

**Town of Northumberland  
Town Board Meeting  
July 1, 2010**

Supervisor Willard Peck called the Regular Monthly Meeting to order @ 7:30 PM. Following the salute to the flag, roll call was taken. Those attending included Supervisor Willard Peck; Councilman Paul Bolesh; Councilman George Hodgson and Councilman Patricia Bryant. Councilman Daniel Gale and Highway Sup't Neil Petteys were absent. Also attending was clerk Denise Murphy and Town Attorney Douglas Ward.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Supervisor Willard Peck asked for a moment of silence of the passing of past supervisor William (Bill) Sherman who passed away on June 29, 2010 at the age of 90. William Sherman was Supervisor from 1979 – 1981.

**APPROVE MINUTES**

1. Councilman George Hodgson made a motion to approve minutes of the June 3, 2010 Public Hearing on proposed Local Law #2 of 2010. Councilwoman Patricia Bryant seconded the motion.

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

2. Councilwoman Patricia Bryant made a motion to approve minutes of the June 3, 2010 Regular Monthly Meeting. Councilman George Hodgson seconded the motion.

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

3. Councilman George Hodgson made a motion to approve minutes of the June 17, 2010 Special Town Board Meeting. Councilman Paul Bolesh seconded the motion.

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

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**CORRESPONDENCE**

1. The Town received a letter from New York State Department of Transportation regarding a traffic detour related to the bridge painting on Route 4 over the Hudson River between the town's of Greenwich and Northumberland. The painting is scheduled to begin July and end by the last week of August. The detour route will include Route 32 in Northumberland and Moreau, Route 197 in Moreau and Fort Edward, and Route 4 in Fort Edward and Greenwich.
2. The Town received a copy of May 2010 Custom Summary Report for the Moreau Emergency Squad.
3. The Town received a letter from Chris Bowcutt, Race Director for the Hudson Crossing Triathlon, thanking the town for their support of the inaugural Hudson Crossing Triathlon. 178 athletes participated. The organizers received positive feedback from the athletes. And are already planning next year's event.
4. The Town received a letter from North Country Hardship Fund which is a non-profit organization that provides temporary funds to assist people who have suffered a sudden tragic event such as a life threatening illness or accident. The Town Clerk will post their web page on the town's web site.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. Turning Point Parade: Supervisor Willard Peck, his wife Amy and their two sons will be the Grand Marshall in this year's Turning Point Parade. It was the consensus of the Board Members that they will participate in the parade. All Town employees past and present will be asked if they would like to participate. Supervisor Willard Peck stated he has a tractor plus an old wagon that holds about 12 people that could be used
2. Kevin Peck's term on the Schuyler Park Committee is expiring. Councilman Daniel Gale, who is Co-chairman of the Committee, has talked with Mr. Peck to see if he wishes to be reappointed. Kevin Peck stated he wishes to be reappointed. Councilman George Hodgson made a motion to reappoint Kevin Peck to a three (3) year term on the Schuyler Park Committee. Councilman Paul Bolesh seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
3. Councilman Paul Bolesh stated some of the residents surrounding the Shaw mine, located on State Route 32, have come to him with their concerns. Councilman Paul Bolesh stated they are frustrated that New York State Dept of Environmental Conservation has not returned their phone calls. Councilman Bolesh stated he was at one of the resident's home and found the noise associated with the large equipment was extremely annoying. Councilman Bolesh stated that Melvin Petteys property is surrounded on three sides by the Shaw mine. Councilman Bolesh stated that any type of natural screening that would help filter out some of the noise has been removed. Councilman Bolesh stated the

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surrounding residents are also concerned with the hours of operation, they feel it is not following what was approved during the original Site Plan Review with the Planning Board. Councilman Bolesh also stated these property owners are also concerned with their wells since they all have points which are only down roughly 20 feet. Councilman Bolesh stated that Mr. Petteys fears when he goes to sell his home, no one will buy it due to the proximity to the mine. Councilman Bolesh also stated that these residents are concerned with the illegal stump dump, which could attract rodents when they start breaking down. Supervisor Willard Peck stated that he also has a call into New York Department of Environmental Conservation and he has not received a call back either. Supervisor Peck stated that the town has limited control over the Shaw mining site since it is permitted through New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. Town Attorney stated that some of the areas that Councilman Bolesh expressed concern with could be reviewed by the Planning Board if they have changed from what was approved with their Site Plan Review previously. Councilman George Hodgson stated he will contact New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and find out if there are any concerns regarding the Shaw site. Supervisor Willard Peck stated that he understands the frustrations and concerns with the adjacent property owners to the Shaw site, but if they meet New York State Department of Environmental Conservations permit requirements, there is not much the town can do. Councilman Bolesh stated that he understands that, but if the Site is being run different then what was approved by the Town Planning Board during the Site Plan Review, he feels the resident's concerns should be addressed. Supervisor Peck stated they asked Building/Zoning Administrator to check into these residents concerns, and he felt there were no changes to Mr. Shaw's site.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Changes in Dog Licenses: Town Clerk Denise Murphy stated that she has been informed by the New York State Town Clerks Association that the "Dog Bill" passed in the Assembly on June 18<sup>th</sup>, and in the Senate, June 21<sup>st</sup> and was delivered to the Governor on June 21<sup>st</sup>. As of January 1, 2011 licensing of dogs in New York State will now be the responsibility of the local municipalities. This means that each individual town will be responsible for issuing their own dog licenses/tags and for sending out renewal notices each month. Town Clerk Denise Murphy stated that the Saratoga County Town Clerk's Association was anticipating this was going to transpire, so she along with her Deputy have been keying in all dog licenses into the Town Clerk's Software Program. The Town Clerk was notified by Williamson Law Book that they are in the process of redesigning the "Dogs" section of the software to accommodate all the changes necessary to make this process run smoothly. The Town Clerk stated she will keep the Town Board abreast of all changes regarding Dog Licenses, especially the impact it could have on the town's 2011 Town Budget.

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**DESIGNATIONS**

1. Transfers:

Supervisor Willard Peck introduced Resolution # 28 of 2010

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Northumberland was awarded a Justice Grant, therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, the Town Board approves the increase in the Town Budget in the amount of \$4,297.14 and be it further

**RESOLVED**, to Debit the State Aide – Justice Account (A3061) in the amount of \$4,297.14, and be it further

**RESOLVED**, to Credit the Justice/Equipment (A1110.2) in the amount of \$4,297.14.

Councilman George Hodgson seconded the introduction of Resolution #28 of 2010.

Supervisor Willard Peck – “Aye”

Councilman Paul Bolesh – “Aye”

Councilman George Hodgson – “Aye”

Councilwoman Patricia Bryant – “Aye”      Resolution #28 of 2010 Adopted

Councilman Paul Bolesh introduced Resolution #29 of 2010:

**WHEREAS**, the Town purchased a new Tandem Truck, to replace the one destroyed, from Albany Mack Sales in the amount of \$180,350., and purchased a new Tandem Truck from HL Gage in the amount of \$164,716., be it

**RESOLVED**, the Town Board increases the Town Highway Budget as follows:

| Debit                           | Credit                           |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| DA909 Fund Balance \$58,603     | DA5130.2 New Equipment \$310,350 |
| DA5730 Bond Ant. Note \$130,000 |                                  |
| DA2680 Ins. Received \$121,747  | and be it further                |

**RESOLVED**, to Transfer DA5112.2 Improvements and to credit DA5130.2 New Equipment \$4,716, and be it further

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**RESOLVED**, to pay for the truck purchased from Albany Mack as follows:

Insurance Money Received \$121,747  
Fund Balance DA909 \$58,603                      and be it further

**RESOLVED**, to pay for the truck purchased from HL Gage as follows:

Bond Anticipation Note \$130,000  
New Equipment DA5130.2 \$34,716

Councilman George Hodgson seconded the introduction of Resolution #29 of 2010

Supervisor Willard Peck – “Aye”  
Councilman Paul Bolesh – “Aye”  
Councilman George Hodgson – “Aye”  
Councilwoman Patricia Bryant – “Aye”      Resolution #29 of 2010 Adopted

2. Councilmen Paul Bolesh made a motion to approve the following vouchers for payment

(DA) Highway Fund Voucher 152 – 167    Total Claims \$15,861.73  
(A) General Fund Voucher 231 – 264    Total Claims \$20,338.21  
(SS) Sewer Fund Voucher 8    Total Claim \$29.22

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

3. Pursuant to Section 125 of the Town Law, Supervisor Willard Peck rendered the detailed statement of all moneys received and disbursed by the Town during the month of June, 2010.

Councilman Paul Bolesh made a motion @ 8:35 PM to adjourn the Regular Monthly Meeting.  
Councilwoman Patricia Bryant seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Murphy  
Town Clerk

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