

**Town of Northumberland
Town Board Meeting
May 11, 2023**

Supervisor Willard Peck called the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Northumberland Town Board to order @ 8:25 AM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Councilman Paul Bolesh made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2023 Public Hearing on proposed Local Law #1 of 2023. Councilwoman Patricia Bryant seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

2. Councilwoman Patricia Bryant made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2023 Regular Monthly Meeting. Councilman Paul Bolesh seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Dog Control Officer: Ed Cross, Dog Control Officer, submitted his April, 2023 Monthly Report. Mr. Cross answered 6 Complaints, issued 3 Warnings, issued 1 Summons, and had 1 Dog Bite.
2. The Town received a Notice of Submission of Segments 4 and 5 EM&CP for the Champlain Hudson Power Project.
3. The Town received a letter from the Public Service Commission regarding “Application of Champlain Hudson Power Express, Inc. for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need Pursuant to Article VII of the PSL for the Construction, Operation and Maintenance of a High Voltage Direct Current Circuit from the Canadian Border to New York City”.
4. The Town received a letter from Jeffrey Williams, Planner with Saratoga County Planning Board regarding SCPB Referral Review #23-49 Zoning Amendment for Town of Northumberland. The Saratoga County Planning Board reviewed the proposed Local Law regarding Solar Energy Facilities. The proposed regulations covered screening, lighting, height, siting requirements and bulk area requirements per zoning designation. It is the decision of Saratoga County Planning Board to “Approve” the proposed Local Law #1 of 2023 – A Local Law Amending Local Law #4 of the year 2006 and Local Law #2 of 2017 for Solar Energy Facilities.
5. The Town received notification that an Article 78 has been filed on behalf of Robert Walsh against the Town of Northumberland Planning Board, Irony Alliance, LLC, and George Story.
6. The Town received a letter from New York State Department of Transportation regarding CHIPS, PAVE NY, Extreme Winter Recovery and Pave our Potholes for 2023-2024. The Town of Northumberland is scheduled to receive a total of \$302,112.09.

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NEW BUSINESS

1. Town Clerk Denise Murphy stated that it was brought to her attention from our financial consultant, Brian McIlroy that our Personal Leave was omitted on our Organizational Minutes. The Town Board would need to adopt a Resolution regarding Personal Leave. Councilman Paul Bolesh introduced Resolution # 38 of 2023:

BE IT RESOLVED, Personal Leave: A full-time non-union employee shall be entitled to four (4) Personal Leave days per calendar year. The employee will be credited with one day of personal leave on the first day of each quarter in advance of earning the personal time on the following dates: January 1st, April 1st, July 1st and October 1st. Personal Leave is based on the average number of hours an employee is normally scheduled to work each week. If an employee fails to use his/her personal days, all unused days shall be added to the employee's accumulated sick leave.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this Resolution takes effect January 1, 2023.

Supervisor Willard Peck – “Aye”

Councilman Paul Bolesh – “Aye”

Councilwoman Patricia Bryant – “Aye” Resolution #38 of 2023 Adopted

2. Town Clerk Denise Murphy asked if the Town Board would consider holding June's Town Board Meeting on June 15th @ 8:00 AM. Clerk Murphy stated she will be out of town from June 1st – June 6th. Supervisor Willard Peck made a motion to hold June's Town Board Meeting on June 15th @ 8:00 AM. Councilman Paul Bolesh seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

3. The Town Board received from Charles Baker, Town Engineer, the bid package for the construction of a Pole Barn at the Highway Department.

Councilman Paul Bolesh introduced Resolution #39 of 2023

BE IT RESOLVED, the Town of Northumberland invites bids for the construction of a design build pole barn. The pole barn is to be located at the Town Highway Garage location of 42 Leonard Street, Gansevoort, NY 12831,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Sealed bids pursuant to the bid specification will be received by the Bid Committee until 2 PM on June 12, 2023, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, to waive informalities and to award the contract as may be in the best interest of the town.

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Councilwoman Patricia Bryant seconded the introduction of Resolution #39 of 2023.

Supervisor Willard Peck – “Aye”

Councilman Paul Bolesh – “Aye”

Councilwoman Patricia Bryant – “Aye”

Resolution #39 of 2023 Adopted

4. The Town Board received a letter from David Coffinger, Highway Supt regarding one of the town’s small dump trucks. The 350 is currently at Greenwich Ford, it is one of the trucks that will be replaced. Greenwich Ford estimates the cost to repair is about \$6,500. Highway Supt Coffinger doesn’t feel at this time we should put that much money into it. Highway Supt Coffinger would like the Town Board to consider purchasing a used one to hold them over until we receive the new trucks. It was the consensus of the Town Board Members to do the necessary repairs. Board Members felt if we could even find a used small dump truck, the cost would be extremely high.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Update on Stonebridge Farm PUD: Town Attorney David Brennan stated that he has nothing new to report. Supervisor Peck asked Town Attorney Brennan to reach out to the Attorney for Mr. Malfi requesting an update on the revised PUD. Supervisor Peck stated that he would like to have an update by July’s Town Board Meeting.

2. Local Law #1 of the year 2023 – A Local Law Amending Local Law #4 of the year 2006 and Local Law #2 of 2017 for Solar Energy Facilities. Supervisor Willard Peck stated that the Town Board held a Public Hearing for proposed Local Law and received positive feedback from Saratoga County Planning.

Councilwoman Patricia Bryant introduced Resolution #40 of 2023:

RESOLUTION ISSUING A NEGATIVE DECLARATION UNDER SEQRA AND THAT LOCAL LAW NO 1 OF 2023 – A LOCAL LAW AMENDING LOCAL LAW #4 OF 2006 AND LOCAL LAW #2 OF 2017 FOR SOLAR ENERGY FACILITIES BE ADOPTED

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk and the Town Attorney are hereby directed to take actions as are necessary to implement this Resolution.

WHEREAS, on April 3, 2023 the Town Board duly noticed and held a Public Hearing on the proposed local law held on April 13, 2023 and held open until May 11, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Proposed Local Law was on file for inspection at the Clerk’s Office and online prior to the hearing and during the public review process; and

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WHEREAS, the Town Board has caused to be prepared a Short Environmental Assessment Form (EAF) pursuant to the mandates of the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”)(ECL Article 8 and 6 NYCRR Part 617); and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has duly considered the contents of the EAF and completed Parts 2 and 3 thereof and determines that the proposed local law will not result in any significant environmental impacts; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board considered the comments received at the public hearing and has considered and identified the relevant areas of environmental inquiry and taken a hard look at them;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the filing of the Negative Declaration according to SEQRA 6NYCRR Part 617.

Councilman Paul Bolesh seconded the introduction of Resolution #40 of 2023.

Supervisor Willard Peck – “Aye”

Councilman Paul Bolesh – “Aye”

Councilwoman Patricia Bryant – “Aye”

Resolution #40 of 2023 Adopted

APPOINTMENTS

1. The Town Board received a Letter of Resignation from John Amidon on the ZBA as an alternate. Councilman Paul Bolesh made a motion to accept Mr. Amidon’s Letter of Resignation. Councilwoman Patricia Bryant seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

2. The Town Board received the following Letters of Interest to serve on the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals:

Michael Haag – Planning Board

Anne Haag – Zoning Board of Appeals

David Williams – Planning Board or Zoning Board of Appeals

Christopher McMahon – Planning Board or Zoning Board of Appeals

Supervisor Willard Peck made a motion to appoint the following:

David Williams – Planning Board/Alternate #1

Michael Haag – Planning Board/Alternate #2

Anne Haag – Zoning Board of Appeals/Alternate #1

Christopher McMahon – Zoning Board of Appeals/Alternate #2

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Councilwoman Patricia Bryant seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

3. The Town Board received a letter from Christina Kilburn informing them that the Planning Board is recommending Susan Martindale as Chairwoman and James Heber as Vice Chairman. Councilwoman Patricia Bryant made a motion to ratify the Planning Board's recommendation for Susan Martindale as Chairwoman and James Heber as Vice Chairman. Councilman Paul Bolesh seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

DESIGNATIONS

1. Approval of Vouchers: Councilman Patricia Bryant introduced Resolution # 41 of 2023

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

A (General Fund) Vouchers # 117 - # 148 Total: \$ 37,486.00
DA (Highway Fund) Vouchers # 113 - # 156 Total: \$ 82,480.23
TA (Trust & Agency) Voucher # 1 - # 2 Total: \$4,016.96

Councilman Paul Bolesh seconded the introduction of Resolution #41 of 2023

Supervisor Willard Peck – "Aye"
Councilman Paul Bolesh – "Aye"
Councilwoman Patricia Bryant – "Aye" Resolution # 41 of 2023 Adopted

Councilman Paul Bolesh made a motion to adjourn the Regular Monthly Meeting @ 9:15 AM.
Councilwoman Patricia Bryant seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Murphy
Town Clerk

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