

**Town of Northumberland
November 8, 2007**

Supervisor Willard Peck called the meeting to order @ 7:50 PM. Following the salute to the flag, roll call was taken. Those attending were Councilman Paul Bolesh, Councilman Harold Vance Jr., Councilman George Hodgson and Supervisor Willard Peck. Councilman Daniel Gale was absent due to illness. Also attending was Clerk Denise Murphy, Highway Sup't Neil Petteys and Town Attorney Douglas Ward.

APPROVE MINUTES

1. Councilman Harold Vance Jr. made a motion to approve minutes of the October 4, 2007 Regular Monthly Meeting with the following change Page 6 - #2 under New Business should read "Supervisor Peck stated the raises (COLA) for town employees and elected officials range between 3 – 4%. Councilman Paul Bolesh seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

2. Councilman George Hodgson made a motion to approve minutes of the October 10, 2007 Special Town Board Meeting. Councilman Paul Bolesh seconded the motion.

Supervisor Willard Peck – "Aye"

Councilman Paul Bolesh – "Aye"

Councilman George Hodgson – "Aye"

Councilman Harold Vance Jr. – "Abstain" Motion adopted

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Richard Behrens made a presentation to the Northumberland Town Board and public regarding the General Schuyler Emergency Squad's 2008 Budget.

Jack Sullivan, 105 Virginia Place, presented the Town Board with a photo regarding an additional fuel truck and fuel storage on a lot in the Homestead Estate Subdivision. Again Mr. Sullivan stated it is apparent that Mr. Rosse is running a fuel business. Mr. Sullivan stated that Mr. Rosse prepared deed restrictions that are extremely restrictive as to what residents can do on their property in Homestead Estate but is personally violating these deed restrictions.

Patricia Smith, 106 Virginia Place, stated she is extremely concerned with winter around the corner and the condition of these roads within the Homestead Estate Subdivision. Mrs. Smith is concerned with safety of these roadways during an ice/snow storm.

Attorney Douglas Ward stated that he will be discussing these issues during Executive Session and laying out the Town's options. One of the biggest hurdles is bringing Virginia Place up to town specifications so the town can take the road over. Attorney

Ward stated he does have some recommendations, but again since it involves possible litigation, he can not discuss the town's options at this time.

DESIGNATIONS

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

APPOINTMENTS

1. Planning Board Member/Alternate: Supervisor Peck stated there is an alternate on the Planning Board opening. The town received a letter of interest from Bernadette Marry. Supervisor Willard Peck made a motion to appoint Bernadette Marry as an alternate on the Planning Board. Councilman George Hodgson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. The Town Board pointed out that Patricia Bryant's term expires on November 30, 2007 and she has been elected to the Town Board starting January 1, 2008. Ms. Bryant will serve on the Planning Board until December 31, 2007. The Town Board discussed communicating with CJ Lofgren to see if she would be interested in moving up from alternate to a regular member. Mrs. Lofgren attends meetings faithfully.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Supervisor Peck received a letter regarding the tentative schedule for 2008 – Saratoga County's "Honor our Deceased Veterans Program". The Town of Northumberland is not listed for 2008. Supervisor Peck pointed out that the Town of Northumberland honored both Frank Munger and Carl Seymour in 2007.

2. Supervisor Peck received a letter from New York State Department of Environmental Conservation regarding Flood Map Modernization Program for Saratoga County. NYS DEC was pleased to meet with representatives from our Community to discuss the program to update the town's Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs). Based on the information gathered at the scoping meetings held on August 29 & 30, 2007 it is their understanding that the Town of Northumberland's flood mapping is adequate.

3. Supervisor Peck received a letter from Carol Holley, Director of Saratoga County Real Property Tax Service, regarding a possible illegal subdivision in the Town of Northumberland. The material provided by the County will be forwarded to the Northumberland Planning Board for their review.

4. Supervisor Peck received a letter from Robert Christopher, Commissioner of Saratoga Dept of Social Services, stating the HEAP Program for the 07 – 08 program year is scheduled to commence on Thursday, November 1, 2007 and will continue until funding has been depleted.

5. Supervisor Peck received a memo from William Baker, Director of Saratoga County Personnel regarding Blood Donation Leave Time (Proposed State Legislation). Attached, for the town's review is an email received from NYSAC regarding Blood Donation Leave Time pending State Legislation. This Blood Donation Leave Time will affect all employers that employ more than 20 employees.

6. Supervisor Peck received a letter from Assemblywoman Teresa Sayward regarding Volunteer Firefighters' and ambulance workers' property tax exemption/income tax credit. The Town Clerk will provide this information to the Town Assessor.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Update on the Schuyler Park: Supervisor Peck stated the Environmental Review Phase I & II has been completed and passed. The next step is for the Developer to transfer the land to the Town of Saratoga. This will be a joint venture between the Town of Saratoga and the Town of Northumberland.

2. Hudson Crossing: Councilman Hodgson stated October has been a very busy month. Bonacio Construction donated their service for the construction of the outlook pavilion that has been erected and looks wonderful. Bonacio Construction has provided an excellent quote for the erection of the larger pavilion. Councilman George Hodgson wanted the records to reflect the following local businesses and Highway Department which have contributed materials and services to the Hudson Crossing Park project:

- Fort Miller Company (12 pavilion piers, 4 catch basins)
- A & A Excavating (extensive pro bono grading and drainage system installation)
- Tommell & Associates (Survey & layout services for the play garden and pavilions)
- Bonacio Construction, Inc. (donated services for constructing outlook pavilion)
- Town of Northumberland Highway Department for all pier excavations, silt fence and installation and general assistance

3. Supervisor Peck informed the Board Members that they need to review the "Draft" Town of Northumberland's Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan and be prepared to possibly take action at December's Town Board Meeting.

4. Gradall: The Town did not receive any bids for the sale of the 1988 Gradall with a minimum bid of \$8,000. Councilman Harold Vance Jr. made a motion to rebid for the sale of the 1988 with no minimum bid. Councilman Paul Bolesh seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

1. 2008 Town Budget: Supervisor Peck informed the public that the Town Board held a Public Hearing earlier tonight. Supervisor Peck stated there was a slight increase in the

budget over last year, but there will not be any increase in the town and highway tax due to an increase in the town's assessment value. Supervisor Peck gave an overview of the rate increases for the Gansevoort Fire, Bacon Hill Fire Protection, Moreau Emergency and General Schuyler Emergency Squad. Supervisor Peck stated the 2008 Town Budget is conservative. Supervisor Peck stated he also estimated the revenue conservative since there is no way to predict sales and mortgage tax based on the economy. Councilman Harold Vance Jr stated he still has concerns with the amount budgeted for paving, he would like to see the line item for Improvement (DA5112.2) increased by \$9,000 to equal the amount budgeted for 2007. Supervisor Peck stated it is hard to predict the tonnage fee for paving with the expected rate increase. Supervisor Peck stated if more funds are needed, the money can be allocated from prior year funds. Councilman Paul Bolesh made a motion to adopt the 2008 Town Budget as presented. Councilman George Hodgson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

2. Supervisor Peck wanted to thank the Highway Department for the excellent cleaning and maintenance on the historic markers located throughout the town. They were taken down, cleaned and repainted.

3. The Town Board received a letter from Tia Kilburn, Planning/Zoning Clerk regarding the Performance Bond Reduction for DiSiena Subdivision. DiSiena Subdivision on Colebrook Road., Prepared by Tommell and Associates, on behalf of Bordeau Builders Inc dated 09/17/2007 reflects the value of remaining work on Stafford Way to be in the amount of \$83,895. The Performance Guarantee can be reduced by an amount of \$14,480. The Bond Reduction has been reviewed and approved by James Mitchell, the Town Engineer, the Planning Board and Neil Petteys, Highway Sup't, and Town Attorney Douglas Ward. Councilman George Hodgson made a motion to approve to reduce the Performance Guarantee Bond for the DiSiena Subdivision on Colebrook Road to the amount of \$83,895.00. Councilman Paul Bolesh seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

4. The Town Clerk is unable to attend the Town Board Meeting scheduled for December 6, 2007 due to being out of town. Councilman Paul Bolesh made a motion to hold December's Town Board Meeting on December 3, 2007 @ 7:30 PM. Councilman George Hodgson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

COMMITTEES

Highway: Highway Sup't Neil Petteys stated that he would like to purchase both the tanker and rescue truck from the Gansevoort Fire Department. Both pieces of equipment are used. The Gansevoort Fire Department has offered both pieces for \$5,000. Highway Sup't Neil Petteys stated he would use the Tanker on some of the dirt roads for dust control during the summer and the Rescue Truck could be used for carrying signs and has

the generator if outside lighting was needed. Councilman George Hodgson made a motion authorizing the purchase of both the Rescue Truck and Tanker from the Gansevoort Fire Department for \$5,000.00 to be paid out of the Highway 2008 Budget. Councilman Harold Vance Jr. seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Paul Bolesh made a motion to go into Executive Session @ 9:20 PM to discuss possible litigation. Councilman George Hodgson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilman George Hodgson made a motion @ 10:45 PM to reconvene the Regular Monthly Meeting. Councilman Paul Bolesh seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Supervisor Peck reported that the Town Board listened to the Town Attorney regarding possible litigation. No action was taken.

Councilman Paul Bolesh made a motion @ 10:50 to adjourn the Regular Monthly Meeting. Councilman Harold Vance Jr. seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Murphy
Town Clerk