

**Town of Northumberland  
Town Board Meeting  
October 18, 2018**

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Northumberland Town Board was called to order @ 7:00 PM by Supervisor Willard Peck. Following the salute to the flag, roll call was taken. Those attending were Supervisor Willard Peck; Councilman Paul Bolesh; Councilman John DeLisle and Councilwoman Patricia Bryant. Councilman George Hodgson was absent. Also attending were Clerk Denise Murphy; Highway Supt Harold Vance Jr; Building and Zoning Administrator Richard Colozza and Town Attorney Douglas Ward.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Kate Morse, Co-Director of Hudson Crossing Park, came before the Town Board to give an update on Hudson Crossing Park. Ms. Morse informed the Town Board Member's that they have applied for a Grant along with the Town of Saratoga and the Village of Schuylerville from Empire State Trail/Champlain Canalway Trail. Ms. Morse stated that presently anyone biking at Hudson Crossing Park has to get off their bike and walk it around the gate. Ms. Morse asked if the Northumberland Highway Department could help with some of the work. Highway Supt Vance asked Ms. Morse when they were hoping to have the work done. Ms. Morse stated that sometime in the spring of 2019. Highway Supt Vance stated that he did not think there would be a problem. Ms. Morse thanked the Town Board and Highway Supt Vance, and his men, for all their support.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Councilman Paul Bolesh made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 6, 2018 Public Hearing on proposed Local Law #2 of 2018. Councilman John DeLisle seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
2. Councilman John DeLisle made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 6, 2018 Regular Monthly Meeting. Councilwoman Patricia Bryant seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Dog Control Report for September, 2018: Edward Cross, Dog Control Officer submitted his Report for 2018. Mr. Cross answered 4 complaints, issued 2 warnings and had 1 bite case.
2. Bacon Hill Bonanza 5K/10K Committee: The Town Board received a letter from Jennifer Thomas and Pandora Davis, Bacon Hill Bonanza Co-Chairs, regarding the Bacon Hill Bonanza Road Race. The Committee is requesting permission to host the Bacon Hill Bonanza Road Race on Saturday, May 4, 2019. This year's event will be similar to past years and will include a Kid's 1 Mile Fun Run on Stonebridge Road at 9:30 AM to be followed by a 5K Run/Walk and also a 10K Run at 10:00 AM. This race is in the process of being sanctioned by USA Track & Field and have requested a Certificate of Insurance from them listing the Town of Northumberland as additionally insured. The Certificate of Insurance will be forwarded to the Town as soon as they receive it. The Committee asked if it would

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again be possible to close Stonebridge Road to traffic that morning between Callahan Road and Route 32 from about 9:00 AM until noon in order to create a much safer environment for the event. The 10K participants will use Ballard Lane, West River Road, Harris Road loop and Callahan Road in addition to Stonebridge Road. A Safety Plan will be submitted to the Town and also Saratoga County for this event. Councilman John DeLisle made a motion to grant permission for the Bacon Hill 5K and 10K Bonanza to be held on Saturday, May 4, 2019 to run in the Town of Northumberland, the property will be left in the same condition as when Bacon Hill Bonanza arrived, and a safety plan will be submitted to the town for this event and any damages incurred during the time of the event will be the responsibility of the Bacon Hill Bonanza 5K/10K Committee. The Town Board also asked that the Bacon Hill Bonanza 5K/10K Committee put out a "Press Release" to make sure the public is aware that Stonebridge Road between Callahan Road and Route 32 will be closed from 9:00 AM until 12:00 Noon. Councilman Paul Bolesh seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

3. Supervisor Willard Peck received a letter from Saratoga County Attorney Stephen Dorsey regarding 2016 Tax Delinquent Parcels. The purpose of the letter is to have the Town review the parcels that are being foreclosed to see if there is any environmental liability to the County. The List of parcels was provided to the Building Department.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. Stop Sign: Highway Supt Harold Vance Jr. asked the Town Board to authorize the placement of a Stop sign at the corner of French Meadow and French Meadow. Highway Supt Vance provided the Town Board Members with a map of the subdivision. French Meadow is a large cul-de-sac. Highway Supt Vance stated that some of the residents have asked for one due to the number of cars driving in off of Popular Way. Councilman John DeLisle made a motion authorizing the placement of a Stop sign at the intersection of French Meadow and French Meadow. Councilwoman Patricia Bryant seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. 2019 Town Budget: Supervisor Willard Peck stated that he presented the Town Budget to the Town Clerk by September 30, 2018 and the Town Clerk forwarded the Tentative Budget to the Town Board as required by General Municipal Law §35. Supervisor Willard Peck stated that the 2019 Budget is under the Tax Cap which is 2% this year. Supervisor Peck stated that he has proposed giving both Elected and Appointed personnel a 2% increase in their salary. Councilwoman Patricia Bryant made a motion to hold a Public Hearing on the Preliminary 2019 Town Budget on Thursday, November 8, 2018 @ 7:00 PM to be followed by the Town Board Meeting. Councilman John DeLisle seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

2. Sexual Harassment: The Northumberland Town Board received from NYMIR Risk Management information regarding the NYS Department of Labor's finalized sexual harassment prevention guidance which includes a model policy and training plan that can be used by the town. This is in response to a new law, which was part of the 2018 – 2019 State Budget. The Town Clerk provided the Board