

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

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Northumberland Town Board was called to order 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 was present @ 7:10 PM. Also present was Clerk Denise Murphy and Highway Sup't Neil Petteys. Town Attorney Douglas Ward was absent.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Chris Brenn, General Schuyler Emergency Squad gave a brief overview of the Squad for June 2012. The Squad answered 51 calls of which 6 were from the Town of Northumberland.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Councilman Daniel Gale made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 7, 2012 Regular Monthly Meeting with the following change:

Page 8 – 1<sup>st</sup> Paragraph should read – “Councilman George Hodgson made a motion to adjourn the Regular Monthly Meeting @ 8:58 PM. Councilman Daniel Gale seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.”

Councilman Paul Bolesh seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Dog Control Officer's Monthly Report: Edward Cross, Dog Control Officer reported that for the month of June 2012 he answered 0 complaints; brought 0 dogs to the shelter; issued 0 warnings and issued 0 summons. It was an extremely slow month.

2. Moreau Emergency Squad Report: The squad sent a report regarding calls for the Town of Northumberland that they responded to: 20 for the month of January; 12 for the month of February; 17 for the month of March; 14 for the month of April and 13 for the month of May 2012.

3. The Town received a copy of a letter from New York State Department of Environmental Conservation to Edward Biss, 400 Grange Hall Road regarding the Kenneth Bullard Pond Dam – DEC Dam ID# 224-2405. No action is needed by the Town of Northumberland.

4. The Town of Northumberland received a letter from Chris Bowcutt Hudson Crossing Triathlon thanking the Town of Northumberland for their continual support of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Hudson Crossing Triathlon.

5. The Town received a copy of the Summer Youth Camp flyer that was given to all the parents regarding what their child can expect during the 6 week program. There are 60 children signed up to participate in the program and there are roughly 30 on the waiting list.

6. The Town received a letter from the Office of Real Property Tax Service informing the Town of Northumberland that the tentative equalization rate for 2012 is 100%. Supervisor Willard Peck applauded the outstanding job Walter Smead, Sole Assessor does.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Hudson Crossing Park: Councilman George Hodgson stated that the Town of Northumberland received three (3) bids for the revised Hudson Crossing Park Canoe/Kayak Access and Launch and Riverwalk/Sensory Trail. The following bids were received:

Gallo Construction - \$149,731.00 – Canoe/Kayak Access and Launch  
\$155,699.00 – Riverwalk/Sensory Trail

Cleveland Bros. Landscaping - \$67,583.52 – Canoe/Kayak Access and Launch  
\$67,338.00 – Riverwalk/Sensory Trail

Clear Enterprises, LLC - \$76,216.62 – Canoe/Kayak Access and Launch  
\$105,723.82 – Riverwalk/Sensory Trail

Councilman George Hodgson stated that he has had many meetings with Cleveland Brothers and the Town Attorney regarding the proposed bid and contract. Councilman George Hodgson stated there will be changes to the original bid specifications. Department of State has requested the addition of silt fencing and stone dust. Also Cleveland Bros has indicated that 36 month Warranty Period should be standard 12 months. Cleveland Bros also stated that the ending date should be extended since the start up day has been delayed from the original bid package. William Sprengnether member of the Hudson Crossing Park Committee and a Landscape Architect with the CLA Site has been a great help with reviewing the requirements. Councilman George Hodgson introduced Resolution # 46 of 2012:

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Northumberland solicited bids for the revised Hudson Crossing Park Canoe/Kayak Access and Launch and Riverwalk/Sensory Trail, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Northumberland received three bids and Cleveland Bros Landscaping was the lowest with their bid of \$67,583.52 – Canoe/Kayak Access and \$67,338.00 – Riverwalk/Sensory Trail, and

**WHEREAS**, after meeting with all parties involved there is a need for changes to the original bid, be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Town of Northumberland award the bid for the revised Hudson Crossing Park Canoe/Kayak and Riverwalk/Sensory Trail to Cleveland Bros Landscaping as follows:

- For the Construction of a Canoe/Kayak Access and Launch – Sixty-seven thousand, five hundred and eighty three dollars and forty two cents (\$67,583.42) and
- For the Construction of a river walk/sensory trail – Sixty-seven thousand, three hundred and thirty eight dollars (\$67,338.00), and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board allows up to \$10,000 in Change Orders and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the approval is based on Town Attorney Douglas Ward’s approval of both Contract and Change Orders.

Councilman Paul Bolesh seconded the introduction of Resolution #46 of 2012.

Supervisor Willard Peck – “Aye”

Councilman Paul Bolesh – “Aye”

Councilman Daniel Gale – “Aye”

Councilman George Hodgson – “Aye”

Councilwoman Patricia Bryant – “Aye”

Resolution #46 of 2012 adopted

2. Schuyler Park: Councilman Daniel Gale stated that Schuyler Park Committee solicited bids for the mowing of Schuyler Park. The Schuyler Park Committee, which oversees day-to-day operations at the Park and which makes recommendations to the Saratoga and Northumberland Town Boards regarding bid packages, had proposed that the bids be let separately with the aim of reducing costs. The Schuyler Park prior to the soliciting bids for the mowing of Schuyler Park, solicited bids for the fertilizing of the turf at Schuyler Park and Collins Park Management was the lowest bid. Councilman Gale stated that after reviewing the responses to the FRQ’s, the Committee expressed concern that performance of the related tasks by two different contractors could impair necessary coordination of these related tasks, resulting in inefficiency and a poorer work product. Mr. Gale provided the Town Board Members with a letter from Jason Kaczmarek with Malta Asphalt. Mr. Kaczmarek had expressed concern that he felt the Schuyler Park Committee was going to recommend to the Town Boards in Northumberland and Saratoga was to award the contract for mowing to the second lowest bidder who was the low bidder for the fertilization. Malta Asphalt was the lowest bidder for the mowing contract. Councilman Daniel Gale made a motion to reject all bids responding to the Schuyler Park –Mowing RFQ and Fertilization RFQ and to put out a single RFQ for both mowing and fertilization. The Northumberland Town Board agrees with the concerns expressed by Schuyler Park Committee regarding performance of the related tasks by two different contracts could impair necessary coordination of these related tasks, resulting in inefficiency