St. he will be following up on.

- b. Cal Ripken League ball field fence request – M. Simino
Mike Simino and Shane Whiting were present on behalf of the Cal Ripken League. M. Simino said the property isn't theirs, but they are very fortunate to be able to use it. Safety is an issue and they want to put something up to prevent balls from going into the road. It would be a temporary fencing, which the League will pay for. Before purchasing they wanted to get permission to put it up. Shane Whiting said it's very similar to the one at the girl's soft ball field. It will go from foul line to foul line. It shouldn't be a problem with mowing; they will take it down after the baseball season.

Motion to approve by: J. Tierney, 2nd by: M. Phillips, All in Favor 3-0

4. Applications/Permits and Warrants:

- a. Non Resident Transfer Station Permit Applications (5)
 - 1. Henry Dwyer, 27 State St. - renewal
 - 2. Richard Gorman, Lancaster Rd. - Renewal
 - 3. Marcy from Connecticut - new
 - 4. Michael and Linda Belanger – renewal

Motion to approve the 4 shown above by: J. Tierney
2nd by: M. Phillips, All in Favor 3-0

- 5. Bonnie Knapp – new – doesn't own property in Groveton and is a non-resident.

Motion to deny by: J. Tierney, 2nd by: M. Phillips, All in Favor 3-0

- b. Timber Warrant (1)
 - 1. \$160.86 – Ricky and Kimberly Deblois
Motion to sign by: J. Tierney, 2nd by: M. Phillips, All in Favor 3-0
- c. Building Permit Applications (3)
 - 1. Jeffrey Berry, 1075 Lancaster Rd. – Renovations. T. Bedell has signed and the fee has been paid.
Motion to approve by: J. Tierney, 2nd by: M. Phillips, All in Favor 3-0
 - 2. Marilyn Hand – re-siding trailer – T. Bedell hasn't signed, fee has been paid.
Motion to approve subject to T. Bedell signing by: J. Tierney
2nd by: M. Phillips, All in Favor 3-0
 - 3. Marie Wotton, 1201 Lancaster Rd. - 32 x 32 - 3 Bedroom, 2 bath single family home with walkout basement, garage and barn to follow. T. Bedell hasn't signed, fees have been paid.
Motion to sign subject to T. Bedell signing by: J. Tierney
2nd by: M. Phillips, All in Favor 3-0
 - 4. No. Country Property, 13 Main St. – Renovations, renewal permit. T. Bedell hasn't signed, the fee has been paid.
Motion to approve subject to T. Bedell signing by: J. Tierney
2nd by: M. Phillips, All in Favor 3-0
- d. Application for Veteran's Credit (2)
 - 1. Shawn and Robin Gray, 325 Page Hill – NH residency requirement has been met, they are both veterans.
Motion to approve by: J. Tierney, 2nd by: M. Phillips, All in Favor 3-0

5. Public Matters To Be Addressed By The Board:

- a. Announcements –
 - 1. Meeting House Attendant – An ad will be put in the paper, the position is for an attendant on Saturday's & Sunday's starting June 11 for 12 weeks during the summer months.
 - 2. Bid 12 York St. – The bid notice has been submitted to the newspaper, minimum bid amount is - \$8,000, it's also posted on the website.

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

Motion to go into Non-Public Session by: J. Tierney
2nd by: M. Phillips, All in Favor 3-0

Into Non-Public Session at 6:49 pm

Out of Non-Public Session at 7:17 pm.

Motion to adjourn the Non-Public Session by: M. Phillips
2nd by: J. Tierney, All in Favor 3-0

Into Regular Session at 7:17 pm

Motion to seal the Personnel Matter section 2 of the Non-Public Session until matter is resolved by: J. Tierney

2nd by: M. Phillips, All in Favor 3-0

Discussed 2 resident matters and 1 personnel matter during the Non-Public Session. Reviewed information from Becky Craggy regarding the time clock, cards, making corrections, etc.

No further business was discussed.

7. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn by: J. Tierney

2nd by: M. Phillips, All in Favor 3-0

Meeting adjourned at 7:19 pm

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