

**TOWN OF NORTHAMPTON
REGULAR MEETING
October 21, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Town of Northampton was held on Wednesday, October 21, 2015. Supervisor Groff called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building at 412 South Main St., Northville, NY. Supervisor Groff led the salute to the flag.

PRESENT: Supervisor: James Groff
Councilmen: Darryl Roosa, Ivar Anderson, Art Simmons and
William Gritsavage

RECORDING SECRETARY: Elaine Mihalik-Town Clerk

Other Town department representatives in attendance were: Bookkeeper-Nathanial Matthews;
Matthew Ginter-Code Enforcement Officer; Christopher (Kip) Richardson, Highway Superintendent; and
Jack Farquhar-Justice/Ambulance Coordinator

Also present: Terry Quackenbush, Raymund Hatch, and Rose Hatch

MOTION: Councilman Anderson motioned to approve the September 16, 2015 Regular meeting minutes. Seconded by Councilman Roosa and
Adopted by a vote of 4-Ayes: Groff, Anderson, Roosa, and Simmons
Abstain-Councilman Gritsavage was not present at the meeting

MOTION: Councilman Anderson motioned to approve the September 24, 2015 2016 Budget work session meeting minutes. Seconded by Councilman Roosa and
Adopted by a vote of 5-Ayes: Groff, Gritsavage, Anderson, Roosa, and Simmons

RES. #2015-30: Resolution Authorizing Transfer of Funds within Accounts to meet certain Contractual Expenses for Accounts Payable from 2015 Budget Line Items.”
Councilman Anderson offered the following resolution and moved its adoption.
Councilman Gritsavage seconded the motion.

WHEREAS, within the budget certain appropriated amounts are insufficient to meet certain accounts payable expenses from Budget line items from 2015 Budget for the October transfers;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor be authorized to transfer the below indicated funds from within existing accounts of the 2015 budget to cover anticipated expenses;

October

\$7,000.00

From: A1620.2 – Buildings Equipment

To: A1620.401 – Buildings – Supplies/Materials

\$4,000.00

From: DB5148.403 – Service Other Gov’t - Salt

To: DB5142.408 – Snow Removal – Sand

\$10,000.00

From: DB5142.1 – Snow Removal – Personal Services

To: DB5110.1 – Streets General – Personal Services

\$2,000.00

From: SW8330.406 – Water Purification - Corrosion

To: SW8340.402 – Water Trans/Distribution – Repair/Maint.

AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that this resolution be recorded in the Town Clerk’s minutes and be a permanent record of the Town and a copy be filed with the Supervisors records for auditing purposes.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

James Groff	Aye	Ivar Anderson	Aye
William Gritsavage	Aye	Art Simmons	Aye
Darryl Roosa	Aye		

MOTION ON WARRANTS

Councilman Roosa approved paying the warrants as set forth and seconded by Councilman Anderson.

Adopted by a vote of 5-Ayes: Groff, Gritsavage, Simmons, Roosa and Anderson 0-Nays

October 2015 Warrants

General Fund “A”	\$ 27,681.51
General Ambulance Fund Account	0.00
General Fund “B”	7,725.90
Highway “DB”	88,149.94
Sacandaga Lighting District “SL”	1,070.58
Sacandaga Water District “SW”	6,505.44
Sacandaga Sewer District “SS”	8,202.27
Trust & Agency Fund	<u>238.76</u>
Total Warrants	\$139,974.40

Supervisor Groff opened Public Comment at 7:01 p.m.

Speaker Jack Farquhar, Ambulance Coordinator

I have spoken with a dealer and he stated that everyone is going to the gas driven ambulance and no one is going with the diesel stated the Supervisor.

Jack Farquhar: There is quiet a savings as you can see, you sacrifice a little. I have provided you the board members a comparison sheet. We are definitely hoping to say under \$200,000.00. The plans are not quite done yet. We have sent the plans back with revisions a couple of times for the inside of the ambulance. My recommendation would be to go with the V-10 gas ambulance.

Discussion ensued on the issues with the brakes with the current ambulance.

Councilman Gritsavage questioned the Chevy diesel chassis counter weight on the comparison sheet for the new ambulance. Discussion ensued.

COMMUNICATIONS

- Monthly Report of Revenues and Expenditures as of 9/30/2015
- Monthly Transfers for Abstract of Audited vouchers
- Thank you letter from Candee Harrington

- Time Warner-Programming Notification
- Fulton Montgomery Regional Chamber of Commerce Newline
- Letter from Office of Aging requesting \$600 for 2016 meals in our municipality. This has already been budgeted in the 2016 Budget stated the Supervisor.
- Received email from Solar Sunrun Communication Director, Brianna Therkelsen requesting having Solar Sunrun resource added to the Town website.

Councilman Simmons: I believe the initial intent for the website link was from non-profit groups such as the churches, schools, the American Legion... and we have gotten some businesses such as the Sacandaga Express, Frontier, and Edinburg Newsletter. If we have the Solar Company placed on the website I think we are going to open the door to other things and how can you deny them. I don't have a problem but we need to decide one way or the other, if it's for non-profits or the other.

Supervisor Groff: What was the intent of the website?

To have the Town and the Village use it stated Councilman Anderson.

And to have links stated Councilman Gritsavage.

Councilman Simmons: Some of the original discussion was for the intent for non-profits.

I think people theoretically go to the website when then come to Northampton stated Councilman Gritsavage. If it becomes a hassle then we can reexamine

Discussion ensued.

MOTION: Councilman Simmons motioned to allow businesses on the Sacandaga Lake to post on the Town of Northampton website link and a letter is to first be submitted to the Town Board for approval prior to posting. Seconded by Councilman Anderson, and
Passed by 5-Ayes: Groff, Gritsavage, Anderson, Roosa and Simmons 0-Nays

TheTown Board unanimously approved Solar Sunrunposting on the Town website.

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

Matthew Ginter collected \$555.00 in fees in. The total Estimated Project Costs was \$94,800.00. A total of (11) permits were issued in September 2015; #062-15Deck;#063-15 Deck; #064-15 Deck; #065-15addition; #066-15Deck; #067-13Garage; #068-15 Well; #069-15 Well; #070-15 Well; #071-15 Garage;#072Addition and 2 Municipal Search.

Res. #31 of 2015: Resolution to Commence an Amendment Process to Local Law No. 1 of 2012 Entitled "Zoning and Subdivision Law of the Town of Northampton, County of Fulton.

Councilman Anderson offered the following Resolution and voted its adoption:

WHEREAS, Resolution 2012-05 adopted Local Law No. 1 of 2012 entitled "ZONING AND SUBDIVISION LAW OF THE TOWN OF NORTHAMPTON, COUNTY OF FULTON"; and
WHEREAS, The new Zoning and Subdivision Law has been utilized by the Town for three (3) calendar years; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board provided an Amendment Proposal to the Town Board for their review and acceptance on February 13, 2015; and

WHEREAS, The Town Board requested Scott Henze, Planner, Fulton County Planning Department to request a legal review of said amendments by the Town Attorney having done so on July 10, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Said Town Attorney performed requested legal review providing written correspondence in resolve on September 21, 2015; and

WHEREAS, The Town Board is in agreement to consider said amendments to the Town's Zoning and Subdivision Law following the requirements outlined within Article XV: Amendments of the Town's Zoning and Subdivision Law; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Town Board does hereby authorize Scott D. Henze, Planner, Fulton County Planning Department to revise for the benefit of the public's review the Town's Zoning and Subdivision Law and, be it further

RESOLVED, the Town Board does hereby authorize Elaine Mihalik, Clerk, to complete and submit a Section 239-M form to the Fulton County Planning Board for their review under New York State General Municipal Law and, be it further

RESOLVED, the Town Board hereby proposes to act as the Lead Agency and to perform a coordinated review under Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law, State Environmental Quality Review Act and, be it further

RESOLVED, the Town Board has identified that the NYS Adirondack Park Agency and NYS Hudson River Black River Regulating District shall be named within the coordinated review and, be it further

RESOLVED, the Town Board determines that the proposed adoption of said zoning amendments constitutes a Type 1 action under the State Environmental Quality Review Act and, be it further

RESOLVED, the Town Board hereby authorizes Scott D. Henze, Planner, Fulton County Planning Department to prepare Part 1 of the Environmental Assessment Form to be sent to those agencies identified and, be it further

RESOLVED, the Town Board hereby acknowledges that a Public Hearing must be held prior to the adoption of said proposed Amendment to Local Law No. 1 of 2012 Entitled "Zoning and Subdivision Law of the Town of Northampton, County of Fulton" which is to be determined at a later date and, be it further

RESOLVED, the Town Board hereby authorizes Elaine Mihalik, Clerk, to post said Public Hearing notice in accordance with Article XV: Amendments of the Town's Zoning and Subdivision Law and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution become a permanent record of the minutes of the Town Clerk.

Seconded by Councilman Gritsavage and adopted by the following Roll Call vote:

James Groff	Aye	Darryl Roosa	Aye
William Gritsavage	Aye	Ivar Anderson	Aye
Art Simmons	Aye		

HIGHWAY

Bids were received on the Auctions International for the Town of Northampton's as follows: 2011 Ford F-350 in the amount of \$15,600.00; the 2008 9' Fisher MC Storm Guard Plow in the amount of \$2,740.00 and the 2004 Stainless Steel Tarco in the amount of \$1,426.00.

MOTION: Councilman Gritsavage motioned to accept the bids for the Town of Northampton's 2011 Ford F-350 in the amount of \$15,600.00; the 2008 9' Fisher MC Storm Guard Plow in the amount of \$2,740.00 and the 2004 Stainless Steel Tarco in the amount of \$1,426.00. Seconded by Councilman Simmons and passed by,

5-Ayes: Groff, Gritsavage, Anderson, Simmons, and Roosa 0-Nays

MOTION: Highway Agreement to spend Town Highway Funds

We agree that moneys levied and collected for the repair and improvement of highways, and received from the state for the repair and improvement of highways, shall be expended as follows.

1. **General Repairs.** The sum of \$66,260.25 may be expended for general repairs upon one (1) mile of Town Highways, including sluices, culverts and bridges having a span of less than five feet and boardwalks or the renewals thereof.
2. **IMPROVEMENTS.** The following sums shall be set aside to be expended for the improvement of town highways:
 - (a) On the road commencing at Old Route 30 and leading to Smith Beach Road, a distance of one (1) mile, there shall be expended not over the sum of \$66,260.25. Type #6 Hot Binder Width of traveled surface 20'; Thickness 1-1/2".

Councilman Anderson motioned to approve the foregoing Agreements and is hereby approved at Town Board meeting held this 21st day of October 2015, seconded by Councilman Gritsavage and

Adopted by a vote of 5 Ayes-Groff, Gritsavage, Roosa, Anderson, and Simmons 0-Nays

Highway Superintendent, Mr. Richardson received a letter from the residents on Seven Hills Road inquiring if something is going to be done about the severity of the culverts on the road. During the winter the roads heave and culverts stay and there is nothing I can do about it stated Mr. Richardson. During the summer time there if there is a slight dip I can level it off but every morning it is going to come right back. As far as replacing culverts this time of year is not going to help that. If there is frost in the road and the road heaves with the culvert staying, people think that the culvert sinks but it's the road that comes up.

Councilman Anderson: Would you please look into seeing how much it would cost to have yellow stripes placed on our roads?

Kip Richardson: I did check into that and the problem with our roads is they are narrow roads. It keeps the traffic on that side of the stripe but it keeps them all on the shoulder of the road. That is going to create more problems. Our roads are not like the County roads with a big shoulder.

Councilman Anderson: A lot of cars hang out in the middle of the road. I think for safety sake we should really look at it.

I think if the people drove the speed limit there wouldn't be a problem stated the Supervisor.

Discussion ensued.

Bids received for the 2016 F350 Pickup Dump Truck and body specifications are as follows
Brown's Ford of Johnstown, Johnstown, New York for a 2016 F-Series SD Truck; quote in the amount of \$37,259.00

Metro Ford Sales Inc. 3501 State Street, Schenectady, NY 12304; 2016 F-350 Chassis XL; 4x4 SD Regular Cab 141" WB DRW quote in the amount of \$39,121.00

Morris Ford Mercury, Route 50, Burn Hills, NY 12027; quote in the amount of \$39,127.00

MOTION:Councilman Anderson motioned to accept the bid for the 2016 F350 Series SD Truck in the amount of \$37,259.00 from Brown's Ford of Johnstown, Johnstown, NY. Seconded by Councilman Gritsavage and passed by,

5-Ayes: Groff, Gritsavage, Anderson, Simmons, and Roosa 0-Nays

Kip Richardson: We have a grader that is just setting around. What very little use that we have for it and to keep it maintained. The Town of Hope has more use for it than we do. The Town of Hope is willing to keep it; maintain it; and have it for our use any time the Town of Northampton needs it. By the time we use it I have to put new batteries in and I have to put new batteries when we use again. The Town of Hope has more dirt roads in their town.

It was agreed to move forward with drawing up an agreement for the Town of Northampton to sell the used (as is) grader to the Town of Hope for one Dollar (\$1.00) with the stipulation in the agreement that if the Town of Northampton needs to use the grader, that we can have use of the grader. The agreement is to be reviewed by the Town Attorney and presented to the Town Board at the next scheduled Town Board meeting.

JUSTICE: Councilman Anderson motioned to accept the Justice report, there were a total of 38 cases handled and \$5,228.00 was collected in fines for the month, seconded by Councilman Gritsavage and passed by, 5-Ayes: Groff, Roosa, Gritsavage, Anderson, and Simmons 0-Nays

Supervisor Groff: The Village of Northville is going to tear down their building on their Third Street property. The Village needs a place for the Police Department, they basically need a desk and a small office. The talked about using Darryl's office this building which would not be very handy. First I spoke with the District Attorney because she uses the small office at the Justice Court Building. She did not have a problem with it because she only uses it one day a month. I spoke with both of our Justices and neither of them had a problem with the Police using the small room at the Justice Court Building. The only thing that we would need to do is put a lock on that door. If the board is okay with the Police Department using that room then I will offer it to Mayor Spaeth.

MOTION: Councilman Anderson motioned to allow the Village of Northville Police Department the use of the small office in the Town of Northampton Justice Court Building. Seconded by Councilman Gritsavage and passed by,

5-Ayes: Groff, Roosa, Gritsavage, Anderson, and Simmons 0-Nays

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER: The Town Board has received a Warning Letter from NYS Agriculture and Markets dated October 2, 2015.

I will answer a letter this week to New York State Agriculture and Markets on how I feel about this stated the Supervisor.

Joint Intermunicipal: I think really do need to activate that again. We have a number of things that we need done. Going back a couple of years we were talking about certain pieces of equipment that we use and there has never been a formal agreement made between the Town of Northampton and the Village of Northville. It should be in writing. We have things that are coming up with the Water and Sewer that we should discuss. I will try to set up a meeting with Mayor Spaeth and Councilmen Gritsavage and Anderson.

ELECTION:

The General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 3rd – hours will be 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.

ASSESSOR:

MOTION: Councilman Anderson motioned to approve the re-appointment of Raymund Hatch Jr. as member on the Town of Northampton Assessment Board of Review with a term of October 1, 2015 to September 30, 2020. Seconded by Councilman Gritsavage and

Adopted by a vote of 5-Ayes: Groff, Gritsavage, Anderson, Roosa, and Simmons

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS:Z02-15 Richard and Crystal Bruno were denied a variance for a rear and side yard setback to build a garage at 249 Co. Hwy 152. The next scheduled ZBA meeting is set for October 28, 2015 at 7 p.m.

PLANNING BOARD:

P08-15 Brian Horton presented his conceptual plan for a restaurant at 799 State Rt. 30..

The Planning Board's next scheduled meeting is for Tuesday, October 6th, 2015 at 7 p.m.

AMBULANCE:The Northampton Ambulance meeting was held on September 8, 2015. Calls responded to for August was 11 in the Town of Northampton, 8 in the Village of Northville and 3 in the Town of Hope.

Mr. Farquhar gave a status update on the ambulance and it is up and running.

HISTORIAN: Skip Taylor would like board approval to place the Final Inventory of Historic Resources of the Town of Northampton and the Village of Northville that was done by the Historic Commission on the Town website.

Councilman Anderson motioned to place the Historic Commissions Final Inventory of Historic Resources on the Town of Northampton website. Seconded by Councilman Simmons and passed by, 5-Ayes: Groff, Gritsavage, Anderson, Roosa, and Simmons

CEMETERIES:It is fall cleanup of the Prospect Hill and Main St. cemeteries. Families and friends are asked to remove any flowers, decorative arrangements and any other items they wish to save by

November 15th. Anything left after the 15th will be discarded. The Official winter closing date for the cemeteries is December 1st 2015.

REFUSE AND GARBAGE: The Transfer Station will be open Saturday, November 28, 2015 after Thanksgiving Day during regular hours

HARDFILL: For the month of September 2015 there were a total of 49 vehicles that had come to the Hardfill site and \$44.50 was collected in fees.

HAULING FEES: The month of August fees are as follows:

County Transfer	123.750 Ton @ \$53	\$6,558.75
Curbside Recycling	9.870 Ton @ \$20	\$ 197.40
Transfer Station Recycling	4.450 Ton @ \$10	\$ 44.50
Metal Hauling Fee	2.420 Ton @ \$20	\$ 48.40
Electronics	0.570 Ton @ \$0.00	\$ 0.00
Total		\$6,849.05

Northville Fire Department: During September 2015 there were a total of 10 responses and a total of 110 man hours made by the Northville Fire Department. The Village of Northville there was- 1- Medflight Landing Zone; 1- Stand by for Edinburg in Northville Station; 1- Wires Down; 1- Brush Fire; 1- Malicious Smoke Detector Activation. In the Town of Northampton there was 1- Gas Grill Fire; 1- Vehicle Gasoline Leak. Town of Hope there was 2- Brush Fire; 1- Stand by at Hope Station. 2- Mutual Aid given; and 3- Mutual Aid Received.

The Northville Fire Department participated in the following training:

1. September 21 – Members practiced pumping water from truck to truck. 13 members present.
2. September 23– Members performed Monthly Air Pack checks.
3. September 28 – Members practiced using Ladders and Chimney Chains used for chimney fires. 15 members present

SACANDAGA PARK WATER & SEWER: September 2015

Water:

-September 2014 usage 1,051,000-gallons pumped

-September 2015 usage-861,000-gallons pumped

Meters:

-No new problems to report

Repairs/Maintenance:

No problems to report

Wastewater:

-September-2014- daily average flow 17,700 gallons

-September 2015-daily average flow 13,000 gallons

Repair/Maintenance:

-No problems to report

The roofs have been fixed at the Sewer plant.

TOWN CLERK:

MOTION: Councilman Anderson motioned to approve the Town Clerk's September 2015 monthly report as presented and seconded by Councilman Roosa and passed by,

A vote of 5-Ayes: Groff, Roosa, Gritsavage, Simmons, and Anderson 0-Nays

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**Town Clerk Monthly Report
September 01, 2015 - September 30, 2015**

Account#	Account Description	Fee Description	Qty	Local Share
A1255	Conservation	Conservation	100	217.09
	Marriage Certificate	Marriage Certificate	3	30.00
	Town Clerk Fees	Marriage License	1	12.50
			Sub-Total:	\$259.59
A2130	Hardfill Site	Hardfill Site	1	50.00
	Transfer Station	Transfer Station	19	190.00
			Sub-Total:	\$240.00
A2544	Dog Licensing	Female, Spayed	5	35.00
		Male, Neutered	2	14.00
		Male, Unneutered	1	13.00
			Sub-Total:	\$62.00
A2770	Photo Copy	Photo Copy	2	0.50
			Sub-Total:	\$0.50
B2555	Building Permits	Building Permits	11	505.00
			Sub-Total:	\$505.00
B2770	Municipal Searches	Municipal Searches	2	50.00
			Sub-Total:	\$50.00
			Total Local Shares Remitted:	\$1,117.09
Amount paid to: New York State DOH for Marriage Licenses				22.50
Amount paid to: NYS Ag. & Markets for spay/neuter program				10.00
Amount paid to: NYS Environmental Conservation				3,718.91
Total State, County & Local Revenues:		\$4,868.50	Total Non-Local Revenues:	
			\$3,751.41	

To the Supervisor:

Pursuant to Section 27, Sub 1, of the Town Law, I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full and true statement of all fees and monies received by me, Elaine Mihalik, Town Clerk, Town of Northampton during the period stated above, in connection with my office, excepting only such fees and monies, the application of which are otherwise provided for by law.

Supervisor _____ Date _____ Town Clerk _____ Date _____

SUPERVISOR:

- I met on October 2nd in Warrensburg with Jason Denno from DEC, Wayne Ryan from AES stated Supervisor Groff. There is a good opportunity for funding if we were combined the system with the Village of Northville but I don't think they will get the Village to vote for it. It would

include them in the sewer district and they do not have any sewer problems. We are going to keep trying.

This would be part of the discussion with the Village at an Intermunicipal meeting stated Councilman Anderson.

- I met with the NCS Officials regarding the Fuel Station Users/Participants. The Northville Central School had a cash flow shortage in the fuel station account that originated back to the 2012/2013 fiscal year. Apparently when they issued new keys it wasn't billing the accounts properly. We were informed that the Town of Northampton that our portion of the Fuel billing we owe is \$10,299.76; the Village of Northville owes \$841.91 for their portion along with the Town of Benson and the NCS owing their portions of the fuel bill.

The Town can pay a part of the fuel bill this year and the other portion next year stated the Supervisor. Councilman Simmons: I think before the Bookkeeper makes any type of payments he needs to look over this very carefully.

Discussion ensued on the past billing cost per gallon issues; on what the age of the software is on the pumps and is it compatible with the billing system.

Nathaniel Matthews informed the board of what his intentions are for addressing the fuel billing back payments. Because we are at the cusp of the fiscal year whatever we are able to pay from the 2015 fiscal year I am going to wait until January or February 2016 to see what we can accrue of the \$10,299.76. The rest of the payment I plan on increasing the appropriations in the 2016 Budget and also increase the revenues to offset that in the sales tax. It will have a zero net affect for the upcoming budget. I will have the fuel bill covered over two fiscal years instead of all in one.

OLD BUSINESS:

Update on the 2015 Franchise Agreement to provide Cable Television Services between Town of Northampton and Time Warner Cable Northeast LLC c/b/a/ Time Warner Cable.

Councilman Simmons: We have heard nothing from Time Warner in a long time. We have heard nothing on the local TV channel at the NCS.

Supervisor Groff: I will try and call Mr. Mouha tomorrow. Discussion ensued.

Councilman Simmons: a couple of times I have seen Dr. Ford at the NCS and she stated that she has heard nothing from Time Warner. A few months ago when we spoke with Mr. Mouch on a conference call he assured us he was going to call the NCS the next day.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nathaniel Matthews explained that we have two things going on. MVP has informed us that we have fallen below their minimum for a number of a group for our retirees. So they are discontinuing our coverage. There is virtually nobody that I'm aware of that has a plan for a two person group for retirees. I have spoken with Bouchey and Clarke is checking on this for me.

The CDPHP is changing the plans in general. They are no longer offering the plan that we have. To go to a comparable plan is going to be substantially more expensive according to Bouchey and Clarke. It would be approximately a 20% increase maybe more for what we currently have.

I started looking into (NYSHIP) New York State Health Insurance Plan. I did look into the PPO of Blue Shield, the HMO of Blue Shield.

For just about the same cost the CDPHP increase we can have much better coverage with similar co-pays through the NYSHIP plan. The resolution before you is authorizing the Town to move forward with offering the NYSHIP and get the people enrolled. It is looking to be a 20% increase no matter where we go. NYSHIP is hands down the better coverage. The plus with NYSHIP is because it is a self-insured program we won't have to worry about the retirees. The retirees will be included in this plan. The other huge factor is that NYSHIP premium increases when everybody else's is double digits they have been holding the line.

I would like to get everything up and running with a January 1, 2016 effective date because that is when the retirees will lose their coverage.

Councilman Simmons: What about with the union?

They are fine, we talked to them stated the Supervisor.

The Union states that we have to offer the same or better and this is better stated Nathaniel Matthews.

Res. #2015-32: NYS Department of Civil Service Resolution Electing Participation New York State Health Insurance Program.

Councilman Anderson offered the following Resolution.

Seconded by Councilman Simmons and adopted by the following Roll Call Vote.

James Groff	Aye	Darryl Roosa	Aye
William Gritsavage	Aye	Ivar Anderson	Aye
Art Simmons	Aye		

Nathaniel Matthews: Our CDPHP coverage also includes Dental. With CDPHP changing the Dental will be cancelled. Before you have two plans a basic Dental and Premium Dental and you also have the option to add Vision on top with the both of those. The Premium Dental Plus Vision is still going to be less cost than what we are currently offering with CDPHP and it much better coverage. Right now the Town does not cover Vision coverage and the Dental is going to be very comparable if not better.

MOTION: Councilman Anderson motioned to approve the Town of Northampton to participate in the United Concordia Dental and Vision Plan for the Town of Northampton Employees and retirees.

Seconded by Councilman Roosa and

Adopted by a vote of 5-Ayes: Groff, Gritsavage, Anderson, Roosa, and Simmons

Councilman Simmons:

The Public Hearing for the 2016 Budget will be on Wednesday, November 18, 2015 at 7.00 p.m.

The next Town Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 18, 2015

Councilman Anderson: Maybe we should have every other month a workshop session where we make it open to the public to have anybody and everybody bring up any ideas that they have and just discuss them. No formal presentations needed, no votes, no anything and see if we can move forward with any of these items that we have, such as the water and sewer. Maybe we can talk about things prior to something happening that we have to have an emergency we can start working on plans.

Councilman Gritsavage: Isn't that what our committees are for?

Possibly yes, stated Councilman Anderson. This way we are all hear and the public can weigh in on what we have. I see that a lot of towns have it. The town of Charlton have three businesses in the whole town and the have a workshop session. We can have one every two months of as needed.

How would it be published asked the Clerk.

Response: Just post it as a work session the public is invited.

Supervisor Groff: How about the second week in January 2016 before the Board meeting or maybe after the Organizational meeting?

Councilman Anderson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:54p.m. Councilman Gritsavages seconded the motion. All board members present were in favor of the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Mihalik
Town Clerk