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Town of Northumberland
Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes - Draft
Date: Monday, June 1, 2026
Place: Town Meeting Room – 10 Station Square
Time: 6:00 P.M.

Board members present: Jim Tierney, Al Rossetto, Wayne Montgomery
Others present: Deb Miles, Doug Dano, Melissa Dano, C. R. Wheeler, Judy Fox, Bob Roby, Mark DeGennero, Glenn Cassady, Clint Bramlett, Debbie Montgomery, Charles Boisclair, Terri & Reggie Charron, Eric Brown, Andre Brasseur, Kathy Wiles, Pete Marshall, Norm Cotter,
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: Monday, May 18, 2026 -**
   Motion to approve by: A. Rossetto, 2nd by: W. Montgomery, All in Favor 3-0

   There were no corrections.

4. **Department Head Business:**

   Hwy - Glenn Cassady, Road Agent

- Road maintenance: Grading is done on Northside Rd. (backside of the river) and Page Hill. Regraded in areas after rain due to more potholes and chlorinated; it's been holding for 2 ½ weeks through some heavy rain.
- Potholes in Town - Cold patch to be picked up in Gorham. Painting is pushed out a couple more weeks due to weather.
- Material yard cleanup: Reid is reorganizing the storage area behind the Transfer Station. Pallets from 6 to 7 years ago have rotted; everything (manhole covers, culverts, pipe, etc.) is being restacked on fresh pallets, with plans to regrade, and put down grindings for a clean inventory. Vegetation had overrun the area.
- Hydrant swap near Old Village Road: It's been completed, it's in a tight spot, over 8 feet of sand; rented a mini excavator, had it done in roughly 4.5 hours with the PD doing traffic control. No incidents.
- Pool: Water department plumbing in tomorrow; Glenn needs 3 to 4 days to pressure wash, hook up filtration, and open by Monday the 15th (school gets out the prior Friday).
- Vacation: Glenn will be out for a couple weeks starting around the 12th. Randy & Reid have a list to keep them busy. When he gets back they will start summer projects (sidewalks, three culvert replacements).

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J. Tierney asked what the rubber is in the back. Glenn said it's tire rubber that came from the playground. Jim said the granite he was talking about, look in the salt shed. Glen said that's not what they are looking for. There is stuff that was donated back in 2002 or 2003. It's really course, if anything runs into it, it crumbles. Jim said we have an employee that would like to take it if we are going to do that we have to open it up to bidding. He suggested putting an ad/bid in the paper with a time when anyone can stop in to look at it. Keep the bid open until June 19, then we can look at them on the 20th.

Debbie Montgomery thanked Glenn for putting out the benches. They discussed plant pots, Glenn couldn't find any more. Elaine will need to go to OSJL for a couple more.

Al asked Glenn about the plow in front of the Town Garage, we talked about granite for that. Glenn said it needs to cleaned up and painted.

Wayne asked about the culvert at Herman Savage Rd. Glenn said the engineering firm was contacted by email the night of approval but has not engaged Glenn directly. The Board is comfortable with not chasing them yet. Michelle said she hasn't heard from either

Reggie noted there has been roughly $6 to $7 million released to NH for storm damage, routed through counties with named projects. Lancaster reportedly starting to get reimbursed. Town has preliminary high-end cost paperwork filed.

Water/Sewer - Reggie Charron Supervisor

- Meter reading device: Current 2018 handheld is now unsupported. Industry is pushing radio meters at $150/meter plus tower infrastructure, considered too costly for taxpayers. Workaround: buy a new $3,300 handheld with a 10-year warranty, funded from the existing meters/supplies line. Board approved. Rationale: defers radio-meter conversion ~10 years and lets the new technology mature and drop in price (radio meters could push per-household cost to ~$375+).
- Compliance: Consumer Confidence Reports due July 1; URL going out with tax bills (mailing this week), posted online and in offices, paper copies available on request.
- Hill Project: Sewer and water at halfway points on Grandview and Crow Hill; blasting company in demand and scheduling is a constraint. Sewer started on First Street last Tuesday. Cumberland Street pump station set; awaiting controls and pumps to end weekly manual pumping.
- Wet-weather issues: Northumberland Village pump station was pulled three times in seven days for non-flushable rags; a Riverside Drive backup flooded a resident's basement (cleared in under an hour). Reggie committed to more frequent checking of that line.
- Received an email tonight re: the final disbursement for the $60,000 grant. It's to get our reimbursement. We are down to approx. 20 unknowns at this time.
- Mowing - Keith and Bart are doing an excellent job trying to keep up with it.
- Grant signature: Jim signed the fiscal-year-end disbursement request for the $60k lead-and-copper grant reimbursement.

A. Rossetto asked about the rags in the village, has this occurred before? Reggie said yes. He thinks they (the trailer park) are going to put in grinder pumps. With the money we got from Covid, we did that on Brooklyn St. and we haven't had any problems. Al asked if we have any letters to send out to the residents about rags? Reggie doesn't know where they are coming from. Further discussed.

C. Wheeler asked about Hillside and Grandview, Reggie said they did the sewer and then the water. Chris asked how long before they start blasting. Reggie will be talking with them and find out. Chris asked about the reader for the water is good for 10 years, Reggie said it's the warranty that's 10 years. Chris asked if we will need to go to the radio system in the future. Reggie discussed and said the reader we have is fine. In this case they told we couldn't update unless we follow their rules or look at a whole new system, which is a lot of money.

Michelle said with the price tag on these meters, she's not going to ask the taxpayers to do it. She further discussed the new technology. The longer we can stay with the old technology the better it will be for us. Discussion continued about the reader and how it works. Each household could cost up to $375.00+. Keith is very dedicated to reading the meters, he makes sure everyone's meter is read correctly. We double, triple check everyone's numbers. Michelle - talked about the new tablet, connecting to wi-fi and uploading everything. Reggie said we are saving money, but letting them prove their technology to us.

- Chris with water we're saving, is it helping us as a Town? Reggie said yes, the pumping costs, electricity. We are pumping 3.5 - 4 hrs./day less that we were. Electricity is going up, we're staying ahead of it with conservation. Chris - how much water are you pumping - Reggie said 125,000 less. than a year ago. We were pumping 275,000 - 295,000 now we are at approx. 165,000. We all paid for that. Since he came in 2008, we are up to $20,000,000 with all that's been done. Ron Caron helped him a lot to retro fit the water plant, when it was built and put online in 1993, it was already out of date. Reggie further discussed. This won't be spread across everyone, it will be the w/s users. Next year, the rates will go up. We were at 65-70% water loss and now it's 20-25%. We've picked up over 50% of the water loss. Reggie further discussed - we are on the State's average per household. The State tries to get us at 3%. We are ahead of everyone around here right now. The average is 65 gal / day / person. We have over 875 connections. Momentum - uses 650 per day, Rotobec is about the same.

5. **Requested Agenda Matters:**

a. Fort Wentworth parking (Daniel Ayers letter): Requests town to name him as additional insured for June 27 to July 12 cemetery overflow parking for the 250th anniversary; house and barn driveway off limits. Tabled pending cost numbers before the June 15 meeting; confirm whether a walkway is planned.
Motion to table by: A. Rossetto, 2nd by: W. Montgomery, All in Favor 3-0

6. **Town Business:**

a. North Country Fire Mutual Aid – Fire Dept - Andre said a few months ago you signed the same paperwork for the Ambulance. This is for the Fire Dept.
Motion to sign the Mutual Aid agreement for the FD by: A. Rossetto
2nd by: W. Montgomery, All in Favor 3-0

Andre further discussed. The FD has their own insurance. The $250 is for the organization to keep everyone up to date. Andre noted that everyone pays.

b. Transfer Station Part-Time Assistant - J. Tierney reviewed the job description and the newspaper ad. It will go in the Colebrook Chronicle and on the web-site.
Motion to approve the job description and the newspaper ad for the Colebrook Chronicle by: A. Rossetto, 2nd by: W. Montgomery, All in Favor 3-0

c. Grantie Curbing Discussion - We already discussed this.

d. Textmygov - Michelle - followed up on the textmygov question from the last meeting. It's not being used, she recommends not paying for it. Chris asked what this is, J. Tierney explained. Glenn said it was going to go to our email or phone, he's never received anything. Mark commented he has signed up for a couple times and never received anything.
Motion to discontinue the textmygov service by: A. Rossetto
2nd by: W. Montgomery, All in Favor 3-0

e. Approval of Lease/purchase of new streetlights - J. Tierney this was voted on at Town Meeting, Warrant Article 26. When it's paid off it will cut our streetlighting cost in half. Michelle said per the

Attorney the first order of business is the Board reviews and votes the adopt the Schedule #2 Lease Resolution document. Then she and Kathy fill out the rest. J. Tierney read Schedule #2 - Approved - March 16, 2024.

Motion to move that the resolution entitled Resolution to Authorize $122,553.32 as schedule #2 of the Master Lease Purchase Agreement for equipment be approved and for presented to this meeting and that an attested copy of said resolution be included with the minutes of this meeting By: J. Tierney, 2nd by: A. Rossetto

Chris Wheeler asked how many streetlights are there. Wayne said part of this process is having them come and give us a report, it will be well defined.

Eric - are we just replacing the LED's? We will be replacing the ones that we currently have. Discussion continued.

All in Favor 3-0

Mark asked how long it will take to get this process started. Michelle will be sending this out to them tonight.

7. **Applications/Permits and Warrants:**

a. Non-Resident Transfer Station Map/Lots:
230-002 - 429 Lancaster Rd.
104-006 - Central Ave.
219-001 - 53 Brown Rd.
104-099 - 67 Hillside Ave
Motion to sign/approve all 4 renewals for the Transfer Station by: A. Rossetto
2nd by: W. Montgomery, All in Favor 3-0

b. **Zoning Permit Map/Lot:**

#251-027-00-00 - Susan & Gary Wentworth, 52 Chelle Lane, replacing the roof. Changing the design of the roof. Fee Paid.
Motion to approve by: W. Montgomery
2nd by: A. Rossetto, All in Favor 3-0

#107-086-00-00 - Justin & Nicole McMann, 48 Main St., Russell Cotton owner - operating as Al's Plumbing. Putting in a skid mounted propane filling station. Fee is paid. Andre has looked at.
Motion to approve by: W. Montgomery
2nd by: A. Rossetto, All in Favor 3-0

#104-064-00 - 14 state st, LLC - rebuild into commercial space - listen. Al has met with the owner, their plan is to put a restaurant on the first floor and apartments on a second floor to be added. The fee is paid - $250. It will be a 2 story building when they are done.
Motion to approve by: W. Montgomery
2nd by: A. Rossetto, All in Favor 3-0

c. **Abatements:**

#214-022-00-00 - owner requested the $22.00 fee be waived. Property owner has requested the lien charge of $22 be abated due to immediate escalation, excessive administrative fees, and short delinquency of three months. Invoices and charges were paid on May 20th. This is the e-mail that was sent out. For whatever reason, the bill wasn't paid in time. That's not our problem, it's the individual's problem. J. Tierney recommended to deny it.

Motion to Deny the abatement request by: W. Montgomery
2nd by: A. Rossetto, All in Favor 3-0

d. **Timber Warrant -**

#Map/Lot - 232-009-00-00 / #25-347-03-T - operation # - it's Town owned property; the tax should have been waived at the time.

Motion to abate the amount of $4,089.12 by: W. Montgomery
2nd by: A. Rossetto, All in Favor 3-0

e. **Junkyard permit Map/Lot 240-007** - Lancaster Rd, Groveton, - Renewal - Pete Marshall.

Motion approve the Junkyard permit for Pete Marshall by: W. Montgomery
2nd by: A. Rossetto, All in Favor 3-0

8. ****Public Comment:**

- Pete - the project in Northumberland, he sat and watched and they did an excellent job.
- Eric - he saw on Facebook recently there was graffiti written on the inside of the Covered Bridge. He asked if we can get some paint and cover it. J. Tierney said if it's lead we can't let it drop into the river. Michelle will pick up some lead paint test kits and check it. D. Dano asked if anyone has looked into encapsulating paint. A. Rossetto thinks it's basically for inside use. The lead paint is falling off into the river now on it's own, if we make a flake fall - then it could be an issue with DES. Al thinks we might need to pick up the whole bridge and set it on land to paint.

9. **Announcements:**

10. **Next Board Meeting Date**: June 15, 2026 - 6:00 pm
Planning Board - June 3, 2026 - 6:00 pm. The cell tower issue is delayed until July 8, they will be voting on the delay at that meeting.

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: W. Montgomery, All in Favor 3-0
Roll Call - J. Tierney - Yes, A. Rossetto - Yes, W. Montgomery - Yes

Into Non Public session at 7:30 pm

a. Resident -
b. Personal Matter -

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 8:19 pm
Into regular session at 8:19 pm - no further business was discussed.

12. **Adjournment:**

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:19 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