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Town of Northumberland
Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes - Draft
Date: Friday, September 28, 2026
Place: Town Meeting Room – 10 Station Square
Time: 6:00 P.M.

Board members present: Jim Tierney, Al Rossetto, Wayne Montgomery
Others present: Mario Audit, Judy Fox, Kathy Wiles, Andrew Hatch, Kathy Frechette, Debbie Montgomery, Pete Marshall, Norman Cotter, Rich Archer, Reginald Charron, Ruh Lupine McDonough, Rena Kirk, David Auger, Terri Charron, Glenn Cassady, Michelle Randall, Bob Roby, Eric Brown, George Kenison, C. R. Wheeler, Mark DeGennaro, Rebecca St Cyr - Minute Taker/Transcriber

NOTICE: Portions of these minutes were summarized though Co-Pilot.

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

2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** All

3. **Acceptance of Minutes: Monday, September 11, 2026**

   Motion to approve the Sept. 11, 2026 minutes by: A. Rossetto
   2nd by: J. Tierney, 2 in Favor, 1 Abstained

4. **Department Head Business: HWY / Water & Sewer**

Highway - Glenn Cassady, Road Agent

- We discussed the pool at a previous meeting, then Michelle located a pool company. They came up, they did an assessment for a few hours and then came back the following Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. They did all kinds of pressure testing and couldn't gain any pressure. We borrowed a compressor and started really pushing some air and water and still couldn't. So, they opened up one hole and put camera in and found nothing in the mains coming out of the pool building to where they wire up. On day three Glenn asked them to pull all the plugs out and start going through the portholes through the pool wall. Within 1/2 an hour, they located 2 pipes that had cracks. On the backside of the wall, they found the pipes cracked. They go from 2" into some 45s or 90s and then I found things snapped off beyond that, beyond the cracks, because it puts stress on it. They came back to Michelle with some quotes or ideas of what they wanted to do. They suggested that we rip the deck all the way around and put all in new piping. Glenn thought at that point that was a little extreme and we didn't go in any further discussion. Glenn went to Michelle and Al to advise he thinks we need to slow down a little bit.

  Glenn said he and Reggie need to plan to go in to explore and dig where these two broken pipes were located to see what is actually underneath and what's going on in the main. I haven't set up a time or date with him yet due to other items that were already scheduled. So as soon as we get a free moment, we'll go over and do some exploring ourselves and go from there. If we can get into the main with our own cameras and go up and down, we'll do what we can do there.

  Michelle received a quote from the company for $113,000. They are willing to take $20,000 off if the Town crew basically does all the work. They were going to lay the new plumbing, do all the backfill and compacting, and then the Town crew would have to go back in and do all the cement work. This is obviously not in this year's budget. Glenn would like to get this done as quick as possible to give us

more of an idea of the direction we want to go because obviously that's a big figure. He didn't go into any detail with the individual or the company on the $20,000. He felt like we are doing all the jackhammering, digging it down and grading, etc. The company is just coming in and laying all the pipes. The Town crew would be doing all the hard work. We have already spent $10,975 on investigative costs.

- It took 7 days for Glenn and Randy to put up the winter sand.
- Last week we did some ditching on Thompson and Silver Rd. This is another class that we need to certified in - ditch digging.
- Talked about doing the culvert inventory. They have all been GIS located and graded. We've gone out and cleaned a few. Now he needs to get paperwork done for DES. Plus, there are quarterly reports that need to be done. This is in an RSA that is fairly new. He has some clerical work to get caught up on. If Meredith isn't too busy, maybe she can help.
- The new sidewalk plow is in, we are putting a new hitch on it.
- Reid worked with W/S a couple weeks ago. Using the Fire tanker has saved a lot of time.
- Michelle and Glenn went out to Herman Savage Rd. We need to decide what we want to do out there. He thinks it will need to be on the budget in March. We need to make sure everything passes through FEMA.
- Glenn said he will be asked to dig for the new monument, wanted to be sure the Board was ok with that. They verbally agreed it's ok.
- Hill Project - pulling up the temp water today.

Water & Sewer - Reginald Charron, Supervisor

- The average daily demand in town for water has dropped 30,000 gals/day. We're down to 192,000 gals/ day compared to where we were just two months ago, and it's been since the pool went down. Everything that we've been measuring is accurate. We have the meters, this actually proves it, so there's no question on numbers or anything else.
- We do have major issues there at the pool, Glenn and Randy have been phenomenal down there. After seeing this company come in here, I really expected miracles out of these guys because that's what they do. We just wanted X marks the spot, but basically they couldn't tell us any more than what we already knew.
- Hill Project - Kevin couldn't be here tonight. All the water, sewer and drainage lines are complete, meaning that everything got put in the ground as budgeted. That's a lot to say from where we started a year ago where Reggie was told from the beginning we were going to have to cut out $1,000,000 here and there. Things were not going to be done. He promised the taxpayers, and the water / sewer users, that we would get this project done. After 23 years on one side of the hill, it would be nice to finally finish the hill. It's done. As Glen said, they are starting on the roads, they're going to completely pave on the first year side, which would be Cumberland, Maple, Pinette, all the way to the top of Maple. They're raising the structures, that's going to be finished product for this year. Next year, and also this year, we're going to be putting down the base coat (like we did last year) on everything that was dug up on the other side of the hill this year. Grandview, First and Crow Hill. Hopefully, they'll be done by early summer next year.

  Everything was done to the project specs. Reggie said he can't thank Defelice and their crew enough, Darian the supervisor, and Kevin McKinnon for all they did. He has worked with a lot of people, and these guys actually looked out for the benefit of growth. They really saved us a lot of money. Reggie further discussed the ledge and savings, we didn't have as much ledge as expected. What we did have was breakable and the operator we had on that excavator was amazing. His name was Dan and was phenomenal. The whole crew was awesome. Defelice are getting our 150% approval. They got the job done and were looking out for our money as well.
- Working on the DCR project - trying to get it done.
- The water has been shut off in both cemetery's,
- 3rd qtr. meter readings will start next week, bills should be out around Oct 15th.
- Extra testing and reports are done for 2026. We've spent a lot of money on testing.
- A leak was found on a private lateral on Wemyss Dr. at the far end. The water will be shut down for approx. 1 hour to fix it.

Sewer

- Reggie thanked Andre and the Fire Dept. for the use of the tanker during the Sewer cleaning. We've seen huge improvements with the storm drains. Next year Reggie will ask for another 10 hrs to get the drains done. It allows us to get to our critical points.
- Cleaned up the Perras Rd septic tanks, emptied 2 - 24,000 gal tanks. We change the tanks monthly. We are doing a lot of things to improve, and we are doing everything we can to save money.
- We used to get 300,000 gal to the treatment plant per day. Reggie is shutting the treatment plant down from Sept to Nov., he further discussed the lagoons, costs, etc. As long as the treatment plant is down he doesn't have to report to DES.
- An email he received - NHDES is giving us an award for the most improved plant in the North Country. Let's keep up the fight!!

Al thanked Reggie and Glenn for all the do to keep things going.

5. Requested Agenda Matters:

a. Andrew Hatch - Community Power Coalition of NH (CPCNH) - Update

The Community Power Coalition has worked with Encore Renewables of Burlington, Vermont, to develop a solar array in Warner. The panels and electrical work are complete, and Eversource has installed the necessary poles and interconnections. Final inspections are pending, with energization expected in the first week of November. At approximately 4.99 megawatts, the array is expected to be the largest solar installation in New Hampshire once operational. It is projected to generate nearly 9 million kilowatt-hours annually.

Northumberland joined ten other member communities in subscribing to the project through group net metering in 2025. Just over 5% of the array's production will be assigned to Northumberland's municipal electricity usage. The town will receive a 12.5% credit against electricity consumed by its municipal buildings. Based on approximately 500,000 kilowatt-hours of annual municipal usage, the town is expected to receive about $8,500 per year in credits. No action is currently required from the town; this portion of the presentation was provided as an update.

Northumberland Community Power - Voters approved the town's electric aggregation plan at the 2025 town meeting. The Board of Selectmen subsequently signed the necessary contracts and cost-sharing agreements. A potential launch is being planned for April 2027, subject to the Community Power Coalition being able to offer rates below Eversource's default rate. Preparation will take nearly six months and will include obtaining updated customer and electricity-use data from Eversource and determining how much power must be procured. A launch will occur only if participating customers can save money.

Customer Enrollment and Communication - The program will be voluntary. Customers currently receiving default electricity service from Eversource will be automatically enrolled in Northumberland Community Power unless they choose to opt out. Before launch, the Coalition and the Energy Committee will hold public information sessions and send information to every affected customer explaining the program and the opt-out process. Andrew expects to provide more frequent updates and continue coordinating closely with the town's Energy Committee.

Questions:
C. Wheeler - How long do you expect the power grid to last?
Andrew answered: the agreement that we have is 20 years. The panels, you know, are warranty for 25 years. And if anything about history is to go by, they can last for up to 50 years. But the actual contract that we have entered into is looking at a 20-year timeline.

C. Wheeler - Where is the closest town that is doing this?
Andrew answered: North of here? No, you are the outpost here in Northumberland.

C. Wheeler - What's the next closest southern community?
Andrew answered: Most of them are the seacoast and around the array. We put this out to our members, you have to be an Eversource customer because the array is in Eversource's territory and the whole idea of group net metering is you have to be in the utilities territory to be able to participate.

But the conversations that we had with towns over in Rye and Dover and then more locally were all part of our outreach and Northumberland stepped up.

R. McDonough - If we already have a solar array on our property, do you match the rates for buying and selling? What does that look like in terms of change?
Andrew answered: That is a different program. He wished that he had better news. We want to serve you and we want to reimburse you for the true benefit. To reimburse you more fully than the way that solar is a net metering in general is reimbursed under current State law. But it's not something that we can do without a change at the legislature. Andrew was at the New Hampshire Energy Summit this morning and you know it's a hot topic and we get asked all the time What can you do? Well right now it's advocate on behalf of our customers and all of the ratepayers of New Hampshire. Eversource as an investor owned utilities, job one is return on equity and return on investment to its shareholders. And some of the investments that are required in providing the data that we would need to serve you have not yet been acted upon. So, it's a long road, but another utility unit is starting to work with us, which is the first possibility that we'll start to get pilot programs going. So, hang tight. Andrew said there's two parts to your solar array. One is your net metering, which is your bill credits. The other is what we call RECs, Renewable Energy Certificates. The Community Power Coalition introduced its REC program because the REC aggregation program is typically run by for-profit companies and the big one is in New Jersey. They don't reimburse you for the full value of your REC's. We will do that and if you're interested, we'd be more than happy to help you. Just go to our website and all the information is on there about the REC aggregation program. He is happy to help with that if needed.

Andrew appreciates the support of the Town of Northumberland.

b. Weston & Sampson – Previously tabled because there was a lot of discussion.
M. Randall met with FEMA they made the suggestion of changing the project scope and using the existing H&H study instead of hiring Weston and Sampson. FEMA gave us the names of 3 concrete companies who the Town could obtain quotes from for a precast bridge or culvert, delivery, installation, guardrails, stone fill, and channel work, while Town crews or a contractor complete the remaining work. Glenn said that would have to be further discussed with FEMA. The project was stalled and we weren't going in a direction. FEMA did reimburse for materials when the initial storm happened. Glenn said he's willing to provide the dump trucks, we don't have a excavator. It's still an issue if we go into the water line with permits. If we go this route ourselves, DES has a pre-application process where they come in and walk us through what is needed. If you follow their guidelines we can do the permitting ourselves. Michelle added it's a long process. FEMA confirmed the project remains eligible for 75/25 funding, although reimbursement for Town labor and the DES permitting process still need further clarification.

The Town currently has two possible directions: a bridge that may avoid wetland permitting by keeping work outside the waterline, or an open-box culvert that would likely require permitting. The bridge estimate is about $180,000, while Weston and Sampson's engineering fee alone is about $67,000. Town trucks and materials could be used, but an excavator would be needed. The proposed precast bridge is engineered, approximately 25'–26' long, and could reportedly be installed in about five days.

J. Tierney asked Michelle to contact FEMA and confirm the 75/25 reimbursement for the bridge option and whether the Town's labor and equipment can count toward its share. At a $180,000 total cost, the Town's 25% share would be about $45,000, which is less than the engineering fee for the culvert option. Suggested contacting municipal references, checking whether capital reserve or road funds can be used, and potentially presenting a separate warrant article at Town Meeting.

W. Montgomery supported the bridge as a viable, engineered alternative if FEMA will reimburse it. Asked about the culvert price, contractor references, funding options, and the status of Weston and Sampson. Noted that the bridge approach may use riprap rather than wing walls and could be completed faster while avoiding work in the water.

Concerns were raised about whether FEMA funding is still available, emphasized the project's urgency and liability risk, and discussed using currently available road funds if reimbursement is expected later. Noted that obtaining funding is the main obstacle to beginning work.

Discussed with the public about tabling Weston and Sampson, the Town's share of the $180,000 cost, timing before or after Town Meeting, funding sources, bridge cost, construction timing, access for affected homes, and whether Town labor could count as a match. Three homes are beyond the crossing, with one occupied full time, and coordination with residents would be required.

Motion to table Weston and Sampson by: A. Rossetto
2nd by: W. Montgomery, All in Favor 3-0

6. Town Business:

a. Terri Charron – Patriots Fund - Jeremy Brann discussed that it's been a yearlong process between the VFW and the Legion working through another monument in Town. Everything has been funded through the American Legion and the Sons, we received a generous check from the account that Dennis Charron is in charge of for $5,000. No Town funds have been touched. Terri and Jeremy did the measurements last week, Dig Safe will be in this week. Then we will start working on the framing for a foundation. Jeremy added that Coleman Concrete, Terry Bedell is donating the concrete. The stone is being made, it's in process. We have a tentative date when it will potentially be here. We will do an unveiling with representatives from the Town, a Public notice of the ceremony will be posted. It's been a long time coming.

The monument is for all men and women dedicated from the Town that served1983 until current. There won't be names listed, it would be a 2 year project to find all the names. It was left pretty generic. It will include Lebanon, Granada, Panama, Iraq, Afghanistan, World War on Terrorism, and any future conflicts. There is a small 105 Howitzer at the Legion that was donated to the Auxiliary in 2001, it's not on any of the Legions books. Jeremy requested an area from the Town if there is an area feasible to move it to the monuments. He is working through addition means the Static Military Display Program on getting a decommissioned piece of equipment for the Legion. If he can get the Howitzer moved and on a concrete pad, he's looking for permission to do that. The Board concurred to approve.

He also is looking for permission to replace the flagpole, it's extremely tall and it's hard to service. He's looking at getting a carbon fiber pole, the funding would come from the Legion and Sons.
J. Tierney said Terri asked about the money in the Patriot's Fund. Jeremy asked for permission to move the money in the Patriot's fund - $447.39 to the monument project.

Motion to move $447.39 from the Patriot's fund to the project by: A. Rossetto
2nd by: W. Montgomery, All in Favor 3-0

b. Transfer Station – MSW Can - J. Tierney discussed the need for a MSW can, 45 yards for the compactor. The price is $12,700, w/shipping the cost it's - $14,249. The 45 yard can is the most imperative. The other can is an open top 50 yard can, it's $16,049 w/shipping & handling. We bought a 50 yard can last year that was $4,674 less. Atlantic has been the cheapest for years, they gave us the info for the manufacture (Waste Quip). The quote is from Waste Quip, so do we skip the bid process and go with the cheaper company. Shipping for the 50 yard can is $1,549 and the shipping for the 45 yard can is $1,549. C. Wheeler said if they can ship together, ask them for a discount on the shipping. The company is located in New Lebanon, NY. Jim T. said there is money in the Transfer Sation CRF, but it hasn't been balanced. Jim further discussed the fund, there should be enough for the 45 yard can. If there is enough for the other one, we should get that one as well.

C. Wheeler commented where the compactor can rock back and forth, he recommends putting down steel plate. Glenn said that has been done approx. 10 years ago. J. Tierney said there is extra money to come in from the sale of another can that's sold (for $2,500 - $3,500). There is another one to be looked at. The amount we need to come up with is approx. $30,300. Al asked about the can that was welded, Glenn said he is still using it. This is a replacement for the compactor and a replacement for one of the 50 yard cans. Plus, there is the old compactor that will be looked at to be sold. Wayne added if we have the revenues to cover one or both, we should get the 45 yard can first and them make a decision on the 50 yard can. Michelle commented the balance in the PDIP is - $41,647.31, the CRF balance was further discussed.

Motion to approve the purchase of the 45 yard and 50 yard cans for the Transfer Station - IF the money is in the CRF, and it's not encumbered for something else by: A. Rossetto
2nd by: W. Montgomery, All in Favor 3-0

We will need to talk to Romy about the balance. Glenn will talk to Paul Perras about getting a discount to ship both together if we buy both.

c. AVRRDD Member Benefits -
A. Rossetto explained that the town is a founding member of the Androscoggin Valley Regional Refuse Disposal District (AVRRDD), one of nine member towns and incorporated places. Membership provides secure disposal capacity through 2045, access to landfill and recycling services, and a reduced tipping fee of $58 per ton. Al said the district could potentially eliminate member bills, but the directors believe users should continue paying toward disposal costs. J. Tierney noted that the district had previously zeroed out member bills and that its household hazardous waste day produced approximately $80,000 in combined savings for the towns.

Al reported that Lisa, AVRRDD's Executive Director, offered to attend a Select Board meeting to explain the district's benefits to the Board and the public. Al added there are a lot of benefits and proposed accepting the offer from Lisa.

Motion to accept Lisa's offer to attend a Select Board meeting by: A. Rossetto
2nd by: W. Montgomery,

Discussed the Landfill-gas project. In response to a question about methane being flared, J. Tierney explained that AVRRDD received a $10 million upfront payment under a long-term landfill-gas agreement. A contractor will collect gas through the landfill's pipe-and-vacuum system, refine the methane to approximately 99.9% purity, and place it into a pipeline. The district expects ongoing revenue over an estimated 35 to 40 year period. The landfill currently produces about 2,000 cubic feet of gas/minute, potentially increasing above 2,500 cubic feet / minute. Gas production is expected to decline gradually after closure but may remain commercially usable for decades. The landfill is permitted through 2045, less than an estimated 5% of incoming waste comes from out of state, and sufficient waste volume is needed to support the landfill, materials recovery facility, and gas system.

The public asked why the district could not clean the gas itself or use it for cogeneration. Al said the hired company has the specialized role of cleaning the gas and selling pipeline-quality methane. Then it was explained that generating electricity is constrained by limited grid capacity and the interconnection queue, which can block later projects even when an earlier project is not operating. Al concluded that selling refined gas is currently the most practical approach and that Lisa can provide additional technical and financial details.

A. Rossetto will contact Lisa and coordinate with Meredith and Michelle so the presentation could be scheduled near the front of the agenda.

All in Favor 3-0

d. Sidewalk Project - M. Randall is putting in for a reimbursement (from the engineer) in the amount of $28,135.24. She needs approval to sign the agreement.

Motion to have Michelle Randall sign the agreement by: W. Montgomery
2nd by: A. Rossetto, All in Favor 3-0

e. Zoning Permits -
W. Montgomery reported that attorney Michael Malaguti advised that the Town may not have properly established either its notification or permitting process and recommended pausing new permits until the Board receives legal clarification. The Board discussed how to handle pending applicants and projects already underway. K. Wiles noted that fees had been accepted and that some work may already be complete.
The discussion turned to the distinction between building permits and zoning permits, the Town's lack of a building inspector, certificates of occupancy, inspection responsibilities, and potential liability.

M. DeGennaro summarized research indicating that earlier building-permit and zoning procedures may not have been adopted correctly and described the requirements that could apply if the Town chooses to administer building permits. The State law says that if you want a Building Permit you need to have a Building Department and a licensed Building Inspector. The State references the National Building Codes and International Building Codes. The Town has to have an ordinance at Town Meeting and the

residents have to accept a Building Department. Once accepted, the Town needs to appoint a Building Inspector or hire one each a time a permit is issued and do an certificate of occupancy. Participants debated whether New Hampshire requires a licensed building inspector. Mark further discussed the situation with his own home. We want the Town to do the right thing.

Members reviewed the history of the Town's ordinances, including an ordinance dating to 1984 and later activity in the early 2000s, while noting uncertainty about what was formally approved. The Board agreed to seek a meeting, preferably by Zoom, with Mr. Malaguti, provide the required public notice, and ask what can legally be done about pending and previously submitted permit requests.

The discussion concluded with practical concerns about certificates of occupancy, the qualifications and limits of the current building official, and the effects on residents undertaking new construction or major improvements.

7. Applications/Permits and Warrants:

a. Zoning Permits:
#225-022-00-00 -
#237-003-00-00 -
#214-030-00-00 -
Motion to table all 3 of the permits above by: A. Rossetto
2nd by: W. Montgomery, All in Favor 3-0

b. Non-Resident Transfer Station Permit:
#240-013-00-00 - New - Aaron Smith, 1075 Lancaster Rd., Fee is Paid.
Motion to approve by: A. Rossetto, 2nd by: W. Montgomery, All in Favor 3-0

c. Elderly Tax Credits/Exemptions:
#104-109-00-00 - Applicant(s) meet the criteria.
Motion to approve by: A. Rossetto, 2nd by: W. Montgomery, All in Favor 3-0

d. Abatement:
#104-033-00-00 - $6,399.03 for sewer at the Pool. K. Wiles noted the pools budget pays to the Town.
Motion to approve the abatement for $6,399.03 by: A. Rossetto
2nd by: W. Montgomery, All in Favor 3-0

e. Intent to Cut:
#234-005-00-00 - Bryant Dowland is doing the cut. Tim Savage is the owner of the property. J. Tierney reviewed the cut.
Motion to sign and approve by: A. Rossetto, 2nd by: W. Montgomery, All in Favor 3-0

8. **Public Comment:

- Chuck Kenison - asked that when you speak to the lawyer; that you discuss the issue on his road with Atty Maliguti.
- K. Frechette noted a light by the clinic has trees are growing up all around it and it's not very visible. J. Tierney said we are changing out light bulbs soon.
- K. Frechette asked about Hometown hero's - who is doing it now? Jeremy Brann.
- K. Frechette added that on Bearce St. the trees are growing up around the lights. Asplund trims for Eversource. J. Tierney suggested calling them so they know the trees need to be trimmed. Chris said they need to get permission from the homeowners.
- K. Frechette asked about chickens - are they allowed to be free range on the hill? Someone complained but didn't put it in writing.
- M. DeGennaro asked whether the Town should reuse and update the 2020 REI design for the Public Safety Building rather than restart the planning process. Participants noted that plans are available from the Police Chief and that repricing and updating them could save several months. A. Rossetto said the existing design had already been developed with ambulance and police needs in mind and should move forward quickly because current facilities are inadequate and public safety services are essential to future growth.

Also discussed the earlier project cost, possible grant funding that may not have been clearly presented to voters, and the need for the building committee to develop a proposal that is financially viable and more likely to gain voter support.

Tierney noted there will be a hike in W/S next year - it will be the voters decision. The County and School could ask for more as well. The SWEPT tax was $1.03 for the State and in 2027 - it's .97.

- Rick Archer explained that donated solar panels are available for the building, but funding is still needed for installation and related costs. Clean Energy New Hampshire identified an Eversource program that could cover half the cost of a backup battery if the Town designates the building as an emergency center shelter. The building's food pantry and Starlink service were cited as supporting that use. J. Tierney requested confirmation that the site is not disqualified by its flood-zone status and directed Archer to obtain written approval from New Hampshire Homeland Security. R. Archer also reported that the catalyst grant received clearance indicating no significant impact, avoiding an estimated $20,000 NEPA review and roughly a year of delay.

  Motion to approved contingent of Homeland Security's written confirmation re: Flood Zone status by: J. Tierney, 2nd by: W Montgomery, All in Favor 3-0

- K. Frechette asked if there is any idea how much the W/S rates will increase. J. Tierney explained we will see an increase in the demand fee and an increase in the water. Discussion continued regarding the anticipated increase in the W/S fees.
- R. McDonough described attending the New Hampshire Forum Civic Assembly in Concord as a last-minute moderator. The three-day, bipartisan assembly brought together 56 citizen delegates from across the state to develop housing-policy proposals, but no delegate represented Coos County.
  J. Tierney clarified that R. McDonough attended, prompting her to explain that she was moderating rather than serving as a regional delegate. She emphasized the lost opportunity for North Country residents to shape a statewide housing policy and noted that six proposals received more than 70% support for advancement to the State House.

  Other participants questioned how delegates were recruited, and why North Country residents did not attend, and where outreach emails had been sent. R. McDonough said she still had unanswered questions but believed residents wanted clearer pathways into civic processes.

  J. Tierney outlined the expected legislative path: securing a primary sponsor, drafting through the Office of Legislative Services, committee review, a House vote, and Senate approval. J. Tierney also noted an inability to sponsor legislation next year.

  R. McDonough explained that the civic-assembly model is broader than housing and is being tested in New Hampshire, Nevada, and South Carolina as a form of deeper citizen participation in identifying issues and developing legislation.
  Participants concluded that the process was unfamiliar to them, reinforcing the need for greater awareness and outreach in the North Country.

- Eric Brown commented with the Public Safety building, eventually we won't be spending money on this building. We pay approx. $2,000 / month. If we build a new building we won't be paying rent. M. Randall added the monthly rent may be going up soon.
- Kathy Frechette asked if we have a pre-buy for heating oil? M. Randall said we are in with the school.
- Michelle added as for the trees on the lines, there is an 800 # to call and report. The more noise you make the better.

9. Announcements:

10. Next Board Meeting Date: Tuesday - October 13, 2026 at 6:00 pm

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 8:31 pm

a. Property Transaction -
b. Residential -
c. Reputational -
d. Employment -
e. Residential -

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 9:40 pm
Into Regular session at 9:40 pm

Motion to approve asbestos and lead testing, hillside ave and Lead testing on the covered bridge by: J. Tierney, 2nd by: W. Montgomery, All in Favor 3-0

Motion to SEAL the Non-Public section d by: W. Montgomery
2nd by: A. Rossetto, All in Favor 3-0
Roll Call - J. Tierney - Yes, W. Montgomery - Yes, A. Rossetto - Yes

M. Randall - re: being able to lock and unlock the door - contacted Zizza Lock, it's not compliant because it doesn't have a crash bar, there is a handle. $990.00 for the door plus labor.

Michelle said the EMR plan has been finished. She received an email from June Garneau, now we are due for the Emergency Operation Center plan. We can apply for a grant, but that takes time. The grant is for $4,000 with a $4,000 match, or we can hire June's company to do it for us for $2,800. Michelle might suggest to have her meet with the Board

12. Adjournment:

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca St Cyr, Minute Taker/Transcriber

Minutes approved by Northumberland Select Board Members on_____

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James Tierney
Northumberland Select Board Chairman

X_____
Alan Rossetto
Northumberland Select Board Vice Chairman

X_____
Wayne Montgomery
Northumberland Select Board Member