

**Town of Northumberland
Special Town Board Meeting
March 22, 2016**

The Special Town Board Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Willard Peck. Following the salute to the flag, roll call was taken. Those attending were Councilman Paul Bolesh; Councilman John DeLisle; Councilman George Hodgson; Councilwoman Patricia Bryant and Supervisor Willard Peck. Also attending were Town Attorney Douglas Ward; Building and Zoning Administrator Richard Colozza; Highway Sup't Harold Vance Jr. and Town Clerk Denise Murphy.

The Town Board solicited sealed bids for the removal of asbestos at the old town hall and the project air monitoring. The Town received sealed bids from Neoplanta Restoration and Adirondack Developers and Builders. Town Supervisor Willard Peck stated that he received a call from Michael Sawyer, Senior Industrial Hygienist with C.T. Male Associates who prepared the "Asbestos Containing Material Survey" back in April, 2013. Mr. Sawyer stated that he had some concerns as to how the RFP's was published. Mr. Sawyer stated that the Asbestos Survey was over three years old and would need to be brought current, plus the air monitoring associated with the asbestos abatement must be third party. It was the consensus of the Town Board to go into Executive Session at the end of the Meeting to discuss the bids.

Highway Sup't Harold Vance Jr presented his "Agreement to Spend Highway Funds" for the Town Board's consideration:

Purinton Rd. – commencing at Stonebridge Road and leading to Austin Road a distance of 3,100 ft.
Peters Rd. – commencing at Finch Landfill Entrance and leading to Co. Rt. 29 a distance of 9,240 ft.
Brownville Rd. – commencing at St. Rt. 32N and leading to Putnam Rd. a distance of 4,224 ft. (Top coat)

Councilman George Hodgson introduced Resolution #35 of 2016 –

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 284 of the Highway Law, the Town Board agrees that moneys levied and collected in the Town for the repair and improvement of highways, and received from the State for State Aid for the repair and improvements of highways, shall be expended as follows:

1. GENERAL REPAIRS: The sum of \$410,000.00 shall be set aside to be expended for primary work and general repair upon 60.38 miles of town highways, includes sluices and culverts.
2. PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT: the following town Highway and repairs on various roads as needed, including:

Purinton Rd., commencing at Stonebridge Rd and leading to Austin Rd. a distance of 3,100 feet.
Peters Rd., commencing at Finch Landfill Entrance and leading to Co. Rt 29 a distance of 9,240 feet
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Councilman John DeLisle seconded the introduction of Resolution # 35 of 2016

Supervisor Willard Peck – “Aye”

Councilman Paul Bolesh – “Aye”

Councilman John DeLisle – “Aye”

Councilman George Hodgson – “Aye”

Councilwoman Patricia Bryant – “Aye”

Resolution # 35 of 2016 Adopted

Building and Zoning Administrator Richard Colozza informed the Town Board that Saratoga County Board of Elections did an inspection of the New Town Hall to make sure it was handicap accessible for voting. Mr. Colozza was informed that more crushed stone will need to be brought in so that there is no lip coming off the side walk. Highway Sup’t Harold Vance Jr. stated that was an easy fix and he will have his men bring crush stone in immediately. Also, handicap parking stripping needs to be put down making people aware that there is handicap parking available. Highway Sup’t Harold Vance Jr. stated that he believes he has a handicap stencil that he can use to designate the area in front of the town hall for handicap parking.

Councilman George Hodgson stated that he would like the Town Board to solicit bids for the installation of a door opener for persons with disabilities for the main doors into the Town Hall. Councilman Hodgson made a motion to solicit bids for an automatic door opener for persons with disabilities for the main door. Councilwoman Patricia Bryant seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Town Attorney Douglas Ward will work on coming up with the language for the bid notification.

Supervisor Willard Peck stated that the Post Star posted an article on Friday, March 18th regarding an article in USA Today on contaminated water systems throughout the US. USA Today reported that the Terrell Hills Development’s water had a high amount of lead in it. Supervisor Peck stated that the Post Star didn’t verify the findings with NYS Department of Health. Supervisor Peck stated that he had a call into both the Reporter and Editor at the Post Start regarding this article and poor reporting. Supervisor Peck contacted the New York State Department of Health and the information was incorrect. Supervisor Willard Peck did a reverse 911 call to Terrell Hill’s residents with the following message:

“Good Morning, This is Town of Northumberland Supervisor Bill Peck, I am calling the residents located in the Terrell Hills housing development in response to the Post Star News Paper article claiming your water supply is above safe levels for Lead content. The Department of Health has assured me that this reporting is inaccurate. Let me reiterate, the Department of Health has informed me that your drinking water is safe and that the article was inaccurate. Your supply is on a normal testing protocol required by the Department of Health for all drinking water sources and these tests show that the water quality meets all federal standards. If you have any further questions you may call the Department of Health at 793-3893 or the Town Hall at 792-9179. Thank you and have a good day”

The Town Board Members thanked Supervisor Willard Peck for the outstanding job of nipping this at the beginning.

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The Building and Zoning Inspector, Richard Colozza stated that he has been receiving calls from residents regarding information they received in the mail from Solar Farm Cypress Creek. This Company is looking at 10+ acre land parcels for a 20 year lease to install Solar Farms for around 20 years. Presently, there is no specific language regarding Solar Farms in our Zoning. It has the consensus of the Town Board to have the Town Attorney draft a Local Law to have a Moratorium regarding Solar Farms until the Town Board has an opportunity to update our current Zoning Book to address this issue. Councilman George Hodgson made a motion to hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, April 14, 2016 @ 7:00 PM on proposed Local Law #1 of 2016 - **A Local Law establishing a temporary moratorium on the further consideration or approval by the Northumberland Town Planning Board of any proposed construction of large scale Solar Arrays.** Councilwoman Patricia Bryant seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

1. Councilman George Hodgson introduced Resolution # 36 of 2016

BE IT RESOLVED, the following Vouchers to be paid as presented:

A (General Fund) Vouchers - # 72 - # 104 Total: \$ 29,192.88
DA (Highway Fund) Vouchers - # 60 - # 88 Total: \$ 62,724.41
SS (Gansevoort Sewer District) Voucher #2 Total: \$ 33.30
H (Capital Project/Building) Vouchers #4 - #5 Total: \$6,761.25

Councilwoman Patricia Bryant seconded the introduction of Resolution # 36 of 2016.

Supervisor Willard Peck – “Aye”
Councilman Paul Bolesh – “Aye”
Councilman George Hodgson – “Aye”
Councilman John DeLisle – “Aye”
Councilwoman Patricia Bryant – “Aye” Resolution # 36 of 2016 Adopted

Councilman George Hodgson made a motion @ 8:40 AM to go into Executive Session to discuss the RFP’s for Asbestos removal at the old Town Hall. Councilwoman Patricia Bryant seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Councilman Paul Bolesh made a motion @ 8:50 AM to reconvene the Special town Board Meeting. Councilman John DeLisle seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Councilman John DeLisle made a motion to reject all bids regarding the Asbestos removal and air monitoring to allow the Town Attorney to review the RFP’s. Councilwoman Patricia Bryant seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilman Paul Bolesh made a motion to adjourn the Special Town Board Meeting @ 9:05 AM. Councilwoman Patricia Bryant seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Denise Murphy, Town Clerk

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