

**Town of Northumberland
Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
Date: Monday, July 3rd, 2017
Place: Selectmen Meeting Room – 10 Station Square
Time: 6:00 P.M.**

Board Members present: Michael Phillips, Jim Weagle, Chris Wheelock
Others: Randy Potter, Reggie Charron, Pete Marshall, Norm Cotter, Al Rossetto, Ann-Marie Corthell, Ashley-Marie Baril, Rebecca St. Cyr - Recorder

1. Chairman opens the meeting:

J. Weagle opened the meeting at 6:00 pm

2. Acceptance of Minutes: Correction to 6/19/17 minutes-attendance.

1) Melinda Kennett was in attendance, 2) Spelling of Cherly Malise is Charay Malas.

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

3. Selectmen Business:

a. Department Head Business: Highway and Water/Sewer

R. Charron - Water/Sewer

We found the water leak in Lost Nation, we were losing approx. 16,000 gallons/day. There was a hole on top of the copper itself. Everything has been taken care of. It was on the resident side of the line.

Doing a lot of line re-location on Brooklyn St., the water it about 3/4 's done. They have been averaging 200 – 220 ft. per day. Out of 5 we found, we hit 2 and had to shut the service down, since then we haven't had any water loss on that street.

Got the sewer job done on Preble St.; it was 10' deep it was below the water line and dead center of a big tree. It was 2 old service lines, we pulled it all out, cleaned it up and we ran the sewer camera through it. The pipe is in good shape considering the trees.

Busy with mowing and trying to keep up. The leach field is lost with the torrential down pours, we will be haying the field. The system is holding its own and the efficiency is still at 100%. Charron further discussed.

Charron said we had a good meeting this morning with the engineers and Bob Chapman; he's optimistic.

We have another sewer issue on Crow Hill to do when Glenn Cassady is back from vacation.

R. Potter - Highway

Been trying to paint crosswalks and parking spots, when it's not raining. Helped Reggie with the sewer issue on Preble St. We have been mowing a lot also, doing some maintenance on vehicles. Had a couple of culvert heads to take care of; got called in for Brooklyn St. due to the water filling in around a gate valve. When it's raining and there's nothing going on, we have been using some earned time.

J. Weagle said we had a couple of compliments regarding the horse signs that have been put up on Page Hill Rd. The speed limit signs are up also.

R. Charron added that we got all the hydrants done last week also.

- b. Discussion of Street sign for Station Square – J. Weagle said it will be put up to identify the street for 911 purposes. Will also be putting a sign up on the Fire Station directing people for emergencies.

Motion to approve the street sign for Station Square by: M. Phillips
2nd by: C. Wheelock, All in Favor 3-0

Further discussed house numbering and 911.

- c. Cash Summary Report – M. Phillips – June not reconciled – Beginning balance: - \$525,000; Revenue – \$1,544,000; Expenses - \$464,000, which includes the bond payment; fulfilled all the CRF's; Ending balance: \$1,500,000. We could pay a portion of the TAN, but may need to borrow again in October. A. Rossetto asked what the savings might be? It could be in the 100's not 1000's.
- d. Discussion/decision annual PA-28 Form for 2018 –
J. Weagle said this is an inventory form, which we usually don't use.
Motion to not use the PA-28 Form by: M. Phillips
2nd by: C. Wheelock, All in Favor 3-0
- e. Discussion / decision use of gazebo for Friday 7/7/17 – Gordon Gray asked if his group, the Fireside Fiddlers, can use the gazebo for a practice session.
Motion to approve by: M. Phillips
2nd by: C. Wheelock, All in Favor 3-0

4. Applications/Permits and Warrants:

- a. PA-9 Annual Yield Tax Certification – approx. \$8,413.32

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

- b. Building Permit Application
 - 1. Judy & Logan Ramsay – installation of solar panels. T. Bedell hasn't signed.
Motion to approve contingent on T. Bedell signing by: M. Phillips
2nd by: C. Wheelock, All in Favor 3-0
- c. Non-Resident Transfer Station Permit Application
 - 1. Steve Collins, Chelle Lane – he lives in Marlboro, MA
Motion to approve by: M. Phillips
2nd by: C. Wheelock, All in Favor 3-0

5. Public Matters To Be Addressed By The Board:

- a. Announce Holiday Schedule – closed on July 4th – wishing everyone a safe, happy and festive 4th of July.
- b. The Board thanked the Groveton Beautification Committee for the signs and picnic tables have been put on the Covered Bridge.

C. Wheelock asked if they replaced the Welcome to Groveton sign. J. Weagle said yes, they have. A. Rossetto said Bob Roby asked him to bring in some pictures of the sign. Due to the color of the letters (yellow on yellow), it's hard to see. There is also a tree blocking it that should be taken down and replaced with a bush or something small. The Board will pass the information on to Julie Boisselle. J. Weagle said a thank-you from the 4-H club came in for the mowing that was done around their sign on Route 110.
- c. Ann Marie Corthell asked if the letter to a resident has gone out yet. J. Weagle said it's about ready, he is waiting on confirmation from the attorney to be sure it's all legal.
- d. Al Rossetto asked if when doing a clear cut, are they supposed to leave a buffer of trees next to the road? J. Weagle will try to find an answer for him. Rossetto commented that Glenn Cassady was out filling in the pot holes on Page Hill by hand, which shows his commitment to the Town. It's smoother than Lost Nation Road and it held up well during the recent rain.
- e. Norm Cotter asked if they have found out anything regarding Spaulding Hill / County Rd. J. Weagle commented that we think the State may have abandoned it, we are still working on it.

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

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

Into Non-Public session at 6:22 pm

Motion to adjourn Non-Public session by: M. Phillips
2nd by: C. Wheelock, All in Favor 3-0

Non-Public Session adjourned at 6:42 pm

Into Regular Session at 6:42 pm

During the Non-Public session, the Board reviewed a personnel matter, discussed abating interest and briefly talked about the Ordinance committee.

No further business was discussed.

7. Adjournment:

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:44 pm

****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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