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Town of Northumberland
Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes - Draft
All Date: Tuesday, April 14, 2026
Place: Town Meeting Room – 10 Station Square
Time: 6:00 P.M.

Board members present: Jim Tierney, Al Rossetto, Wayne Montgomery
Others present: Judy Fox, Deb Miles, Kathy Frechette, Nancy Merrow, Bill Baxley, Pete Marshall, Norman Cotter, Clint Bramlett, Debbie Montgomery, Kristen Maddix, Eric Brown, Starlyn Dupont, Angela Ryan, Reggie Charron, Terri Charron, Andre Brasseur, Melinda Kennett, Jeffrey St. Cyr, Michelle Randall, Rebecca St. Cyr - Minute Taker/Transcriber

1. **Chairman Opens the Meeting -** J. Tierney opened the meeting at 6:00 pm

2. **Pledge of Allegiance - All**

3. **Acceptance of Minutes: April 6, 2026**

   Motion to approve the April 6, 2026 minutes by: A. Rossetto
   2nd by: W. Montgomery, All in Favor 3-0

4. **Department Head Business:** None

5. **Requested Agenda Matters:**

   a. In The Woods Brewing - They are requesting the Town's approval for outdoor entertainment. The liquor commission requires a letter from the Town approving live entertainment. Any entertainment will be within our current business hours, indoors or outdoors. The Liquor Commissioner has been on site to review the area. J. Tierney's only thought was the neighbors complaining, but we can try it and if there are complaints then it will be solved.

   T. Charron talked about what their intentions are a soloist playing a guitar, a couple of violinists coming in, maybe someone with a keyboard. They don't have room for a full band. Reggie used to have band practice in the garage, with the doors open and could be heard on the hill, nobody complained. Kathy was concerned about kids at the pool, Terri didn't think it was going to be an issue.

   Al agreed to give them a try, Wayne's concern is, we don't really know what will happen there; all it will take is something that doesn't control it. He wants to be cautious. S. Dupont that she goes there regularly, she spoke with the owners, it's not going to be loud or concerning. She feels it's appropriate to think about the benefit of small businesses, they make the Town run. Wayne doesn't mind supporting small businesses, he's concerned that we don't control what's going on. If we are going to allow it we should do for a short period - give them 5-6 weeks and see how its' going.

   A. Ryan said she contracted with CEDC, the economic development, for several months when we came out here and I know a lot of people are super excited about seeing us grow and expand. She has

kids that participate at the Rec Center. With what they are wanting to bring in, she feels it's a great addition to get people to stop or to come to in Groveton. Hopefully, we can expand on that. J. Tierney - with 6 weeks if there are no complaints then no problem.

C. Bramlet commented there isn't anything going on in our Town, this is a breath of fresh air. He has got to know Chris and Jennifer, the last thing they want to do is do anything outside the lines. It took them some time just to get it open. He would hate to see us shoot ourselves in the foot. He feels it's a good idea, there will be some that complain no matter what.

E. Brown said the Town has a noise ordinance if they fall within the ordinance what's the problem. If someone complains, the Chief goes over and it's not that loud that's a frivolous complaint. J. Tierney said there isn't a decibel level stated in the ordinance. IT would be the Chief's call. Eric commented this Town is dying a slow death, we need to do something to get businesses to come and stay here. It seems this is being made out to more than what it needs to be.

Motion to grant permission for live indoor or outdoor music for 2 months at
In the Woods Brewing by: A. Rossetto, 2nd by: W. Montgomery, 3-0

6. Town Business:

a. FD – Reg and Title 2018 Chev and the new 2025 Chevy - Ford Explorer 2018, old cruiser that was given to the FD. There is a new title, a copy of the old title.

Motion to have J. Tierney to sign the paperwork for the 2018 Ford Explorer by: W. Montgomery
2nd by: A. Rossetto, 3-0

Motion to have J. Tierney to sign the paperwork for the 2025 Chev Tahoe
title by: W. Montgomery, 2nd by: A. Rossetto, All in Favor 3-0

b. Griffin Donald Kenison Memorial Committee - Insurance - the town has allowed the event to come under the umbrella policy

Motion to cover the event under the Town's umbrella policy by: W. Montgomery
2nd by: A. Rossetto, All in Favor 3-0

c. BOS Reassignment of Committees -
Energy, Planning, Zoning, Conservation, Rec

Motion to assign Al Rossetto to the Planning Board by: W. Montgomery
2nd by: J. Tierney, 2 in Favor, 1 recused

Motion to assign W. Montgomery to the Energy Comm by: A. Rossetto
2nd by: J. Tierney, 2 in Favor, 1 recused

Motion to assign J. Tierney to the Zoning Board by: W. Montgomery
2nd by: A. Rossetto, 2 in Favor, 1 recused

Motion to assign W. Montgomery to the Conservation Comm. by: A. Rossetto
2nd by: J. Tierney, 2 in Favor, 1 recused

Motion to assign A. Rossetto to the Rec Comm by: W. Montgomery
2nd by: J. Tierney, 2 in Favor, 1 recused

Clint asked about the Beautification Comm. J. Tierney said it no longer exists, we now have the Groveton Garden Group doing the flowers.

d. Deeds – Map/Lots - this is to sell property back to the owners, which the Town took for taxes. The owners have been in and paid what was owed. The previous board had not signed the paperwork to transfer the property back to the owner

1. 104-187-00-00 - paid - $9,467
   Motion to sign and transfer back to the owner by: W. Montgomery
   2nd by: A. Rossetto, All in Favor 3-0

2. 104-191-00-00 - paid - $11,108
   Motion to sign and transfer back to the owner by: W. Montgomery
   2nd by: A. Rossetto, All in Favor 3-0

3. 105-010-00-00 - paid - $11,182
   Motion to sign and transfer back to the owner by: W. Montgomery
   2nd by: A. Rossetto, All in Favor 3-0

C. Bramlet asked if the owners paid all the expenses involved with the Town taking the property. J. Tierney explained the process. All the expenses and back taxes incurred were included in what they paid. Clint asked if we are obligated to give back to the owners. J. Tierney said yes. It's the back taxes, penalties, expenses, and certified letters.

E. Brown commented that if the Town sells the property for more than what is owed, the Town has to pay the previous owner. M. Kennett noted within 3 years - yes; after 3 years no.

Clint commented it's an inconvenience on the Town to have this process done. He realizes it's regulated by the State. Tierney said there is a fee for the lien and the title, it's all in the RSA. Min commented there is also interest, which is more than the taxes owed.

Clint some may use it as a financial planning tool., there is no incentive for people to act properly. Tierney said the Select Board can waive interest on the back taxes to help them, after a while you realize they are using it as a planning tool, we don't have to waive the interest. The interest is - 8% in the first year; 12% in the second. M. Kennett commented they have 2 years before it goes to lien, there are frequent fliers. J. Tierney said there are penalties involved and we can help, but are not compelled to.

e. Stonecipher & Clark Contracts - NWWTF - $4,750- GWWTF, Eames St. - $4,750
   Motion to sign both contracts by: W. Montgomery, 2nd by: A. Rossetto, All in Favor 3-0

f. Bank Signature - For the bank accounts, to put W. Montgomery, J. Tierney, and Julie Boisselle names on the signature sheet.
   Motion to sign the bank paperwork by: A. Rossetto, 2nd by: W. Montgomery, All in Favor 3-0

7. Applications/Permits and Warrants:

a. Zoning – Map/Lot: 104-229-00-00 - Maple St. Filled out a new permit, it's 56' long and not 48'.
   Motion to approve by: A. Rossetto, 2nd by: W. Montgomery, All in Favor 3-0

b. Zoning – Map/Lot: 251-006-00-00 - Finish 26 x 22 garage, 1st floor toilet and sink, 2nd floor - bathroom, fee is paid. Al noted that it's basically an ADU.
   Motion to sign the permit by: W. Montgomery, 2nd by: A. Rossetto, All in Favor 3-0

c. Non-Resident Transfer Station Map/Lot:
1) 107-123, New - Brault's Properties - New - fee is paid,
   Motion to sign the Transfer Station permit by: A. Rossetto,
   2nd by: W. Montgomery, All in Favor 3-0

2) 106-015 - Renewal - Sue Peel
Motion to sign by: A. Rossetto, 2nd by: W. Montgomery, All in Favor 3-0

d. Intent to cut - Map/Lot: 227-007-00-00 - Tilton Logging &Excavating. J. Tierney reviewed the cut.
Motion to sign the intent to cut by: W. Montgomery, 2nd by: A. Rossetto, All in Favor 3-0

8. **Public Comment:

- E. Brown commented that earlier today Chief Kenison posted a notice re: parking in front of the High School. Parking (shut the car off and get out) and Standing (sit in the car waiting for someone) are two different things, he asked the Select Board to put up signs that say "No Standing" so someone can't sit in front of the school waiting for someone. We only have no parking signs there.

  Kenison - part of issue is people are leaving their car where they shouldn't be. He can move them along but if he has to write a citation, it would hold up in court. Glenn orders signs, M. Randall said we had ordered some big cones. J. Tierney asked did the State say no parking? Chief Kenison - the State's viewpoint is they don't want parking in the front of the High School and that's where their signs are. Our signs are on the wrap around streets, they need to say No Stopping, Standing or Parking. Right now, they only say no parking. Judy Fox commented that the ones on Eames St. may have both - No Parking - No Standing. Discussion continued regarding the signs.

- M. Kennett thanked Kyler for being here, we are lucky to have you back. Michelle, Min said she hears nothing but good things about her and we appreciate you. The website sat idle for a long time, she's not sure who's doing it, but it's getting better. Michelle said it's been a group effort. The web site is an important tool, legal, the assessors, bank, etc. The TEXT ME tool, do we pay for that? M. Randall hasn't had a chance to look at it but she doesn't think it's being used. J. Tierney said there was an upfront cost and possibly a yearly fee. Terri commented if there is a water break someone at the Town office can go in and send a mass text to everyone.

  Min further discussed. M. Randall said it's a group effort between Romy and her. All the past minutes will eventually be added as time allows. It's done by Civilly, we can do the minutes, agenda's. It's a work in progress to get it all updated.

- P. Marshall commented re: the new Chief. He was involved in an incident, when is was all said and done - everyone left still speaking to one another. He did a great job.

- D. Montgomery asked if the second police officer has been hired. There was a Berlin cruiser in town this afternoon, they're patrolling in the area under Northern Borders.

- K. Frechette talked about the signs at the High School and one of the teachers not understanding what "Standing" means.

- M. Kennett said she noticed that we already have a new cruiser, Chief Kenison said the funding was there and we needed another car with hiring another officer. FYI, it's parked at the Town Office.

- E. Brown asked about the PD schedule - Chief Kenison reviewed. The new cruiser won't be in-service until it's marked and has the equipment. J. Tierney said the new officer is Kevin DeLuca. Chief Kenison said he's already certified, he was the first applicant when we put out our ad for hiring.

- K. Frechette asked about the meeting tonight and another one on the 20th, will there be another one on the 27th? J. Tierney commented that right now it's not in the plan.

9. Announcements:

10. Next Board Meeting Date: April 20, 2026 - For the Special Town Meeting at 6:00 pm the Select Board meeting directly after.

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

Motion to go into Non-Public Session by: W. Montgomery
2nd by: A. Rossetto, All in Favor 3-0
Roll Call - J. Tierney - Yes, W. Montgomery - Yes, A. Rossetto - Yes

Into Non-Public Session at 7:01 pm

a. Economic Dev - SEALED

b. Residential Matter -per Wayne

c. Personnel Matter – per Wayne - SEALED

Motion to come out of Non-Public Session by: A. Rossetto
2nd by: W. Montgomery, All in Favor 3-0

Out of Non-Public Session at 8:08 pm

Into Regular session at 8:08 pm

Motion to SEAL the Non-Public minutes, Section a - Economic Development and Section c - Personnel Matter by: W. Montgomery, 2nd by: A. Rossetto, All in Favor 3-0

12. Adjournment:

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca St. Cyr, Minute Taker/Transcriber

*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 _____
James Tierney
Northumberland Select Board Chairman

X_____
Alan Rossetto
Northumberland Select Board Vice Chairman

X_____
Wayne Montgomery
Northumberland Select Board Member