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Town of Northumberland
Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes - Draft
Date: Monday, October 7, 2024
Place: Town Meeting Room – 10 Station Square
Time: 6:00 P.M.

Board members present: Jim Tierney, Jim Weagle, Keith Bronson
Others: Sean Durkin, Al Rossetto, Dave Auger, Tammy Letson, Norm Cotter, George Kenison, C. R. Wheeler, Doug Dano, Melissa Dano, Sheila Smith, Judy Fox, Glenn Cassady, Kathy Frechette, Reggie & Terri Charron, LeeAnn Potter, Rebecca St. Cyr – Minute Taker

1. **Chairman Opens the meeting:**

   J. Tierney opened the meeting at 6:00 pm

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**: All

3. **Acceptance of Minutes:** 09/16/2024

   Motion to approve the 09/16/24 minutes by: J. Weagle
   2nd by: K. Bronson, All in Favor 3-0

4. **Department Head Business:** Highway/Water/Sewer

   Highway – Glenn Cassady, Road Agent
   Sept has been a busy month!!

   Glenn and Randy got the pool winterized, W/S will come in and winterize the bathrooms.

   Working with Cameron's Seal Coating doing some hot top patching. On the hill in areas, Riverside Dr., Brooklyn St. He's trying to correct the manholes, by grinding and putting in the hot top. Cameron's have also been doing some crack sealing.

   J. Tierney said the end of Grandview Drive is falling apart. Glenn said we don't want to put any money into it with the W/S project. It needs a lot of work and needs to be dug out. J. Tierney said his end doesn't need to be done. Glenn has got some quotes to put a thin shim coat over it. He's worried about the plow digging into it. Est $4,000 - $5,000 to go up mid-way. We have had other streets that we had to put a coat over also. Glenn said to do it correctly it needs to have all the rocks taken out and a good base put down. He might not have time with the time frame left this fall. There is a few more days of crack sealing to get done.

   Mowing season is starting to slow down; Reid will be cleaning up the equipment to put away for next season.

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Last week he met with Ed Stanly re: paving that he wants to get done. The grader came in last week and got all the roads done, including Herman Savage Rd. and Brook Rd. Everything was chloride.

The roadside mowers have been in; they finished up this morning. The cost may come in under budget. The back roads look beautiful. G. Kenison commented that the roads are the best they have been all summer.

September was inspection month for the fleet. Randy went through all of them, they all passed fine.

Reggie had us do his water tank roads some of them needed brushing back. It needed to be done.

A resident on Page Hill has called, we are losing our roadside signs. Someone is unbolting them – speed limit, curves, Town limit signs. They are taking the whole post or sometimes just the sign. J. Tierney said to talk with Peter Pelletier. Between the pole and sign it's approx. $100.00, plus the labor. Since the vet office closed the traffic has dropped off. J. Tierney suggested putting a trail camera out. Tammy said through a grant we received it includes equipment for speeders. There might be camera's with that which can be put up. She will verify with Peter. The idea of the box is to put it in a place where it will record the speed of the traffic. Glenn said the signs in question were put up approx. 4 years ago. One of the signs was pulled up. J. Tierney noted that the signs with a curve and 25 on them are informational and not speed limit signs. Glenn said the speed limit is 35 out there. Do we want to replace the signs? He said the driveway on curve, you can see around, but it could be tight if someone is speeding by.

Glenn received a call from the State striping crew saying they will be in Thursday or Friday this week to stripe Brown Rd. When they are done he wants to do the entrance of Brown Rd. with his line painter.

We will be starting on winter; we have 500 – 600 yards of sand to put up in the shed. He can still go around and patch sidewalks, etc. He called a company for a quote, they are booked, but maybe they can come in to look when things slow down. He doesn't foresee any road projects and will be looking at doing some sidewalks with the help of W/S.

Tammy received a request to use the bathroom at the snack shack for the Hunters Moon event. It hasn't been winterized yet. Mike Simino usually takes care of winterizing it, J. Weagle will contact Mike to let him know it will be used for that event.

T. Charron asked if the roadside mowing got to the cemetery this fall? Glenn said it's been done and looks great. They spent a whole day there.

<u>Water / Sewer – Reggie Charron, Superintendent</u>
The vac truck was here on 9/10 and 9/11 to clean the entire town and the Old Village Rd system. It broke down and they came back on 9/16 & 9/17 to finish. With Fire Chief Brasseur's help and Reid running the equipment the tanker truck saved us almost 13.5 hrs.; normally it's a 40 hour week. Lancaster has been doing this for a while. We got a lot of the storm drains done in 40 hrs. that usually took 60 hrs. For the budget we might be able to do it all in 40 hrs.

There is an issue on Church St. there are some storm drains that are covered by pavement. The line has been a problem since it was put in 1970 – 1971; Reggie further discussed. We had some spare time, so we got it done and we saved 4 hours. Thank you Keith and Bart for working with them.

9/23 & 24 – Rexford Septic Services came in and we did Perras Rd., we pumped out approx. 60,000 gallons of wastewater out of there It's done yearly, and we've had less problems since doing them yearly.

EPA and DES – they have us doing extra PFA testing for both sewer plants. It's going to cost money to get it done.

3rd quarter water meter reading are done, we finished them on 10/02. The billing will be done next week.

Hill project – there will be a meeting this week, he won't be there, but will have a couple of reps there for him. Hopefully will get more answers. They have been working with the RR and he's anxious to hear what's happening.

The water at both cemeteries has been shut off. Reggie discussed burning the gully, it grows in fast and is very wet.

LCRR – November 2023 – LCRR 1 proposed copper rule was released. It proposes 100% of unknown service lines within 10 years. Tammy said these are service lines that runs from our line to the property owner. We are supposed to tell the government what is on both sides. Reggie has been working on this for the last year. We have over 1012 connections in town and 27 in Lost Nation. Hazen & Sawyer was supposedly helping out the No. Country, but the process was going horrible, so he started it himself.

He's been asking property owners to send a picture of their lines. Reggie further discussed. As of October 16, we are supposed to have our inventory in. In Groveton alone he's looking at 693. There was some confusion about the water on the mill site being contaminated and not the drinking water. EPA has made it a mandate nationwide.

In Lost Nation we are pretty good; October 16th, he has to send letters to every unknown; considering unknowns as possible lead or galvanized. He is emphasizing that everyone needs to send pictures which has been requested in the water bills. He got responses from maybe 30%. He has been trying to go door to door, which is difficult.

After 10/16 we have until 11/15 to have out over 700 letters postmarked by 11/15. Tammy further discussed the letters and what they will look like. The State is requiring us to treat as lead until we know it isn't. In some cases, we will need to send a letter yearly. Reggie said there are layers / tiers to this. They are having a time implementing it.

Reggie noted that we do a lead and copper test in town every 2 years. He is probably due next summer. He does the same with Lost Nation. There is a percentile, and we are way under it; Groveton doesn't have any lead in our water. We have an area with some galvanized. They have no guaranteed money for this after 2 years. Tammy said this is money the State is going to give to homeowners to replace their service line. There will be more money not sure how much or for how long. They need to wait for budgets for 2 years and then there will be more budgets until complete. Tammy said the money isn't 100% and it has to run through the Town; she further discussed. Reggie said they are also offering low interest loans, which changes daily. The easiest for him is to get into every household for a picture to verify what's there. They need proof of everything he tells them.

You can buy a vac truck, and they are claiming it can be part of the program. DES is estimating that it can be $2,500 - $3,000 for each house. This is EPA – federal laws. J. Tierney said EPA makes their own rules. G. Kenison asked about a bore scope. Discussion ensued regarding the lines and scoping from the inside. The Town is responsible from the main line to the curb stop; the personal side is the homeowner's responsibility. Reggie further discussed the types of lines and identifying them. Not all of the lines since 1970 have been documented. His lines have been copper.

These letters are going to scare people; he has 3 guys and has 4 systems to run and maintain as well. J. Weagle asked if we could put a note with the letters; Reggie said we will be told what to do.

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K. Frechette asked if we are ok, we won't get a letter? Correct, but he's not sure yet. The only lead standpipe he has found was in the hill area. Discussion ensued re: the lines on the hill. Reggie took it as a great moment for the Town to take notice of each individual residence. WE are taking pictures and documenting everything, eventually we will have an nice inventoried system.

N. Cotter put his line in 1978; does he still need to provide a picture. Reggie said yes.

C. Wheeler asked didn't the Town send a notice to property owners? Yes, we have been sending them out with the last 4 water bills. When his house was closed up last winter, he thinks the crew took pictures at his house again. Reggie said they might of, but he's missing a lot. Tammy said Wheeler is one of the 1/3 that responded; the rest we haven't heard from. Reggie said people have been good, but they don't understand it and discussion continued.

On the operator survey everything is done by GIS; some towns didn't have them. We are doing the best we can.

Reggie want's everyone to know that our water is safe. Residents can request to have their water tested and he will go out and take samples.

5. Requested Agenda Matters:

a. Beautification Committee-Permission To Use Small Ballfield for Trunk-or-Treat – J. Weagle said it will be held on 10/26, at 2:00 pm to set up and then from 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm. It's the same day as the Hunters Moon event. Cars for the Trunk-or-Treat will be parked by the snack shack. Pumpkin carving will be at the same location on 10/26 from 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Motion to allow the Beautification Committee to use the small Ballfield by: K. Bronson 2nd by: J. Tierny, All in Favor 3-0

The Northern Gateway Chamber is sponsoring another Trunk-or-Treat on the 25th at the Lancaster Fairgrounds.

b. John Robbin - not present**.**

c. Northumberland Energy Committee-Al Rossetto, Chairman – The Town of Northumberland has the option to become part of CPC of NH. It has the ability to sign all the rate payers in town into the co-op. Dave Auger has done some calculations for a 500 kilowatt charge the current savings would be approx. $9.00/resident/month. He feels the Town should move forward with this.

D. Auger was able to attend a zoom session for potential new members of the coalition. He presented 5 slides about the program. 1) is an overview of the membership towns and cities that participate and the benefits that have been received so far. Dave pointed out they show $14 million of customer savings in the first year. 2) – there are key websites where you can get more information. 3) It shows the benefits through lower rates, local control, consumer choice, clean energy.

NH was the first State in the Nation to adopt this basis to be able to move forward with community power organizations. 4) shows how the rates compare over time. If you recall, Eversource announces new rates every 6 months – February to Aug, Aug to February. 5) outlines the process of getting into operation. Groveton is at the "Join" stage right now.

This is for launch next June; for that to happen there are a series of steps; including the Towns people voting in favor of a warrant article at the spring meeting. We are making a request to the Select Board to approve the joint power agreement tonight. We would not

obligate the Town or the citizens in anyway. However, we would move to the next steps in the process. Dave reviewed the steps and time frame (dates) of the steps. The dates need to be maintained. On the checklist, we are at the first 4 steps. The Town has voted to form the Community Power Committee, the governing board is the Select Board. Very soon Al will be able to contact CPCNH to come to a meeting to make a presentation; if the Board feel that they need it.

Al said one of the benefits of this is the Town opens a box for all rate payers in town which allows them to get the savings. If someone has another provider that is cheaper, it only takes a phone call to opt out. Anyone with net metering cannot be part of the program. He feels it would be a savings for residents with very little downside. He has talked to Andrew Hatch; he is willing to do the leg work; but we need the Board to sign off on it.

K. Bronson asked if they have 2 representatives in mind. J. Tierney said we will soon have 5 members, and they will vote for the chairman. J. Weagle said that's not how the Board voted on this originally.

G. Kenison asked if there is an energy provider. J. Tierney said they are a provider. Tammy said if Town meeting votes this in; automatically everyone would go to community power. If there is anyone that's not interested, they have to opt out by making a phone call. S. Durkin commented that we buy in bulk cheaper than what others can get it for, but you can opt out. J. Weagle said the supplier is your choice, if you want to go with a different supplier you have to opt out. J. Tierney reiterated that Town meeting has to vote this in first.

C. Wheeler asked where the power comes from. Lee Ann Potter (an advisor on our committee) explained it's on an open market and because it's bought in bulk they get it cheaper than others. C. Wheeler commented that if there are 1800 residences in Groveton and 500 opt out is the price going to go? J. Tierney didn't think 500 people would change it any. If 30,000 were to drop out it might make a different. This is a very large coop.

J. Monahan asked if the Town loses power, who comes out to fix it? Eversource.
Lee Ann said this is just about suppling the power; Eversource owns the infrastructure. Tammy understands from sitting in on seminars/webinars Eversource want's to be the person who gets it from a place to you, they want to focus on getting someone else's power and distributing it you. That has been the gist presented at the seminars.

D. Auger said it's State Law that the distribution company can no longer produce the power.

LeeAnn said to clarify if you have an alternative provider already when the switch happens it is only for Eversource supplied users. If you already have someone else you can call to opt in. If you already have different supplier you are considered opted out. Lee Ann discussed net metering. S. Smith asked if you opt out can you opt back in? Lee Ann said yes.

Lee Ann said the only exception is Commercial accounts; in Lancaster, all the commercial are with someone else. Discussion ensued re: commercial rates.

> Motion to give permission to the committee to talk with CPCNH by: K. Bronson
> The Board had more discussion and no second or vote on the motion occurred.

Leeann described the process; if the Board decides they don't want to participate, it's a vote and a letter to CPCNH. None of this will cost the Town any money. Article 4 section 1 covers that.

In regard to the chairman, Tammy recommended going back to check the minutes for what the Board voted. Tammy said he can ask the Board to change the motion if you wish. Al said they were waiting on this before setting the next meeting date. He thought he was the chair; he is trying to help out the Town with a $9.00 - $10.00 per month savings. J. Tierney said that we started the committee, the committee members can decide who the chairman is. S. Durkin had a copy of the Energy Committee minutes for the Oct 1 meeting appointing Al Rossetto as the Chair.

Tammy will search the minutes from prior meetings to see what was decided. S. Durkin asked if what they decided at the committee meeting on October 1st is null and void? Tammy would like the Board to affirm that and if she doesn't find anything it will stand with the Oct 1 meeting decision. J. Tierney also suggested checking with NHMA ask the attorney about committees. If a chairman is permanently installed by the Select Board, if the committee decides to appoint someone different.

d. Planning Board Warrant Article **–** The Planning Board is asking for the proposed warrant article to be included on the warrant for the 2025 Town Meeting. J. Tierney read the proposed warrant article. It's based on RSA 72:76.

Al said the Planning Board has for years wrestled with what we can do to facilitate not only commercial construction, but also residential rehab. Currently the Town has a similar warrant in effect for commercial properties that allows a 50% tax abatement on the improvement for a period of 5 years. We have very little commercial property and there have been less than a dozen and fewer because they didn't do the paperwork or didn't care. We took the commercial warrant and worked on it for residential. We want to show that we are helping people to show that we do want improved housing. Mr. Tierney has said because Concord hasn't given permission, we probably can't do it.

Nicole Canavan has voiced concerns about the housing shortage and not having housing for people to come here. It sounded like a good idea to us, so we moved it forward to the Select Board. J. Weagle said we knew that DRA or the lawyer might reject it. Al further discussed legal vs. illegal. J. Tierney said you are looking for permission from the Stare to change the tax code, and he doesn't feel it will pass. This doesn't cost the Town anything, there is no tax affect. Al would like to see it brought to the Town Meeting.

Tammy will send it to Jamie Dow and also to the property side to see what they say. G. Kenison asked if he is targeting a group of investors. Al said it's for property owners, he further discussed. Shelia asked if it's established property owners or anyone that comes in. Al said for any residential property owner. When they get the building permit, they would get the application for this. Nicole has thought it would be helpful to bring people in. J. Tierney said we will see what DRA says if we can do it.

K. Frechette asked about doing this and then selling; does it go with the house? J. Tierney said yes, he further discussed. It's not what you spend but what it changed the assessed value by.

6. Town Administrator Business:

a. NRRA Grant – Northeast Resource Recovery Assoc. - we are not a member but work with them. They got approved for nationwide grant through EPA. The grant sets up a way to measure, educate and re-measure on recycling. They have asked Littleton, Lancaster, and us to be a pilot towns for the program. The Town will have little to no work that the towns will need to do. D. Dano asked how much is pushed to the trash collector. They are after the recycling that's done there and not the recycling at curbside. They want to come in for a day and monitor the transfer station for a day. The local rep is Dennis Pateno; Tammy explained what they intend to do.

Paul is ok with this, and Tammy feels it's a good idea. They are trying to get more people recycling, which is huge. The more we can pull out of the solid waste the less we pay. They want to do advertising and hand out flyers. etc.

Norm – in Hooksett they have to recycle. Discussion ensued about recycling and the process of sorting, etc. K. Frechette discussed our summer reading program and talking about recycling with the kids.

Motion to allow NRRA to move forward with their study by: J. Weagle
2nd by: K. Bronson, All in Favor 3-0

b. Zero Discharge Permit – Tammy didn't get the paperwork together for this meeting. We have a business in Town and Reggie has been worried about the effects they could have on our system. They want to have 2 water meters, one for the side of the business that will go through the system - restaurant and restrooms. The questionable side; they are working with DES to guarantee that there will be zero that will go into our wastewater. They have a holding container that someone wants for fertilizer on their farm. If this goes through, they will be the first (of their business) in the State to be zero discharge. Tammy will come up with a permit for the Board to sign; there is wording in it that comes back to the sewer ordinance.

Motion to sign the zero discharge permit for the local business by: J. Weagle
2nd by: K. Bronson, All in Favor 3-0

Kathy asked if this is near the school? Yes, next to the pool. Tammy said they are hoping to have a full bar and expand what they brew in the future. C. Wheeler asked if they will have a restaurant. Yes, it's a farm to table concept and they have a wonderful plan.

c. Energy Committee Appointment- Sheila Smith volunteered to be on the Energy Committee.

Motion to appoint Sheila Smith to the Energy Committee by: J. Weagle
2nd by: K. Bronson, All in Favor 3-0

J. Tierney officially swore her in.

d. Paving Estimates – J. Tierney - Mechanic St. – 220 linear ft. - $12,800.00; Bearce St. - $4,800; Perras Rd. - 440 linear ft. - $13,750. Glenn said Mechanic St is twice as wide. These are contingent. $15,000 of this is left over from what was appropriated - $100,000. We could take all the money and do Grand View; the W/S comes off First St.

Tammy – at the June 17th meeting when money was approved for Old Village; if we went over $100,000 they gave us a discount. $89,368 was spent on Old Village $15,632 was left of the approved. Total of above $31,430; $15,798 is what Glen is asking for. The CPR with what was put in at Town Meeting (not counting Old Village) $143,871. If this is all approved it would leave approx. $23,000 in the CPR. The figures are missing 2 months of MV registrations ($600 - $700/month) nor interest earned since she got the figures from Lorna.

Bearce is not part of the project; the lines go through the backyards, given the usage Reggie felt we could leave them alone. Glenn said it's only part of Bearce St. It's been over 13 years since Perras Rd was done. The Board and Glenn further discussed. J. Tierney is in favor of doing Mechanic & Bearce, which are both partial.

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Motion to partially pave Mechanic St. and partially pave Bearce St. by: J. Weagle 2nd by: K. Bronson, All in Favor 3-0

e. Wastewater Rate Study – Tammy said we had a study done by ARTAP a year ago. They reached out today and have an organization they work with that specializes in sewer rates. They have a grant to review people info and suggest any rate changes. It's all free – same concept just a slightly different organization. Reggie is wondering about the time; it should only take time from Tammy. The Board concurred it was ok.

f. 2 Updates –

1) FEMA is working with us on the repairs on Herman Savage. They have lumped it into one project so that we might hit the $3,900. J. Tierney asked about the grading and chloride; Tammy said that's a yearly expense. They are working hard the get the Herman Savage culvert done. Emergency Management will give us the funds for what's done and are working with Hazard Mitigation to upgrade it. Glenn has been speaking with a company that's working in Pittsburg. If we have everything that's needed they can do it in a day. Others have said it would be a 2-3 week project. J. Tierney said those in Pittsburg are very rural.

2) Update on the hill project – Tammy got an email from the contractor; they are ok with a 45 day extension for signing the contract. The changes to it, they will be removing Cumberland St. They talked about pipe burst – the railroad (RR) said no. The RR has agreed to pipe lining. Depending on the pipe it might not work. Tammy spoke with 3 other towns, they all say the same, it won't last as long as a new pipe. It's a fraction of the price and will get you quite a few years. J. Weagle asked if the RR has said why, they are afraid it will damage their line, that it could shift.

C. Wheeler said it's his understanding the line was put in the late 70's – the RR was there at that time, since they allowed it then so why won't they allow it now. Tammy discussed the RR. J. Weagle said they may have given permission for one time and one time only. The Engineers said back then is a whole lot different than now. The mill could have been behind it as well. Reggie said the lining is not the solution. Tammy noted that it won't give us the 50 years – maybe 20 – 30 years. That's what we are being told. It's on the upper side of the tracks. Reggie further discussed the ledge, there are a lot of logistics. This is our only option, if the RR is going to allow it, then we need to give it a shot. Reggie further discussed the project. Reggie wants the people to realize that we are doing what we can. C. Wheeler commented that by lining the pipe in 20 – 30 years it might be the same problem. When we do the lining, we could have a problem. Discussion continued regarding the lining.

G. Kenson noted that Lancaster went through this; some of it didn't last 3 years. Tammy has talked with them, the latest burst they had wasn't lined. They started with something that is worse than ours. As repairs were done pipe sizes were changed. Ours, we go from an 8" up to a 10". It's from where Mrs. Gilcris lives to the intersection. There is no option, the RR would not work with us, they need to ok this.

7. Applications/Permits and Warrants:

a. Transfer Station Non-Resident Permits (2):

1) Map/Lot 246-004 – Renewal – David Spell, Jr, 580 Lost Nation Rd., fee has been paid.
Motion to approve by: J. Weagle, 2nd by: K. Bronson, All in Favor 3-0

2) Map/Lot 247-007 – New – David Sirois, 30 Chelle Lane, fee is paid.
Motion to approve by: J. Weagle, 2nd by: K. Bronson, All in Favor 3-0

8. **Public Comment:

- G. Kenison asked how are we coming on getting the minutes on the website. J. Weagle – as soon as the new website is up and running, which should take 3-4 months. It should be more consistent, but we have to have everyone's minutes (every committee). We are not doing right now because we can't get everyone to commit. Kenison said he was added to a list to get them emailed. You should be able to push a button to get them on the website. J. Weagle said to get them to the website is different, they need to be a certain way to go on. The new website will take care of that, and it will be consistent.

  Kenison asked if that's why you have to go to a different website when looking up the tax records. Tammy commented that it will remain the same, that's our mapping company - CAI. They are the ones that post any of the towns that use that system. Kenison said that's behind on being updated. Tammy has reached out to them on this. The Town is responsible for upgrading it, but they have to teach us how. She has a meeting later this month to learn how to do it. Kenison is working on a request for his view tax. It asks for a comparison, so he needs to look at the tax cards, he's seeing tax cards that haven't been updated for some time. Tammy said if the update is done and he's still getting messages to let her know.

  The assessors don't have anything to do with the cards. Tammy explained how the pickups are processed. J. Weagle noted that our website had a lot of broken links; he's corrected a lot of them and further discussed what he's been doing with it. He's having trouble getting it to the web-site.

  Kenison asked if we see or have a problem, who do we call? If there is a violation of an ordinance or statute. Tammy asked the Board who they want him to contact. It could be a case by case basis. J. Tierney recommended starting with Niki; if it's something with Zoning; there are grandfather clauses, they will have to make the decision. Kenison said back in October when he started looking at what we've been doing. There has been very little done to make sure it's done properly. We don't have anyone going out to say you can't do this. Tammy commented that we don't have a code enforcer. Kenison said we don't have any enforcement. He's counted the RV's between the Town line to the highway; there are a bunch of them and over half don't have plates on them and the setbacks aren't met. Kenison further discussed. J. Tierney said to contact Niki, she will pass on to whoever to resolve. If it still can't be resolved, then we can look at penalties if they don't obey. We would have to hire a building/code inspector and increase the budget for legal fees. J. Weagle commented we've been through cases before and went to court where the judge throws it out. Kenison wants to be able to say what the path is. He talked about things that he's seen out there that no one does anything about. When it affects his taxes – there has to be some sort of enforcement or regulation to take care of it. J. Tierney said to send any current use one's to Niki. Tammy said the assessors do the current use. Kenison has a list of possible current use issues. Tammy asked him to send her a copy. She has a proposal that will made to the Towns in Coos Country in regards to assessors and code enforcers. Discussion continued re: zoning, permits, etc.

- C. Wheeler asked about the $17,000 water bill – Tammy said spoke with the closing company and let them know the bill is owed by the property. They did say they spoke with her in March 5 or 6th; at that time there wasn't anything due. They didn't follow up closer to the closing. They didn't ask for a final meter read. The bill goes with the property; our bill is owed by the owner of the property. Tammy discussed the lien process. If the lien stays on the property for 3 years then we take the property. It will be gaining interest, which starts 30 days after the bill goes out. Discussion ensued regarding the interest.

- Norm Cotter – We were discussing sidewalk repairs and not using black top. Lancaster uses black top. J. Weagle said they actually have a sidewalk plow; we use the bobcat. He thinks we would save a lot of money by using black top instead of concrete.
  Norm asked about the dates of the meetings. J. Tierney said they're being held the first Monday and third Monday of the month.

9. Announcements:

The Town Offices will be closed on Monday, October 14, 2024 in observance of Columbus Day.

10. Next Board Meeting Date: Monday, October 21, 2024 – 6 pm

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

Motion to go into Non-Public session by: J. Weagle
2nd by: K. Bonson, All in Favor 3-0
Roll Call – J. Weagle – Yes; K. Bronson – Yes; J. Tierney – Yes

Into Non-Public session at 8:51 pm

a. Employee Matter – "Sealed"

Motion to come out of Non-Public session by: J. Weagle
2nd by: K. Bronson, All in Favor 3-0

Out of Non-Public session at 9:03

Into Regular session at 9:03

Motion to seal the Non-Public minutes by: J. Weagle
2nd by: J. Tierney, All in Favor 3-0
Roll Call – J. Tierney – Yes; J. Weagle – Yes; K. Bronson – Yes

No further business was discussed.

12. Adjournment:

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:04 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_____
Jim Tierney
Northumberland Select Board Chair

X_____
Jim Weagle
Northumberland Select Board Member

X_____
Keith Bronson
Northumberland Select Board Member