

**Town of Northumberland  
Town Board Meeting  
September 15, 2016**

Supervisor Willard Peck called the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Northumberland Town Board to order @ 7:00 PM. Following the salute to the flag, roll call was taken. Those attending included Supervisor Willard Peck; Councilman John DeLisle; Councilman George Hodgson and Councilwoman Patricia Bryant. Councilman Paul Bolesh was absent. Also attending were Clerk Denise Murphy; Highway Sup't Harold Vance Jr.; Town Attorney Douglas Ward and Building and Zoning Administrator Richard Colozza.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

David Meager with Adirondack Trust Insurance gave an overview of the Town's Insurance and Premium for 2017

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Approval of the minutes of the August 9, 2016 Regular Monthly Meeting: Councilwoman Patricia Bryant made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 9, 2016 Regular Monthly Meeting. Councilman John DeLisle seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Dog Control Officer Edward Cross submitted his Dog Control Report for August 2016. Mr. Cross answered 5 complaints, issued 2 warnings, issued 1 summons and had 1 dog bite case.
2. Supervisor Willard Peck received a letter from Matthew Driscoll, Commissioner of New York State Department of Transportation regarding funding available to support transportation-related projects and programs, including bicycle, pedestrian, multiuse paths, and/or projects that will help meet the requirements of the Clean Air Act by reducing congestion and vehicle emissions.
3. The Town of Northumberland received the Call List for Moreau Emergency Squad. Moreau Emergency Squad answered 19 calls in January, 18 calls in February, 13 calls in March, 12 calls in April, 18 calls in May, 22 calls in June, 14 calls in July and 22 calls in August.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. Demolition of the old Highway Garage: Supervisor Willard Peck informed the Town Board Members that Richard Carbone of Carbone Construction notified the Town by a letter dated August 17, 2016 that they were unable to be bonded for the performance of the job, and they do not meet the minimum insurance requirements. Mr. Carbone asks to withdraw their company from this work and hope that the Town will release their bid security. The next lowest bidder was Adirondack Industries Construction with a bid of \$34,500. Building and Zoning Administrator Richard Colozza has talked to Adirondack Industries Construction and they will still honor their bid.

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Councilman George Hodgson introduced Resolution # 65 of 2016 –

**WHEREAS**, Carbones Construction were unable to be bonded for the performance of the demolition of the old Highway Garage, and

**WHEREAS**, Carbones Construction stated that they do not meet the minimum insurance qualification requirements, and

**WHEREAS**, Carbones Construction requested to withdraw their Company from the awarded bid, and

**WHEREAS**, Carbones Construction also requested that their Bid Bond be returned to them, therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Northumberland Town Board accepts Carbones Construction to withdraw from the bid award since they are unable to meet the minimum qualifications, and be it further

**RESOLVED**, the Northumberland Town Board agrees to refund their Bid Bond.

Councilwoman Patricia Bryant seconded the introduction of Resolution # 65 of 2016 –

Supervisor Willard Peck – “Aye”

Councilman John DeLisle – “Aye”

Councilman George Hodgson – “Aye”

Councilwoman Patricia Bryant – “Aye”

Resolution #65 of 2016 Adopted

Councilwoman Patricia Bryant introduced Resolution #66 of 2016 –

**WHEREAS**, Carbones Construction has withdrawn their bid award for the demolition of the Old Highway Garage due to not meeting the minimum qualifications, and

**WHEREAS**, Adirondack Industries Construction Co., Inc. was the next lowest bidder for bid total of \$34,500, and

**WHEREAS**, Adirondack Industries Construction Co., Inc. has indicated that they agree to extend the bid total of \$34,500 past the 60 day bid acceptance, therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, the Northumberland Town Board awards the Demolition of former Town Highway Garage for the bid total of \$34,500 to Adirondack Industries Construction Co., Inc., and be further

**RESOLVED**, Adirondack Industries Construction Co., Inc. will meet all the requirements of the formal bid package.

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Councilman John DeLisle seconded the introduction of Resolution #66 as presented.

Supervisor Willard Peck – “Aye”  
Councilman John DeLisle – “Aye”  
Councilman George Hodgson – “Aye”  
Councilwoman Patricia Bryant – “Aye”

Resolution #66 of 2016 Adopted

2. Liz Rovers, with CT Male informed the Town Board that while they were doing 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2016 Gas Field Monitoring they noted that there is an animal burrow between gas vents GV-19 and GV – 20 that needs to be filled in, covered with topsoil and seeded. Also, there is a hornet’s nest covering the outlet of gas vent GV-14 which needs to be addressed. Highway Sup’t Harold Vance Jr. will address these concerns.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. EPA Community Advisory Group (CAG): Dan Lundquist asked the Northumberland Town Board to consider appointing him as the Northumberland’s representative on the EPA CAG Committee. The next phase coming up regarding PCB’s is the flood plain, and Mr. Lundquist’s property is located on West River Road. Supervisor Peck stated that there is not an opening at this time on the EPA CAG. Mr. Lundquist is going to continue attending these meetings.

2. Yield Sign Replacement: Highway Sup’t Harold Vance Jr. stated that he has been reviewing the “Yield” signs at the intersections of town, county and state highways. Highway Sup’t Vance stated that he would like to replace “Yield” signs to “Stop” signs in most cases. Highway Sup’t Vance stated the Town of Northumberland adopted Local Law #1 of 2010 – A Local Law regarding Stop Sign Placement - which will likely need to be updated in the event that his department’s review of the town to town intersections determine that a stop sign needs to be installed at some or all of these intersections.

Councilman John DeLisle introduced Resolution # 67 of 2016

**WHEREAS**, Highway Sup’t Harold Vance Jr. has determined that there are numerous town and state road intersections that presently have Yield Signs, and

**WHEREAS**, Highway Sup’t Harold Vance Jr. stated that these Yield Signs should be replaced with Stop Signs, but that the final determination and replacement of these signs is within the exclusive jurisdiction of the New York State Department of Transportation; therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, the Northumberland Town Board authorizes Highway Sup’t Harold Vance Jr., to review and determine which town/state road intersections warrant a Stop Sign and be it further

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**RESOLVED**, the Northumberland Town Board authorizes Highway Sup't Harold Vance Jr., to request New York State Department of Transportation to conduct a study and determination regarding those intersections and replace yield signs with stop signs as requested by the Town

Councilwoman Patricia Bryant seconded the introduction of Resolution # 67 of 2016.

Supervisor Willard Peck – "Aye"  
Councilman John DeLisle – "Aye"  
Councilman George Hodgson – "Aye"  
Councilwoman Patricia Bryant – "Aye"

Resolution #67 of 2016 Adopted

Councilman George Hodgson introduced Resolution # 68 of 2016

**WHEREAS**, Highway Sup't Harold Vance Jr. has determined that there are numerous town and county road intersections that presently have Yield Signs, and

**WHEREAS**, Highway Sup't Harold Vance Jr. stated that these Yield Signs should be replaced with Stop Signs, but that the final determination and replacement of these signs is within the exclusive jurisdiction of the County of Saratoga, therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, the Northumberland Town Board authorizes Highway Sup't Harold Vance Jr., to review and determine which town/county road intersections warrant a Stop Sign and be it further

**RESOLVED**, the Northumberland Town Board authorizes Highway Sup't Harold Vance Jr., to request Saratoga County Public Works Department to conduct a study and determination regarding those intersections and replace Yield Signs with Stop Signs as requested by the Town.

Councilwoman Patricia Bryant seconded the introduction of Resolution # 68 of 2016.

Supervisor Willard Peck – "Aye"  
Councilman John DeLisle – "Aye"  
Councilman George Hodgson – "Aye"  
Councilwoman Patricia Bryant – "Aye"

Resolution #68 of 2016 Adopted

Councilman John DeLisle introduced Resolution # 69 of 2016

**WHEREAS**, Highway Sup't Harold Vance Jr. has determined that there are numerous town to town road intersections that presently have Yield Signs, and

**WHEREAS**, Highway Sup't Harold Vance Jr. stated that many of these Yield Signs should be replaced with Stop Signs, therefore be it

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**RESOLVED**, the Northumberland Town Board authorizes Highway Sup't Harold Vance Jr., to review and determine which town to town road intersections warrant a Stop Sign and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that Highway Sup't Harold Vance Jr. present these intersections at the next Town Board Meeting for consideration by the Board for inclusion into a Local Law regarding the placement of Stop Signs on town to town intersections within the Town of Northumberland.

Councilwoman Patricia Bryant seconded the introduction of Resolution # 69 of 2016.

Supervisor Willard Peck – “Aye”  
Councilman John DeLisle – “Aye”  
Councilman George Hodgson – “Aye”  
Councilwoman Patricia Bryant – “Aye”

Resolution #69 of 2016 Adopted

Highway Sup't Harold Vance Jr. stated that he felt the intersection of State Route 50 and State Route 32N was dangerous. On September 8, 2016 there was a fatal motor cycle/tractor trailer accident at this intersection. Highway Sup't Harold Vance Jr. stated that also there is a Yield Sign when you are heading North on State Route 32 N turning onto State Route 50. Highway Sup't Harold Vance Jr. stated that this should be a Sign.

Councilman George Hodgson introduced Resolution #70 of 2016

**WHEREAS**, the Northumberland Town Board considers the intersection of State Route 50 and State Route 32N is unsafe as designed, and

**WHEREAS**, this intersection has been the site of accidents but the design and sign placement for intersection is within the exclusive jurisdiction of the New York State Department of Transportation therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Northumberland Town Board requests that New York State Department of Transportation conduct a study of the design of this intersection and make such changes as it may determine are necessary; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the New York State Department of Transportation replace the Yield Sign with a Stop Sign heading North on State Route 32N and turning onto State Route 50.

Councilman John DeLisle seconded the introduction of Resolution #70 of 2016.

Supervisor Willard Peck – “Aye”  
Councilman John DeLisle – “Aye”  
Councilman George Hodgson – “Aye”  
Councilwoman Patricia Bryant – “Aye”

Resolution #70 of 2016 Adopted

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3. Councilman George Hodgson stated that he has prepared a Resolution for the Town Board's consideration requesting NYS Department of Transportation to install "Park Ahead" signs along NYS Route 4N and South of the Saratoga Falls Pocket Park. Councilman Hodgson stated that the park is hard to see until you are on top of it. Supervisor Willard Peck stated that he drives by this park frequently and is extremely pleased to see how much use it is getting. Supervisor Peck stated that he sees many people having picnics in the pavilion. Councilman George Hodgson introduced Resolution # 71 of 2016 –

**REQUESTING THE NYS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO INSTALL "PARK AHEAD" SIGNS ALONG NYS ROUTE 4 NORTH AND SOUTH OF THE SARATOGA FALLS POCKET PARK, TOWN OF NORTHUMBERLAND**

**Whereas**, the Town of Northumberland with the financial assistance from the NYS Department of State's Waterfront Revitalization Program constructed a small pocket park known as Saratoga Falls Park along NYS Rt. 4 and US Rt. 32 located adjacent to the Hudson River in the Hamlet of Northumberland, and

**Whereas**, Saratoga Falls Park is located along the federal Lakes to Locks Passage Scenic Byway and offers motorists interpretive and picnic and viewing opportunities, and

**Whereas**, the entrance and exit to Saratoga Falls Park has limited sight distances and is in need of proper highway signage to alert passing motorists of its existence, now, therefore be it

**Resolved**, the Northumberland Town Board hereby requests that the NYS Department of Transportation install appropriate "Park Ahead" signage both north and south of the Saratoga Falls Park to alert the public of its location and to assure park users of safe park ingress and egress.

Councilman John DeLisle seconded the introduction of Resolution #71 of 2016.

Supervisor Willard Peck – "Aye"  
Councilman John DeLisle – "Aye"  
Councilman George Hodgson – "Aye"  
Councilwoman Patricia Bryant – "Aye"

Resolution #71 of 2016 Adopted

**DESIGNATIONS**

1. Transfers: Councilwoman Patricia Bryant introduced Resolution #72 of 2016 –

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Northumberland Town Board approves the following Transfers:

To: DA5130.4 – Machinery/Contractual \$8,802.00  
From: DA5130.2 - Machinery/Equipment \$8,802.00

To: A1010.4 – Town Board/Contractual \$219.00  
A1355.4 – Assessor/Contractual \$894.00



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**GENERAL**

Balance as of 06/30/2016 \$ 1,072,523.23  
Increases \$ 168,862.27  
Decreases \$ 74,711.20  
Balance as of 07/31/2016 \$ 1,166,674.30

**HIGHWAY**

Balance as of 06/30/2016 \$ 329,600.46  
Increases \$ 29.42  
Decreases \$ 140,757.19  
Balance as of 07/31/2016 \$ 188,872.69

**SEWER DISTRICT #1**

Balance as of 06/30/2016 \$ 38,523.40  
Increases \$ 3.73  
Decreases \$ 26.45  
Balance as of 07/31/2016 \$ 38,500.68

**CAPITAL PROJECT – BUILDING**

Balance as of 06/30/2016 \$ 36,500.39  
Increases \$ 2.99  
Decreases \$ 0.00  
Balance as of 07/31/2016 \$ 36,503.38

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Town Board has reviewed and Approved July 2016 Monthly Report by Supervisor Willard Peck as presented.

Councilwoman Patricia Bryant seconded the introduction of Resolution # 74 of 2016.

Supervisor Willard Peck – “Aye”  
Councilman John DeLisle – “Aye”  
Councilman Paul Bolesh – “Aye”  
Councilwoman Patricia Bryant – “Aye”                      Resolution # 74 of 2016 Adopted

Councilman George Hodgson made a motion to adjourn the Town Board Meeting @ 9:20 PM. Councilman John DeLisle seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully,

Denise Murphy, Town Clerk