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Town of Northumberland Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
Date: Monday, June 16, 2025
Place: Town Meeting Room – 10 Station Square
Time: 6:00 P.M.

Board Members present: Keith Bronson, Al Rossetto, Jim Weagle
Others present: William Daisey, Melissa Dano, Doug Dano, Adriana Dano, Braedon Lareene, Bill Baxley, Nancy Merrow, James Gibson, Pete Marshall, Norm Cotter, Bob Roby, Judy Fox, Kathy Frechette, Sheila Smith, Natalie Marquis, Jodi Paradis, Kim Bronson, Ryan Shannon, George Kenison, C. R. Wheeler, Jeff Webster, #21 – Unknown, Betty Gilcris, Kevin McKinnon, Clint Bramlett, Andre Brasseur, Kathy Wiles, Reggie & Terri Charron, 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:** 06/02/2025

Motion to accept the 06/02/25 minutes by: K. Bronson
2nd by: A. Rossetto, All in Favor 3-0 - Passed

A. Rossetto asked J. Weagle if he could make a motion, J. Weagle said yes. Al said the current Board of Selectmen Chairman has been unable to maintain order in the meeting, Al made the following motion.

Motion to remove Jim Weagle as the Chairman of Board and
appoint Keith Bronson as Chairman by: A. Rossetto
2nd by: Keith Bronson, 2 in Favor, 1 Opposed

K. Bronson said we just removed Jim Weagle as Chairman of the Board, he has been ineffective at meetings and hasn't been able to control the crowd. It's been going on for a long time and we are done with it. An attendee asked if it's his responsibility to control of the meetings. K. Bronson said when the Board members are getting yelled at and sworn at by people at the meeting, that's not controlling it. There were several comments from those in attendance.

4. Department Head Business: PD/AMB/FD

Fire Department – Andre Brasseur, Chief

A. Since last meeting we had 3 calls – 2 - Fire alarm activations and 1 call for service
B. Since June 1, there haven't been any calls.
C. 37 calls Y-T-D, which is less than average.
D. Friday, June 20th - is the Trans NH Bike Ride which we will be helping with.
E. We attended the Emergency Showcase at the Lancaster Fairgrounds on June 14th and showed off our equipment.
F. Saturday night we helped escort the Pittsburg/Canaan girls softball team north. They got second in the D – IV NH State Championship game.
G. Reached out to Kevin McKinnon re: supplies for the hill project, hopefully we will have everything in line when the temporary lines go into service. This is to make sure we are good to go with the temporary hydrants. We have one adapter and have ordered 3 more. Andre asked McKinnon about some handles and painting the hydrants so they stand out.

Last fall, C. Wheeler asked about the cost for pressure testing the fire hoses; Andre said he did get a cost and gave it to the Town Office. It's recommended yearly but he was thinking every other year. Wheeler asked him about working with other local towns to divide up the cost. Andre asked Stratford, Stark and Lancaster, they don't inspect theirs.

Andre said the cost was approx. $4,000 to have them inspected (we have almost a mile of hose). NFPA requires or suggests it yearly. He will get more info and report back. Discussion continued re: testing the hoses, air packs, pumps on the engines, etc. Andre looked it up – NFPA 1962 mandates annual service testing of fire hose; along with a few thousand $ to test air packs and maybe another $1,000 to check the pumps on the engines. Wheeler asked how much does it cost to get the equipment to do this. Andre wasn't sure, but it takes a crew of 10 to do the testing. Wheeler reviewed the costs. We are a volunteer department, he talked to the crew and none are interested in doing hose testing.

Ambulance – Jim Gibson, EMS Director

1. 2025 as of this printing, we have had 198 calls to date.
2. 2024 on this date, we were at 237 calls.
3. Comstar report as of 06/13/2025, Net commitments for 2025, $113,833.88.
   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 performed our yearly inspections and updates on the AED's we have around the area and updated the Town Office and meeting room units in Groveton, as well as doing a CPR class for Stratford town employees.
6. This is the time of year where I get hit by everyone taking time off and vacations so staffing will be an issue. I have a couple of local recruits taking a class in August and all other interested parties from out of the area shy away when they find out we have no place for them to stay while they are on call.
7. We attended the Northern NH Emergency Response Showcase at the Lancaster Fair grounds this past weekend. We helped the Lancaster Fire Department with their extrication demonstration and got to showcase our equipment.

Al Rossetto asked Jim how long he has been covering 24-7; Jim said this is his second week on being on 24-7. Al thanked Jim for his service.

Police Department – William Daisey

35 calls for service, an additional 47 were taken by State Police.
23 MV stops with 4 traffic tickets issued.
3 arrests with 6 criminal charges - 1 drugs
2 crashes
20 new investigations

J. Monahan asked why only 4 tickets were issued. B. Daisey explained that we are not heavy handed, we don't issue a ticket to every stop. The other stops were warnings.

G. Kenison asked how many officers do we have. As of a week ago we have just one; this report covers from the last meeting on May 19 when the others were still working.

At the last meeting it was decided that another cruiser would not be purchased at this time.

C. Wheeler asked if we are looking for a new Chief? K. Bronson said yes we are, there are no candidates yet. G. Kenison asked where are we soliciting for a police officer? W. Daisey said once the job description is approved by the Board, there is a NH Chief's of Police website, Int'l Assoc of Police Chiefs website and Police App. If allowed that's where he intends to advertise as well are other designated places the Board wants.

5. Requested Agenda Matters:

a. Renovations To Covered Bridge and Train – J. Paradis said this has been going on for a number of years. What is the update and what is going on with it? K. Bronson said the Beautification Committee was doing this. J. Weagle said there is $2,300 for the train that was raised, and probably by the end of the summer ads will be going out for work on it. We applied for a grant on the bridge, which wasn't approved. Hopefully when a new Town Administrator comes in it will be worked on again. Jodi said Robin Irving was working on this when she was here, why has it been tabled for so long? Weagle said it hasn't been tabled, we've applied for grants and don't get them. There is $2,300 that was raised and $15,000 from the Conservation Fund. Jodi commented that this is slack, it looks like hell coming into town; we've always been proud of the way our Town looked; everything seems to stop over there. She feels the Board needs to push to get something done. She's sure there are people what would help.

   Weagle said we can't just paint it, we have to completely tarp it (to their specs.) or take it off the foundation and do it on land. If one flake goes into the river we could face millions in fines. D. Ayers spoke, he is a contractor, if you look there is plywood on the roof, prior to 1978 is when they had lead paint. He doesn't think it's loaded with lead paint. He feels it can be tarped (with the proper conditions) and it wouldn't be millions. K. Bronson said it's still lead paint, if you abate it, you have to abate the whole bridge. A. Rossetto said multiple samples

were taken off the bridge, the boards on the side's and the arches have been sprayed over but under the topcoat is lead. Al asked Ayers if he could take samples and test it to give us a definitive answer? D. Ayers said he doesn't have time but Lowes has kits for testing. Al thought it would be foolish for us to do a DIY project on something so critical. K. Bronson said the last samples were sent to Concord, that's who will control it.

K. Wiles reviewed the funds available; so let's at least get the train painted. J. Weagle noted the train needs more than just paint. Kathy suggested getting something done so we have noticeability and pride coming into Town. She feels that someone needs to get onto at least a paint job. The last time the bridge was painted, Dean Wiles donated paint and time, Al's Plumbing donated paint, plus Jodi, Ryan and Kevin helped Dean paint it. Discussed it still leaching into the river, J. Weagle said if it's natural it's ok.

Al suggested a motion to put out request for bids; J. Weagle said the Beautification Committee has the control and will be putting it out to bid. We are working on it.

J. Paradis asked when did the train and bridge become a Beautification item? Jim said we just took it over, no one else was doing anything with it. Jodi is concerned a child is going to climb on the train and get hurt because it's falling apart. J. Weagle commented that we will try to get it done this year.

6. Town Business:

a. LCRR Grant – R. Charron suggested tabling until July 7th. He is still dealing with getting a grant and further discussed. At the July 7th meeting he will be asking for the Board to sign as a certificate of vote and when he gets it to DES he wants to have the grant in hand.
Motion to table the LCRR Grant until the July 7th meeting by: A. Rossetto
2nd by: J. Weagle, All in Favor 3-0

b. Interim Financing – Hill Project – K. Bronson reviewed/read the documents to be signed by the Board. This is for paperwork to be signed so the contractors can get paid. We are borrowing the money and will get the money back when the project is completed.
Motion to approve and sign the Interim Financing documents for the Hill Project by: A. Rossetto
2nd by: J. Weagle, All in Favor 3-0

Motion that the Board sign the Tax Certificate for the $5,119,000 General
Obligation Bond by: A. Rossetto, 2nd by: J. Weagle, All in Favor 3-0

Motion to approve/sign the $5,119,000 General Obligation Bond Anticipatory note dated
June 20, 2025 by: A. Rossetto, 2nd by: J. Weagle, All in Favor 3-0

Motion to approve the General Obligation Bond Anticipatory note at an interest rate of – 5.7%; maturity date – June 20, 2027; original issue date June 20, 2025 by: A. Rossetto
2nd by: J. Weagle, All in Favor 3-0

Motion to sign the General Obligation Bond Anticipatory note Line of Credit Rider dated June 20, 2025 by: A. Rossetto, 2nd by: J. Weagle, All in Favor 3-0

Motion for the Chairman to sign form 8038-G Information Return for tax exempt
Government Bonds by: A. Rossetto, 2nd by: J. Weagle, All in Favor 3-0

c. Contract For Assessing Services – K. Bronson read an email from Niki - It covers everything as a per our discussion, please find the attached contract for general assessing services and cycle inspections. The contract is for one year and it covers everything that was not done in 2024 and 2025 and what we need to propose to do for 2026, Keith read the list of what still needs to be done and next steps.

N. Merrow asked if this company – Hurley, is this a contract to review for signing? Is this the only company that came through with a contract?

K. Wiles – Yes, Tammy tried to get some towns together to share the cost, which fell through. We were lucky to get this name and Niki reached out to them. They are the only one in the north country willing to take us on.

D. Ayers asked what the contract price is. K. Bronson reviewed the contract - $48,000. If any taxpayer doesn't agree with their assessed value and takes it to court (BTLA) there is additional charges.

G. Kenison asked if this is for one year and does it take care of our obligations with Perkins? Are they coming back to do the pickups and do they have an obligation to finish that. K. Wiles said you would have to reach out the DRA – it's questionable. Their contract expired last year, and now we are hiring someone else. J. Weagle said they were just doing pickups to help us out.

> Motion to sign the Northumberland General Assessing Services, cycle inspections contract dated: July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026 – contingent on approval by DRA by: A. Rossetto 2nd by: J. Weagle, All in Favor 3-0

G. Kenison asked if this new company will fulfill our obligations that we've made to our constituents to get the appraisals all done. K. Bronson said yes they will once they are approved by DRA.

d. Glow Party – Tabled at the last meeting, a request to have the event Town sponsored and covered by the Town's insurance.. A. Rossetto didn't think it was a good idea to set a precedent for the Town to take insurance responsibility for a business venture on Town property. If it were non-profit we would cover it.

S. Smith asked if the Board could cite something that could happen at the Glow Party that the Board feels uncomfortable covering with the Town insurance? A. Rossetto addressed.

J. Monahan asked if it could be approved and add a clause stating the Town is not liable for anything? J. Weagle said they still need insurance. It's a municipality, if someone gets hurt we have to have insurance to cover it. Since it's a business, we would be opening ourselves up for a lot.

N. Marquis – if this is a business can't they get an event insurance? Yes, they would need to provide a certificate of insurance before approved.

R. Shannon asked if that opens us up for discrimination. No, because we have always done it for non-profits but not for-profit businesses. Al commented they could go to other non-profits in the area to work with them, then we would have no problem sponsoring it. Covering a for profit business would set a bad precedent.

K. Bronson – we could approve contingent on them providing a certificate of insurance.

> Motion to approve contingent on the Town receiving a certificate of insurance with the Town listed as co-insured by: A. Rossetto, 2nd by: J. Weagle, All in Favor 3-0

e. Approving Application For Zoning Permit – A. Rossetto is currently the Building Inspector. Recently we met with Kenneth Walsh from the State Building/Fire Inspection Dept. Ken advised that because we have a Building Permit but don't do any inspections we need to change the Building Permit to a Zoning Permit. We require a building permit to assure new construction and modification to property are picked up by the assessors. It's basically the same form, however Concord is now requiring an EC1 Form (energy requirements in NH), Al reviewed the State requirements, this includes a blower test. which in the State of NH requires. Al explained what a blower test is. By changing the wording, it still allows us to do the pick-ups. We require the permit when there is a change in footprint and/or improvements are $5,000 or more. By doing this we shift the responsibility of the inspections to the property owners.

G. Kenison discussed the importance of inspections and getting an occupancy permit without an inspection. Al said we can only do it with a licensed building inspector, the ownness is on the builder. Kenison said you need to have it in writing.

Sheila asked if you can add wording: may require an inspector of Town approval. Al read the property owners responsibilities (it will be posted on the Town website). Al said he reviews all the permits that come up, the Board can eliminate him if they choose. Discussion continued re: NH building codes, building permits, contractors, occupancy permits, building inspectors, State requirements for building inspectors.

R. Shannon suggested doing more research on the laws and talk to legal about it as well. Al said Ken Walsh reviewed our form and thought it was ok. The Town cannot give out a certificate of Occupancy if we are not doing inspections.

Betty Gilcris – the building permit that we currently use is the same thing we use if you are taking down a building, will that change? Al said no and further explained.

J. Monahan asked if we will still have a Building Inspector position? Al said it depends on the Board, he thinks it would be called a Zoning Inspector then. Towns in southern NH are having significant lawsuits against them for having a Building Permit and no Building Inspector.

> Motion to make the changes to the Northumberland Building Permit to make it a Zoning Permit as per the previous discussion by: A. Rossetto, 2nd by: J. Weagle, All in Favor 3-0

f. Review Compactor Quotes –Transfer Station, Paul Perras. We are looking at a new compactor, ours has been in service for 32 years and it's falling apart. We received 2 quotes:

- Atlantic Recycling & Equipment, LLC – for a new compactor is $29,035, that's with the installation – it only has a 6' electrical whip – you need to stand 6' away from the machine to run. We recently bought a container from them that was not what we've had in the past. K. Bronson said P. Perras has dealt with them in the past, the service is sub-par; they don't service the equipment as it should be and when they do, they can't find parts.

- Recycling Mechanical of New England, LLC, Allenstown, NH – their quote is for a new one - $33,124, includes – low oil sensor, oil heater, 80% full life; a dead man switch in the control office, safety gates; installation is $4,500 including electrical. The original cost for the machine is $29,000. With the factory warranty, installation and removal of the old unit, a trade-in for the existing unit of $3,000; freight from PA – $1,200.

They also have rebuilt hybrid units for $23,404, our last one lasted 32 years – they don't guarantee the rebuilt units to last that long. Keith further discussed their quote. If we decide to go with the hybrid there should be enough money to cover all of it in the Transfer Station CRF.

K. Bronson reviewed what we will need in the future for containers: 45 yard container estimated at $14,000 in 2026 - 2027; in 2027 -2028 another 50 yard open top container at $12,000. Revenue – received $2,500 grant from NHTB to put towards the 50 yard container recently purchased. We will be receiving another grant from NHRRA now NHR for $3,500. We can put that in the trust fund to build the fund back up.

C. Wheeler didn't recommend going with a used one; and how old is it? He suggested having someone that's done this for years review.

K. Wiles asked what is the warranty. K. Bronson said the new ones should last 30 years; J. Weagle said they didn't give that on the quote. J. Weagle said Atlantic's is 3 years structural and 1 year parts/labor. Keith thinks Recycling Mechanical of New England's is 5 years, but will double check. K. Wiles recommended finding out what the warranty is and how much is in the budget. Keith said we recently bought a container from Atlantic, usually they are robust and have at least 6" ribs, the new one came in with 2" x 3" ribs 18" apart.

S. Smith asked if you know what has been spent on the current compactor? Keith discussed the condition of it. Smith asked how soon would we get the new one? Keith said if they get the order by the end of this month, it would be delivered in the fall. We paid $30,000 for the last one. so it cost the taxpayers less than $1,000 per year.

N. Merrow commented that P. Perras has been reasonable with saying that Atlantic is not the place to go. Perras knows what he should have and it doesn't sound like a rebuilt is the way to go. K. Bronson recommended the new one from Recycling Mechanical. Al agreed if the funds are available. It's a critical function in the Town, unless it's compacted we don't have a way to get it to Mt. Carberry.

> Motion that we go with Recycling Mechanical of New England, LLC for a new PTRTP-4000 HD 4 yard stationery compactor with all the options for $33,124, as long as there is enough money in the CRF by: A. Rossett, 2nd by: J. Weagle, All in Favor 3-0

g. Review Transfer Station Commercial Storage Clean Outs – They have been having problems with clean outs in storage containers. They are bringing in lithium ion batteries, etc. that might start fires in the landfill. J. Webster commented – that has nothing to do with it. He's trying to run a business and he needs a fee schedule.

Paul Perras isn't going to decide what he pays every time he goes in; he needs something to go by. Every time he goes it's different. The last bill was over twice as before with no explanation. He further discussed the cost's and charging but not knowing what we are charging for. It has nothing to do with the batteries, we separate them. He needs a cost then he can make a decision re: a container or hiring someone to clean it out. He understands there is a cost involved in it, but if it's X he needs to know what that is.

Discussion ensued regarding charging by the yard. He doesn't mind paying by the yard, but we were charging $30.00/yard and then it was $100.00/load. He doesn't mind paying but needs to know what it is. Al talked about AVRRD; he has cleaned out a few storage units, he asked if he's sending in demo type trash or cardboard and other various trash. J. Webster said they separate out the TV's, mattresses, etc. and pay for what's left. When he hires Beattie, there is a list of what can't go into the container and they separate that all out. The other stuff he pays $30.00/yard or $100.00/load. He asked what he gets for the $100.00 permit? He's not trying to get out of paying, but just needs to know what the amount is. The fee schedule should be there for all commercial, there should be a set fee. Discussion continued on this topic.

D. Dano believes it's right on the wall at the transfer station, it does say commercial permit holders, it's $30.00/yard on for both. He feels that's what we should be held to.

Motion to table and do further research to answer the questions by: A. Rossetto
2nd by: J. Weagle, All in Favor 3-0

Al will look into this and get back to him.

h. Update on Hill Project – Kevin McKinnon, tomorrow we will start drilling and blasting on Cumberland St. It will be a low level blast. The existing sewer line runs through RR property; to date we haven't got a permit to work in their property. We are redesigning to run the sewer line up Cumberland as far as Maple. Temporary water has been installed Cumberland, Maple, High St. that whole section is one unit. We hope to accomplish this summer. The temporary lines will be disconnected this fall. Next summer we will continue.

B. Gilcris asked about the lines that have been run, there is no hose hooked to her house. R. Charron said they dug and connected her at the curb stop. Today they were down the street from her house, she was able to get home – what will tomorrow look like? K. McKinnon explained, it will be inconvenient at times. He thanked her for her patience.

K. Frechette said they broke her spigot, which they are aware of. She asked if they will fix it later on. Kevin said they will repair it, you might want to remind them.

Andre asked if he heard Reggie say there are sections of the old water line that are turned off? Kevin said on Cumberland, Maple and High the old is off and the temporary is on. Discussed emergencies and getting through with emergency vehicles (if necessary).

At 100' per day it will take us 30 working days to run the sewer line on Cumberland, Maple and High. The water main will take about the same amount of time but there is more of it.

7. Applications/Permits and Warrants:

a. Retail Dealer License Application (1)
Map/Lot 223-018 (Caron) – Chris Caron, 115 Lancaster Rd., it has expired, he is renewing.
Motion to approve by: A. Rossetto, 2nd by: J. Weagle, All in Favor 3-0

b. Sign Permits (3):
Map/Lot 107-038 – Station Glow of New England, Owner - Coos Junction, LLC, 25 Lancaster Rd., 3' x 2' x 4' W, 17.2" high, distance from center of road 75'. Refacing existing to include Valero logo. All three sign permits are for the same location on Lancaster Rd.
Moton to approve all 3 sign permits for the Valero location on Lancaster Rd by: A. Rossetto
2nd by: J. Weagle, All in Favor 3-0

c. Non-Resident Transfer Station Permits (5)
The 5 permits are all renewals
Map/Lot 240-043 -

Map/Lot 234-012 -
Map/Lot 246-011 -
Map/Lot 213-006 -
Map/Lot – Multiple lots -
Motion to approve all 5 Transfer Station solid waste disposalpermit stickers listed above by: A. Rossetto
2nd by: J. Weagle, All in Favor 3-0

d. Mutual Aid Agreement - Non-mutual aid contract for 2025 - 2026 for emergency service town of Maidstone, Route 102, Maidstone, Vermont. K. Bronson read the agreement for fire service.
Motion to approve the Mutual Aid contract for 2025 – 2026 for Maidstone, VT by: A. Rossetto,
2nd by: J. Weagle, All in Favor 3-0

K. Bronson read the Ambulance service agreement with Maidstone, VT.
Motion to approve the Ambulance service agreement with Maidstone, VT by: A. Rossetto
2nd by: J. Weagle, All in Favor 3-0

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8. **Public Comment:

R. Shannon – At the last meeting about running the meeting correctly. He asked what are the procedures of the meetings. K. Bronson said we don't want to have rude behavior. Ryan asked where the minutes are being posted? Keith and Al said they are on the website and sent out on the email tree. Ryan checked the website and you have not been posting minutes. According to RSA 91a, you have violated that, so he wants to put in a formal complaint. He's all for sticking to the RSA's and is glad you are enforcing this. He said there are 2 counts and possibly 3 counts of the minutes not being upheld. He wants to put in a formal complaint in against the Town on that. K. Bronson said you need to put it in writing. Ryan believes it can be verbal as well.

Ryan said there was one time when he had the floor and was rudely interrupted by K. Bronson. When I have the floor no one can talk over another. Then it talks about bring in the PD to weaponize against people for disorderly conduct. Ryan explained there are progressive steps to do that. You guys took over the chair and he feels that it's illegal. According to the Roberts rules he has to state the rules at the beginning. They don't know the procedures and they are throwing rules around.

K. Bronson said the rules were adopted several years ago. If you are going to get disorderly we will ask you to leave. Keith and Al said there is no conflict of interest with taking over the chair.

D. Ayers commented, it's hard but people cannot try to put in their 2 cents, bite your tongue, raise your hand give people 3 minutes. If it turns into a debate you don't get anywhere. The chair needs control the best he can.

J. Monahan asked what do you consider disorderly?" K.. Bronson said the swearing and yelling at the Board, getting unruly.

A. Rossetto – speaking to the citizens, we are in serious straights. The PD through a series of events is down to 1 individual; the Town Office due to a small group of people sending vial emails and continuous RSA 91a requests. And not small requests but for all the Non Public minutes for 10 years. The Town has no choice but to fulfill that request.
Al read a Face Book post:

The select board in this town has voted in unanimously to buy another $80,000 cruiser, regardless of how the taxpayers feel about it. I'm curious to what they will do with two $80,000 Tahoe's now that every officer in town has given their notice, except the one who should have been fired long ago for violating the laws we pay him to enforce. Our town is a definite joke.

So, it seems our select board is going to weaponize our Police Department against the taxpayers so that anyone speaks their opinion that a select board meeting will be charged with disorderly conduct. Challenge accepted. Quote - Fxxxxxx Nazis.

Al explained what the Nazi's would do, he asked if Keith and him being compared to Nazi's? If we don't come together and start acting like neighbors, friends – we may disagree but at least we should be polite. J. Weagle commented like you were with removing me? Al decided that he didn't want to sit while someone stood over Becky hollering, he asked Jim to control the meeting and he didn't. Al is here to do his best and he's trying to. He discussed

the situation with people leaving, only one person working in the Town Office and their safety. There is a rule - It's easier to destroy than build. The majority in Town want to see it move forward and a group are intent on destroying the Town.

Female (didn't say name) spoke about being at a meeting when a couple of gentlemen got loud. She went to the Town Office to see if there are rules. We are here observing the meeting and allowed to make comments, she thinks it needs to be said at the beginning of each meeting. She called K. Bronson on standing up and hollering over all of us. It's uncomfortable to be here. Discussion continued about the circumstances of removing Jim as the Chair this meeting. Al thought about it for 2 weeks, he wanted to establish some baseline rules. He wanted to someone that wouldn't put up with what we had seen previously.

R. Shannon asked J. Weagle when he was Chair did you give Al and Keith permission to speak? Jim said no. Shannon feels this is an illegal takeover and it will be pursued.

S. Smith said all the rules and regulations are on the web-site. When she hears all the questions, she wonders why they haven't taken the time to go on the website and get an answer for themselves. She stated that she heard A. Rossetto ask J. Weagle if he could make a motion – he said yes.

Female (didn't say name) asked if there is a statute to do this? Al explained the Board of Selectmen selects a Chairman, there is not conflict of interest because we are all paid the same. He checked with legal on this before making a motion. He felt that Keith would make a better chair. There is not financial benefit to being the chair, it's an administrative decision by the Board of Selectmen by majority – Keith will be the Chair. In March it will be revisited. If we are going to fight over this and everything, we are all going to pay with reduced services. He further discussed the situation. If the Town is filled with people that are hateful, calling names, putting in busy work to the Town Office, to get anyone into the Chief's position will be difficult.

D. Ayers commented the Board did everything right here tonight, please bite your tongue.

R. Shannon asked if Tammy is finally gone? K. Bronson said she went to a better job and volunteered to train a new person. J. Weagle said for transparency – she is still on the payroll. Al said she is coming in per diem to help with the audit. Tammy saved the Town $30,000 just by doing the accounting. Ryan asked if she is part of the audit. Al explained she is doing the production to get the information to the auditors. The audit requires a certified accountant.

Andre – on April 7th, an email was sent out saying the email tree was going away. He checked on the new website and it looks like all the minutes are there. Maybe Ryan is looking at the old web-site?

T. Charron the mowing contractor asked her today, he has been emailing his bill into Niki and asked who it will go to. The Board suggested keeping it to Niki and it will be forwarded. We hope to have someone in the position soon.

9. **Announcements:** The Town Offices will be closed on Friday, July 4, 2025, in observation of Independence Day.

The Transfer Station will also be closed on Friday, July 4, 2025 in observation of Independence Day, however curbside trash/recycling pickup will still be done on Friday, July 4, 2025.

10. **Next Board Meeting Date**: Monday, July 7, 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: Al Rossetto
2nd by: J. Weagle
Roll Call: A. Rossetto – Yes, J. Weagle – Yes, K. Bronson - Yes

Into Non-Public session at 8:45 pm

a. Resident Matter - Gilcris
b. Resident Matter – 13 Pike
c. Resident Matter – Gaudette
d. Resident Matter - Fanton
e. Employee Matter –

f. Employee Matter –

Motion to adjourn the Non-Public session by: A. Rossetto
2nd by: J. Weagle, All in Favor 3-0

Non-Public session adjourned at 9:40 pm
Into Regular session at 9:40 pm

J. Weagle discussed doing a press release for open positions to send to the Chronicle.

12. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn by: A. Rossetto
2nd by: J. Weagle, All in Favor 3-0

Meeting adjourned at 9:41 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Rebecca St. Cyr – Minute Taker

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).

Minutes approved by Northumberland Select Board Members on_____

X_____
Keith Bronson
Northumberland Select Board Chair

X_____
Jim Weagle
Northumberland Select Board Member

X_____
Al Rossetto
Northumberland Select Board Member