

**Town of Northumberland
Town Board Meeting
September 4, 2008**

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Northumberland Town Board was called to order @ 7:30 PM by Supervisor Willard Peck. Following the salute to the flag, roll call was taken. Those attending included Supervisor Willard Peck, Councilman Paul Bolesh, Councilman George Hodgson and Councilwoman Patricia Bryant. Councilman Daniel Gale was absent. Also attending was Clerk Denise Murphy, Highway Sup't Neil Petteys, Town Attorney Douglas Ward and Zoning/Building Administrator Richard Colozza.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no comments from the public

APPROVE MINUTES

1. Councilwoman Patricia Bryant made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 7, 2008 Public Hearing. Councilman George Hodgson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
2. Councilwoman Patricia Bryant made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 7, 2008 Regular Monthly Meeting. Councilman George Hodgson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Supervisor Willard Peck informed the Town Board Members and public that on September 20, 2008 @ 7:00 pm at the Saratoga Performing Arts Center, sponsored by the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors, there will be a "Salute to our Veterans" Concert. The Concert will be the United States Army Field Bank & Soldiers' Chorus. Anyone wishing to receive free tickets should contact the Town Clerk.
2. Supervisor Willard Peck gave the Town Clerk "Career Opportunities" for posting in the town hall.
3. Supervisor Willard Peck received a letter from National Grid regarding outdoor lighting asset management system. A copy will be given to the Highway Superintendent.
4. Supervisor Willard Peck informed the Town Board Members that the town received their second \$90,000 check as part of the Host Community Benefit Agreement between the Scott and Finch Landfill Partnership and the Town of Northumberland. The Town will receive three annual payments of \$90,000 each (by December 20, 2007, September

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30, 2008 and September 30, 2009, respectively) for expenditure by the Town in its discretion in connection with recreational or open space initiatives.

5. The Town received a check for \$58,198.12 from New York State Department of Transportation for Hudson Crossing Park reimbursement.

OLD BUSINESS

1. The Town of Northumberland received a Memorandum from Laurie Griffen, Co-Chair of the Schuyler Park Committee regarding recommendation for park site clearing. At their August 26, 2008 Schuyler Park Committee Meeting they opened all bids that were received for the clearing and grubbing of the park site. The following bids were received:

Van Auken Trucking	\$62,475.00
Galusha & Sons	\$27,350.00
M & J Construction	\$47,600.00
Mulholland Enterprises	\$38,872.65
Richard Sears Tree Experts	\$76,650.00

It was a unanimous vote and decision of the Committee Members present that the Schuyler Park Committee recommend to both the Town Boards that Galusha and Sons be awarded the contract as outlined in the RFP, to clear the Schuyler Park site on Route 29. It is the Committees desire that Galusha be contacted immediately following the Town of Saratoga's Board meeting on September 8, assuming approval by both Boards and Contracts signed that week, with work to commence as soon as possible and be completed hopefully by the end of September/early October. Supervisor Willard Peck introduced Resolution # 30 of 2008 – **A Resolution supporting Schuyler Park Committee's recommendation to award the bid for the clearing and grubbing of the park site.**

WHEREAS, the Town of Northumberland and the Town of Saratoga entered into a Schuyler Park Municipal Cooperative Agreement on June 9, 2008, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Northumberland reaffirmed the Town's Procurement Policy at the January 3, 2008 Organizational Meeting, and

WHEREAS, the Schuyler Park Committee met on August 26, 2008 and opened all bids that were received for the clearing and grubbing of the park site, and

WHEREAS, it was an unanimous vote and decision of the Committee Members present that they recommend to both Town of Northumberland and Town of Saratoga Town

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Boards that Galusha and Sons be awarded the contract, in the amount of \$27, 350, as outlined in the RFP, to clear the Schuyler Park Site on Route 29, be it

RESOLVED, the bid from Galusha & Sons in the amount of \$27,350 was the lowest bid received by the Schuyler Park Committee and meets the Town of Northumberland's Procurement Policy, and be it further

RESOLVED, the Northumberland Town Board met on Thursday, September 4, 2008 and unanimously approved Schuyler Park Committee's recommendation to award the bid for the clearing and grubbing of the Park Site to Galusha & Sons in the amount of \$27, 350

Councilman Paul Bolesh seconded the introduction of Resolution #30 of 2008.

Supervisor Willard Peck – "Aye"
Councilman Paul Bolesh – "Aye"
Councilman George Hodgson – "Aye"
Councilwoman Patricia Bryant – "Aye" Resolution #30 Adopted

Town Attorney Douglas Ward requested that the Town Clerk contact the Town of Saratoga and request a copy of the RFP's, bids received, legal notice and copy of the Town of Saratoga's approval to enter into a contract with Galusha & Sons in the amount of \$27,350.

Councilman Daniel Gale left the comment to be incorporated into the minutes, "I must reiterate that the funds this town board has transferred as part of our intermunicipal Agreement and being used as funding for the Schuyler Park project are funds received from recreational fees and monies received from Finch Pruyn. This project has thus far been funded without any impact to our town budget or the residents of Northumberland. I feel it is necessary for this to be clear, as there are those in our community who continually spread misinformation regarding our efforts."

Supervisor Willard Peck introduced Resolution # 31 of 2008 – **Five Year Agreement with Schuylerville Central School District for use of facilities at Schuyler Park**

WHEREAS, The Towns of Northumberland and Saratoga have entered into a certain inter-municipal agreement to jointly construct and operate a town park to be known as "Schuyler Park", and

WHEREAS, the Schuylerville Central School District has offered to lease field space at Schuyler Park for use by its students for after-school athletics, and

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WHEREAS, this use by Schuylerville Central School District will not unreasonably interfere with the planned use by the Towns, and

WHEREAS, the proposed agreement with Schuylerville Central School is for a term of five years with a one-time payment of \$50,000.00, and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that it is in the best interest of the Town to approve such an agreement, it is now therefore,

RESOLVED, that the Town of Northumberland enter into an agreement with the Schuylerville Central School District and the Town of Saratoga to allow the Schuylerville Central School District use of facilities at Schuyler Park on the terms set forth above, and that Supervisor Willard Peck has been authorized to sign such an agreement on behalf of the Town, the form of agreement has been approved by the Town Attorney

Councilwoman Patricia Bryant seconded the introduction of Resolution #31 of 2008.

Supervisor Willard Peck – “Aye”
Councilman Paul Bolesh – “Aye”
Councilman George Hodgson – “Aye”
Councilwoman Patricia Bryant – “Aye” Resolution #31 Adopted

2. Councilman George Hodgson stated the Town Board put out a Phase 1 – Bid Proposals for the following:

Bid (B) All clearing, grading work as identified on plans including all work associated with trail construction and repair, selective clearing, gravel parking, all directional signage, ramp railing, wood guide rail purchase/installation, grading/topsoil/seed and stone dust surfaces in day use area, not including grading and clearing associated with the installation of docking as identified on plans including labor, material, and incidentals.

Bid (D) Northumberland Dam Overlook granite block wall and surface treatment including all associated clearing, grading, stone dust surfaces, edging and all labor, material, and incidentals.

Bid (E) All stone steps, fence/wall and wood guide rail installation at Starks Knob including associated grading including all labor, material and incidentals.

Bid (F) Supply and install 4 picnic tables, 2 benches and 2 large and 4 small barbeque grills and associated anchoring including all labor, material and incidentals.

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Bid (G) Construction of the unisex ADA restroom/storage shed, septic system and metal roofing and flashing for the Picnic Pavilion. This work includes the installation of all necessary footing/foundation and concrete knee wall for the restroom/storage shed and sloped earthen berm, including all labor, material and incidentals.

All bids must be received by 12:00 Noon on September 5, 2008. All bids will be opened on September 9, 2008 @ 8:00 AM.

On September 13 at Lock 5 Island the “Energy Festival – Sun, Wind, Water and Alternate Energy Now” festival will be held from 11:00 to 6:00 PM. The Energy Festival is intended to promote awareness of renewable energy sources and the sustainability initiative, locally and regionally, by offering a day of music, events, speakers and exhibitors.

Councilman George Hodgson stated the Hudson Crossing Committee received a quote of \$300 to rent four (4) portable toilets from “Johnny on the Spot” for the Festival. Councilman George Hodgson stated he would like the Town of Northumberland to consider paying the fee for the rental of these toilets.

Councilman George Hodgson made a motion to approve the payment of \$300 for the rental of four (4) portable toilets from “Johnny on the Spot” for the Festival, and the cost will be charged to the Park Account. Councilman Paul Bolesh seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilman George Hodgson reported that Hudson Crossing Park submitted “Native American Quadricentennial/Hudson Crossing Park Festival” grant application in response to the Hudson River Foundation’s 2008 Call for Projects. The event would culminate in the public’s convergence by various water and land routes to Hudson Crossing Park Island located at Lock 5 of the Champlain Canal in concert with the 5th Annual Hudson Crossing Park Festival which will be held on Saturday, September 12, 2009. The central theme of the festival will be the Quadricentennial Celebration of these renowned European explorers, the Native American culture of the area, and the experiences and roles Native Americans played in the European exploration of the area. Hudson Crossing is requesting \$15,000. The total budget for the event is \$30,000. Hudson Crossing will be looking for other funding sources for the \$15,000 balance.

NEW BUSINESS

1. The Town Clerk received an email from Saratoga P.L.A.N. requesting a Resolution approving and endorsing the application of Saratoga P.L.A.N for a grant under the Environmental Protection Fund.

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Councilman George Hodgson introduced Resolution #32 of 2008 Resolution –
Approval and Endorsement for the application of Saratoga P.L.A.N. for a grant under the Environmental Protection Fund

WHEREAS, Saratoga P.L.A.N. is applying to the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) for a grant under the Environmental Protection Fund for a park project to acquire approximately 50 acres of property to be used as a nature preserve and for passive recreation located off Homestead Road in Northumberland, New York a site located within the territorial jurisdiction of this Board; and

WHEREAS, as a requirement under the rules of these programs, said not-for-profit corporation must obtain the “approval/endorsement of the governing body of the municipality in which the project will be located”;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by this august body that the Board hereby does approve and endorse the application of Saratoga P.L.A.N for a Grant under the Environmental Protection Fund for a park project known as Blanding’s Turtle Habitat Protection Project and located within this community.

Councilman Paul Bolesh seconded the introduction of Resolution #32 of 2008.

Supervisor Willard Peck – “Aye”

Councilman Paul Bolesh – “Aye”

Councilman Daniel Gale – “Aye”

Councilman George Hodgson – “Aye”

Councilwoman Patricia Bryant – “Aye”

Resolution #32 Adopted

2. The Town Clerk informed the Town Board the previous Highway Superintendent George Corlew passed away August 31, 2008 at his home. Councilman George Hodgson introduced Resolution #33 of 2008 –

A Resolution Honoring George Edward Corlew

WHEREAS, George Edward Corlew was born March 15, 1932 in the Town of Ballston to Clarence P and Hazel (Hudson) Corlew, and

WHEREAS, George Edward Corlew moved to the Town of Northumberland in the 1950’s and worked at area dairy farms where he met and married Mabel Thomas, and

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WHEREAS, George and Mabel Corlew had three children Dale Corlew, Gary Corlew and Tammy (Winslow) Corlew, and

WHEREAS, George Edward Corlew became active in the Gansevoort Fire Department and held the title Fire Chief from 1967 – 1969, and

WHEREAS, George Edward Corlew met his life long companion Ruth (Beagle) McGowan and helped raise her four children David McGowan, Colleen McGowan, Laura (Webster) McGowan and James McGowan, and

WHEREAS, George Edward Corlew would have 10 grandchildren which he was so proud of, Jenette, Benjamin, Brittny, James, Emily, Elizabeth, Dawson, Jimmy J, Joshua and Randy; and

WHEREAS, George Edward Corlew was a Trustee of the Gansevoort Park along with Homer Mulford, Robert Hurd, Alfred Shaw, Ernest H Wood, and George Clews which was established so the premises could be held for the purpose of a park for the benefit of the public in the Hamlet of Gansevoort,

WHEREAS, George Edward Corlew worked for the Town of Northumberland first as a Town Hall Custodian and Landfill Caretaker, and

WHEREAS, George Edward Corlew ran and was elected Northumberland Highway Superintendent in 1989 and held that position until he retired in 1995, and

WHEREAS, George Edward Corlew and Ruth McGowan were known county wide for there ability for dousing and installing wells for the local families;

WHEREAS, George Edward Corlew died August 31, 2008 at his home in the Hamlet of Gansevoort and was buried in the Gansevoort Cemetery next to Ruth (Beagle) McGowan, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town of Northumberland honors George Edward Corlew for his hard work and dedication to the residents of the Town of Northumberland, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town of Northumberland appreciated George Edward Corlew and his family's sacrifices over the years when his Highway Superintendent duties took him away from those he loved so he could make sure the town roads were safe. Rest in Peace, Dear Friend!

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Councilman Paul Bolesh seconded the introduction of Resolution #33 of 2008

Supervisor Willard Peck – “Aye”
Councilman Paul Bolesh – “Aye”
Councilman George Hodgson – “Aye”
Councilwoman Patricia Bryant – “Aye” Resolution #33 Adopted

3. The Town Clerk received a letter from Saratoga County Board of Elections regarding consolidation of polling places for local registration days. This is a Presidential election year and the Town of Northumberland is required to hold two local registration days. The two days will be Wednesday, October 8th from 4 PM to 8 PM and Saturday, October 11th from 10 AM to 5 PM. If the Town of Northumberland wishes to consolidate the polling places Saratoga County Board of Elections needs to know the polling places in our town that will be used for the Local Registration Days. Councilman George Hodgson introduced Resolution #34 of 2008 - **A Resolution requesting a consolidation of Polling Places for Local Registration Days**

WHEREAS, this is a Presidential Election Year and the Town is required to hold two (2) local registration days, and

WHEREAS, the two days will be: Wednesday, October 8th from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.; and Saturday October 11th from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Northumberland has two (2) polling places, be it

RESOLVED, the Town of Northumberland is requesting that the polling places be consolidated and both Registration Days will be held at the Town of Northumberland town hall, 17 Catherine Street, Gansevoort, NY, and be it further

RESOLVED, the Town of Northumberland will post at the entrance of the other polling place, on the days of registration, the location of where the registration is being held.

Councilwoman Patricia Bryant seconded the introduction of Resolution #34 of 2008

Supervisor Willard Peck – “Aye”
Councilman Paul Bolesh – “Aye”
Councilman George Hodgson – “Aye”
Councilwoman Patricia Bryant – “Aye” Resolution #34 Adopted

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DESIGNATIONS

1. Supervisor Peck provided each Board Member a copy of the Supervisor's Statement for the Month of August. Councilman Paul Bolesh introduced Resolution #35 of 2008 – Supervisor's Monthly Report

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor's Monthly Report for August 2008 is accepted as submitted. Councilman George Hodgson seconded the introduction of Resolution #35 of 2008.

Supervisor Willard Peck – “Aye”
Councilman Paul Bolesh – “Aye”
Councilman George Hodgson – “Aye”
Councilwoman Patricia Bryant – “Aye” Resolution #35 Adopted

2. Councilman George Hodgson made a motion to approve vouchers for payment as presented. Councilwoman Patricia Bryant seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

DEPARTMENTS

Highway – Highway Sup't Neil Petteys reported that he met with Jim Mitchell regarding Chuck Waldron's request to reduce the existing \$210,456 Letter of Credit for Brampton Woods to \$82,875. Highway Sup't Neil Petteys provided each Board Member with a letter from George Yasenchak, Engineering American Company, regarding this request. Town Attorney Douglas Ward stated the Town Board first needs to have a letter from Jim Mitchell, Town Engineer, stating that he agrees with Mr. Yasenchak's figures for a Bond reduction. The Planning Board also must approve the Bond Reduction. As soon as the Town Clerk receives a letter from Jim Mitchell regarding this request, she will forward this information to the Planning Board for their recommendation. Highway Sup't Neil Petteys stated that he has discussed with Jim Mitchell, Town Engineer, the problem with the Town Hall roof leaking. Mr. Mitchell recommends that Tim Monahan, Monahan Roofing, review his recommendations to make sure it works.

Councilman George Hodgson made a motion @ 8:55 PM to adjourn the Meeting. Councilman Paul Bolesh seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Murphy
Town Clerk

