

**Town of Northumberland  
Town Board Meeting  
November 7, 2024**

The Regular Monthly Meeting was called to order at 8:10 AM by Supervisor Willard Peck. Those attending included Supervisor Willard Peck; Councilman Paul Bolesh and Councilman John DeLisle. Councilman George Hodgson and Councilwoman Patricia Bryant were absent. Also attending were Clerk Denise Murphy; Highway Superintendent David Coffinger and Building and Zoning Administrator Michael Terry.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no comments from the Public.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Councilman John DeLisle made a motion to approve the Minutes of the October 10, 2024 Public Hearing on the Comprehensive Plan. Councilman Paul Bolesh seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
  
2. Councilman John DeLisle made a motion to approve the Minutes of the October 10, 2024 Regular Monthly Meeting. Councilman Paul Bolesh seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Dog Control Officers Report: Ed Cross, Dog Control Officer, submitted his report for October 2024. Mr. Cross answered 3 Complaints and issued 2 Warnings.
  
2. Speed reduction request on the Wilton-Gansevoort Rd (County Route 32): NYS Department of Transportation stated that after reviewing data through a 5-year period from April 1, 2019 – March 31, 2024 a speed limit reduction is not warranted at this time.
  
3. Tina Gage: The Town Board received an email from Tina Gage. Mrs. Gage would like permission to use the Veterans Memorial Park to host a “Memorial Christmas Trees” event from December 1<sup>st</sup> to January 1<sup>st</sup>. This event will allow residents to purchase a spot for an artificial 6-foot Christmas tree in memory of a loved one or in tribute to an organization. Mrs. Gage is asking the Town to provide electricity for the lights, and the fee collected for each tree will be used to cover these costs. Building Inspector Michael Terry stated that there is no electricity at the Veterans Memorial Park. He has reached out to National Grid to try and tie into the existing pole at the Memorial Park so a light can be installed to honor the American Flag. National Grid has denied the request. Mr. Terry stated that next spring/summer he can try and install power at the Veterans Memorial Park with a lock box. It was the consensus of the Town Board to allow the placement of the Christmas trees at this site, but they would have to be solar lights and lightless. Also, the Town Board wants them removed right after January 1<sup>st</sup>, so they do not end up being frozen in for the duration of winter.

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4. Saratoga County Fire Advisory Board: Thomas Wood has asked to be reappointed to the Saratoga County Fire Advisory Board. Councilman Paul Bolesh made a motion to reappoint Thomas Wood to represent the Town of Northumberland on the Saratoga County Fire Advisory Board. Councilman John DeLisle seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

5. NYS Department of Environmental Conservation: David Coffinger, Superintendent of Highway received a “Notice of Violation” regarding the Petroleum Bulk Storage Tanks. Highway Supt Coffinger stated they are correcting the issues. Supervisor Peck informed Highway Supt that he should talk with Ray Energy since they provide the 500-gallon tank for Unleaded fuel as outlined in the 2024 awarded fuel bid.

6. Veteran Flags: Town Clerk Denise Murphy stated that Anne Haag reached out to the Town of Northumberland to see if the Board would consider approving an Honor Hometown Heroes Banner Program. Mrs. Haag stated that every town around Northumberland displays banners of Armed Service Veterans. Town Clerk Denise Murphy sent an email to every Town/City/Village Clerk in Saratoga County to see if they do display banners and if so, who pays for them. Clerk Denise Murphy stated that the Village of South Glens Falls, Village of Schuylerville, and the Town of Clifton Park do display banners. The cost of the flags, which average \$250 per flag, are paid by the family. The Municipalities put them up after Memorial Day and take them down after Veterans Day. It was the consensus of the Town Board Members to place an article in our Town Wide Newsletter to see if there is an interest and if so, they can be placed among the American Flags that are installed on power poles in the hamlet of Gansevoort, Bacon Hill, and Northumberland.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. 2025 Town Budget: Supervisor Willard Peck stated that the Town Board held a Public Hearing earlier to receive the public’s comments on the proposed 2025 Town Budget. There were no comments from the public. Councilman Paul Bolesh introduced Resolution# 59 of 2024 –

**WHEREAS**, the Northumberland Town Board having, on November 7, 2023 at 8:00 AM., duly held a Public Hearing on the proposed town budget approved by this Board and filed with the Town Clerk for the fiscal year commencing January 1, 2025, and having heard all persons desiring to be heard in the matter, and the matter of the budget for this Town for such fiscal year having been fully discussed and considered, it is

**RESOLVED**, that said proposed town budget be amended, approved, and filed as aforesaid, is hereby adopted, and established as the annual budget as so adopted is detailed in the minutes of the proceedings of this Town Board, and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Clerk of this Town shall prepare and certify as provided by law, duplicate copies of said annual budget hereby adopted, and deliver one of such copies to the Supervisor of

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the Town, and that he shall present such a copy to the Board of Legislators of the County as required by law.

**The 2025 Annual Budget, in its entirety, is in the official minute book at the town clerk's office and on the website, [townofnorthumberland.org](http://townofnorthumberland.org).**

Councilman John DeLisle seconded the introduction of Resolution #59 of 2024

Supervisor Willard Peck – “Aye”

Councilman Paul Bolesh – “Aye”

Councilman John DeLisle – “Aye”

Resolution #59 of 2024 Adopted

2. PUDD Application referred to the Planning Board for their thoughts: The Northumberland Town Board referred the Application for a PUDD on Route 4N (SBL: 157.-1-9.23 & 157.-1-9.221) to the Planning Board for their initial thoughts. Susan Martindale, Chairman of the Planning Board, stated that it was the consensus of the Planning Board that they are not opposed to developing the property located on Route 4 but there was a great deal of reluctance from the lack of project details and the number of units proposed for this site. The Town Board Members agreed with the Planning Board's initial thoughts that it is hard to evaluate this concept due to the absence of concrete plans and proposals. It was also the consensus of both the Town Board and Planning Board Members that they would like to see some type of project on this site.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. Stonebridge Farm: Supervisor Willard Peck stated that he will ask Town Attorney David Brennan to reach out again to their Attorney for an update.

**DESIGNATIONS**

1. Approval of Vouchers: Councilman John DeLisle introduced Resolution # 60 of 2024

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

A (General Fund) Vouchers # 297 - # 331 Total: \$ 102,991.59

DA (Highway Fund) Vouchers # 308 - # 330 Total: \$ 141,060.24

SS (Sewer Fund) Vouchers # 12 Total: \$ 28.54

TA (Trust & Agency) Voucher #12 - # 13: \$4,462.88

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Councilman Paul Bolesh seconded the introduction of Resolution # 60 of 2024.

Supervisor Willard Peck – “Aye”

Councilman John DeLisle – “Aye”

Councilman Paul Bolesh – “Aye”

Councilwoman Patricia Bryant – “Aye”      Resolution # 58 of 2024 Adopted

**ADJOURNMENT**

Councilman Paul Bolesh made a motion @ 9:10 AM to adjourn the Regular Monthly Meeting.  
Councilman John DeLisle seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Murphy  
Town Clerk