

**Town of Northumberland
Town Board Meeting
August 7, 2008**

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 included Supervisor Willard Peck, Councilman Daniel Gale, Councilman George Hodgson and Councilwoman Patricia Bryant. Councilman Paul Bolesh was absent. Also attending were Clerk Denise Murphy, Highway Employee Bruce Hoag, Building/Zoning Administrator Richard Colozza and ZBA Member Gordon Strong

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Northumberland Town Board solicited bids for the Asphalt Paving 2008 project. The following bids were received.

DelSignor Blacktop Paving - \$90.42 per ton
Callanan - \$81.88 per ton
HMA Contracting - \$96.56 per ton
Towne Construction & Paving - \$89.19
Kubricky Construction - \$92.65
Peter Luizzi & Brothers - \$82.70
Peckham Road Corp - \$70.00

Councilman George Hodgson made a motion @ 7:40 PM to go into Executive Session due to possible legal action. Councilman Daniel Gale seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilman George Hodgson made a motion @ 8:00 PM to reconvene the Regular Monthly Meeting. Councilwoman Patricia Bryant seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Supervisor Peck reported that no action was taken.

Councilman Daniel Gale made a motion reject all the bids based on the unit price per ton and to use the 2008 Saratoga County Asphalt Concrete Bid Award (08-PWPSR-46R). Councilman George Hodgson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Supervisor Peck stated that he had a discussion earlier tonight with Timothy & Pat Partello, Morgan Manor regarding paving of Colebrook Rd. Supervisor Peck gave the Partello's the history of the 2008 Asphalt Paving Project. The Partello's also expressed concern with the stop sign at the corner of Lindsey and Colebrook Road. The Partello's feel the Stop sign is in the wrong place, it should be at the Lindsey Hill/ Colebrook Road intersection. Councilman Hodgson stated back when that was originally addressed, the

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Councilman Daniel Gale introduced Resolution #27 of 2008

WHEREAS, the Northumberland Town Court has a total budget for 2008 in the amount of \$28,500 to cover all costs association with the Northumberland Court System, and

WHEREAS, the Northumberland Town Court is in need of (2) Flags for the Court Room (American/New York State), (2) Desks for the Justices, Copier, (6) electrical outlets for the Court Room, sound proofing portable partition for Court Room, glass partition for the Court Office Door, (4) fireproof file cabinets, (2) courtroom gavels, wall seal, Signs (directions to Court Room & Office), Safe and renovations/addition to Court Office by approximately 84 sq ft.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Northumberland Town Board authorizes the Justice Court request to apply for a grant from the Justice Court Assistance Program.

Councilwoman Patricia Bryant seconded the introduction of Resolution #27 of 2008

Supervisor Willard Peck – “Aye”

Councilman Daniel Gale – “Aye”

Councilman George Hodgson – “Aye”

Councilwoman Patricia Bryant – “Aye”

Resolution #27 Adopted

2. The Town Board received a letter from Jody Munger, Court Clerk requesting authorization for Justice Evans and both Court Clerks to attend the annual Magistrates/Court Clerks Conference being held September 21 – 24, 2008 in Niagara Falls, NY. The total estimated cost is \$2,260.00. Supervisor Willard Peck made a motion authorizing Justice Evans and both Court Clerks to attend the Conference with a total estimated cost of \$2,260.00. Councilman Daniel Gale seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

3. The Town Board received a letter from Time Warner Cable regarding possible changes in channels or programming services.

4. The Town Board received a letter from Capital District Transportation Committee seeking nominations for a potential recipient of CDTC’s annual Fred Field Award.

5. The Town Board received a letter from National Grid regarding list of names, business addresses and telephone numbers of responsible officials of National Grid who may be contacted in the event of a gas emergency.

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OLD BUSINESS

1. Update on the Schuyler Park: Councilman Daniel Gale reported on the progress being made at the 27 acre park site. Official survey markers have been placed around the perimeter of the park. The LA Group is preparing an RFP for clearing of brush and trees and another for excavation. They are also working with Soil & Water Conservation and New York State DEC to be sure all rules are followed. Work should commence in September or October. An archeological review has been completed by Birchwood Archaeological Services and a final report should be available soon. An agreement with Schuylerville Center School for use of the fields has been finalized.

2. Update on Hudson Crossing Park: Councilman George Hodgson provided Board Members with copies of a Hudson Crossing Play Garden Progress Report submitted by Cindy Wian, Hudson Crossing Park (HCP) Play Garden Manager. There are now eight mosaic stepping stones completed by area children which depict the various lives of the Hudson River which we hope to have installed in the Play Garden paths in time for the Hudson Crossing Fest which will be held on Saturday, September 13. Herb Broestler (Broestler Brush Cutting) came with his skid steer equipment and helped grade the hillside that adjoins the upper tail with the Play Garden. Darryl Dumas, Northumberland resident and HCP Board Member also donated his time and tractor to assist in this effort. The Town of Northumberland Highway Department was a huge help in delivering stone dust donated by Palette Stone Corp and began to roll out the gravel for the paths. There is a newly established Butterfly Garden planted by local Girl Scouts at the entrance to the Play Garden Labyrinth. In the coming weeks there will be a new moss garden, a scattering of boulders, and the laying of colored slate in the floor of the labyrinth. And finally, the Hudson Crossing Park Cardboard Boat Race will be held on Saturday, August 9. This is always a lot of fun and attracts a lot of families.

3. Local Law #2 of 2008 – A Local Law adding Article VII to the Town Code, authorizing a partial exemption from real property taxes on residential property owned and occupied by veterans of the cold war. Councilman Daniel Gale introduced Resolution #28 of 2008 – A Resolution adopting Local Law #2 of 2008, a local law adding Article VII to the Town Code authorizing a Partial Exemption from Real Property Taxes on Residential Property owned and occupied by Veterans of the Cold War.

WHEREAS, Walter Smead has recommended that Article VII authorizing a Partial Exemption from Real Property Taxes on Residential Property Owned and Occupied by Veterans of the Cold War, be added to the Town Code, and

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WHEREAS, the new law, codified as Section 458-b of the Real Property Tax Law, defines “Cold War Veteran” to be a person, male or female, who served on active duty for a period of more than three hundred sixty-five days in the United States armed forces, during the time period from September second, nineteen hundred forty five to December twenty-sixth, nineteen hundred ninety one and who was discharged or released therefrom

under honorable conditions and has been awarded the Cold War recognition certificate as authorized under Public Law 105-85, the 1998 National Defense Authorization Act, and

WHEREAS, on August 7, 2008 at 7:15 P.M., the Town Board conducted a Public Hearing to solicit the comments of the Town’s citizens regarding the proposed addition to the Town Code, and all who wished to speak were given the opportunity; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Local Law #2 of 2008, a local law adding Article VII to the Town Code authorizing a Partial Exemption from Real Property Taxes on Residential Property owned and Occupied by Veteran’s of the Cold War is hereby adopted and; be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk file said notice with the New York State Department of State as required by law.

Councilwoman Patricia Bryant seconded the introduction of Resolution #28 of 2008

Supervisor Willard Peck – “Aye”
Councilman Daniel Gale – “Aye”
Councilman George Hodgson – “Aye”
Councilwoman Patricia Bryant – “Aye” Resolution #28 Adopted

4. The Town Clerk provided each Board Member with the adopted Town of Northumberland Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan. Councilman Daniel Gale requested that the Town Clerk forward a copy to Saratoga County Emergency Services, Gansevoort Fire Department, Schuyler Hose, Moreau Emergency Squad and General Schuyler Emergency Squad.

DESIGNATIONS

1. Councilman George Hodgson made a motion to approve vouchers for payment as presented. Councilman Daniel Gale seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

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2. Supervisor Peck provided each Board Member a copy of the Supervisor's Statement for the Month's of June and July. Councilman Daniel Gale introduced Resolution #29 of 2008 – Supervisor's Monthly Report

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor's Monthly Report for June and July 2008 is accepted as submitted. Councilman George Hodgson seconded the introduction of Resolution #29 of 2008.

Supervisor Willard Peck – "Aye"
Councilman Daniel Gale – "Aye"
Councilman George Hodgson – "Aye"
Councilwoman Patricia Bryant – "Aye" Resolution #29 Adopted

COMMITTEES

Parks: Councilman Daniel Gale stated that he had been approached by a resident of Terrel Hills regarding the large population of bees in the sand at the Terrel Hills Park. Highway Employee Bruce Hoag stated the area has been sprayed for bees.

Youth: Councilman Daniel Gale stated the Summer Youth Program will end August 14th. It has been a huge success for the youth. The Town Clerk wanted to thank the Youth Workers and Dee Cogan, Youth Director for the outstanding job with making it run extremely smooth. The Town Clerk stated she has not received one complaint.

Building Department: Building/Zoning Administrator Richard Colozza stated that he has been approached by the Gansevoort Fire Department about a Building Permit to construct a gazebo at the Fire House. Jim Shea, Fire Commissioner, stated that some towns do not charge the Fire Departments for a Building Permit if they are required. Supervisor Willard Peck made a motion to exempt the Gansevoort Fire Department from the fee to obtain a Building Permit. Councilwoman Patricia Bryant seconded the motion.

Supervisor Willard Peck – "Aye"
Councilman Daniel Gale – "Abstain"
Councilman George Hodgson – "Aye"
Councilwoman Patricia Bryant – "Aye" Motion approved

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Recycling/Transfer Station: Supervisor Peck stated he has been approached by Donald Fuss to see if the Town is going to be paving the road into the Recycling Center any time soon. The Town Board stated due to the cost of Asphalt, there is no plan at this time to pave the road to the Recycling/Transfer Station.

Councilman George Hodgson made a motion @ 8:55 to adjourn the Regular Monthly Meeting. Councilwoman Patricia Bryant seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Denise Murphy
Town Clerk