

**Town of Northumberland
Town Board Meeting
December 13, 2012**

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Northumberland Town Board was called to order by Supervisor Willard Peck at 7:00 PM. 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 was Building and Zoning Administrator Richard Colozza and Town Attorney Douglas Ward.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Chris Benn, General Schuyler Emergency Squad submitted his call report for September/October and November. Mr. Benn stated that General Schuyler Emergency Squad answered 3 calls for the Town of Northumberland in September; 11 calls for October; and 3 calls for November. December 8th the squad attended "Escape" Training – (emergency services control of aggressive patients education).

Ed Sackman, Route 32N, asked the Town Board in regards to a sewer plant rumored to be located in the Town of Northumberland at the County Landfill site located off Peters Road; where will the proposed sewer line go through our town?

Supervisor Peck informed the public that 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 plant located on 15 + acres to be purchased from the Saratoga County Landfill site.

Supervisor Peck stated that this is the proposed route, but he must emphasize that this is in the introductory phase and is yet to be designed by the Saratoga County Sewer District Engineers. This plan would take sewage waste from the City of Saratoga Springs and the Town of Wilton and thus free up more capacity in the southern portion of Saratoga County where growth is expected to continue.

Supervisor Peck stated that he would take this opportunity to walk the public attending tonight's meeting through the process to date. In early 2010 as Chairman of the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors, Bill Davis, Chairman of the Saratoga County Sewer District Board came to me to discuss the need for a northern sewer plant. He stated that the current sewer plant located in Halfmoon will be at full capacity in 8-10 years based on information from the Capital District Regional Planning Commission on the expected growth patterns and outstanding building permits within the boundaries of the Sewer District. Mr. Davis asked for a liaison to the Sewer District from the Board of Supervisors to begin addressing the idea of the location of a northern plant. Knowing the ongoing sewer issues in the Village of Schuylerville and Town of Saratoga Supervisor Tom Wood being the Vice-Chairman of the Board, I thought he was the ideal candidate and was appointed as the liaison. In the spring of 2012 discussions started to occur as the clock was ticking on capacity at the Halfmoon Sewer Plant and with the time necessary to plan and build a new sewer plant being approximately five years. The Sewer District

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identified the County Landfill as the ideal location for a northern plant. Having been informed of this, I met with representatives of the sewer plant to see if there was an opportunity to solve the issues facing the Village of Schuylerville and the County simultaneously. The Sewer District's engineering company looked into various locations in and around the Village as possible site locations. Each of the possible locations had some problems, whether it be historical or size limitations. Supervisor Willard Peck stated that he felt that before the Saratoga County Sewer District went any further with site investigations, a meeting needed to be set with representatives of the Village of Schuylerville, the Sewer District and the Town of Northumberland. This meeting was held in July of 2012. At this meeting were representatives of the Village of Schuylerville, Mayor Sherman and his consultant engineer for the sewer issues, the Town of Northumberland being myself, George Hodgson and Town Attorney Douglas Ward and various representatives of the sewer district, including their Chairman Bill Davis, Executive Director Chad Cooke and their engineering consultants. After lengthy discussions about possible sites, then the Village was asked for their opinion. They felt that the time for the County Plant to be planned and built would not fit their timeline. The Village had been under a DEC Consent Order for some time and through lengthy negotiations with the State, was able to secure financing for \$13 million dollars with approximately half to fix and update the infrastructure throughout the Village and half to upgrade the Village Sewer Plant. At this point, County Sewer District Chairman, Bill Davis offered the thought that the Village upon completion of the infrastructure upgrades should build a pump station which would be operated by the County Sewer District to pump Village sewer to a plant located at the County Landfill and they would save a lot of taxpayer dollars for the Village of Schuylerville in the long run. Mayor Sherman made the statement that the State would not allow this timeline for them as they had been through extensive negotiations to put a corrective action plan into place. The Village was determined to continue down the path which they had begun in repairing their current system. Consequently the idea of a connector pipe between Schuylerville and a treatment plant at the landfill was dropped.

The Sewer District's planning focus is turned to a treatment plant at the landfill to handle sewage waste from the city of Saratoga Springs and Wilton which will not be connected to the Schuylerville system.

There are clearly natural synergies between a sewer plant and a landfill, Supervisor Peck explained that some of the natural synergies of collocation are as follows. Sewer waste sludge can be used as cover for a solid waste landfill and leachate collected from the landfill can be sent back to the sewer treatment plant. This combination saves significant truck traffic for disposal of both waste products. Important to note is the current timeline for the Halfmoon plant to be at full capacity is 5-7 years. Once capacity is reached, then no more hookups can go online, stifling any economic development.

Supervisor Willard Peck stated that this leads him into the landfill discussion and where we are as a County.

2011 brought the State mandated 10 year update of the Saratoga County Solid Waste Management plan. The State had informed the County that plans for the Saratoga County Landfill had to be included in the final plan submitted. A consultant was hired by the County to assist in completion of the updated

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plan. The final draft was presented to the Public Works Committee in December of 2011. The Solid Waste Management Plan offered 5 options for the future of the County Landfill. 1) relinquish the County permit and lose the investment in siting and building the landfill, 2) continue the presence of the landfill as an "insurance policy" for Saratoga County taxpayers against the possibility of rising disposal costs, 3) open and operate the facility by the County, 4) sell the landfill, or 5) lease the landfill. With Saratoga County, as all Counties facing fiscal difficulty, a majority of the Board of Supervisors felt it was time to take advantage of this County asset. With no interest in having the County operate the landfill, the Public Works Committee zeroed in on options 4 or 5. Supervisor Willard Peck stated that his fellow supervisors approached him to see if it was best for him politically to stand on the outside and just yell no, with the ultimate outcome decided to cash in on the landfill. My reply was that this may be better politically but it would not be good government and I would rather be in the middle of the process so that the Town's interests would be protected. He asked to be on the 2012 Public Works Committee and ultimately the Landfill Subcommittee. A consultant was hired to assist in the process of offering the landfill out for sale or lease through a Request For Proposal (RFP). It was 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 bidder that submit proposals. By being on the Public Works Committee and its Landfill Subcommittee, he has been involved in every step of the process and have included elements in the RFP that he felt were necessary to minimize impacts on the Town and gain benefits for our taxpayers. A draft RFP was published in May of 2012, questions and comments ensued and a final RFP was published in July of 2012 with a return of early October. Attendance at an on-site meeting and walk through in late August was mandatory for any of the final bidders. Seven or eight companies attended the meeting and three submitted bids at the October deadline. Negotiations are currently ongoing with each of these companies with an expected recommendation for bid acceptance to come in the next couple of months.

Supervisor Willard Peck stated, it has been extremely beneficial to the Town of Northumberland for him to have been involved in all aspects of this process rather than standing on the outside and just having to accept what is put upon us.

The battle that this 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. We currently have 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, I felt it was best for the Town of Northumberland to fully involve myself in the process to minimize the future impacts and gain some benefit to the taxpayers.

Guy Murphy asked; who was at the meeting, just you or a committee?

Supervisor Peck responded; the meeting with the Village of Schuylerville, the Sewer District and the Town of Northumberland, including myself, Councilman George Hodgson and Town Attorney Douglas Ward.

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Mr. Murphy asked since the Town of Northumberland is getting both the Sewer Plant and Landfill, is the community getting anything?

Supervisor Peck's response; these negotiations are ongoing and yes, the town will receive a Host Community Benefit Package.

Guy Murphy asked about multiple parcels and multiple prices that were being reported out of the Sewer District's meetings.

Supervisor Peck responded that the Sewer District is interested in purchasing two parcels totaling 15 + acres from Saratoga County. One parcel is a .97 acre parcel and also a 14+ acre parcel which will need to be subdivided from the larger Landfill parcel. An original price quoted by the Sewer District for the two parcels was not acceptable to Saratoga County. "Through negotiations, an agreement was reached between Saratoga County and the sewer District to purchase the two parcels for a little more than \$97,000."

MINUTES

1. Councilman Paul Bolesh made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 8, 2012 Public Hearing on the proposed 2013 Town Budget. Councilwoman Patricia Bryant seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
2. Councilwoman Patricia Bryant made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 8, 2012 Regular Monthly Meeting. Councilman George Hodgson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. The Town Board received Dog Control Officer Edward Cross's report for November 2012. Mr. Cross answered 7 complaints, traveled 156 miles, issued 4 warnings and had one dog bite case.
2. The Town Board received a letter from New York State Department of Environmental Conservation regarding an opportunity for landowners in our area. The Landowner Incentive Program (LIP) Protection and Management of Grassland Habitat is unique initiative funded by the USFWS and administered by DEC for the protection and management of grassland birds and other at-risk species on privately-owned land. Through this program, DEC will reimburse landowners at a 50% match rate for management activities.

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3. The Town Board received a letter of interest from Dave Gougler to be appointed to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Councilman George Hodgson made a motion to appoint Dave Gougler to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Councilman Paul Bolesh seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. At this time Supervisor Willard Peck stated he would like the record to reflect the passing of Clinton Barber. Clinton Barber served, diligently, on the Zoning Board of Appeals since 1990. Clinton Barber served on the Saratoga County USDA FSA Committee as its Chairman. Mr. Barber also served on the Saratoga County Water Committee. Clinton Barber was a great friend and community volunteer who will surely be missed by all the residents of the Town of Northumberland.

4. Supervisor Willard Peck received a letter from Wes Carr, Saratoga County Youth Bureau regarding Advisory Youth Board Member Appointment. The Town Board tabled making an appointed until the Town Clerk has an opportunity to talk with Jennifer Amidon, Summer Youth Director

5. Supervisor Willard Peck received a letter from Ed Tremblay, Fire Coordinator for Saratoga County regarding 2013 Fire Advisory Board Appointment. Presently Thomas Wood, Gansevoort Fire Department is the Town of Northumberland's representative. Councilman Daniel Gale made a motion to reappoint Thomas Wood to the Saratoga County Fire Advisory Board to represent the Town of Northumberland. Councilwoman Patricia Bryant seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Schuylerville Park: Councilman Daniel Gale stated that the "Agreement By and Between the Schuylerville Central School and the Town of Saratoga and the Town of Northumberland" expires in May 2013. The District paid a one-time use fee in the amount of \$50,000 which entitled it to use Schuylerville Park each school day from approximately 3:00 – 5:30 pm. Schuylerville Central School Superintendent Ryan Sherman has expressed interest in entering into another Agreement. Councilman Daniel Gale stated that the Schuylerville Park Committee will open dialogue with Dr. Ryan and come up with an Agreement which will be brought to both the Town of Saratoga and Town of Northumberland Town Board for their approval.

2. Hudson Crossing Park: Councilman George Hodgson informed the Town Board Members that he was notified by Andrew Labruzzo, Department Liaison with the Department of State, that the modification to the Agreement was approved for the "Old Saratoga on the Hudson Waterfront Revitalization Plan Implementation". The modification was to add the Canoe/Kayak Launch. Councilman Hodgson stated that once he receives the signed approval, he will submit reimbursement to the Department of State for expenses incurred by the Town of Northumberland. Councilman Hodgson stated that it would take about 6 months, once the reimbursement is submitted, before the Town of Northumberland would receive a payment.

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NEW BUSINESS

1. The Town Board received two proposals for a new copier at the Town Hall. NYS Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) have \$1.1 million dollars available to small municipal governments to replace inefficient appliances and equipment with energy-efficient models. The "Buy Green, Save Green Rebates for New York State Local Governments" program pays 75% of the purchase price of eligible ENERGY STAR products bought on or after September 25, 2012. The purchase price of each individual item cannot exceed \$4,999 before taxes or fees, and each eligible government entity may receive a maximum of \$20,000 in rebates from this program.

National Business Equipment - \$4,999.00

NYS Kyocera Contract On-Site Service/Supplies: \$92.00 per month

Seeley Office System - \$4,725.00

Black Service Contract billed at \$.007 per print/copy

Color Service Contract billed at \$.045 per print/copy

The Town of Northumberland averages 35,000 copies per year. The Town Board tabled making a decision at this time.

2. Building and Zoning Administrator Richard Colozza informed the Town Board that he would like to attend the Northern Adirondack Code Enforcement Officials Education Conference to be held March 4 – 7, 2013 in Lake Placid. Councilman Daniel Gale made a motion to authorize Building and Zoning Administrator Richard Colozza to attend the Northumberland Adirondack Code Enforcement Officials Education Conference. Councilman Paul Bolesh seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

3. End of Year Meeting: Councilman Daniel Gale made a motion to hold the End of Year Meeting on Thursday, December 27th @ 8:00 AM. Councilman George Hodgson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

4. Organizational Meeting: Councilman Patricia Bryant made a motion to hold the Organizational Meeting for 2013 on Thursday, January 10, 2013 @ 7:00 PM followed by the January 2013 Regular Monthly Meeting. Councilman Paul Bolesh seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

DESIGNATIONS

1. Transfers: Councilman George Hodgson introduced Resolution #69 of 2012:

WHEREAS, the following accounts are over with expenses:

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DA5110.4 General Repairs/Contractual	\$26,584.00
DA5112.2 Improvements	\$17,631.00
DA5130.4 Machine/Contractual	\$15,730.00
DA9055.8 Disability Ins.	\$ 297.00
DA9089.8	\$ 458.00

BE IT RESOLVED, the Town authorizes the transfer the money from the following account to cover these expenses:

DA5130.2 Machine/Equipment	\$30,000.00
DA5140.1 Misc	\$13,987.00
DA5142.1 Snow/Personnel	\$16,713.00

Councilwoman Patricia Bryant seconded the introduction of Resolution #69 of 2012.

Supervisor Willard Peck – “Aye”

Councilman Paul Bolesh – “Aye”

Councilman Daniel Gale – “Aye”

Councilman George Hodgson – “Aye”

Councilwoman Patricia Bryant – “Aye”

Resolution #69 Adopted

2. Transfers: Councilman George Hodgson introduced Resolution # 70 of 2012:

WHEREAS, the following accounts are over with expenses:

A1110.4 Justice/Cont.	\$1,985.00
A1355.4 Assessor/Cont.	\$ 111.00
A1420.4 Attorney/Cont.	\$3,557.00
A1450.4 Election/Cont.	\$ 560.00
A1910.4 Ins.	\$1,098.00
A3310.4 Traffic Cont	\$2,670.00
A6772.4 Aging	\$ 250.00
A7110.4 Parks/Cont	\$ 572.00
A7310.1 Youth/Per.	\$1,236.00
A7310.4 Youth/Cont	\$2,523.00
A8010.4 Zoning/Cont	\$ 228.00
A8160.4 Refuse/Cont	\$6,301.00

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BE IT RESOLVED, the Town authorizes the transfer the money from the following account to cover these expenses:

A1990.4 Contingent	\$17,940.00
A1320.4 Auditing	\$ 2,000.00
A3510.41 Dog Control	\$ 1,051.00

Councilwoman Patricia Bryant seconded the introduction of Resolution #70 of 2012.

Supervisor Willard Peck – “Aye”
Councilman Paul Bolesh – “Aye”
Councilman Daniel Gale – “Aye”
Councilman George Hodgson – “Aye”
Councilwoman Patricia Bryant – “Aye” Resolution #70 Adopted

3. Approval of Vouchers: Councilman George Hodgson introduced Resolution # 71 of 2012

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

A (General Fund) Vouchers # 451 - # 496 Total: \$ 86,448.69
DA (Highway Fund) Vouchers # 205 - #304 – Total: \$ 74,269.70
SS (Sewer District #1) Voucher # 12 Total: \$ 30.72

Councilwoman Patricia Bryant seconded the introduction of Resolution # 71 of 2012

Supervisor Willard Peck – “Aye”
Councilman Paul Bolesh – “Aye”
Councilman Daniel Gale – “Aye”
Councilman George Hodgson – “Aye”
Councilwoman Patricia Bryant – “Aye” Resolution # 71 of 2012 Adopted

4. Councilman Daniel Gale introduced Resolution #72 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 November 2012:

BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board has reviewed and approved November 2012 Monthly Report by Supervisor as presented. Councilwoman Patricia Bryant seconded the introduction of Resolution #68 of 2012

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Councilman Paul Bolesh – “Aye”
Councilman Daniel Gale – “Aye”
Councilman George Hodgson – “Aye”
Councilwoman Patricia Bryant – “Aye”
Supervisor Willard Peck – “Aye”

Resolution # 72 of 2012 Adopted

DEPARTMENTS

Zoning and Building Administrator Richard Colozza informed the Town Board that at the request of the Planning Board he performed an inspection of the site at 346 Grange Hall Road (Soil Disturbance/Timothy Powell) and found a bull dozer and excavator on the site. The excavator was digging a trench from what appears to be a culvert pipe running across the site. There was no sign of any other activity on the site, also he did not notice any ponding of water after 2 days of rain prior to the inspector. Mr. Colozza stated that he also took pictures of the site for the Town Board. The Town Board asked Building and Zoning Administrator to do monthly inspections and keep them posted.

Councilman George Hodgson made a motion @ 8:55 PM to adjourn the Regular Monthly Meeting. Councilwoman Patricia Bryant seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Murphy
Town Clerk