

**Town of Northumberland  
Town Board Meeting  
April 11, 2013**

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Northumberland Town Board was called to order @ 7:15 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 and Town Attorney Douglas Ward were absent. Also attending were Clerk Denise Murphy and Building and Zoning Administrator Richard Colozza.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Chris Benn, General Schuyler Emergency Squad, gave his call report for March, 2013. Mr. Benn stated that they responded to 18 calls in the Town of Saratoga; 5 in the Town of Northumberland; 10 from the Village of Schuylerville and 2 from the Village of Victory. Mr. Benn stated that General Schuyler Emergency Squad and Schuyler Hose along with Danny Flynn with BOCES are participating in an education program regarding Wilderness Rescue. Mr. Benn stated that they will be covering the "Tour of the Battenkill" race this weekend.

Karen Craft, Second Street, stated that she received the Town of Northumberland's "Newsletter" and she had some questions regarding the sewer treatment plant proposed for the Town of Northumberland. Deputy Supervisor Daniel Gale stated that he wished Supervisor Peck was here tonight, he was absent due to his wife having their fourth child. Deputy Supervisor Gale stated that Supervisor Peck has been involved with Saratoga County Sewer District Chairman Bill Davis in ongoing discussions regarding this proposed project. Mr. Davis had indicated that the current sewer plant located in Halfmoon will be at full capacity in 8 – 10 years. Saratoga County Sewer District's planning focus has turned to a treatment plant at the Saratoga County landfill site to handle sewage waste from the City of Saratoga Springs and Town of Wilton. Ms. Craft asked what direction would the sewer lines come through the Town of Northumberland. Deputy Supervisor Daniel Gale stated the proposed pipeline would come under the Northway just south of exit 15, behind the Wilton Mall, down Loudon Road to Ingersoll Road to Route 50, north to the Hamlet of Gansevoort to Kobor Road and then to a sewer treatment plant. Deputy Supervisor Daniel Gale stated that one of the ideas that the town is looking at is possibly having the Hamlet of Gansevoort being able to tie into the sewer system. The Hamlet of Gansevoort homes are on much smaller lots and this makes it next to impossible to attract some commercial businesses due to septic/well separation requirements. Ms. Craft expressed concern with the Saratoga County Landfill. Deputy Supervisor Daniel Gale stated that the Town waged throughout the 90's to fight the siting of the landfill in our Town was a good fight and a legitimate fight, but was ultimately lost. Saratoga County currently has a permitted Municipal Solid Waste landfill in our Town which sits directly next to an on-going Finch Paper Sludge Landfill. From a practical standpoint, Supervisor Peck felt it was best for the Town of Northumberland for him to fully involve himself in the

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process to minimize the future impacts and gain some benefit to the taxpayers. Ms. Craft stated that garbage is big business. Ms. Craft stated that Town of Colonie Landfill was sold to a private company,

Waste Connections. Ms. Craft stated that a lot of the garbage was brought to this landfill from Hurricane Sandy. Ms. Craft stated that she heard that Waste Connections was one of the company's that submitted a bid for the purchase of the Saratoga County Landfill. If Waste Connections was awarded the bid, they would own two huge landfills in upstate New York. Deputy Supervisor Daniel Gale stated that Saratoga County received three bids for the County Landfill. Saratoga County offered the landfill for sale or lease through a Request For Proposals (RFP). Saratoga County decided to go with a Municipal 120-W-RFP which allows interested parties to comment on a draft RFP and then permits County representatives to negotiate with one or all of the bidders that submit proposals. Ms. Craft stated that she read in the Saratogian that Finch Paper, which operates the paper sludge landfill adjacent to the county landfill, was one of the bidders as well as Waste Connections and Casella Waste Systems. Ms. Craft asked if whoever is awarded the bid, would they be required to submit a Transportation Plan to New York State Department of Environmental conservation? Ms. Craft is concerned with the number of garbage haulers that would be on our town roads. The Town Board informed Ms. Craft that the Town Board can express their concerns, but ultimately the Town of Northumberland does not have control since this is a permitted Municipal Solid Waste Landfill. Ms. Craft thanked the Town Board for listening to her concerns and answering all her questions.

**APPROVE MINUTES**

1. Councilman George Hodgson made a motion to approve minutes of the March 14, 2013 Town Board Meeting. Councilwoman Patricia Bryant seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Dog Control Officer Report: Edward Cross, Dog Control Officer submitted his Dog Control Officer's March 2013 Report. Mr. Cross answered 3 complaints; brought 1 dog to the Saratoga County Animal Shelter and issued 1 warning.

2. Moreau Emergency Squad: Moreau Emergency squad submitted their call volume list for the Town of Northumberland. Moreau Emergency Squad answered 11 calls for the month of February 2013.

3. The Town of Northumberland received a letter from the Turning Point Parade Committee regarding the Nineteenth Annual Turning Point Parade taking place on Sunday, August 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM in Schuylerville. The Committee is asking the Town of Northumberland to consider contributing \$500 again toward the event. Councilman George Hodgson made a motion to authorize a \$500 contribution toward the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Turning Point Parade. Councilman Paul Bolesh seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

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4. The Town of Northumberland received a request from Chris Bowcutt asking for a “Letter of Support” for the Fourth Annual Hudson Crossing Triathlon on Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Bowcutt had indicated that he was informed by Saratoga County Department of Public Works Commissioner Keith Manz that permission for this event is under the authority of the Northumberland and Saratoga Town Boards in accordance with Vehicle and Traffic Law Section 1660-6. Councilwoman Patricia Bryant made a motion authorizing the Town Clerk to send a letter to Chris Bowcutt stating the Northumberland Town Board supports their effort to hold a Fourth Annual Hudson Crossing Triathlon on Sunday, June 9, 2013. The Town Board is not sponsoring this event. Councilman Paul Bolesh seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

5. The Town Board received a letter from Kevin Franke, a resident of the Town of Northumberland. Mr. Franke stated that he would like to inform the Northumberland Town Board of his recent positive experience with the Town’s Highway Department. Mr. Franke had recently contacted Highway Sup’t Neil Petteys via voicemail regarding an issue in the Town’s road right-of-way at his residence that was a byproduct of the Town’s snow removal this winter. Much to Mr. Franke’s satisfaction, he returned home the following day to find the issue remedied. Mr. Franke stated Highway Sup’t Neil Petteys and his staff are to be commended for their timely response to a citizen’s concerns.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. Sewer Bid: The Northumberland Town Board solicited bids for the pumping of sewer tanks in Sewer District #1. The bid was republished since this project would require prevailing wages. The following bids were received.

- Straight’s Septic Service - \$145.00 per 1,000 gallon
- Morning Star - \$180.00 per 1,000 gallon
- IBS Septic - \$170.00 per 1,000 gallon
- Stone Industries - \$170.50 per 1,000 gallon

The Northumberland Town Board tabled awarding the sewer pumping bid until the Town Attorney is able to review the bids and determine either prevailing wages will be paid or the business is owner/operator with no employees.

2. Deputy Supervisor Daniel Gale informed the public that earlier tonight a Public Hearing was held regarding proposed Local Law #1 of 2013 – A Local Law Amending Section VI entitled “Major Subdivisions” Regarding Maintenance Bonds and Letter of Credit. There were no comments from the public. Councilman George Hodgson made a motion to adopt Local law #1 of 2013 – A Local Law

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Amending Section VI entitled "Major Subdivisions" Regarding Maintenance Bonds and Letter of Credit. Councilwoman Patricia Bryant seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

3. The Town Board met with Ronni Travers, President of Public Sector HR Consultants on March 9, 2013 regarding an Employee Handbook for the Town of Northumberland. The proposed fee for the development and implementation of an Employee Handbook for the Town of Northumberland will be \$4,000. Additionally, the Town of Northumberland will be responsible for reimbursing PSHRC for travel expenses (mileage only) directly related to providing services detailed in this proposal. Ms. Travers included a sample Table of Contents which will give the Town of Northumberland a sense of the comprehensive nature of the product they are prepared to deliver to the Town.

Councilman Daniel Gale made a motion to accept Public Sector HR Consultants proposal of \$4,000 plus mileage. Councilwoman Patricia Bryant seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

4. Schuyler Park Update: Councilman Daniel Gale reported that the gates will be opening this Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> based on the approval of the park's turf expert. A few repairs on the field and wood chips for the playground have been completed. The RFP for maintenance of the fields for the full season has been advertised. The fundraiser that was held at Longfellows Restaurant in March raised \$10,000.

5. Hudson Crossing Update: Councilman George Hodgson informed the Town Board Members that the ribbon cutting ceremony for the "Riverfront Trail & Boat Launch Improvements" scheduled for April 21, 2013 will now be June 16, 2013. Councilman George Hodgson stated that the Town of Northumberland received reimbursement from New York State Department of Transportation/Scenic Byway Grant for Lakes to Locks Passage Outdoor Heritage Center in the amount of \$51,713.76. Councilman Hodgson stated that he has submitted a grant reimbursement request to New York State Department of State/Waterfront Grant – Riverwalk Sensory Trail & Alfred Solomon Canoe Kayak Launch Project for 50% of the voucher amount of \$269,475.00.

6. Building Committee Update: Deputy Supervisor Daniel Gale informed the Town Board Members that the Building Committee continues to meet. The Committee came up with a rough draft of the building layout. After reviewing the building plan layout, additional changes were made. Deputy Supervisor Daniel Gale stated that he will have small maps made of the proposed town hall building layout for the Town Board Members. Deputy Supervisor Daniel Gale asked the Town Board Members to review the proposed plans and to make any changes they feel should be addressed. Councilwoman Patricia Bryant stated that it is extremely important that the Town Hall employees review the plans since they are the ones who will be directly affected.

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**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Asphalt Paving Bid: Town Attorney Douglas Ward sent an email to the Town Clerk stating that he has had an opportunity to review the Asphalt Paving Bid for 2013. Attorney Ward had an opportunity to discuss the Asphalt Price Adjustment language with Michael Cranston with Saratoga County Public Works. The Town of Northumberland's Asphalt Paving Bid language tracks Saratoga County's language. Based on his discussion with Mr. Cranston, he feels fairly certain that the April FOB price the town quoted in the bid is correct. Councilman George Hodgson made a motion to solicit the Asphalt Paving Bid for 2013:

Notice is hereby given that sealed proposals will be received by the undersigned for furnishing and delivering F.O.B. to the Town of Northumberland, 17 Catherine Street, PO Box 128, Gansevoort, NY 12831.

Materials, equipment and labor to resurface with asphalt concrete various streets within the Town of Northumberland

Information and specifications will be furnished at the Town Clerk's Office, 17 Catherine Street, Gansevoort, New York 12831, Monday – Thursday 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM, and Friday 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM. All bids must be delivered to the Town Clerk's Office no later than 4:00 PM on Wednesday, May 8, 2013. All bids will be opened and publicly read at the Town Board Meeting on May 8, 2013, at 7:00 PM.

The Town reserves the right to extend any contract issued, based on these specifications, under the same terms and conditions for a one year period from date or expiration provided such extension is mutually agreeable to both the Town and the contractor. Each bid must contain a NON-COLLUSION CERTIFICATE per General Municipal Law, a WAIVER OF IMMUNITY CLAUSE, plus an OTETA COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATE. **The Town has the right to reject any and all bids.**

Councilwoman Patricia Bryant seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Deputy Supervisor Daniel Gale informed the public that Highway Sup't Neil Petteys is presently dealing with some health issues. Highway Sup't Neil Petteys had previously appointed Chuck Arlin as Forman to cover when he was not present. Deputy Supervisor Daniel Gale stated that he has had numerous discussions over the past week with the Highway Department workers and will be offering his help and assistance as Chairman of the Highway Committee until such time as Highway Sup't Neil Petteys is back to work.

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2. Councilman George Hodgson introduced Resolution #35 of 2013 - **A RESOLUTION FOR MUNICIPAL SUPPORT OF THE CHAMPLAIN CANALWAY TRAIL**

**The Town of** Northumberland agrees to work collaboratively with regional waterfront municipalities to create a Champlain Canalway Trail (CCT) spanning more than 70 miles from Waterford, N.Y. to Whitehall, N.Y.

**WHEREAS**, The CCT is one of four in New York State's Canalways Trail System and is the second longest (Erie/365 miles, Oswego/37 miles, Cayuga/Seneca/22 miles); and

**WHEREAS**, when completed, Whitehall, N.Y. will link the CCT with Lake Champlain bicycle trails and become the natural gateway to and from Canada along the NYS Canalway Trail System and Waterford, N.Y. will link to the Erie Canalway Trail leading across N.Y.S. to Buffalo, and

**WHEREAS**, The CCT can play an integral role in improving the health and well-being of people living in and around the community by providing a close-to-home place for physical activity; and

**WHEREAS**, The CCT will increase levels of safety by providing transportation alternatives; and

**WHEREAS**, The CCT will provide Trail connections to the waterfront and downtown area, supporting economic revitalization efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, The CCT will strengthen a corridor-wide identity linking historic, recreational and economic resources; and

**WHEREAS**, Taking a coordinated, partnership approach to the CCT Action Plan will help position communities to obtain trail funding while minimizing competition with each other. Increased coordination and support between communities will help complete the entire trail, ensuring that all Champlain Canal communities capture the full range of benefits for local residents, visitors, and business.

**THEREFORE**, The Town of Northumberland in the State of New York resolves the following:

**To endorse the concept of the CCT as set forth in the Action Plan, participate in collaborative planning and implementation efforts for the CCT and appoint a representative who will actively serve on the Champlain Canalway Trail "Working Group" and report CCT progress regularly to the Town of Northumberland.**

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Councilman George Hodgson seconded the Resolution #35 of 2013.

Deputy Supervisor Daniel Gale – “Aye”  
Councilman Paul Bolesh – “Aye”  
Councilman George Hodgson – “Aye”  
Councilwoman Patricia Bryant – “Aye”      Resolution #35 of 2013 Adopted

**DESIGNATIONS**

1. Approval of Vouchers: Councilman George Hodgson introduced Resolution # 36 of 2013

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

A (General Fund) Vouchers # 102 - # 142 Total: \$33,584.75  
DA (Highway Fund) Vouchers # 77 - # 100 Total: \$38,722.15  
SS (Sewer Fund) Voucher #3 Total: \$30.26

Councilwoman Patricia Bryant seconded the introduction of Resolution # 36 of 2013

Deputy Supervisor Daniel Gale – “Aye”  
Councilman George Hodgson – “Aye”  
Councilwoman Patricia Bryant – “Aye”  
Councilman Paul Bolesh – “Aye”                      Resolution # 36 of 2013 Adopted

2. Councilman George Hodgson introduced Resolution # 37 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 March 2013:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Town Board has reviewed and approved March 2013 Monthly Report by Supervisor as presented.

Councilwoman Patricia Bryant seconded the introduction of Resolution # 37 of 2013.

Deputy Supervisor Daniel Gale – “Aye”  
Councilman George Hodgson – “Aye”  
Councilman Paul Bolesh – “Aye”

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Councilwoman Patricia Bryant – “Aye”      Resolution # 37 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 Murphy  
Town Clerk