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Town of Northumberland
Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes - Draft
Date: Monday October 26, 2026
Place: Town Meeting Room – 10 Station Square
Time: 6:00 P.M.

Board members present: Jim Tierney, Al Rossetto
Others present: Mario Audit, Judy Fox, Deb Miles, Jeremy Brann, Kathy Frechette, Bob Roby, Pete Marshall, Norman Cotter, C. R. Wheeler, Glenn Cassady, R. Lupine McDonough, Reginald Charron, Terri Charron, Rebecca St. Cyr - Minute Taker/Transcriber

1. Chairman Opens the Meeting: J. Tierney opened the meeting at 6:02 pm

2. Pledge of Allegiance: All

3. Acceptance of Minutes: Monday, October 13, 2026

   Motion to accept the October 13, 2026 minutes by: A. Rossetto, 2nd by: J. Tierney, All in Favor 2-0

   Motion to Modify/Revise the 10/13/26 minutes as requested by R. Lupine McDonough by: J. Tierney 2nd by: A. Rossetto, All in Favor 2-0

   Page 3, Section 5a, paragraph 7 - R. Lupine McDonough requested her name be deleted out of the Joe Keenan comment.

4. Department Head Business: HWY / Water/Sewer

   Highway - Glenn Cassady, Road Agent

   - Discussed the pool, will wait until next year and dig up in an area then run the camera in on both sides. Glenn further discussed what he plans to do to check for the leaks. It has been winterized for the winter.
   - Glenn and Randy have got some tree limb trimming done.
   - Back roads - Page Hill has been graded and touched up. The other roads didn't need it.
   - Reid and Randy have completed setting up the new sidewalk plow. They cleaned up and painted the old one, need to change the tires. We had to purchase some new rims, they bought 5 new rims at $230.00 ea. Glenn further discussed the rims.
   - Reid cleaned up the mowers and put away. He will be taking care of all the other equipment as well.
   - Randy power washed the big trucks, undercoated his truck and Glenn's plow truck. The undercoating is saving us $.
   - With all the leaves, we need to go out and clean the drains.
   - The salt and sand has been put up for the winter
   - With the warm weather we haven't been starting the wood stove yet.
   - Glenn received a call from the paving crew over the weekend. He came in to check of the progress.
   - Have started talking about the budget to get that started.

A. Rossetto commented the big loader is starting to have a lot of rust, is there anything we can do about that? Glenn said he has been talking about it, the loader is 13 years old, we got 21 years out of the old one. He had sandblasted and painted it once. The old Freightliner (2007) is getting a lot of rust also, we got it around 2010 as a repo. Discussion continued regarding the loader(s) and rust.

Water / Sewer - Reggie Charron, Supervisor

- The Hill project - we started paving up there last week. People are asking why they aren't doing theirs. Complaint on Maple and Fiske. He tried to explain, but will have Kevin talk to them. The base pavement is all down, the final pavement is done on Cumberland and Maple. The curbing is in, he thought it would be pushed back a little more. It's narrowed Maple St., Reggie further discussed.
- The carwash has been torn down and we finished cleaning it up today. It will be paved.
- Water / Sewer bills will be sent out this week.
- Reggie will be on vacation and won't be here for the 11/23 meeting.
- LCR letters need to be sent out by Dec 1, there are 13 left to send.
- The lagoons are mowed.
- The treatment plant is up and running again. It was down 6 weeks, we saved 6 weeks of testing, etc. We've been able to do this the past 3 years, which saves excess water, we are not treating infiltration, etc. We've seen a decrease in the past few years.
- All the hydrants have been flagged, they have been winterized.

C. Wheeler asked about the shoulders near driveways. Reggie said they will take care of them next year.

5. Requested Agenda Matters:

   a. AVRRDD Presentation - Not here

   b. Memorial Cannon Project - J. Brann - in regards to the cannon, the line of sight was fine, he took pictures, however it's in the State's right-of-way per the District manager. Their right-of-way is 33' off center. Groveton is a white line town and they wouldn't sign off on it. He will look at it again in the Spring and maybe look at putting it behind the monuments. He will try to figure out an alternative site. They plan to refurbish it, Jeremy would like it to go by the monuments. The new monument will be here on November 9th.

      The Legion and VFW is hosting a Veterans Day breakfast from 8:00 am - 10:30 am - November 11, 2026, which is free. There will also be a ceremony at the monuments at 11:00 am.

      J. Tierney said there is a Pizza Party - Meet & Greet the candidates at the Legion on Sunday, Nov 1st, 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm. This is for the State Representative candidates running in District 1.

      Jeremy thanked Glenn and crew for taking down the banners.

      A. Rossetto asked how many monuments are in the circle - 4. With the new one there will be 5. Terri said it would be centered in the back and she recommended moving the flagpole to behind the center and maybe putting a circular pad around it. Jeremy's intention is to shift everything over to the Main St. side (behind the monuments), so people can hear better during ceremonies when they are held.

   c. Herman Savage Updates - M. Randall talked to Mike Bean from M A Bean. He advised they don't touch the bed creek or anything that requires a permit. The way they build their bridges they don't need any permitting because they are not violating any water rights, etc. FEMA said we would need to have another in person meeting, they need more info about how they don't touch the water. She emailed Bean but hasn't heard back from him. To get reimbursed from FEMA we need to follow all their rules.

6. Town Business:

   a. PILOT Contract - This is not the PILOT agreement it's to hire Skip Sansoucy's office to assist in doing the agreement and to evaluate Weston Dam. M. Randall said our PILOT program with them expired this spring. We want to make sure that everything is done properly for the next one because the lady that is doing everything with Weston & Sampson, when she came on she found out that there were a lot of things that were not being paid with all of the companies that her Weston & Sampson now has.

      M. Randall said there is something in Sansoucy's contract (April 2027) that they would right the agreement, but it's not in their overall contract. The other dam (Ampersand) hasn't been producing anything due to maintenance on it. All the PILOT agreements have a minimum property tax amount on them of $15,000. Michelle further explained the rates.

      Motion to sign the contract with Sansoucy for the PILOT for the Weston Dam by: A. Rossetto, 2nd by: J. Tierney, All in Favor 2-0

   b. Transfers to CRF - $5,000 to go into Energy Efficiency CRF, Warrant # 7 - 2026 Town Meeting

      Motion to sign to transfer the money to go into the Energy Efficiency CRF by: A. Rossetto 2nd by: J. Tierney, All in Favor 2-0

   c. Signing 2026 MS-1 - J. Tierney noted this is the total valuation of the Town, including business. It's down $22,000,000 in the total. The bulk of it was from PSNH, they dropped approx. $15,000,000. The Hill Project doesn't go into this. The total valuation is $205,445,343 before exemption. It was $227,000,000+ before the exemptions came out. J. Tierney explained the exemptions: solar energy systems, elderly, blind, disabled exemption, there is also the Veterans exemption. A. Rossetto reviewed the amounts - approx. $400,000 total for the exemptions.

      Motion to sign the MS-1 by: A. Rossetto, 2nd by: J. Tierney, All in Favor 2-0

   d. Signing of 3rd Quarter Water/Sewer Warrant - going out tomorrow $207,921.90 water demand and usage charges, sewer charges. M. Randall said the billing software used to break it down into Water and Sewer; now it's a lump sum. Jim recommended adding (after the dollar amount) in Water/Sewer demand charges and usage charges as well as Sewer usage charges.

      Motion to sign the W/S usage warrant by: A. Rossetto, 2nd by: J. Tierney, All in Favor 2-0

   e. Vote to accept a donation from Passumpsic Bank - Fire Station - To the Groveton Fire Department, $298.00. J. Tierney read the RSA - if the donation is under $10,000 the BOS can accept it. If above $10,000 there has to be a public hearing.

      Motion to accept the donation of $298.00 from Passumpsic Bank to the Fire Dept by: A. Rossetto 2nd by: J. Tierney, All in Favor 2-0

      Motion that the BOS sets $10,000 and higher in unanticipated funds the BOS can't accept on our own by: J. Tierney, 2nd by: A. Rossetto, All in Favor 2-0

7. Applications/Permits and Warrants:

   a. Zoning Permits; 225-022-00-00; 237-003-00-00; 214-030-00-00 – Tabled 10/13/26 - these people have been notified that they can proceed with what they wish to do.

   b. Non-Resident Transfer Station Permit(s): None

8. **Public Comment:
   - C Wheeler asked how many applicants have been responded for the Selectmen position. J. Tierney said he's been advised there are been 2. The cutoff date is November 6th at 5:00 pm. If we need interviews, we will review and discuss at the November 9th meeting.

9. Announcements:
   Medicare - J. Tierney commented people that were told there are no Advantage plans in Coos County for 2027. The Governor announced there is one company that has agreed to come into Coos County with an Advantage plan. It will be available to view as of November 1.

10. Next Board Meeting Date: November 9, 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: J. Tierney, All in Favor 2-0
    Roll Call: J. Tierney - Yes, A. Rossetto - Yes

    Into Non-Public Session at 6:56 pm

    a. Residential - SEALED
    b. Reputational -
    c. Employee Matter(s) -

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

    Out of Non-Public Session at 7:57 pm
    Into Regular session at 7:57 pm

    Motion to seal section a of the Non-Public Session by: J. Tierney
    2nd by: A. Rossetto, All in Favor 2-0
    Roll Call: J. Tierney - Yes, A. Rossetto - Yes

12. Adjournment:

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

    Meeting adjourned at 7:59 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).

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Minutes approved by Northumberland Select Board Members on_____

X_____
James Tierney
Northumberland Select Board Chair

X_____
Alan Rossetto
Northumberland Select Board Member

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Northumberland Select Board Member