

**Town of Northumberland  
Town Board Meeting  
February 3, 2011**

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

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were not comments from the public.

**APPROVE MINUTES**

1. Councilman Paul Bolesh made a motion to approve minutes of the January 6, 2011 Organizational Meeting. Councilman George Hodgson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
2. Councilwoman Patricia Bryant made a motion to approve minutes of the January 6, 2011 Regular Monthly Meeting with the following change:

Page 8/#3: Should read "Councilwoman Patricia Bryant made a motion authorizing Supervisor Willard Peck to sign an agreement with *General Schuyler Emergency Squad* for 2011 in the amount of \$114,093 along with all conditions as outlined in the Agreement made and dated as of January 2011."

Page 8/#4: Should read "Councilwoman Patricia Bryant made a motion authoring Supervisor Willard Peck to sign an agreement with the Village of Schuylerville/Schuylers Hose for 2011 in the amount of \$114,000 along with all conditions as outlined in the Agreement made and dated as of January 2011."

Councilman George Hodgson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

1. The Town Board received a copy of a letter from New York State Department of Transportation acknowledging receipt of the Town's request for a speed limit reduction on State Route 50. New York State Department of Transportation is initiating a study of this matter and will advise the town of the results upon completion.

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2. The Town received a letter from Cornell University/Cornell Local Roads Program stating that their records of the Annual School for Highway Superintendents indicate that Highway Sup't Neil Petteys is eligible to receive a Fifteen-Year Attendance Certificate in 2011. The 2011 Highway School will be held on June 6, 7, and 8 at Ithaca College in Ithaca.

3. The Town Clerk received a copy of a Press Release from Kim Neher, Communications & Funding Coordinator with New Saratoga P.L.A.N. – Preserve Offers Protection to Turtles, Recreation to Residents. Mrs. Neher stated Saratoga P.L.A.N. finalized the purchase of its newest public nature preserve on December 29, 2010. The parcel is located off Homestead Road in the Town of Northumberland, the 63 acre Colebrook Preserve will provide a critical buffer to wetland habitat for the Blanding's turtle, a New York State-threatened species, and the spotted turtle, as well as research opportunities for scientists to study the species. Saratoga P.L.A.N. will hold a "grand opening" celebration at the new preserve this spring on a date to be determined. Mrs. Neher also states a volunteer team from Leadership Saratoga class of 2011 is currently developing a proposed trail plan. They welcome residents interested in learning more about the preserve, offering feedback on the proposed trail system, or volunteering to help build the trails to attend this public meeting. The meeting will be held February 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM at the Bacon Hill Reformed Church.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. The Town of Northumberland solicited sealed bids for Diesel, Diesel Blend and Regular Gas for Fiscal Year 2011. The bid notice was published in both the Post Star and Saratogian Newspapers. The Town received one (1) sealed bid.

John Ray & Sons (Albany average 01/24.2011)

Unleaded	\$2.584	\$.12 (Differential)	\$2.704 (Net Cost)
Diesel	\$2.882	\$.12 (Differential)	\$3.002 (Net Cost)
Kerosene	\$3.205	\$.12 (Differential)	\$3.325 (Net Cost)

(The bid provides for one (1) 500 gallon double wall tank, for unleaded fuel and fuel dispenser with gallon meter. The fuel tank and fuel dispenser will be kept at the Highway Garage for the term of this agreement. Town of Northumberland will be responsible to ensure that the operation and maintenance of the tank are in full compliance with all applicable state and local laws and regulations for Petroleum Bulk Storage (PBS) facilities, including the registration of the tank with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.)

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Deputy Supervisor Daniel Gale made a motion to award the Unleaded, Diesel and Diesel Blend to John Ray & Sons as outlined in the Bid Notification and with a firm differential of \$.12 per gallon. Councilman Paul Bolesh seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

2. Sewer Bids: The following sealed bids were received for the pumping of up to 22 septic tanks.

Action Septic Service - \$180.00 per 1,000 gallons  
Morning Star Septic Service - \$150.00 per 1,000 gallons  
Stone Industries - \$139.50 per 1,000 gallons

The prices are good for Fiscal Year 2011. Digging up tank covers and extra hoses are included in pumping fee.

Councilwoman Patricia Bryant made a motion to award the pumping of septic tanks to Stone Industries in the amount of \$139.50 per 1,000 gallons. The price is good for 2011 and all digging up of tank covers and extra hoses are included in pumping fee. Councilman Paul Bolesh seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

3. Renovations to the Justice Office and old post office space. The Town Board solicited bids for installing drop ceilings in both areas and painting of these areas. The following bids were received.

Steve Rajeski Electric - \$5,600.00  
Kevin Brownell Construction - \$4,540.00  
Custom Construction - \$4,280.00

All bids reflect prevailing wages if applicable.

Deputy Supervisor Daniel Gale made a motion to award the bid to Custom Construction for the drop ceiling and painting of the Justice Office and the old post office space. Councilwoman Patricia Bryant seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Northumberland/Hudson Crossing Triathlon: Chris Bowcutt submitted a letter asking for the Town of Northumberland's support for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Hudson Crossing Triathlon. Mr. Bowcutt states the race is scheduled for June 12, 2011 from 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM at the Hudson Crossing Park. It'll be a 500 yard swim, 12 mile bike and 5k run. All logistics, permits and support from their 2010 event will be in place for the 2011 event. Mr. Bowcutt stated similar to last year, he is required to present letters of permission to the NYS Department of Transportation from the jurisdictions where the race passes

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through. The event is sanctioned by USA Triathlon. The total cost of the event will be covered by sponsorships, entry fees and In-Kind Donations. There will be no cost to the Town of Northumberland. It was the consensus of the Town Board that they were in support of the event as long as there was not a financial or liability burden to the Town of Northumberland . Councilman George Hodgson stated he will draft a letter for Mr. Bowcutt.

2. Annual Software Support Contract: Williamson Law provides Software for the Town Clerk, Highway Superintendent and Municipal Accounting. The Town enters into an Agreement with Williamson Law Book Company for a yearly software support contract. Councilman George Hodgson made a motion authorizing Supervisor Willard Peck to enter into an Agreement with Williamson Law Book Company for 2011 Software Support for the Town Clerk, Highway Superintendent and Municipal Accounting. Councilwoman Patricia Bryant seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

3. Deputy Supervisor Daniel Gale wanted to wish the King Family (King Ramson Farm)best wishes after the collapsing of one side of their dairy barn. Deputy Supervisor Daniel Gale stated it is amazing the outpouring of residents in the community that have been at the King Ramson Farm volunteering their time to help.

4. Deputy Supervisor Daniel Gale stated that General Schuyler Emergency Squad has moved into their new building. They officially moved into the building January 30, 2011.

5. Deputy Supervisor Daniel Gale asked if Highway Sup't Neil had an opportunity to see if one of the street lights is out down near the Route 4 Bridge. Highway Sup't Neil Petteys drove by that area last night and noticed the street light was out. Mr. Petteys will get the pole # for the Town Clerk to call it into National Grid.

6. Duval Property: Councilman George Hodgson stated that he has talked with Supervisor Willard Peck regarding a survey and appraisal for the Duval Property located on Route 4 in the Hamlet of Northumberland. The property could be used for the matching part of one of the Grants for Hudson Crossing Park. Sole Assessor Walter Smead has this parcel assessed at 42,100. Councilman George Hodgson stated he received a quote from the Appraisal Company of \$300. Councilman Paul Bolesh made a motion authorizing the Appraisal Company to do an appraisal of the Duval Property located on Route 4 N. Councilwoman Patricia Bryant seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

7. Deputy Supervisor asked Denise Murphy, Town Clerk and Richard Colozza, Building and Zoning Administrator to come up with some names to possibly serve on the Building Committee.

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**APPOINTMENTS**

1. The Planning Board submitted the following names for 2011, Chairman Wayne Durr and Vice Chairman Jeffrey King. Councilman Paul Bolesh made a motion to appoint Wayne Durr Chairman and Jeffrey King Vice Chairman for 2011 on the Planning Board.
2. The following terms will expire in 2011: Carl Harrison's term on the Zoning Board of Appeals expires 04/2011; Wayne Durr's term on the Planning Board expires 09/2011 and Lisa Clark's term on the Board of Assessment Review expires 09/2011.

**DESIGNATIONS**

1. Deputy Supervisor Daniel Gale introduced Resolution #26 of 2011

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

A (General Fund) Vouchers # 24- #61 Total: \$599,867.78  
DA (Highway Fund) Vouchers #15 - #26 Total: \$64,048.43  
SS (Gansevoort Sewer District #1) Vouchers #1 - #3 Total: \$224.07

Councilman George Hodgson seconded the introduction of Resolution #26 of 2011.

Councilman Paul Bolesh – "Aye"  
Deputy Supervisor Daniel Gale – "Aye"  
Councilman George Hodgson – "Aye"  
Councilwoman Patricia Bryant – "Aye" Resolution #26 of 2011 – 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