

**Town of Northumberland
Town Board Meeting
January 10, 2013**

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Northumberland Town Board was called to order @ 7:15 PM by Supervisor Willard Peck. Those attending included Supervisor Willard Peck; Councilman Paul Bolesh; Councilman George Hodgson and Councilwoman Patricia Bryant. Councilman Daniel Gale was absent. Also attending were Clerk Denise Murphy; Highway Sup't Neil Petteys and Building/Zoning Administrator Richard Colozza.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Chris Benn, General Schuyler Emergency Squad gave an overview of "transport calls" for both all of 2012 and December 2012. General Schuyler Emergency Squad transported 589 people for 2012. In the month of December 2012 they transported 12 from the Town of Saratoga; 7 from the Town of Northumberland; 1 from Victory Mills and 19 from the Village of Schuylerville. Mr. Benn stated that the Schuyler Emergency Squad is working on their Valentine Day Rose Fund Raising Project. It was a huge success in 2012. Mr. Benn stated they will be advertising this event in the near future. Mr. Benn stated like all emergency service agencies they are looking for volunteers. Presently they only have around 17 active volunteers. Councilwoman Patricia Bryant stated that Mr. Benn should contact local banks. Councilwoman Patricia Bryant stated that she works at one of the local banks and they strongly encourage their employees to get involved in their community. Mr. Benn stated that is a wonderful idea.

MINUTES

1. Councilman George Hodgson made a motion to approve minutes of the December 13, 2012 Town Board Meeting. Councilman Paul Bolesh seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
2. Councilwoman Patricia Bryant made a motion to approve minutes of the December 27, 2012 End of Year Meeting. Councilman Paul Bolesh seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Edward Cross, Dog Control Officer. Extremely quiet month. No activity.
2. Letter from Christina Kilburn, Clerk for the Zoning Board of Appeals with their recommendation for Chair and Vice Chair for 2013. The Town Board Members tabled until Appointment section.
3. Town Historian Georgia Ball submitted her 2012 End of Year Report. The Town Board Members again acknowledged Mrs. Ball's outstanding service over the last 20+ Years.

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4. The Town Board received an email from Kyle Legones regarding the 2013 Ragnar Relay Adirondack Race which will run through the Town of Northumberland on Friday September 27, 2013. Kyle Legones stated that they are sanctioned by USA Track and Field and will forward a "Certificate of Insurance" once it is secured. Councilwoman Patricia Bryant made a motion granting permission for the Ragnar Relay Adirondacks, held on September 27th & 28th, 2013 to run through the Town of Northumberland. Ragnar Relay Series will make sure that the property will be left in the same condition as when Ragnar arrived at and that a Certificate of Insurance will be sent to the Town of Northumberland. Any damages incurred during the time of the event will be the responsibility of Ragnar Events, LLC. Councilman Paul Bolesh seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

5. The Town Board received a letter from Jack Trainor, 348 Grange Hall Road regarding the matter of Application # 0002-11 Site Plan – Soil Disturbance, Applicant: Timothy Powell at 346 Grange Hall Road. The Town Board acknowledge receipt of letter and requests that Building and Zoning Administrator continue to do inspections of the site and report any findings to the Northumberland Town Board.

6. The Town Board received a letter from Jennifer Thomas & Pandora King, Bacon Hill Reformed Church, regarding "Bacon Hill Bonanza 5K Race". They are requesting permission to organize a 5K run/walk road race to be held on Saturday, April 13, 2013. They will begin at the church on Stonebridge Road. The participants will head north on Stonebridge Road and also use Ballard Lane. The 5K race will begin at 10:00 AM, and then have a Kid's 1 Mile Fun Race also on Stonebridge Road starting at 11:00 AM. They are in the process of being sanctioned by USA Track & Field and have requested a Certificate of Insurance from them listing the Town of Northumberland as additionally insured. They are also requesting, if possible, to close Stonebridge Road to traffic that morning between Callahan Road and Route 32 from about 9:30 AM until Noon in order to create a much safer environment for the event. They are also requesting, if possible, the use of any cones or safety vests that the Town may have available. Councilman George Hodgson made a motion granting permission for the Bacon Hill 5K Bonanza, held on Saturday, April 13, 2013 to begin at the Bacon Hill Reformed Church on Stonebridge Road. The participants will head north on Stonebridge and also use Ballard Lane, provided it is not too muddy to be safe for the runners. Bacon Hill 5K Bonanza Committee will make sure that the property will be left in the same condition and that a Certificate of Insurance will be sent to the Town of Northumberland. Any damages incurred during the time of the event will be the responsibility of Bacon Hill 5K Bonanza Committee. Highway Sup't Neil Petteys will close Stonebridge Road to traffic that morning between Callahan Road and Route 32 from about 9:30 AM until Noon and will provide cones or safety vests. The Town Board asked that any News Release regarding this event make mention of the closing of Stonebridge Road during the hours of 9:30 AM to Noon. Councilman Paul Bolesh seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

1. The Town Board received two (2) quotes for a new copier which would be eligible for "Buy Green, Save Green Rebates for New York State Local Governments". The New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) has funds available to small municipal governments to replace inefficient appliances and equipment with energy efficient models. The "Buy Green, Save Green Rebate program pays 75% of the

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purchase price of eligible Energy Star products bought on or after September 25, 2012 until monies are exhausted. Seeley Office System submitted a quote for a Konica Minolta Multifunction copy/printer/scanner a purchase price of \$4,725. Black service contract billed at \$.007 per print and color service contract billed at \$.045 per print. National Business Equipment & Supply submitted a quote for a Kyocera Color TASKalfa 3050ci a purchase price of \$4,999. Service contract on-site service/supplies: \$95.00/per month. Town Clerk Denise Murphy stated that she has gone on line at NYSEERDA and their web site indicated that there was roughly \$125,000. still available. Supervisor Willard Peck made a motion to purchase Konica BIZHUB C284 Printer/Copier from Seeley Office System in the amount of \$4,725.00. Councilman George Hodgson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

2. Dix Bridge: Supervisor Willard Peck stated that the Dix Bridge is projected to be fully rehabilitated and revamped for use by hikers, bikers and snowmobilers by next December. The bridge crosses the Hudson River near Hudson Crossing Park, just north of Schuylerville at Champlain Canal Lock 5. Plans for the project have been in the works for close to 10 years. Supervisor Peck stated that Councilman George Hodgson has been instrumental in the Dix Bridge project from its inception nearly 10 years ago. Councilman Hodgson assembled the application for Saratoga County when officials were looking for a contractor to fix Dix Bridge. Tioga Construction Co of Herkimer was awarded the bid for \$2.4 million last fall. Saratoga County will put up 20% of the total cost. Councilman Hodgson gave a brief history overview of Dix Bridge. A local mill owner constructed the iron-truss bridge in 1895 after he became frustrated with tolls to cross neighboring bridges. In the mid 1990's, after more than a century of use, the State Department of Transportation closed Dix Bridge due to structural damage to its underwater piers. The State Department of Transportation flagged the bridge for removal, which would have cost roughly \$1 million. Instead, numerous organizations and individuals pushed to refurbish the deteriorated bridge and create a multi-model, linear park for people enjoying the outdoors. The bridge is now on the National Historic Register. The site's historical significance dates back to before the bridge was built. In 1777, during the American Revolution, British Gen. John Burgoyne and his troops crossed the Hudson there in what became known as "Burgoyne's Bridge of Boats." Councilman Hodgson stated that he was at Hudson Crossing Park today and noted that construction has already started on Dix Bridge.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Official Undertaking: Councilman George Hodgson introduced Resolution #20 of 2013 – 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

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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

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, Daniel Gale, 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, Neil Petteys, 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

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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 # 20 of 2013.

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

Resolution #20 of 2013 Adopted

2. Saratoga County Office for the Aging Agreements: Saratoga County Office for the Aging Director Sandra Cross sent a letter to the Town Board to see if they wish to enter into an Agreement for Transportation and Nutrition Program for 2013:

Councilwoman Patricia Bryant introduced Resolution #21 of 2013

WHEREAS, Saratoga County Office for the Aging shall provide, through subcontract with A & H Services, a transportation program for the transportation of senior citizens in the Town of Northumberland from January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the program will provide transportation for medical and legal appointments, services and programs provided through the Senior Center, Nutrition Programs when they exist, and to other necessary services and events subject to the rules and regulations under Title III of the Older Americans Act of 1965; as amended; and

WHEREAS, for such services, the Town of Northumberland will pay the Saratoga County Office for the Aging, the sum of **SEVEN HUNDRED TWENTY FIVE DOLLARS**; (\$725.00); therefore be it

RESOLVED, the payments will be made quarterly as follows:

January 1, 2013	\$181.25
April 1, 2013	\$181.25

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July 1, 2013	\$181.25
October 1, 2013	\$181.25

These monies will be used to meet the County Office for the Aging financial obligations for the Nutrition Program, and be it further

RESOLVED, the Northumberland Town Board authorizes Supervisor Willard Peck to sign this Agreement on behalf of the Town of Northumberland.

Councilman Paul Bolesh seconded the introduction of Resolution #21 of 2013.

Supervisor Willard Peck – “Aye”	
Councilman Paul Bolesh – “Aye”	
Councilman George Hodgson – “Aye”	
Councilwoman Patricia Bryant – “Aye”	Resolution #21 of 2013 Adopted

3. Councilman Paul Bolesh introduced Resolution #22 of 2013:

WHEREAS, Saratoga County Office for the Aging shall provide through subcontract with Prestige Services Inc., a Dining Program and/or Home Delivery of Meals for the senior citizens in the Town of Northumberland from January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013, and

WHEREAS, the dining and/or home delivery program will provide meals and supportive services subject to the rules and regulations under Title III of the Older Americans Act of 1965 as amended; and

WHEREAS, for such services, the Town of Northumberland will pay to the Saratoga County Office for the Aging, the sum of **SEVEN HUNDRED TWENTY FIVE DOLLARS** (\$725.00); therefore be it

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Councilman George Hodgson seconded the introduction of Resolution # 22 of 2013.

Supervisor Willard Peck – “Aye”

Councilman Paul Bolesh – “Aye”

Councilman George Hodgson – “Aye”

Councilwoman Patricia Bryant – “Aye” Resolution #22 of 2013 Adopted

4. Agreement to Spend Highway Funds for 2013: Highway Sup’t Neil Petteys stated that tentatively he is looking at paving Austin Road and Loudon Road and doing an overlay on Blue Heron Terrace, Cardinal Lane and Stormy Lane. It totals roughly 3 miles. Highway Sup’t Neil Petteys asked to have this tabled until February’s Meeting.

APPOINTMENTS

1. Mark Boyce’s term on the Zoning Board of Appeals expires February 2013. Mr. Boyce has requested to be reappointed to this Board. Councilwoman Patricia Bryant made a motion to reappoint Mark Boyce to the Zoning Board of Appeals with an expiration date of February 2020. Councilman Paul Bolesh seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

2. Christina Kilburn, Clerk for the Zoning Board of Appeals, sent a letter to the Town Board with Zoning Board of Appeals member’s recommendation for Chair and Vice-Chair for 2013. The Zoning Board of Appeals is recommending that Mark Boyce be appointed as Chairman and Julie Trollip as Vice-Chairperson. Councilman George Hodgson made a motion to approve the Zoning Board of Appeals recommendation that Mark Boyce be appointed as Chairman and Julie Trollip as Vice Chairperson for the Zoning Board of Appeals for 2013. Councilman Paul Bolesh seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

3. The Town Board received a letter from Wes Carr, Director of Saratoga County Youth Bureau regarding the Advisory Youth Board Member for the Town of Northumberland. Councilman Paul Bolesh made a motion to appoint Town Employee Jennifer Amidon to the Saratoga County Advisory Youth Board to represent the Town of Northumberland. Councilman George Hodgson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Positions that expire in 2013

Walter Smead, Sole Assessor – 09/30/2013

Florence Austin, Board of Assessment Review – 09/30/2013

Britt Basinger, Planning Board – 09/30/2013

James Heber, Planning Board – 09/30/2013

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DESIGNATIONS

1. Approval of Vouchers: Councilman George Hodgson introduced Resolution # 23 of 2013

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

A (General Fund) Vouchers # 1 - # 21 Total: \$ 9,357.55

DA (Highway Fund) Vouchers # 1 - # 21 – Total: \$ 12,513.26

Councilwoman Patricia Bryant seconded the introduction of Resolution # 23 of 2013

Supervisor Willard Peck – “Aye”

Councilman Paul Bolesh – “Aye”

Councilman George Hodgson – “Aye”

Councilwoman Patricia Bryant – “Aye” Resolution # 23 of 2013 Adopted

4. Councilman George Hodgson introduced Resolution #24 of 2013

BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to Section 125 of the Town Law, Supervisor Willard Peck rendered the following detailed statement of all money received and disbursed during the month of December 2012:

BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board has reviewed and approved December 2012 Monthly Report by Supervisor as presented. Councilwoman Patricia Bryant seconded the introduction of Resolution # 24 of 2013.

Supervisor Willard Peck – “Aye”

Councilman Paul Bolesh – “Aye”

Councilman George Hodgson – “Aye”

Councilwoman Patricia Bryant – “Aye” Resolution # 24 of 2013 Adopted

Councilman Paul Bolesh made a motion @ 8:10 PM to adjourn the Regular Monthly Meeting. Councilwoman Patricia Bryant seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise D Murphy
Town Clerk

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