

**Town of Northumberland  
Town Board Meeting  
September 12, 2012**

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Northumberland Town Board was called to order @ 7:00 PM by Supervisor Willard Peck. Following the salute to the flag, roll call was taken. Those attending included Supervisor Willard Peck; Councilman Daniel Gale and Councilman George Hodgson. Councilman Paul Bolesh and Councilwoman Patricia Bryant were absent. Town Clerk Denise Murphy; Town Attorney Douglas Ward and Building and Zoning Administrator Richard Colozza were also present.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Dave Meager, Sales Representative, and Gene Quirk, President, with Adirondack Trust Insurance provided the Town Board with an Insurance Summary and quotes for 2013. Presently the Town of Northumberland has their Insurance with Selective. Dave Meager was able to obtain three (3) quotes for 2013. HCC's quote was substantially higher, so he is not recommending them tonight, which leave two (2) competitive quotes. Mr. Meager and Mr. Quirk gave an overview of the coverage that is being proposed for 2012/2013. One of the quotes is from New York Municipal Insurance Reciprocal (NYMIR). Mr. Quirk explained the difference between an Insurance Company and NYMIR. Presently the cost of Insurance with Selective is \$32,088.00. Below is a breakdown of the quotes received:

**NYMIR**

Package - \$27,886.75  
Public Official Liability (Included)  
OCP (Included)  
Capitalization - \$479.27

**Selective Insurance**

Package - \$25,909.98  
Public Official Liability - \$5,568.00  
OCP - \$237.00  
Capitalization – (Not Applicable)

The following companies provided additional coverage

Crime – Travelers Insurance \$1,598.00  
Accident Policy – Hartford \$261.00  
NYS Disability – First Rehab \$296.00

These companies would provide these particular components for each package.

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Councilman Daniel Gale introduced Resolution # 57 of 2012

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Northumberland asked Adirondack Insurance to solicit bids for the October 1, 2012 to September 30, 2013 year, and

**WHEREAS**, Adirondack Trust came back with three (3) quotes from NYMIR; Selective Insurance and HCC, and

**WHEREAS**, Dave Meager and Gene Quirk gave a detailed breakdown and comparison of both quotes, therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, the Northumberland Town Board accepts the quote of Selective Insurance in the amount of \$28,366.02 with the Crime Coverage – Travelers in the amount of \$1,598.00; the Accident Policy – Hartford in the amount of \$261.00; and the NYS Disability – First Rehab in the amount of \$296.00 for their excellent service in the past and be it further

**RESOLVED**, the Insurance will stay with Adirondack Insurance Company for a minimum of three (3) year.

Councilman George Hodgson seconded the introduction of Resolution # 57 of 2012.

Supervisor Willard Peck – “Aye”

Councilman Daniel Gale – “Aye”

Councilman George Hodgson – “Aye”

Resolution #57 of 2012 Adopted

Chris Benn, General Schuyler Emergency Squad gave a brief breakdown for calls to the Town of Northumberland. In July General Schuyler responded to 7 calls in the Town of Northumberland and in August 2 calls. Mr. Benn provided Supervisor Peck with a budget request for 2013. Mr. Benn stated they were looking at a 1.4 % increase.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Councilman George Hodgson made a motion to approve minutes of the August 13, 2012 Town Board Meeting. Councilman Daniel Gale seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
2. Councilman Daniel Gale made a motion to approve minutes of the September 4, 2012 Special Town Board Meeting. Councilman George Hodgson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

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**CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Edward Cross, Dog Control Officer, submitted his August 2012 Monthly Report. Mr. Cross answered 6 complaints, brought 1 dog to the animal shelter, traveled 208 miles, issued 1 warning and reported 2 dog bite cases.
  
2. The Town Board received a "Call Volume" report from Moreau Emergency Squad. Moreau Emergency Squad answered 19 calls in July 2012 and 12 calls in August 2012 for the Town of Northumberland.
  
3. The Town Board received a letter from Tony Jordan, Assemblyman for the 112<sup>th</sup> District, regarding "Connect NY" Program. Assemblyman Jordan stated that Governor Cuomo has recently announced that the state will begin accepting applications for the "Connect NY" Program, which will invest \$25 million into promoting and expanding broadband internet access in unserved and underserved areas throughout New York. It was brought to the Town Board's attention that the Time Warner Franchise Agreement expires in the spring of 2013. Supervisor Willard Peck asked Town Clerk Denise Murphy if she could provide him with a contact name and number with Time Warner and a map of the town showing where service is available presently.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. Schuyler Park: Councilman Gal reported that the Ryan Rossley Dedication took place on August 19<sup>th</sup>. The fields are very active with the Schuylerville Central School's use and OSAA. Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup> there will be a "Family Movie Night" at Schuyler Park - \$20.00 per car load. Councilman Gale reported that the Committee is in the stage of designing a Memorial Wall at Schuyler Park.
  
2. Hudson Crossing Park: Councilman George Hodgson stated that volunteers have been maintaining the grounds at Hudson Crossing Park. Darryl Dumas has been supplying the fuel for the lawn mower. Councilman Hodgson stated that he would like the Town Board to consider reimbursing the fuel costs on monthly bases if receipts are turned in. Councilman George Hodgson made a motion to authorize payment of receipts for fuel and associated costs not to exceed \$100.00 per month. Councilman Daniel Gale seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Councilman Hodgson stated that Hudson Crossing Park is in need of a weed wacker. Presently they borrow the Town of Northumberland's highway department weed wacker or use their own personal one. Presently the Town of Saratoga gives Hudson Crossing \$300.00 each year towards daffodils. Councilman George Hodgson stated that the Hudson Crossing Committee is hoping the Town of Northumberland will do the same. Supervisor Willard Peck made a motion to authorize up to \$700.00 for use of upkeep and ground maintenance at Hudson Crossing Park. Councilman George Hodgson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Councilman Hodgson reported that the Town of Saratoga Highway Department has been hauling stone

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dust for the riverwalk. Councilman Hodgson stated that he was extremely happy with this help since the Town of Northumberland Highway Department has been doing most of the volunteer work at the park. Councilman George Hodgson stated that he would like the Town Board to consider hiring Bill Sprengnether to manage the NYS Scenic Byway Project. Bill Sprengnether was the Landscape Architect and designed the Riverfront Sensory Trail when he was with CLA Site. Mr. Sprengnether has his own firm now Cardinal Direction Landscape Architecture & Sustainability Consulting. Mr. Sprengnether stated his firm will provide construction administration and project management professional services for work relating to the NYS Scenic Byway Project: FY 2009 Hudson Crossing Byway Heritage Center project. The breakdown for the following items as outlined:

Item 1: Engineering restoration assessment and interpretation of old Champlain Canal Junction Lock.

Item 2: Lakes to Lock Passage Byway interpretation exhibit at Hudson Crossing Park (HCP) Outlook Pavilion.

Item 4: Development of Ten (10) audio-visual interpretive productions at HCP.

Item 5: Construction and interpretation of one (1) mile segment of Old Champlain Canal Towpath Trail.

To complete the construction administration and project management professional services for the four items listed above. The work will be billed at an hourly rate of \$88 not to exceed \$15,000. Councilman Hodgson stated that he will still do the vouchering. Councilman Hodgson stated that he needs the help to manage this grant. A discussion followed regarding the 20% local share. Councilman Hodgson stated that prior to any work being done; he will make sure there will be 20% local share that can be made up of in-kind services. Councilman George Hodgson made a motion to hire Bill Sprengnether, Landscape Architecture with his firm Cardinal Direction Landscape Architecture, PLLC to provide construction administration and project management professional services for work relating to the NYS Scenic Byways Project: FY 2009 Hudson Crossing Byway Heritage Center Project, PIN: SB05.09.321, work to be billed at an hourly rate of \$88 not to exceed \$15,000 and the contract to be suitable to Town Attorney Douglas Ward for form and content and execution by Supervisor Willard Peck. Supervisor Willard Peck seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

2. Dix Bridge: Supervisor Willard Peck stated that back in 2008 Saratoga County Board of Supervisors and the NYS Historic Saratoga-Washington on the Hudson Partnership made an application to the NYS Department of Transportation for a \$3.125 million federal Transportation Enhance Program (TEP) grant to rehabilitate the Dix Bridge. The Grant was awarded. The Town of Northumberland submitted an application to the Saratoga County Industrial Development Agency (SCIDA) for \$26,880 to provide for 20% of the cost of the phase 1 engineering and design services for the rehabilitation of the Dix Bridge. Saratoga County Industrial Development Agency awarded a grant of \$26,880 to be utilized for Dix Bridge engineering and design service. Supervisor Willard Peck stated the Town needs to submit a voucher to Saratoga County IDA to receive these funds. The Grant had to go to a Municipality. Supervisor Willard Peck stated that Saratoga County will be entering into an agreement with the low bidder, Tioga Co., Inc, Herkimer NY for the rehabilitation of the Dix Bridge in the amount of \$2,395,004.

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4. E-Waste Alliance Network: Attorney Douglas Ward stated he has reviewed the contract with e-WASTE and he has a few questions. He has sent an email to Tom Smith, e-waste and has not heard back from him. Town Attorney Douglas Ward stated that he proposes to add a sentence in the section regarding "Release from Liability" –"Except that the client does not release the Contractor from liability for improper disposal of electronic equipment including Super Fund Liability when such improper disposal was undertaken by the Contractor". Also, there is no "schedule of service" as referenced in the contract. Town Attorney Douglas Ward stated that he believes the initial contract should include some schedule for pickups. Town Attorney Douglas Ward stated that otherwise he sees no problem. Supervisor Willard Peck stated that he thinks this is a great idea; he receives numerous calls asking where you can bring old computers and TV's. Councilman Daniel Gale made a motion to enter into a Agreement with E-Waste Alliance Network contingent upon Attorney Douglas Ward's approval of both content and wording of the Agreement between the Town of Northumberland and e-WASTE Alliance Network. Councilman George Hodgson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. The Town Board received a letter from Kate Szewczyk, Senior Vice President of Bemis Heights Society, asking the Northumberland Town Board to declare the week of September 17 -23 as Constitution Week in the Town of Northumberland. Councilman Daniel Gale introduced Resolution # 58 of 2012

**WHEREAS**, the Constitution of the United States of America, guardian of our liberties, embodies the principles of limited government in a Republic dedicated to rule by law; and

**WHEREAS**, September 17, 2012, marks the two hundred twenty-fifth anniversary of the framing of the Constitution of the United States of America by the Constitutional Convention; and

**WHEREAS**, it is fitting and proper to accord official recognition to this magnificent document and its memorable anniversary, and to the patriotic celebrations which will commemorate it; and

**WHEREAS**, Public Law 915 guarantees the issuing of a proclamation each year by the President of the United States of America designating September 17 through 23 as Constitution Week,

**NOW, THEREFORE I**, Willard Peck by virtue of the authority vested in me as Supervisor of the Town of Northumberland in Saratoga County do hereby proclaim the week of September 17 through 23, 2012 **CONSTITUTION WEEK** and ask our citizens to reaffirm the ideals the Framers of the Constitution had in 1787 by vigilantly protecting the freedoms guaranteed to us through this guardian of our liberties.

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Councilman George Hodgson seconded the introduction of Resolution #58 of 2012.

Supervisor Willard Peck – “Aye”

Councilman Daniel Gale – “Aye”

Councilman George Hodgson – “Aye”    Resolution #58 of 2012 Adopted

2. The Town Board received a request from the Justice Court to apply for a grant from the Justice Court Assistance program for the following items:

Mobile Wall Unit for Court Room	\$1,999.00
Chairs for Court Room (36)	\$2,160.00
Chair Stacker Cart	\$ 279.00
Chair Cart	\$ 399.99
File Cabinet for Court Room	\$ 219.00
File Cabinet for Court Office	\$ 189.99
Table for Court Office	\$ 199.99
Typewriter	\$ 109.00
Organizer for Court Office	\$ 79.99
Computer Monitor for Court Office	\$ 226.98
Curtains for Court Room	\$ 405.00
Curtain rods for Court Room	<u>\$ 237.00</u>
Total	\$6,504.94

Councilman Daniel Gale introduced Resolution #59 of 2012

**WHEREAS**, the Northumberland Town Court has a total budget for 2012 in the amount of \$50,609.00 to cover all costs associated with the Northumberland Court System, and

**WHEREAS**, the Northumberland Town Court is in need of a mobile wall unit for court room; chairs for court room; chair stacker cart; chair cart; file cabinet for court room; file cabinet for court office; typewriter; organizer for court office; computer monitor for court office; curtains for court room; curtain rods for court room.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Northumberland Town Board authorizes the Justice Court to apply for a grant from the Justice Court Assistant Program.

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Councilman George Hodgson seconded the introduction of Resolution #59 of 2012.

Councilman Daniel Gale - "Aye"

Councilman George Hodgson - "Aye"

Supervisor Willard Peck - "Aye"

Resolution #59 of 2012 Adopted.

3. Supervisor Willard Peck stated that he is working on preparing a Tentative 2013 Budget.

4. Town Clerk Denise Murphy stated that Highway Sup't Neil Petteys is receiving requests for a speed reduction of Stonebridge Road. Presently the speed limit is 55 MPH.

Councilman George Hodgson introduced Resolution #60 of 2012

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Northumberland hereby requests the Department of Transportation, pursuant to Section 1622.1 of the Vehicle and Traffic Law, to establish a lower maximum speed at which vehicles may proceed on Stonebridge Road, a Town Highway between State Route 32N and State Route 32N;  
be it

**RESOLVED**, if approved and upon receipt of the notice that the regulation herein requested has been established, the Town of Northumberland, will provide, install and maintain signs in accordance with the Vehicle and Traffic Law and conforming to the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices of the Department of Transportation.

Councilman Daniel Gale seconded the introduction of Resolution # 60 of 2012.

Councilman Daniel Gale - "Aye"

Councilman George Hodgson - "Aye"

Supervisor Willard Peck - "Aye"

Resolution # 60 of 2012 Adopted

5. Councilman George Hodgson stated that he would like to request a speed reduction for County Route 42 which is located at Lock 5/Hudson Crossing Park.

Councilman George Hodgson introduced Resolution #61 of 2012

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Northumberland hereby requests the Department of Transportation, pursuant to Section 1622.1 of the Vehicle and Traffic Law, to establish a lower maximum speed at which vehicles may proceed on County Route 42, a County Highway between State Route 4N and Washington County  
be it

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**RESOLVED**, if approved and upon receipt of the notice that the regulation herein requested has been established, the Town of Northumberland, will provide, install and maintain signs in accordance with the Vehicle and Traffic Law and conforming to the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices of the Department of Transportation.

Councilman Daniel Gale seconded the introduction of Resolution # 61 of 2012.

Councilman Daniel Gale - "Aye"

Councilman George Hodgson - "Aye"

Supervisor Willard Peck - "Aye"

Resolution # 61 of 2012 Adopted

6. Councilman George Hodgson stated that he will not be available for October's Town Board Meeting which is scheduled for Thursday, October 11, 2012. It was the consensus of the Town Board to Schedule October's Town Board Meeting for Wednesday, October 10, 2012.

**APPOINTMENTS**

1. Town Clerk Denise Murphy informed the Town Board Members that Jeffrey King wishes to be reappointed to the Planning Board. Councilman Daniel Gale made a motion to reappoint Jeffrey King to the Planning Board with a term that expires 11/2019. Councilman George Hodgson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

2. The Town Board received a letter from Melanie Eggleston expressing her desire to serve as an alternate on the Planning Board. Councilman Daniel Gale stated that he would like the Town Board Members to meet with Ms. Eggleston @ 6:45 PM prior to the Town Board Meeting on Wednesday, October 10<sup>th</sup>. The Town Clerk will send Ms. Eggleston a letter.

**DESIGNATIONS**

1. Approval of Vouchers: Councilman George Hodgson introduced Resolution # 62 of 2012

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

A (General Fund) Vouchers # 336 - # 377 Total: \$ 79,888.32 (VOUCHER # 361 a pre-paid)

DA (Highway Fund) Vouchers # 201 - # 223 Total: \$ 163,974.52

SS (Sewer District #1) Voucher # 9 Total: \$ 24.89

Councilman Daniel Gale seconded the introduction of Resolution # 62 of 2012

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Supervisor Willard Peck – “Aye”

Councilman George Hodgson – “Aye”

Councilman Daniel Gale – “Aye”                      Resolution #62 of 2012 Adopted

2. Councilman Daniel Gale introduced Resolution #63 of 2012

**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 August, 2012:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Town Board has reviewed and approved August 2012 Monthly Report by Supervisor as presented. Councilwoman Patricia Bryant seconded the introduction of Resolution #63 of 2012

Councilman Daniel Gale – “Aye”

Councilman George Hodgson – “Aye”

Supervisor Willard Peck – “Aye”

Resolution # 63 of 2012 Adopted

Councilman Daniel Gale made a motion @ 9:10 PM to adjourn the Town Board Meeting. Councilman George Hodgson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Murphy  
Town Clerk