

**Town of Northumberland  
Town Board Meeting  
January 7, 2010**

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Northumberland Town Board Meeting 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 Paul Bolesh, Councilman Daniel Gale, Councilman George Hodgson and Councilwoman Patricia Bryant. Also attending were Clerk Denise Murphy, Highway Sup't Neil Petteys, Building/Zoning Administrator Richard Colozza, Town Justice James Evans and Highway Employee Jeffrey Crum. Town Attorney Douglas Ward was absent.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Justice James Evans gave an update to the Town Board regarding the vandalism that occurred at the Town Hall Tuesday night during court. Eight (8) vehicles had their tires slashed. Most of the vehicles had two (2) tires slashed so they needed to have their vehicles taken away on a flat bed. The vandalism occurred between roughly 7:15 PM – 7:30 PM. Justice James Evans stated there is a need for additional light in front of the town hall. When he leaves during the night, after doing an arraignment, it is extremely dark out front. A representative of the Office of Court Administration came and reviewed the town hall and one of their areas of concern was inadequate lighting in front of the town hall. Also the shrubs in front of the town hall were another area of concern. The Town Board will look at the lighting issue in front of the town hall.

**APPROVE MINUTES**

1. Councilman Daniel Gale made a motion to approve minutes of the December 10, 2009 Public Hearing on proposed Local law #3 of 2009. Councilman George Hodgson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
  
2. Councilman Paul Bolesh made a motion to approve minutes of the December 10, 2009 Regular Monthly Meeting. Councilman Daniel Gale seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence for the record.

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**APPOINTMENTS**

1. Councilman George Hodgson made a motion to reappoint Hugo Leone to the Zoning Board of Appeals (term expires 02/2017). Councilman Paul Bolesh seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
  
2. Councilman Daniel Gale made a motion to appoint John DeLisle as an alternate on the Planning Board. Councilman Paul Bolesh seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. Update on Schuyler Park: Councilman Daniel Gale stated that everything is going well with the Schuyler Park. There have been no changes since last month's meeting.
  
2. Update on Hudson Crossing Park: Councilman George Hodgson stated that he received word that the Town of Northumberland's 2009 Environmental Protection Fund Grant was awarded. The Grant was for the Duval property pocket park and includes concept/pre-design of pedestrian bridge over canal to Hudson Crossing utilizing RPI students. The Grant was cut from \$62,760 to \$32,260 in state aid. Councilman George Hodgson stated there will be a meeting next Thursday morning to discuss soliciting proposals for the 2007 Environmental Protection Fund Grant – Old Saratoga on the Hudson Waterfront Revitalization Plan. The total grant was for \$272,037.00. This Grant award was for waterfront trails on Hudson Crossing, Village of Schuylerville Main Street revitalization and Town of Saratoga trail design. Councilman George Hodgson stated he would like to solicit bids for the waterfront trails so work could start in the spring.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Councilman George Hodgson stated Lakes to Locks Passage is requesting a contribution of \$250.00 for FY 09 and FY 10. Town Board Members had concern with including FY 09 since that year has been closed. Councilman Paul Bolesh made a motion to make a contribution to Lakes to Locks Passage in the amount of \$250 for PY 10. Councilwoman Patricia Bryant seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
  
2. Nutrition/Transportation Agreement: Sandra Cross, Director of Office for the Aging, informed the Town Board that the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution 146 of 1996, which authorized agreements with the municipalities for the partial funding of nutrition and/or transportation services for the elderly operated by Saratoga County Office for the Aging. Ms. Cross submitted copies of the agreement with the Town of Northumberland for the period 01/01/2010 – 12/31/2010. The cost for the Transportation Agreement is \$468.00 per year and for the Nutrition Agreement it is \$468.00. Councilman George Hodgson made a motion authorizing Supervisor Willard Peck to enter into an

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agreement with Saratoga County, on behalf of the Town of Northumberland, for both Transportation and Nutrition for the FY 2010 for \$468.00 for each Agreement. Councilwoman Patricia Bryant seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

3. New York State Retirement: The NYS Comptroller's informed all agencies that participate in the New York State Retirement system that all elected and appointed employees who are members of the NYS Retirement system and does not use a time sheet must keep a record of their time for three consecutive months. After this is done the Town Board must establish standard work days for elected and appointed officials by adopting a resolution that lists each employee title and the number of hours in the standard work day for each title. Any elected or appointed employee who does not participate in the New York State Retirement System does not need to prepare a record. If the Town Board does not adopt a resolution, the official's service credit and membership benefits are suspended until the resolution is adopted, posted and filed. Councilman Paul Bolesh made a motion requesting all elected and/or appointed employees who participate in the New York State Retirement System keep track of their hours effective February 1, 2010 and end April 30, 2010. Councilman George Hodgson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

4. Official Undertaking: Town Clerk Denise Murphy reported that it is time for renewal of the official undertakings of various officers of the Town of Northumberland asked the Town Board to consider a resolution adopting the official undertaking.

Supervisor Willard Peck introduced Resolution #20 of 2010 – Official Undertaking

**WHEREAS**, various sections of the New York State Town Law and Public Officers Law require that certain municipal officials execute an Official Undertaking; and

**WHEREAS**, it is required by the law that the Town Board approve the Official Undertaking as to its form and manner of execution and the sufficiency of the insurance; and

**WHEREAS**, we, the Town Board of the Town of Northumberland hereby require the Supervisor, Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Town Justices, Highway Superintendent and Code Enforcement Officer to execute said Official Undertaking as required by said law;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that we, the Town Board of the Town of Northumberland approve and adopt the form, manner and substance of the official municipal undertaking contained in the document entitled "Town of Northumberland Official Undertaking of Municipal Officers"; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that said Official Undertaking containing the notarized signatures of those named municipal officials be filed in the Office of the Town Clerk, as well as the original copies of the

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Insurance policies indicating the sufficiency of the sureties to indemnify the Town against losses which may arise from failure of such officials to properly discharge their duties.

Councilwoman Patricia Bryant seconded the introduction of Resolution #20 of 2010.

Supervisor Willard Peck – “Aye”

Councilman Paul Bolesh – “Aye”

Councilman Daniel Gale – “Aye”

Councilman George Hodgson – “Aye”

Councilwoman Patricia Bryant – “Aye”      Resolution #20 of 2010 Adopted

5. Councilman Daniel Gale stated he has talked to Brian Meyers Jr. with Schuyler Hose regarding being the Town of Northumberland’s Emergency Service Coordinator. He has not heard back from Mr. Meyers. Councilman Daniel Gale stated he also would like to consider Thomas Benton, Morgan Manor, as a possible Emergency Service Coordinator. Glenn Stevens, our current Emergency Service Coordinator, will be moving to Alaska soon. Councilman Daniel Gale stated he will contact Saratoga County Emergency Services to see if the individual appointed for the Town of Northumberland must be a town resident since Brian Meyers Jr. resides in the Town of Saratoga.

6. Planning Book Update: Councilwoman Patricia Bryant asked about the status of the Planning Book update. Councilwoman Bryant questioned if the Planning Board Members submitted any recommendations for changes. Building/Zoning Administrator Richard Colozza stated they have not. Building Zoning Administration Colozza stated that Tia Kilburn, Planning Clerk, will scan the entire document and have copies made. This will make it easier for Planning and Town Board Members to review and suggest changes.

**DESIGNATIONS**

1. Councilman Daniel Gale made a motion to approve vouchers for payment as presented. Councilman Paul Bolesh seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

**DEPARTMENTS**

Highway Sup’t Neil Petteys stated he could like to thank the Town Board for purchasing the 2010 Mack tandem truck to replace the 2002 truck the town lost in the accident. Supervisor Willard Peck was able to negotiate a price of \$180,350.00. Councilman Daniel Gale would like the Town Board minutes to reflect the wonderful job David Meager and Eugene Quirk with Adirondack Trust Insurance did in helping to come up with a replacement figure for the 2002 truck the town lost. Mr. Quirk called Councilman Gale New Year’s Eve with a final figure. The new truck that the Town Board spec’d out this summer should arrive in the next few weeks. Highway Sup’t Neil Petteys stated the Town of Saratoga

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came in and helped earlier this week with the plowing when one of vehicles broke down. Councilman George Hodgson stated he would like the Town Board to consider adopting a Resolution recognizing all the hard work and man hours that our surrounding town's highway departments provided during this hard time. The Town of Northumberland would not have been able to stay on top of the snow storms without their help. The Town Clerk with work with both the Highway Sup't and Councilman George Hodgson in preparing a Resolution.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Councilman Paul Bolesh made a motion to adjourn the Regular Monthly Meeting @ 7:50 PM. Councilwoman Patricia Bryant seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Denise Murphy  
Town Clerk