

**Town of Northumberland
Town Board Meeting
January 8, 2015**

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Northumberland Town Board was called to order @ 7:25 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 John DeLisle; Councilman George Hodgson and Councilwoman Patricia Bryant. Also attending was Clerk Denise Murphy and Building and Zoning Administrator Richard Colozza.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Jacob Heber, Brownville Road, asked the Town Board Members if they have had an opportunity to review the Town's Timber Harvesting Local Law. Mr. Heber, again, stated that he felt that the 20,000 board foot was unrealistic. Mr. Heber felt he did not need to obtain a permit or have a forester prepare a harvesting plan. Mr. Heber stated that he realizes other town's are also charging for a Timber Harvesting Permit, and in some cases a hefty fee. Supervisor Willard Peck stated that the Town Board is going to review this Local Law.

MINUTES

1. Councilman John DeLisle made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2014 Regular Monthly Meeting. Councilman Paul Bolesh seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
2. Councilman Paul Bolesh made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 30, 2014 End of the Year Meeting. Councilwoman Patricia Bryant seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Dog Control Officer: Ed Cross reported that for the month of December, 2014 he answered 3 complaints and brought 1 dog to the Saratoga County Animal Shelter.
2. Moreau Emergency Squad submitted their total "Call" list for 2014. In 2014 Moreau Emergency Squad answered 191 calls in the Town of Northumberland.
3. General Schuyler Emergency Squad submitted their call list for December, they answered 11 calls in the Town of Northumberland. The General Schuyler annual Valentine's Day Rose sale will be held at the squad building on Friday, February 13 from 12 PM to 6 PM and on Saturday, February 14th from 10 AM – 4 PM.
4. The Northumberland Town Board received the Town Historian's Report for 2014.

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OLD BUSINESS

1. Time Warner Cable Franchise Agreement: Town Attorney Douglas Ward has submitted a map and description of roads within the Town of Northumberland that the Town would like Time Warner Cable to review for consideration for cable.

2. Employee Handbook: Tabled

3. Town Hall Special Election: Supervisor Willard Peck stated that he is preparing a letter to send out to the residents of the Town of Northumberland making them aware of the Special Election on Tuesday, January 20th from 9 AM – 8 PM. The Special Election is for the construction of a new Town Hall. Supervisor Peck again stressed that all voting will take place at the Town Hall. Supervisor Willard Peck stated that the letter will be mailed out by tomorrow so voters have an opportunity to come to the Town Hall to look at the proposed layout of the new town hall and tour the present town hall. Also, if any voter is going to be out of town, they can obtain an Absentee Ballot from the Town Clerk.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Summer Youth Program Director, Jennifer Amidon, prepared the Program Annual Assessment Report for 2014 that needs to be filed with the Saratoga County Youth Bureau. Councilman George Hodgson made a motion authorizing Supervisor Willard Peck to sign the Program Annual Assessment Report for 2014. Councilman Paul Bolesh seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

2. Planning Board's recommendation for Chairman and Vice Chairman: The Northumberland Town Board received a letter from Tia Kilburn, Clerk for the Planning Board regarding their recommendation for Chairman and Vice Chairman for 2015. They are recommending that Wayne Durr remain Chairman and that Jeffrey King remain Vice Chairman. Councilwoman Patricia Bryant made a motion to reappoint Wayne Durr – Chairman and Jeffrey King – Vice Chairman for the Planning Board for 2015. Councilman John DeLisle seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

3. Official Undertaking:

Councilman George Hodgson introduced Resolution # 22 of 2015 – Official Undertaking for the Town of Northumberland/Saratoga County/New York

WHEREAS, Willard Peck, of the Town of Northumberland, County of Saratoga, New York, has been elected to the office of Supervisor of the Town of Northumberland;

WHEREAS, Denise Murphy, of the Town of Northumberland, County of Saratoga, New York, has been elected to the office of Town Clerk/Tax Collector of the Town of Northumberland; and

WHEREAS, George Hodgson, of the Town of Northumberland, County of Saratoga, New York, has been elected to the office of Councilman of the Town of Northumberland; and

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WHEREAS, Patricia Bryant, of the Town of Northumberland, County of Saratoga, New York, has been elected to the office of Councilwoman of the Town of Northumberland; and

WHEREAS, John Delisle, of the Town of Northumberland, County of Saratoga, New York, has been elected to the office of Councilman of the Town of Northumberland; and

WHEREAS, Paul Bolesh, of the Town of Northumberland, County of Saratoga, New York, has been elected to the office of Councilman of the Town of Northumberland; and

WHEREAS, James Evans, of the Town of Northumberland, County of Saratoga, New York, has been elected to the office of Town Justice of the Town of Northumberland; and

WHEREAS, John Mannix Jr., of the Town of Northumberland, County of Saratoga, New York, has been elected to the office of Town Justice of the Town of Northumberland; and

WHEREAS, Harold Vance Jr., of the Town of Northumberland, County of Saratoga, New York, has been elected to the office of Highway Superintendent of the Town of Northumberland; and

WHEREAS, Richard Colozza, of the Town of Northumberland, County of Saratoga, New York, has been appointed to the office of Building and Zoning Administrator of the Town of Northumberland;

WHEREAS, Douglas Ward, of the Town of Northumberland, County of Saratoga, New York has been appointed to the office of Town Attorney of the Town of Northumberland;

WHEREAS, Judy Taylor, of the Town of Northumberland, County of Saratoga, New York has been Appointed to the office of Town Bookkeeper of the Town of Northumberland

NOW, THEREFORE, we as respective officers above do hereby undertake with the Town of Northumberland that we will faithfully perform and discharge the duties of our office, and will promptly account for and pay over all moneys or property received as a Town Officer, in accordance with the law; and

This undertaking of the Town Supervisor is further conditioned upon that he will well and truly keep, pay over and account for all moneys and property, including any special district funds, belonging to the Town and coming into his hands as such Supervisor; and

This undertaking of the Town Clerk/Tax Collector is further conditioned that she will well and truly keep, pay over and account for all moneys and property coming into her hands as such Receiver of Taxes and Assessments; and

The Town does and shall maintain insurance coverage, presently with Adirondack Trust Insurance Agency, in the amount of \$10,000 plus an additional \$1,000,000 for the Town Clerk/Tax Collector, \$1,000,000 for the Town Supervisor to indemnify against losses through the failure of the officers, clerks and employees covered thereunder faithfully to perform their duties or to account properly for all monies or property received by virtue of their positions or employment, and through fraudulent or dishonest acts committed by the officers, clerks and employees covered thereunder.

Councilwoman Patricia Bryant seconded the introduction of Resolution # 22 of 2015.

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Supervisor Willard Peck – “Aye”
Councilman Paul Bolesh – “Aye”
Councilman John DeLisle – “Aye”
Councilman George Hodgson – “Aye”
Councilwoman Patricia Bryant – “Aye”

Resolution #22 of 2015 Adopted

DESIGNATIONS

1. Councilman George Hodgson introduced Resolution # 23 of 2015

BE IT RESOLVED, the following Vouchers to be paid as presented:

A(General Fund) Vouchers - # 1 - # 35 Total: \$ 26,634.34
DA(Highway Fund) Vouchers - # 1 - # 19 Total: \$ 35,555.00

Councilwoman Patricia Bryant seconded the introduction of Resolution # 23 of 2015.

Supervisor Willard Peck – “Aye”
Councilman Paul Bolesh – “Aye”
Councilman George Hodgson – “Aye”
Councilman John DeLisle – “Aye”
Councilwoman Patricia Bryant – “Aye” Resolution # 23 of 2015 Adopted

Councilman Paul Bolesh made a motion @ 7:55 PM to adjourn the Regular Monthly Meeting.
Councilman John DeLisle seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Murphy
Town Clerk