

**Town of Northumberland
Town Board Meeting
April 11, 2024**

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Northumberland Town Board was called to order @ 8:00 AM by Supervisor Willard Peck. Following the salute to the flag, roll call was taken. Those attending included Supervisor Willard Peck; Councilman Paul Bolesh; Councilman John DeLisle; Councilman George Hodgson and Councilwoman Patricia Bryant. Also attending were Clerk Denise Murphy; Town Attorney David Brennan; Building and Zoning Administrator Michael Terry and Highway Superintendent Dave Coffinger.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no comments from the Public.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Councilman George Hodgson made a motion to approve minutes of the March 14, 2024 Monthly Meeting. Councilman John DeLisle seconded the motion.

Supervisor Peck – “Aye”

Councilman Paul Bolesh – “Abstain”

Councilman John DeLisle – “Aye”

Councilman George Hodgson – “Aye”

Councilwoman Patricia Bryant – “Aye”

Motion adopted.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Dog Control Report for March 2024: Ed Cross, Dog Control Officer, submitted his Dog Report. Mr. Cross answered 3 Complaints; brought two dogs to the Shelter and issued one Warning.

2. Michelle Conover, Town Clerk with the Town of Saratoga, sent a letter making us aware that Kristen Becht has been appointed to the Schuyler Park Committee.

3. Supervisor Peck received a letter from Frank Merrill, Schuyler Hose Company, inviting a representative from the Town of Northumberland to be a guest at their yearly banquet on April 27th.

4. The Town Board received from the New York State Comptroller’s office “The Growing Role of Counties in Emergency Medical Services” outlining their findings.

5. The Town received a copy of a letter from Civil & Environmental Consultants of New York, Inc to Beth Magee, Deputy Regional Permit Administrator regarding Green Ridge RDF – Phase 6 Part 360 Permit Modification Application.

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6. Clerk Denise Murphy stated that she received an email from Cory Heyman, Schuylerville Village Clerk. Ms. Heyman stated that the Village of Schuylerville has been selected as a NYS Empire Trail Town. They have been tasked with completing a self-assessment to determine how they can improve their accessibility and services offered to trail users. At their Committee Meeting, one of the members stated that they found a flyer in Saratoga Springs that they thought might have originated in our municipality that covered the trails and parks in Victory and Schuylerville. Supervisor Peck stated that she may want to reach out to Jason Kemper, Saratoga County Planning Department. In 2006 Supervisor Peck chaired the Committee that put together “Saratoga County Infrastructure Plan”. Supervisor Peck stated his name appeared in the Plan.

7. The Town Clerk received multiple emails from residents on Plantation Road and Plantation Court asking when their road will be paved. The residents stressed that there are numerous potholes on that road. Supervisor Peck stated that he drove down and reviewed the condition of the road. Supervisor Peck stated that the entrance/exit from Plantation Road onto King Road comes to a T. Supervisor Peck stated that he would like to see the entrance/exit be fanned out like it is on Castlewood making it easier and safer to enter/exit Plantation Road and review the cost of added paving. Highway Supt Coffinger stated that he will produce an estimate to do that work.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Request for Zoom for Town Meetings: Town Clerk Denise Murphy stated that she received a request for Zoom for Town Board Meetings. Town Attorney Dave Brennan stated that Town’s are no longer required to have Zoom. It was the consensus of the Town Board that it was not warranted at this time.

2. Supervisor Willard Peck informed the Town Board Members that Assembly Woman Carrie Woerner will be at the Town Hall on Wednesday, April 24, 2024 @ 2:30 PM to meet with any of her constituents that have questions or want to discuss their concerns.

3. Sale of used Highway Equipment: Highway Supt Coffinger informed the Town Board that he would like to sell the 2008 Ford Pick-up on Auction International. Highway Supt Coffinger stated that it was no longer needed. Councilman John DeLisle made a motion authorizing the sale of the 2008 Ford Pickup on Auction International contingent upon the sale price meets or exceeds the scrap metal price. Councilman Paul Bolesh seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

1. 2023 Update Northumberland Comprehensive Plan (Draft): Supervisor Peck stated that on March 28th the Town Board Members met and went through the Draft and made their final

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changes. The Town Clerk scanned it in and sent it to Tracey Clothier, Clothier Planning & Consulting. When she has the final draft, it will be sent out to all the Town Board Members for one last view.

2. Stonebridge Farm PUD Update: Tabled until next Month

3. Town Clean-Up Day: Councilman Paul Bolesh stated that the Newsletters have been mailed out and has received calls from residents selecting town roads to clean up. Town Clean Up is from April 20th – April 27th.

APPOINTMENTS

1. Saratoga County Department of Aging: The Northumberland Senior Citizens are submitting the name of Katherine Yates to represent the Town of Northumberland Seniors on the County Advisory Committee for the Aging. Councilman Paul Bolesh made a motion to approve the Northumberland Senior Citizens recommendation to appoint Katherine Yates to the Saratoga County Department of Aging Advisory Committee. Councilman George Hodgson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

DESIGNATIONS

1. Approval of Vouchers: Councilman John DeLisle introduced Resolution # 44 of 2024

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

A (General Fund) Vouchers # 89 - # 122 Total: \$ 124,391.61
DA (Highway Fund) Vouchers # 95 - # 138 Total: \$ 133,008.46
SS (Sewer Fund) Voucher # 3 Total \$ 46.30

Councilwoman Patricia Bryant seconded the introduction of Resolution # 44 of 2024.

Supervisor Willard Peck – “Aye”
Councilman Paul Bolesh – “Aye”
Councilman John DeLisle – “Aye”
Councilman George Hodgson – “Aye”
Councilwoman Patricia Bryant – “Aye” Resolution # 44 of 2024 Adopted

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PRESENTATION

Mark Woodell, Steven Poggi and Warren Harris, Waste Management/Green Ridge, came to update the Town Board Members regarding their Phase 6 Part 360 Permit Modification Application before New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. Mr. Harris stated that the proposed project consists of development of an additional 71.7 acres of lined MSW landfill disposal area at the Facility. Phase 6 will be an addition to the existing MSW landfill and will include an additional lined overlay of 2.7 acres on the existing residual landfill. Phase 6 will also overlay into portions of the permitted lined MSW footprint of Phases 1, 4, and 5. The proposed 6 Project will be built in seven phases (Phases 6A to 6F) and is expected to extend the useful life of the Facility by approximately 18 years. Mr. Harris stated that the proposed Phase 6 will still be in the footprint of the Town's established Landfill District. Mr. Harris stated that they own the property across from the Landfill District on Kobor Road (the old Baker Farm). They are proposing moving the Northern Harrier to that parcel. Mr. Harris stated that the tonnage will go from 275,000 tons per year to 400,000 tons per year of MSW. Mr. Harris stated that the primary service for Phase 6 will include Saratoga County and the surrounding Counties. Since Finch Paper falls within the primary service area, it is anticipated that the Facility will still serve as the primary disposal site. Mr. Harris stated they are anticipating an additional two trucks per hour. Supervisor Peck asked Mr. Harris to explain what "Beneficial Use Soil" is for the Board Members. Mr. Harris stated "Beneficial Use" means the use or reuse of a contaminated soil or non-soil material, exhibiting contaminant concentration above the most restrictive soil standard or guidance value for fill and/or capping material, as an effective alternative. Supervisor Peck stated that his main concerns are increased height, increased yearly volume, which will increase truck traffic and overall view shed.

Councilman John DeLisle expressed his concerns.

Points of concern

1. View shed Current and future –
 - a. adjoining property owners have tall trees, what if they cut them down?
 - b. View from Kobor Road,
 - c. View from the east across the river
 - d. View from the south – route 32 Peters etc.
 - e. Screening needed from Jewell Road
 - f. Close and grass existing cell before Phase 6.
2. Trash in the surrounding wood lots from birds and vermin carrying into the areas.
3. Route 32 and other roads need to be cleaned up. Need to set a schedule for clean up.
4. Backup alarms on equipment and truck gates slamming – can be heard from more than ¾ mile.
5. Future hub of operations/dispatch

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6. Smell – still noticeable. Methane to electricity possible?
7. Well water contamination – implement a well water protection program.
8. Area monitoring wells proactively installed and monitored –
9. Truck traffic. Pedestrian and bicycle safety. DOT – damage to roads.
10. BUD soil traffic route and scheduling. Weekly limits on BUD trips.
11. Moving of harrier habitat
12. Assessment value
13. Recycling materials that end up in the landfill – Percentage? – Preventable?
14. Black Geotextile – Vast areas visible since the beginning
15. Stormwater runoff – on HEL (Highly Erodible Lands) accelerated erosion
16. Desire to move Town transfer station to this location.
17. Consider incremental expansion and permitting rather than all at once.

Councilman John DeLisle stated that he knows that they cannot answer all his questions today, but these are his concerns.

Mr. Harris and Mr. Poggi stated that they will review the Town Board’s concerns and try to address them.

Councilman Paul Bolesh made a motion to adjourn the Regular Monthly Meeting @ 10:10 AM.
Councilwoman Patricia Bryant seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Murphy
Town Clerk