

TOWN OF NORTHUMBERLAND
Town Board Meeting
February 4, 2010

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no comments from the public

APPROVE MINUTES

1. Councilman George Hodgson made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 31, 2009 End of Year Meeting. Councilwoman Patricia Bryant seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
2. Deputy Supervisor Daniel Gale made a motion to approve minutes of the January 7, 2010 Organizational Meeting. Councilwoman Patricia Bryant seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
3. Councilman George Hodgson made a motion to approve minutes of the January 7, 2010 Regular Monthly Meeting. Councilwoman Patricia Bryant seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. The Town received a letter from Lorraine A. Cortes-Vazquez Department of State informing the town that funding through the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program of the Department of State under Title 11 of the Environmental Protection Fund to the Town of Northumberland for the Hudson River Access Improvements in the amount of \$32,260.00 has been awarded. These funds will be used for a pocket park on the Duval property.
2. The Town Board received a letter from Hon. James Evans requesting additional lighting in the town hall parking lot for security purposes. The Town Clerk will contact National Grid to obtain a quote for the installation of a street light in front of the Town Hall.
3. The Town received information from New York State Canal Corp regarding the 5th Annual Canal Clean Sweep which is coming Friday – Sunday April 16 – 18th. Councilman George Hodgson stated he will give this information to Marlene Bissell with Hudson Crossing Park.

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OLD BUSINESS

1. Schuyler Park Update: Deputy Supervisor Daniel Gale informed the Town Board and public that the Friends of Schuyler Park will be holding a cocktail party fundraiser on April 15th at Longfellow's Restaurant. There will be a silent auction at the fundraiser. Deputy Supervisor Daniel Gale stated that there has been a lot of question about Schuyler Park since the passing of the turf fields for Schuylerville School. The Towns of Northumberland and Saratoga have a five (5) year agreement with the school regarding Schuyler Park. That will not change. The turf fields will help Schuylerville School, but it will not alleviate all of Schuylerville School problems regarding fields. Schuylerville School has use of the fields in Schuyler Park from roughly 3:00 – 5:30 PM during the week, and some weekends, because of the current conditions of the fields in the school district, there could be a need for additional field time.
2. Hudson Crossing Park Update: Councilman George Hodgson reported that he has prepared a "Request for Expressions of Interest" for the design of Hudson River Canal Trail Segments. Councilman George Hodgson stated he would like to put this out to bid with a returnable date at next month's Town Board Meeting on March 4, 2010. Town Attorney Douglas Ward stated that he would like to review the final document prior to soliciting bids. Councilman George Hodgson made a motion "The Town of Northumberland will receive electronic email responses for a Request For Expressions Of Interest (REI) for the *Design of Hudson River Canalway Trail Segments* Town of Northumberland & Town of Saratoga, Saratoga County, NY until midnight on Monday, March 1, 2010. This project includes the design, generation of construction drawings, and permitting of approximately 4,675 linear feet of multi-use trail along the Champlain Canal/Hudson River located approximately 3 miles south of the Village of Schuylerville and a 1,425 foot "Riverwalk Trail" located within Hudson Crossing Park at the southern end of Lock C5 Island on the west bank of the Hudson River approximately .5 mile north of the Village of Schuylerville. All bids must be electronically submitted and cannot exceed a 10 Megabyte file size. All bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at noon on Tuesday, March 2, 2010 contingent upon Town Attorney Douglas Ward's review and approval. Councilwoman Patricia Bryant seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Town Attorney Douglas Ward stated that he will contact a representative from the New York State Department of Labor to see if they could send a representative to give a presentation on prevailing wages. The Town Board Members indicated that would be great and hopefully they could come prior to March's Town Board Meeting.
3. Emergency Service Coordinator: Deputy Supervisor Daniel Gale made a motion to appoint Thomas Benton, 5 Gates Avenue as the Town of Northumberland's Emergency Service Coordinator. Councilman George Hodgson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Deputy Supervisor Daniel Gale stated that our previous Emergency Service Coordinator has relocated to Alaska.
4. Town Clerk Denise Murphy informed the Board Members that Dolores Cogan has indicated that she is interested in being reappointed to the Saratoga County Youth Advisory Board.

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Councilwoman Patricia Bryant made a motion to reappoint Dolores Cogan to the Saratoga County Youth Advisory Board. Deputy Supervisor Daniel Gale seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

1. 2010 Agreement with Moreau Emergency Squad: Councilman George Hodgson made a motion authorizing Supervisor Willard Peck to enter into an agreement with Moreau Emergency Squad for 2010 in the amount of \$74,640.00. Councilwoman Patricia Bryant seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
2. 2010 Agreement with General Schuyler Emergency Squad: Deputy Supervisor Daniel Gale made a motion authorizing Supervisor Willard Peck to enter into an agreement with General Schuyler Emergency Squad for 2010 in the amount of \$110,681.00. Councilman George Hodgson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
3. 2010 Agreement with Schuyler Hose: Councilman George Hodgson made a motion authorizing Supervisor Willard Peck to enter into an agreement with Schuyler Hose for 2010 in the amount of \$112,000.00. Councilwoman Patricia Bryant seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

4. Deputy Supervisor Daniel Gale introduced Resolution #21 of 2010:

WHEREAS, On Wednesday, December 9, 2009 the Town of Northumberland experienced winter's first major snowstorm, and

WHEREAS, Northumberland Highway Department driver Kerry Garnsey and wingman James Shea , while plowing snow on Saunders Drive got stuck on the rail road tracks, and

WHEREAS, at 8:45 AM, December 9, 2009 their highway truck was struck by a north bound 41 car Canadian-Pacific freight train, and

WHEREAS, James Shea, the snow plow's wingman, was pronounced dead at the scene and Kerry Garnsey, driver, was taken to Glens Falls Hospital with serious injuries, and

WHEREAS, the Northumberland Highway employees, Bruce Hoag, Timothy Burdick, Lester Croft, Jeff Crum, Charles Arlin, Edward McGowan, Charlie Deyoe and Richard Walton despite this awful tragedy continued to clear and maintain the Town's Roadways under horrific physical and emotional circumstances, and

WHEREAS, Highway Superintendent Neil Petteys immediately began coordinating efforts between the Town's Insurance Company Adirondack Trust Insurance, OSHA and other agencies, along with keeping the town's roads safe for the public, and

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WHEREAS, calls immediately started coming in from NYS Department of Transportation; Towns of Wilton, Moreau, Saratoga, Easton, Hebron, Argyle and Greenwich and Saratoga County Public Works with generous offers to send trucks and personnel to help with the Town of Northumberland's plow route, and

WHEREAS, many residents of the Town of Northumberland, and surrounding communities, called and stopped by to offer their prayers and support, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Northumberland Town Board would like to honor both families of Kerry Garnsey and James Shea for the horrendous circumstances they have had to endure, and be it further

RESOLVED, the Northumberland Town Board commends the Town of Northumberland Highway Department for their compassion and professional manner with which they conducted themselves during this difficult and tragic ordeal, and be it further

RESOLVED, the Northumberland Town Board would like to acknowledge and thank all the surrounding Town Highway Departments, NYS Department of Transportation and Saratoga County Public Works for volunteering their equipment and personnel to help the Town of Northumberland in their time of need, and be it further

RESOLVED, the Town of Northumberland would like to thank all the residents of the Town of Northumberland and surrounding areas for all the support they have shown to the families of Kerry Garnsey and James Shea and the Northumberland Highway Department.

Councilman George Hodgson seconded the introduction of Resolution #21 of 2010

Deputy Supervisor Daniel Gale – "Aye"

Councilman George Hodgson – "Aye"

Councilwoman Patricia Bryant – "Aye" Resolution #21 of 2010 adopted

5. The Town Board members expressed concern with a meeting New York State Department of Environmental Conservation was having in the Town of Wilton regarding the Wilton Preserve and surrounding lands. Two parcels that were identified were in the Town of Northumberland. The meeting will be held on February 10, 2010 @ 7:00 PM at the Wilton Town Court.
6. Councilman George Hodgson made a motion authorizing the Town Clerk to solicit bids for the septic pumping for 2010 in Sewer District #1, the Town Hall and Town Garage. Deputy Supervisor Daniel Gale seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
7. Deputy Supervisor Daniel Gale made a motion authorizing the Town Clerk to solicit bids for Diesel and Unleaded Gas for 2010. Councilwoman Patricia Bryant seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
8. The Town Clerk that Kyle Wescott's Eagle Scout Award ceremony will be held on April 17th at the Town Hall.

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DESIGNATIONS

1. Councilwoman Patricia Bryant made a motion to approve vouchers for payment as presented. Deputy Supervisor Daniel Gale seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

COMMITTEES

Highway Sup't Neil Petteys stated that he would like to extend the one year paving contract with Peckham's. Under the "detailed Specifications" of the bid proposal it states "Extension of Contract: The Town reserves the right to extend any contract issued, based on this specification, under the same terms and conditions for a one year period from date of expiration provided such extension is mutually agreeable to both the Town and the contractor". Highway Sup't Neil Petteys stated that he has discussed this with Peckham's and they would be interested in extending the contract to cover 2010. Attorney Douglas Ward stated he would like to review the contract.

Highway Sup't Neil Petteys stated the new 2010 International Dump Truck will be delivered next week. The Town Attorney will contact the local banks regarding a BAN.

Councilman George Hodgson made a motion @ 8:20 PM to adjourn the regular monthly meeting. Councilwoman Patricia Bryant seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Denise Murphy