

## **Town of Northumberland**

**August 2, 2007**

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Northumberland Town Board was called to order @ 7:30 PM. Following the salute to the flag, roll call was taken. Those attending Supervisor Willard Peck, Councilman Paul Bolesh, Councilman Harold Vance Jr., and Councilman George Hodgson. Councilman Daniel Gale was absent. Also attending was Clerk Denise Murphy

### **APPROVE MINUTES**

Councilman Harold Vance Jr made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 5, 2007 Regular Monthly Meeting. Councilman Paul Bolesh seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

### **DESIGNATIONS**

1. Councilman Harold Vance Jr. made a motion to approve vouchers for payment as presented. Councilman Paul Bolesh seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Linda Gifford and Jeanne Daley came before the Town Board regarding their desire to hold a Farmer's Market at the Town Park in the Hamlet of Gansevoort. Linda Gifford, Gifford Lane, presently is the president of Glens Falls/Hudson Falls Farmer's Market Association. She had been contacted by Ms. Daley about starting one in the Hamlet of Gansevoort. Mrs. Gifford has talked with some of the vendors that participate in the Glens Falls/Hudson Falls Farmer's Market and they are willing to come to Gansevoort for a Farmer's Market. Mrs. Gifford was looking at Thursday from 3:00 – 6:00 PM or Sunday midmorning. Mrs. Gifford has talked with the Farmer's Market Association Insurance Carrier and there will not be an increase in the premium if there are fifteen or less vendors. Supervisor Peck stated they will need to provide a Certificate of Insurance naming the Town of Northumberland as additional insured. Supervisor Peck also stated that when Town Attorney Douglas Ward returns he will put together a contract holding the Town of Northumberland harmless. Councilman Harold Vance Jr made a motion approving the Farmer's Market Association to hold a Farmer's Market at the Town Park in the Hamlet of Gansevoort on Thursday's from 3:00 – 6:00 PM. The Town Attorney will put together a contract for the Farmer's Market Association to sign holding the Town of Northumberland harmless. Councilman George Hodgson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. The Farmer's Market will start prior to the Town Attorney putting together a contract.

**APPOINTMENTS**

1. Sole Assessor: Walter Smead’s term as Sole Assessor expires on 09/30/2007. The term is for six years. Supervisor Peck stated the Town of Northumberland was extremely lucky to have Walter Smead as our assessor with all his years of experience. Supervisor Peck introduced Resolution #40 of 2006:

**WHEREAS**, the Town Supervisor has recommended that Walter D Smead be reappointed as Sole Assessor, the Town Board has considered his credentials and experience and concurs in the recommendation; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, that Walter D Smead be reappointed as Sole Assessor, Town of Northumberland, for a term of six years effective October 1, 2007 to September 30, 2013.

Councilman George Hodgson seconded the introduction of Resolution #40 of 2007.

Supervisor Willard Peck – “Aye”  
Councilman Paul Bolesh – “Aye”  
Councilman Harold Vance Jr. – “Aye”  
Councilman George Hodgson – “Aye”      Resolution #40 of 2007 – Adopted

2. Board of Assessment Review (B.O.A.R.D): Ellen Bongard’s term expires on 09/30/2007. Walter Smead would like an opportunity to talk with Ms. Bongard to see if she wishes to be reappointed.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

1. The Town received a letter from New York State Department of Environmental Conservation regarding the Flood Map Modernization Program for Saratoga County. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and New York State department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) are cooperating on a program to update the Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) in Saratoga County. They will be holding meeting dates in Saratoga County on August 29 and August 30 at the Saratoga County Board of Supervisor’s Board Room. Richard Colozza, Building/Zoning Administrator will be attending.

2. The Town received a letter from the Planning Board regarding Performance Bonds. The Planning Board has reviewed and approved the Performance Guarantee Bonds for Disiena Subdivision on Colebrook Road in the amount of \$327,000 and The Preserve at King Road in the amount of \$447,611. Both of these Bonds have been reviewed and approved by James Mitchell the Town’s Engineer, Highway Sup’t Neil Petteys and Town Attorney Douglas Ward. Councilman Harold Vance Jr. made a motion to approve Disiena’s Performance Bond in the amount of \$327,000 and The Preserve at King Road in the amount of \$447,611. Councilman Paul Bolesh seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

3. The Town Board received a letter from the Planning Board regarding SEQR Lead Agency Coordination regarding the Zuckerman Subdivision (Route 29 & Harris Road). The proposed project is a 3 lot subdivision located on Route 29 and Harris Road, which will be serviced by individual wells and septic system. The project is located in the Town's Agricultural Protection District and covers a total area of 28 acres. The Project is subject to review and approval by the Town's Planning Board. This is an Unlisted Action under SEQRA. Accordingly, the Planning Board is hereby notifying the Town Board that it wishes to undertake a Coordinated Review under SEQRA and be established as Lead Agency for such review in accordance with the provision of 6 NYCRR. Councilman George Hodgson made a motion that the Northumberland is in agreement that the Northumberland Planning Board be designated as Lead Agency for SEQRA review. Councilman Harold Vance Jr. seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

4. The Town Board received a letter from the New York State Canal Corporation regarding the second annual Canal Splash – celebrating the history, culture, recreational appeal and beauty of the New York State Canal System and the Erie Canal National Heritage Coordinator.

5. The Town Board received from New York State Canal Corporation a fully executed copy of the town's Erie Canal Greenway Grant contract. The agreement is in the amount of \$225,000. These funds will be used for the Hudson Crossing Park project.

6. Supervisor Peck reported that on Monday, August 27, 2007 at 9:30 am outside the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors' Chambers, a deceased World War II Veteran from every town and city in Saratoga County will be honored. The Town of Northumberland will be honoring Frank D Munger as a deceased World War II Veteran.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Update on the Saratoga Northumberland Recreation Park. Supervisor Peck reported a joint park and recreation facility to be located at the intersection of Loudon Road and route 29, across from the Farmer's Daughter, is beginning to take shape. Both towns are in the early stages of development, but look to provide much needed recreational fields to alleviate the overcrowding as it currently exists at Fort Hardy. This would include ball fields, football/soccer fields as well as passive recreation through walking trails and a picnic area. Co-Chairpersons, Councilman Daniel Gale, Town of Northumberland and Laurie Griffen of the Town of Saratoga lead the committee overseeing the development plan. The LA Group is working on submitting a proposal to assist in the development of a site master plan for the Town of Saratoga/Northumberland Park.

2. Hudson Crossing Update: Councilman Hodgson reported that work has begun on Hudson Crossing Park at Lock 5. The town has let out bid requests for a floating dock, foundation for a picnic and overlook pavilions, roofing and sheet metal and fabrication and supply of glulam frame and all necessary connectors. All of these bids are separate, a contractor can bid on one or all four items. The bids will be opened at noon on

Wednesday, August 8, 2007. Councilman George Hodgson stated he would like to hold a Special Town Board Meeting on Friday, August 10, 2007 @ 7:30 AM to review and award bids. Volunteers will be putting together both the picnic and overlook pavilion. Fort Miller has donated both septic tank and drop inlet boxes. Bonacio Builders has donated a crew to help with one of the pavilions. A & A Excavation, a local business, has been hired by Hudson Crossing for some of the grading. The half acre play area utilizes the concept of a natural playground and will feature sculpted grass mounds, slides embedded in embankments, stepping stones, a stone path labyrinth, a human sundial, and a sand pit. In addition, there will be boulders, nature sculptures, and naturalized gardens including a small orchard and a wetland garden. A special Community Art Project entitled “Stepping Stones for Hudson Crossing Park Play Garden” will be held from August 20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> in Schuylerville. Participants (ages 8 – 80) who register for this workshop will be taught how to set glass tiles to produce a series of stepping stones that will be installed along the main path in the Hudson Crossing Park Play Garden. The stones will depict a graphic tour through time of the river’s edge allowing visitors to the park to use the stepping stones from beginning to end to read through imagery revelation of nature and science. A \$100 per person registration fee will be required. Due to a generous anonymous donation from a Northumberland resident, 10 full tuition, had been paid for the 4 day workshop registrations, and have been reserved for 10 area youths on a first come, first serve basis. On Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup> the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Hudson Crossing Fest which will be held from 10 – 2 PM. The Lois McClude, a full sized replica of an 1860 canal schooner, will be docked at Hudson Crossing Park for the Fest and will be available for tours. Councilman Hodgson had a drawing on how the natural playground should look when completed.

3. There will be a meeting on Monday, August 6, 2007 @ 6:30 PM at the Town Hall. Representatives from both the Attorney General’s Office and the Department of Health will be present to meet with residents of Castlewood Drive and Stevens Court regarding their wells.
4. The Town Board and Youth Program will be marching in the Turning Point Parade on August 5, 2007. The parade kicks off @ 1:00 PM.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. The Town Board has received requests for additional “STOP” signs in Colebrook Estates. The Town Board tabled any action until the Highway Sup’t has had an opportunity to review the request and report back to the Town Board.
2. The Highway Sup’t Neil Petteys stated that he has received a request for a speed reduction on Purinton Road. There is no posted speed limit. Councilman Harold Vance Jr. made a motion to petition New York State DOT for a speed reduction on Purinton Road. Councilman Paul Bolesh seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
3. The Town Board received the final document from River Street Planning regarding the Old Saratoga on the Hudson Waterfront Revitalization Plan. This document

represents the final, edited document based on Advisory Committee comment and public comment that was incorporated as appropriate. The next step is for each community to adopt the Plan individually as they so choose. River Street Planning strongly encourage the Towns to do so as the projects highlighted in the implementation strategy are more likely to get State and Federal support if the Waterfront Revitalization Plan has been formally endorsed by each community. The SEQRA process has already been completed. Supervisor Peck stated he would like to table adopting this Plan until next month to allow the public to further review the document.

4. Supervisor Peck informed the Town Board Members that Nature Conservancy is applying to Saratoga County for a grant under Farmland/Open Space Preservation Program to purchase a landlocked parcel of the Northumberland/Wilton line in the Town of Northumberland. This property is adjacent to lands preserved by The Nature Conservancy as part of the Wilton Wildlife Preserve and Park and has been identified as important habitat for endangered Blandings turtles. This parcel of land would make an important addition to the core natural area being preserved as an ecological park in this region of Wilton and Northumberland. Paul Bolesh introduced Resolution #41 of 2007

**WHEREAS**, The Nature Conservancy is applying to Saratoga County for a grant under its Farmland/Open Space Preservation Program for a project located within the territorial jurisdiction of this Board; and

**WHEREAS**, the project, located on a landlocked parcel on the Northumberland/Wilton line, will benefit the community and the protection of important natural resources; and

**WHEREAS**, as a requirement under the rules and regulations of this grant's application, said entity must obtain the "approval" of the governing body of the municipality in which the project will be located;

**NOW, THEREFORE** be it resolved that the Town Board of the Town of Northumberland hereby does approve and endorse the application of the Nature Conservancy for a grant under the Saratoga County Farmland/Open Space Preservation Program for a project known as Northumberland Wildlife Conservation Corridor-Phase II.

Councilman Harold Vance Jr. seconded the introduction of Resolution #41 of 2007

Supervisor Willard Peck – "Aye"  
Councilman Paul Bolesh – "Aye"  
Councilman Harold Vance Jr. – "Aye"  
Councilman George Hodgson – "Aye"                      Resolution #41 of 2007 Adopted

5. Supervisor Peck informed the Town Board that Saratoga P.L.A.N. is submitting an application to the Saratoga County Farmland/Open Space Preservation Program to purchase the McKnight property in the Town of Northumberland. This property is adjacent to lands preserved by The Nature Conservancy as part of the Wilton Wildlife



