

**Town of Northumberland
Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
Date: Monday, March 7th, 2016
Place: Town Meeting Room – 10 Station Square
Time: 6:00 P.M.**

Board members present: Michael Phillips, Jim Tierney, Jim Weagle
Others: Nancy Merrow, Jim Morse, Al Rossetto, Glenn Cassady, Joseph Kennett, E. Hopkins, Rebecca St. Cyr - Recorder

- 1. Chairman opens the meeting:** J. Weagle opened the meeting at 6:00 pm
- 2. Acceptance of Minutes:** Correction 2/16/16 draft minutes, Page 4, Item C, paragraph 6 at end of discussion, please add that Nancy Merrow asked if the board would draft the letter and would all the board members sign it. Their response was yes, 3-0.

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

3. Selectmen Business:

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

Reggie Charron – Water/Sewer –

R. Charron wasn't available to attend tonight's meeting. J. Weagle reviewed his report,

The month of February - 7,000,189 gallons pumped, 509,290 less than in January 2016. He's is working with CMA on final designs for Brooklyn, Winter & Roaring Brook Drive.

A new valve is needed on the old Bond Auto building. Winton Hawes and Keith Knapp are working on swapping out high mileage water meters – 4-6 per week. Appointments are hard to get.

K. Knapp has been working at the water plant changing bolts, painting, etc.

Charron is trying to keep the information on the water system better by evaluating blue prints, GSI and every day operations.

We have been granted money by DES for leak detection on the Groveton water system. The work will start in June 2016.

W. Hawes is working on cross connection report, it's due April 1, 2016.

Sewer – completed the annual CMON report to EPA and DSS, it's due March 31, 2016.

Glenn Cassady – Highway

With the recent freezing rain, we used approx. 1¼ loads of salt, he ordered a load to replenish the supply. This year we have used only 5 loads, normally we use 9-10.

With all the pot holes around Town we have received a few complaints. The cold patch pile has been frozen, we broke some of it up and brought it into the garage to thaw it out.

Brush cutting – Thompson road is done, will be moving to the back side of river. Working on repairs around the shop and on the trucks.

The wood jobber is working at the shooting range in Lost Nation; Glenn got 12 cords on Friday. Ed Mellit has said he would like to get 20 total.

Some of the culverts were giving us issues with freezing up. Nolan Hibbard came up with an idea that his father Maurice Hibbard used. He attached a rod on to a drill and used it to punch holes in the ice to get the water moving. It worked good and is better than getting the steamer out.

Cassady and Phillips have been talking about the Transfer Station, they want to get going with the dump stickers soon. They might need some extra help to identify those that don't have one. If the Town votes down the curbside – what would that entail for Brian Hurlbutt, with the amount of cars coming in. M. Phillips said we might need some additional help, maybe some of the crew could help on Saturday. It would be better with 2-3 employee's there on Saturdays. We need to put the message out to those that are not residents that aren't being checked.

J. Tierney commented if it doesn't get approved we may want to consider giving stickers to residents. It would allow us to monitor those coming in. J. Kennett commented that if they don't pay taxes in Town they shouldn't be there. We could find out how many registered vehicles there are at each residence and give the stickers out based on that. Further discussed residency and part-time residents. Some non-residents might go to the dump for an elderly resident.

G. Cassady discussed taking an inventory of what's at the Transfer Station. Brian Hurlbutt feels that people could be sneaking items in when he's not looking and are not paying for those items. The inventory would be for tires, TV's, batteries, etc. and it could be taken a couple of times a week. It also looks like someone had taken a couple of core batteries, which he can get \$10.00 each for. Having an inventory would help police the items that we have to pay for when they are taken to Berlin. A general contractor that we had an issue with brought in another load and dumped it. There were items in it that shouldn't have been. They will be notified that it can only be household garbage.

M. Phillips suggested issuing a warning to the hauler when there is an issue. He asked G. Cassady to write something up for the one in question. It's something to think about, there could be an argument from some of the businesses in Town. Further discussed the commercial haulers.

J. Weagle said the rule should be that when it's brought to our facility it must be all sorted. If it's not, they won't be allowed to bring it in. Cardboard, recyclables and garbage must be sorted. N. Merrow asked who's going to watch it? It needs to be enforced. We've talked about this for years and we are losing money. If there is a personnel issue, deal with it and get someone in there that will do the job.

Motion to send a letter with expectations for commercial haulers at the Transfer Station, subsequent to observing a violation a warning will be issued, if a 2nd violation the hauler loses their right to come to the Transfer Station by: M. Phillips
2nd by: J. Tierney, All in Favor 3-0

Al Rossetto commented when a hauler comes to a private resident to p/u your trash, they pay for it. The hauler takes it Mt. Carberry and pays them. The trash hauler is making money by bringing it to the Town. He doesn't feel that any commercial hauler should be bringing it to the Town.

This can be further discussed at the next meeting after we know what happens at Town Meeting.

- b. Opening/discussion/award of bids received on 2009 Cruiser
1 bid was received – Dave Potter - \$200.00. He paid the \$100.00 deposit.

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

- c. Discussion/vote on Key Club request for Relay for Life Event
The Groveton Key Club would like to have a "Paint the Town Purple" day. One day between April 23 and the 30th this is for the American Cancer Relay for Life Event. Other communities will be doing the same. They would put purple balloons on the poles on State and Church St. They would remove them the day after. J. Tierney suggested they get permission from the pole owners – Ever Source and/or Fair Point, because we can't put our lighted Christmas decorations on them any longer.

4. Applications/Permits and Warrants:

- a. Meeting Room Use Application – New
 - 1. March 19 – 10 – 4 - \$25.00 fee to be paid; Cabin Fever Craft Fair. Robin Irving is putting this on. She has more several interested in coming.

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

2. Meeting Room Use Application follow up previous application
J. Weagle reviewed the info they sent in. They don't receive additional funds, most places provide the space and don't charge them, they are non-Profit. They might ask for donations from parents, but those that can't afford it will benefit the most. 1 hour on Tuesdays 1-2 pm. The Board further reviewed.

Motion to approve with exception of Tuesdays when there are elections
by: J. Tierney

Discussion ensued regarding the business, safety hazards, etc. They would have to have someone to open the room. It's not free for the Town to provide the room; that's why we charge. This would primarily be for Northumberland residents. J. Weagle said they would need to sign a contract that includes clean-up.

2nd as a temporary agreement through May and then we will
Review it by: M. Phillips, All in Favor 3-0

b. Building Permits (2) –

Terry Bedell has not signed either of these permits

1. Steve Smith, Brook Road - adding shed roof on existing shed.

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

2. Marcus Perry, 853 Lost Nation Rd. 10' x 20' tool/wood shed.

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

c. Intents to Cut (2)

1. Map 232, Lot 12 – 1165 Lost Nation Road – cutting 10 cord for fire wood.

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

2. Map 248, Lot 1 – J. Weagle reviewed what will be cut. Richard Dupuis is the cutter.

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

d. Abatement Applications to Municipality (4)

1. 16 State Street, assessed value \$110,000 – they are using 2 parcels on Long View Drive as a comparison. They purchased building for \$20,000

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

2. Harry Rice and Deb Weeks – 44 Maple St. – assessed value \$33,600

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

3. NE Telephone Operation LLC – telephone poles -assessed at \$440,000
Motion to send to Skip Sansoucy by: J. Tierney
2nd by: J. Weagle, 2 in Favor, 1 against

The cost to send to Skip Sansoucy is approx. \$200 - \$300. J. Tierney said they are trying to come up with a standardized utility rate for the State to avoid all the lawsuits.

4. Roger & Jennifer Chauvette – 8 North Avenue; assessed value \$77,000.
Motion to send to assessors by: J. Tierney
2nd by: M. Phillips, All in Favor 3-0
- e. Appointments – Housing Authority
2 – Sandy Mason and Kelly Goulet – They review the policies and applicants going into the facilities (Melcher Court). Winston Hawes is coming off the Housing Authority. These are volunteer positions.
Motion to appoint S. Mason & K. Goulet by: M. Phillips
2nd by: J. Tierney, All in Favor 3-0
- f. Appointment – NCC – TAC Representative
Robin Irving has volunteered to be the TAC Representative.
Motion to appoint R. Irving by: J. Tierney
2nd by: M. Phillips, All in Favor 3-0

5. Public Matters To Be Addressed By The Board:

- a. Announce: Election Day, Tues. March 8th, 9-7, Town Meeting Day, Sat. March 12th, 2016, 11:00 am – The School meeting starts at 10:00 am.
- b. “Cabin Fever” Craft Sale – Saturday, March 19th, 2016; 10:00 am – 4:00 pm.
- c. Change in next BOS meeting date – Monday, March 28th, 2016
- d. The Select Board is meeting with the Guildhall Select Board on March 16th. A. Rossetto asked if the Board could speak about their plan for the meeting with Guildhall. He understands they have refused to protect the line at the junction and it puts the Town’s water in risk of being polluted, which could cost the Town significant resources. Is the Board going to demand that Guildhall meet the State requirements for NH and VT and install the backflow valve on their nickel? J. Weagle said since R. Charron isn’t here, he doesn’t have any additional info. J. Tierney said that all three of our Board members will be there. J. Weagle said we have the information they requested; M. Phillips feels we should ask them for the same rate that everyone else is paying.
The Board further discussed.
- e. N. Merrow thanked G. Cassidy for having the crew help at the library; they appreciate the quick response. The Library is a Town building, Ms. Merrow said they have a couple of people coming to look at the problem. J. Tierney

said the Library belongs to the trustee's, if there is a way the Town can help – they will. If not repaired before next winter, sand bags can be put along the area. Water is coming in through one of the window wells.

G. Cassady said each of the windows have a dry well and a lot of them are filled with silt, the metal around the wells is all rotted out. He discussed what the crew could do, which could help with the run-off problem. J. Tierney suggested he talk with the Trustee's about it. Not sure if there are perimeter drains around the building when it was built.

E. Hopkins discussed snow and how it's plowed in through there, she lives in the green house next to the library. G. Cassady understands what she's talking about. Usually when there is a big storm they like to get it picked up and move out of the way.

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

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

Into Non-Public Session at 7:08 pm

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

Non Pubic Session adjourned at 7:19 pm.

Into Regular Session at 7:19 pm.

J. Weagle reviewed the Non-Public session, the Board talked with resident about a tax matter.

7. Adjournment:

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

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