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Town of Northumberland
Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes - Draft
Date: Monday, July 21, 2025
Place: Town Meeting Room – 10 Station Square
Time: 6:00 P.M.

Board Members present: Jim Weagle, Al Rossetto
Others present: Pete Marshall, Norm Cotter, Jodi Paradis, Harriet Sanborn, George Kenison, Deb Miles, Wayne Montgomery, Debbie Montgomery, Kim Bronson, Jim Tierney, C. R. Wheeler, Pat Rayta, Nancy Merrow, Bill Baxley, William Daisey, Ryan Perkins, Melissa Dano, Doug Dano, Kathy Wiles, Dean Wiles, Kathy Frechette, Sean Durkin, Sheila Smith, Adam Pinette, Jena Pinette, Judy Fox, Andre Brasseur, Ryan Shannon, Anna Belanger, Natalie Marquis, Christopher Roberge, John Roberge, Dwight Berube, Melinda Kennett, Joseph Kennett, Jerry Monahan, Steve McMann, David Auger, Rebecca St. Cyr-Minute Taker

1. **Chairman Opens the Meeting** – J. Weagle opened the meeting at 6:00 pm.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance -** All

3. **Acceptance of Minutes:** July 7, 2025

   Motion to appoint Jim Weagle as Vice Chair by: A. Rossetto
   2nd by: J. Weagle, 1in Favor, 1 Abstained.

   Motion to accept the July 7, 2025 minutes by: A. Rossetto, 2nd by: J. Weagle, All in Favor 2-0

4. **Department Head Business:** AMB/PD/FD

FD – Andre Brasseur, Chief– since the last meeting, we had 6 calls for service. 43 calls – YTD, which is 6 less than last year at this time. Everything is running smoothly, nothing new to report.

Ambulance – Jim Gibson, EMS Chief – EMS Chiefs Report

I apologize for not being able to attend tonight's meeting, I have a zoom meeting with the State Bureau of EMS on upcoming updates to the NH provider protocols that all heads of service are required to attend.

As always, if there are any questions please feel free to contact me and I will gladly answer them for you.

1. 2025 as of this printing, we have had 244 calls for service to date.
2. 2024 on this date, we were at 296 calls for service.
3. Comstar report as of 07/16/2025, New commitments for 2025, $130,067. This does not include payments made directly to the office, 2025 contract fees or payments.
4. Both ambulances are up to date with no issues to report.
5. We are coming upon that time of year for State of New Hampshire vehicle inspections. I anticipate no issues there.
6. We are still struggling to recruit and retain providers; we are not alone as most services in the area are dealing with this problem. Because of this we have had Lancaster in town for second due calls as well as

our service covering second due calls for them.
PD – Lt. Bill Daisey – no stats to report, not responding to calls.
Read letter for crossing guards, a copy is on page 10 of these minutes.

5. Requested Agenda Matters:

a. Hill Project Update – Kevin McKinnon – He met with Betty Gilcris a month ago and the next day, she brought us muffins for the whole crew. Kathy Frechette lost her water when in the shower, and we broke a telephone wire. She has been great and thanked her for her patience.

Cumberland St. the sewer line is all in. We will need to put a pump station on Cumberland St, Kevin explained the reason for this. We started on the water main last week, we are almost down to Maple St. intersection, then we will go up Maple to High St. We will do High St. then do the pressure testing, chlorinate all the lines and test, if the tests are good we will then start hooking the homes to water. Those 3 streets will be done. The streets will be done before winter and a base coat of pavement will be put down for the winter.

J. Monahan asked if they are on schedule. Kevin said they are going along good.

D. Berube asked what the timeline for completion is. Kevin said probably a 2 year project. With the RR not allowing us on their property, we had to blast ledge on Cumberland St. and lay sewer line that we didn't plan on. It will take a chunk out of the project, we don't know how much yet. He will advise when they know.

6. Town Business:

a. State Police Coverage - Lt. Chris Ladd, Troop Commander, Troop F. He wants to speak about expectations from the State Police and coverage in Town. We are feeling a hiring crunch as well, our numbers are down. Troop F covers from the Canadian Border to Ashland on I-93 and across to Lebanon. We cover Coos and Grafton Counties. He currently has 39 troopers in the barracks, including himself, a court prosecutor, 3 sergeants, 3 detectives, a detective sergeant. He has a minimum manning of 4 troopers covering the coverage area. On average there are 6, if there is training or events the State is covering (Nascar), we get pulled to other troop stations to supplement State Police in general.

He has been asked about response time, it could be 5 minutes or 2 hours, which is the reality. We cover 42 towns and unincorporated places. We prioritize victim crimes and then property crimes. It might be a bit for responding to property crimes. Victim crimes are first.

We cover Groveton a lot, it's a busy town. We are taking calls in other towns that don't have fulltime PD coverage. We are bearing the brunt of other towns shortfalls. There will be a lot of things that we don't respond to, we can't cover Town ordinances, unless it's a criminal level situation. Currently he has 17 calls stacked for 4 guys. We are a busy department and will do the best we can. Between Northumberland and No. Stratford we are busy and are typically in the area.

Some myths: the Town doesn't pay us for coverage, we are required to by statute. We are the primary jurisdiction in Stark, Stratford, Northumberland, Columbia, plus other towns, and we have to cover them by statute. We are not getting paid by anybody to cover towns. We do have agreements with some towns for dedicated police coverage: Monroe, Dalton, Shelburne, Stewartstown have signed MOU's with us and we provide detail coverage. We work 16 hours / month, dedicated to the town, the troopers get paid detail pay, its in their off duty time. They are patrolling a town for 4 a hour shifts; we are working for the Town for those hours. In Stewartstown we do 6 patrols for 6 hours each/month. That is something that we can provide if wanted. Otherwise. we will patrol Coos and Grafton County and when a call comes in we will respond.

R. Shannon asked if the Governor has any recruitment plans for this crisis. Lt. Ladd said we are actively recruiting, constantly going through testing phases for employment. We do 3-4 per year based on the Academy schedule. We recently ran a test with 140 people respond; 40 showed up and 8 made it through the background phase. We are not lowering our standards to get #'s. The Governor has been very good with contracts for the State Police, which helps. She is pushing, there is a budget crisis in NH. There are still 50+ vacancies.

N. Merrow said Thank you. A couple of weeks ago there was an incident/MV accident near her home; she called and had troopers here in 29 minutes. Thank you very much!

b. School and Fire Abatements- Running Water Program. This should have been on last year; we still do the RWP on the Fire Station and the school. There will be abatements coming probably next quarter.

c. Selectmen Letters of Interest – 4 letters of interest were received. J. Weagle invited the candidates up; for a question / answer period by the Selectmen only, the Public cannot ask questions.

Wayne Montgomery – He has lived here since 2016; he has some experiences and knowledge that may be helpful dealing with issues we are looking at in Town. He has a degree from UNH in Forestry (1973). He worked for a chemical company, ran his own business, has done a lot with machinery and equipment. He feels he has a good, rounded background to know what's going on with some of the people working for the Town. We need to stabilize what's going on in Town there have been a lot of changes, he would like to try do something to do that.

Chris Roberge – grew up in Groveton, he saw the mill closing, the changes, seeing Groveton in economic stagnation. Looking at the history, there used to be more than one hotel, more than one restaurant. Seeing that, he wants to be a part of bringing new ideas; focusing on community. There are aspects of Groveton that are great, the quiet nature, the close knit community. We need to figure out how to apply principals of a future focused economy to bring the possibility of hope and change. For our students at school, the outcomes and how do we address that.

Al asked Chris to expand on how we can improve the Town, everyone wants us to get through this crisis and move on, more voices and ideas are a good thing.

Chris said the mill days are over, we need to refocus and re-synergize. Having the community come together having more forums where we can discuss the issues and ideas across generations and see if we're together. And then again, focusing on the community for more input, focusing on the principles for the future economy, what tools are there that are there now that weren't there 10-20 years ago that apply to economic development, but also focusing on the schools and how those outcomes play out. So again, this Community input and then applying technical real future focused skills to make those into realities.

Kim Bronson – her husband was Keith Bronson. He was working on a lot of things and she would like to continue with what he was doing. Try to get the Town healed and move it forward.

Ryan Perkins – has run in the past 2 elections, both times coming in second. He is community driven, he volunteers as much as he can. He wants to be a selectman because he has the drive to help individuals help the community. His statements have been the same each time he ran, he wants to help the community, he volunteers a lot and does a lot.

Experience – he hasn't been on the Board but will continue to try. For those that dislike him, a lot of the problem has nothing to do with him. He asked that those differences be put aside to focus on the real picture (him wanting to help the community) and not his wife. If they can focus on the future and him as Ryan Perkins and not anything else, he feels we can all work in the right direction.

He recently placed a new flag on the bridge and it was removed (it didn't fall). There is a camera on the bridge, it hasn't been maintained so there is no live feed. There are plans in motion where people have stepped up to volunteer to help set it up again, get cameras, etc. He spent money out of his pocket and felt highly disrespected, he has military family and felt disrespect towards them and the community. He is community driven, he has no hard feelings towards anybody. He has offered to some of those that dislike him to make amends, he hasn't received any responses. He has attempted to move forward, he is asking the Board to appoint him. In the past in Groveton, on the School Board, whoever was second was appointed to an open position on the board. He has the right to appeal to the Superior Court and have them appoint him for this position. He would like the Board to do make the right decision, based on what's in our hearts and not what's in other peoples issues.

Al Rossetto said he reached out to Ryan and had suggested that he get more involved with the Town; at the time there was an opening on the Planning Board. Ryan didn't because he wasn't chosen for Selectman, he had an opportunity with his employer to triple his salary. Al said it's basically 30 hours per month to fulfill the duties of a selectmen. That's when things are going smoothly, he asked Ryan if he would be able to commit to that. Ryan said yes, he would take a pay cut to help the Town.

Al presented a document to Ryan and asked him to explain. Ryan would not comment on this, it was not him. Al said part of being a selectman is being a leader and does he feel the opinions expressed in the FB post are appropriate. Ryan said no, but it's not him and you can't control others.

K. Wiles – legal inquires did say the law governing the vacancy of a Select Board states: Whenever the selectmen fail to make such appointment, the Superior Court, or any justice thereof on petition of the citizen of the Town and after such notice as the Court deems reasonable may appoint a suitable person to fill the vacancy. That is RSA 669:63. However, it does not say they have to appoint the next in line, it says they have to fail to appoint. R. Perkins noted within a reasonable amount of time, which is today.

M. Kennett commented the law doesn't say that, but past practice on every board in this town and surrounding towns was if the person that finished second was interested that's who was appointed. The most recent one was on the School Board. You have 2 people that were on the ballot that have expressed interest and ran for the position in March.

D. Montgomery - sitting here tonight, she thinks this is an opportunity for the Town to move in a positive direction. She hopes they would consider who might be the most qualified, as well as experience in life. Right now, we need someone that will help us heal and move forward.

Harriet Sanborn feels if Mr. Perkins was the next in line from the election; she doesn't think his age or experience should be taken into consideration. He can't get experience if not given a chance to show they can be an asset to our Town.

Motion to appoint Ryan Perkins by: J. Weagle

Motion to appoint Wayne Montgomery by: A. Rossetto

Motion to appoint Mrs. Keith Bronson by: A. Rossetto

Motion to appoint Chris Roberge by: A. Rossetto

Al said we need to move forward, the Town has been riveted by divisions and controversies. This is an appointment between now and March. In March there will be 2 openings on the Select Board – 1 - one year and 1 – three year. Right now, we need the highest qualified candidate to help up us. We have an agreement with Niki and Romy to train Romy on payroll As of the 28th, we have no one to do the payroll, AP, Welfare, W/S prior to billing. There is a laundry list that are no longer being staffed. K. Wiles and R. McMann will be the only 2 in the office. This will fall on the Board of Selectmen; this is

not a good time to be learning, this is a time to bring in people with life experience to help us get the Town back to providing basic services. Al thinks he and Jim should come to a consensus on Wayne because he has the most live experience. Right now, we need life experience to get through this crisis and then in March the public can decide on who they want sitting up here.

Again - Motion to appoint Wayne Montgomery to the Board of Selectmen by: A. Rossetto

Ryan Perkins said to J. Weagle that he withdraws from consideration. Kim Bronson said she will too.

Motion to appoint Wayne Montgomery by: A. Rossetto

J. Weagle said he wasn't going to be bullied into anything. A heated discussion continued between J. Weagle, A. Rossetto and some members of the public.

J. Weagle brought the meeting back under control.

W. Montgomery - the situation that we find ourselves in which has been created over the past couple of years, is one where there is a fractionalization in this Town. Nobody seems to be able to sit down and work the details out. We need to have someone to come in and say let's put this all behind us. We need to put the foolishness behind us, stop throwing stones at one another and we need to try and make this work. What happens if we miss payroll – some will say, if you can't pay me – I'm gone. There is no PD – how do we find out who broke the windows out, Ryan has no one to go to on the flag. We heard from the State Police that is could be up to 2 hrs. before responding to an incident. We need to have the people in place to run the Town efficiently, we need protection for the people. We need to fill the voids, this business of throwing rocks and accusing everyone of doing wrong has got to stop.

R. Shannon asked if Tammy is still on the payroll? J. Weagle said no, she is on for just financial.

N. Marquis you took letters of interest from each of the people. Is this is the interview? J. Weagle said yes, Marquis said you didn't ask them any questions! She further discussed the Facebook issue, it should have nothing to do with these meetings. She requested, respectfully, that Al Rossetto not bring it to the meetings again. We don't need anyone picking fights and bullying. Discussion continued about Facebook.

Chris Roberge, he heard what was said about life experience. We have to understand there is more, inside compassion and care for the community, the democratic process. There is more besides life experience, Chris further discussed other considerations, what do we have to offer, innovation to ideas, compassion for care. By the book is great, we need to know how things are handled, but having someone that's an asset in a different likeness, has more ideas, communicates, is more diverse. A. Rossetto agreed with him that we need more young people like Ryan and Chris running in March. Moving forward the Town should get more young people into the government. His intention for Wayne is because we need to put the dumpster fire out. Chris or Ryan could be an asset to the Town. J. Weagle said he is the one with the most experience other than Jim Tierney. To say that – it's not working.

Discussion continued, gentleman commented about life experience and having a successful business in Town.

M. Kennett mentioned that you might want to entertain the idea of a 5 member board. The voters spoke and decided on Al Rossetto in March; he asked her to teach Ryan everything she knows. Ryan was voted for in March and was second.

N. Merrow noted that we are missing the lack of common sense. Right now, there are a lot of people that don't use their common sense. It's causing a lot of negativity, It's put some really mean emails out about her. There is a group that's doing this, we are so diverse right now and against each other, this

has never been this Town. Growing up has there ever been such meanness and unkindness and not working together to make this Town work the way it should be.

J. Tierney asked if the Town ever voted in RSA 669:61? The reason for that 1) the Town has to vote in the RSA; 2) it allows (if you can't come to a decision) for an election. J. Weagle said no as far as he knows.

W. Montgomery said to explain to people what your experiences are in 3 short sentences is difficult. He ran a multi-million dollar business with more than 20 people working for him. He had 6 over the road trucks, 15 trailers, 3 turntables loaders and a log yard all working at the same time. He spent 5 years working for Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. and the Management and Marketing training program in Ohio. These are the type of things that would be in a resume. He's not trying to toot his own horn, he has a lot of experience with people, mechanical, equipment operation,. A lot of it's about what you've done and how you've done it – what you do know.

R. Shannon asked if this is to fill Keith Bronsons position? J. Weagle said yes until March.

D. Montgomery commented – if you don't agree tonight, then it goes to the DOJ, how long does it take? K. Wiles said it could take until March. It's not the best practice, someone needs to change their mind and go with what's best for the Town. J. Weagle will not change his mind, he's made up his mind.

R. Shannon asked the Board if we can we move this along. As selectmen you are supposed to do what's best for the Town and not for personal gain reasons.

Chris Roberge thanked Ryan Shannon. He commented that he feels it's important for leadership to be a model for the Town. No one is perfect and we all have flaws. What's important is keeping things impartial, putting personal feelings and reservations aside. When it comes to life experiences there is a lot of work, prostheses, etc. , Groveton is a small community and if it's run as a multi-million dollar business it may not work. Groveton is a multi-million dollar business. If we are looking for growth and change, is doing the same old really the way forward or is considering a different path a possibility.

A. Rossetto feels for the good of the Town, the 5 of us need to come up with a comprise. That would mean that 2 drop out until March. That way we bring on a young person and move off the edges. He feels that Chris would bring in ideas. This is a chance for a compromise that he put out there.

R. Perkins volunteered to help Al with his idea of having a recording option that he asked he and another employee to work together on. Al agreed and we had to postpone that, we've had some great conservations. He thinks at the election, he should come up here and sit. Al is not doing this for fame, wealth and power. He's doing it because he has had some experiences and didn't expect to get into this situation. He's trying to put a compromise out for a candidate that has run. Right now, we have to fix the problem.

K. Wiles made a point of order. Point of order - Ryan Perkins said he withdraws and walked out. Kim Bronson withdrew also. He should not even being considered right now. J. Weagle said it has to be in writing, he can say whatever he wants.

S. Smith thanked the candidates for submitting a letter of interest.

d. Town Vehicle Transfer – for the 2018 cruiser to the FD – The 2015 cruiser will then be sold.
Motion to transfer the 2018 Ford Explorer cruiser to the FD by: A. Rossetto
2nd by: J. Weagle, All in Favor 2-0

J. Kennett asked where the newest cruiser is. J. Weagle said it's been put in storage.

J. Monahan asked what happens if we get a PD going again. J. Weagle explained, the 2018 was going to

be sold anyway. Instead of selling it, we will transfer to the FD and sell the 2015.
Andre – a few months ago the Town allotted money for a new 2nd cruiser. Once the PD gets restaffed, will the money stay there for the future. J. Weagle said it's in a trust fund.

7. Applications/Permits and Warrants:

a. Zoning Permits (3):

1. 256-018 – Lost Nation Nature Reserve, putting up a 30' x 40' green house.
Motion to approve by: A. Rossetto, 2nd by: J. Weagle, All in Favor 2-0

2. Map/Lot 227-005 – Susie Batcheldar, new kitchen cabinets, flooring in the living room and kitchen.
Motion to approve by: A. Rossetto, 2nd by: J. Weagle, All in Favor 2-0

3. Map/Lot 229-024 - Adam / Jenna Pinette, 12 York St., demo of 30' x 30' garage and replace with a 30' x 40' garage.
Motion to approve by: A. Rossetto, 2nd by: J. Weagle, All in Favor 2-0

b. Transfer Station Permits (5):

Map/Lot 230-002 – New, non-resident – Peter / Tammy Rivet, 429 Lancaster Rd.
Motion to approve by: A. Rossetto, 2nd by: J. Weagle, All in Favor 3-0

Map/Lot – Paul Mahoney, 138 Old Village Rd.
Map/Lot 225-005 - Cynthia Brya, 1292 Lost Nation Rd.
Map/Lot 237-025 – Mark Yelle, 960 Lancaster Rd.
Map/Lot 104-006 - M & Patrick Carr, 6 Central Ave.
Motion to approve 4 – Renewal - non-resident permits by: A. Rossetto
2nd by: J. Weagle, All in Favor 2-0

c. Baiting Permit (1):

This was tabled at the last meeting for more information from the applicant. Patrick Rayta has been a guide for since 2010. He lives in VT but has bought land on Lost Nation. He currently operates out of Bethlehem and baits in Whitefield. His intend has been to come up this way. He takes 6-8 people from around the country bear hunting.; he has never taken 6 bears. He doesn't allow them to take sows and cubs.

He heard about the issue with the flag and offered to donate $100.00 towards replace
What is the Town going to get out of this? How much tipping comes from making wreaths, fishing, snowmobile, and ATV clubs – is the Town benefiting for them at all. When he gets camp established, some that he brings in will use the stores, etc. They might even decide to buy land. Since moose season has started, someone may have been guided onto Town land. There a lot more people that are making money more than he is.

G. Kenison commented that basically you are shooting them off a gut pile? Rayta said he's shooting them of a baited site as allowed by the State.

J. Monahan asked if he's looking to bait on his property in Lost Nation. He can if he wants to but only has 1.75 acres and further discussed. He wants to bait on Town property, but needs approval by the Selectboard, the baiting permit says the landowner has to approve. He asked if it makes a difference if it's commercial or personal. The bear population locally is growing, and it's a better way to harvest.

S. Smith asked if he is part of the NH bear management program, Rayta said he is only registered with the State.

H. Sanborn asked if he is only baiting on Town property – yes and he further explained.

He's from Barre, VT but comes here to the racetrack with family, they like it here. As a guide, he's allowed to take up to 6 bears; and reviewed other areas that he is setup to bait on.

Motion to approve the bait permit for Pat Rayta by: J. Weagle
2nd by: A. Rossetto, All in Favor 2-0

d. Solar Exemption (1):

Map/Lot 234-004

Motion to approve the Solar exemption by: A. Rossetto

2nd by: J. Weagle, All in Favor 2-0

e. Driveway Permit (1):
Map/Lot 232-009 – Normally we just sign them, but this one has to be voted on because the State doesn't think we are authorized without approving at a meeting
Motion to approve the Driveway Permit at the Town Forest
on Lost Nation Rd by: A. Rossetto
2nd by: J. Weagle, All in Favor 2-0

f. Intent to Cut(1):
Map/Lot 232-009 -J. Weagle reviewed the cut; Craig Ainsworth is the cutter.
Motion to approve by: A. Rossetto, 2nd by: J. Weagle, All in Favor 2-0

8. ****Public Comment:**

- A. Rossetto made a Motion to move forward this week with the hiring of a Town Administrator. J. Weagle commented that we don't need a motion for that. We haven't picked one yet. K. Wiles advised there has been another application received and an interview needs to be scheduled asap.

- J. Monahan – Vice Chair is J. Weagle, why don't we have a chairman? We don't have a chair, J. Weagle further discussed

- J. Monahan also spoke to Rossetto about him pointing him out regarding his Facebook page, a heated discussion ensued.

- J. Tierney – on the previous motion for Vice Chair – J. Weagle abstained and A. Rossetto was in favor. It can't be done like that and explained the reason. You need to vote again.
Motion to appoint Jim Weagle as Vice Chair by: A. Rossetto
2nd by: J. Weagle, All in Favor 2-0

- Chris Roberge, before that all ended, he was offered up as a comprise candidate. He's not flattered by being a comprise candidate. He wants a respectful and dignified process. If there are people that are 's passionate about changing Groveton, being a part of all ages, why push them away. He's not someone who is willing to compromise his values or principles. He is always willing to collaborate with others across differences, work together for change in Groveton, young or old. The word compromise is not a flattering term, collaboration is much more flattering. Chris further discussed, we should be embracing a solution for Groveton. Groveton needs direction and leadership and not compromise.

Al said he wasn't trying to be disrespectful. Chris would rather be chosen for grace and goodness and not for compromise.
K. Wiles noted that a 5 member board has to go to Town meeting.

- C. Wheeler – Chief Police – W. Daisey commented that we have an applicant, the Chief has reached out to him w/o making contact. So, we might have one but he's not sure.

- C. Wheeler asked about the Town Administrator search. J. Weagle addressed, we have 4 applicants; we've interviewed 3, the other applicant came in today. Either they don't have the qualifications or they want too much money. Wheeler asked about the qualifications, are you looking for someone that has all the requirements? J. Weagle we are trying and discussed the financial piece, we can't get an outside firm to take us. We have contacted 3 firms that will not take us on as a Town. The new applicant looks promising. Wheeler asked if you have someone to do payroll? Weagle said we have it temporarily worked out.

- J. Kennett asked if we have had an audit. J. Weagle said yes the same firm that has been doing it. Plodzic and Sanderson.

- S. Smith asked if you can't find anyone for Town Administrator, should you look at hiring 2 people? J. Weagle further explained. M. Kennett mentioned Cohos, Jim said they turned us down.

- J. Monahan – discussed Ryan Perkins, he's run twice and was runner up. You refuse to give him a chance because of his lack of life experience. Clearly it's a personal vendetta because of his wife. Why won't you give him a chance.

- R. Shannon asked if Niki is leaving. J. Weagle said yes, she was going to stay and then changed her mind and has taken another position.

- M. Kennett – July 10th is the deadline for a warrant to be issued for civil forfeitures for Dog licenses. K. Wiles commented that we don't have anyone to distribute them. Min explained what she has done in the past when we didn't have the PD.

- N. Marquis asked where did we end up with the Selectmen – it will go to court.

- J. Monahan commented that we don't have a PD, but Bill Daisey is still here and not patrolling, etc. J. Weagle said he's finishing up what he needs to in regards to his job.

- J. Kennett asked why don't you have a vote in the town for the selectman.? J. Weagle said we have to petition the court for a special election and we are not budgeted for it. J. Kennett commented that we aren't spending money on a Town Administrator or PD. N. Merrow said you voted for a part-time PD and the Town has killed it. You voted for a part-time Police Department and this is what the town has done to it. So, you're going to have to make up your mind what you're going to pay for. Do you want a Police Department? What don't you want? What can you cut? And there isn't a lot to cut in the budget.

  J. Tierney – there is money to cut because Tammy hasn't been getting her salary for weeks. The election would cost approx. $500.00 or less. The money is in the budget because we haven't been paying out some things. Hopefully, the excess will still be in the budget at the end of the year.

  S. Smith discussed having a special election; wouldn't it be cheaper than going to court. Min said the law states that you have 45 days to fill Keith's position if you don't, then a petition goes to court. K. Wiles said it goes to the courts and it's not a guarantee that they will approve it. Min said a resident can petition to Superior Court. J. Tierney said by going to the courthouse and filing the paperwork.

9. **Announcements:** None

10. **Next Board Meeting Date**: Monday, August 4, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

11. Non-Public Session: (Pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (a)(b)(c):

Motion to go into Non-Public Session by: A. Rossetto
2nd by: J. Weagle, All in Favor 2-0
Roll Call – A. Rossetto – Yes, J. Weagle – Yes

Into Non-Public Session at 7:56 pm

a. Employee Matter

b. Employee Matter

c. Resident Matter

Motion to come out of Non-Public Session by: A. Rossetto
2nd by: J. Weagle, All in Favor 2-0

Out of Non Public Session at 8:16 pm

Into Regular Session at 8:16 pm

No further business was discussed.

12. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn by: A. Rossetto
2nd by: J. Weagle, All in Favor 2-0

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 pm.

*Agenda is subject to change

**Deadline for Agenda items is 12:00 noon on the Friday before scheduled business meeting (by vote of Board of Selectmen at 7/11/2005 meeting). This deadline may be amended by the Board of Selectmen at will (by vote of Board of Selectmen at 06/17/2024 meeting).

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Board of Selectmen,

July 21, 2025

The Town of Northumberland employs four crossing guards. Three of those crossing guards stage at regular positions, one being at the intersection of Main Street and State Street, a second on Church Street for the elementary school crossing and the final person staging on State Street by the high school for that crossing. The fourth crossing guard is an alternate in the event that one of the others mentioned is not available.

These four crossing guards, who are Judy Fox, Alex Johnston, Michael Fox, and Megan Adjutant as part of their duties are required to attend school crossing twice a day for everyday that school is in session. They attend these school crossings in the extreme cold and snow of winter, to the winds of autumn and the heavy rains of spring.

In the event that no one is available to attend a particular position, the police department is usually required to do so. Over the last few years, the police department has rarely been required to attend any school crossing as the four individuals named above had covered those duties amongst themselves.

First and foremost, I would like to call out those four individuals for the hard word work, effort and dedication that have helped keep the children safe while going to and from school. Their efforts should be recognized.

Respectfully submitted,

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