

**Town of North Yarmouth  
Select Board  
Special Meeting Minutes of Monday, October 3, 2022  
Wescustogo Hall & North Yarmouth Community Center**

**Call to Order** (5:42pm) – Brian Sites, Amy Haile, Paul Hodgetts, Katherine Perrin, and Andrea Berry were present. The Town Manager, Diane Barnes, was also present. Chairperson Sites called the meeting to order at 5:42 PM.

**Appointments**

Chairperson Sites explained that he had received a request from Paul Metivier, Planning Board Regular member, to be re-appointed to an alternate member. He also stated that he received an email from Planning Board Alternate member, Paul Whitmarsh stating that he would like to be appointed as a Regular member to the Planning Board.

Chairperson Sites moved to appoint Paul Metivier as an Alternate member to the Planning Board with at term expiring June 30, 2025, and appoint Paul Whitmarsh as a Regular member to the Planning Board with a term expiring June 30, 2023. Selectperson Hodgetts seconded the motion. Discussion on the motion followed:

Selectperson Haile stated that she felt she could not support the changes because she felt the responsibilities of being a regular or alternate member were the same. She felt that if someone could not fulfill their duties as a board member, then the board member should resign their position. She stated that voting on Mr. Metivier's request needed to be addressed before any action occurred on Mr. Whitmarsh's request.

Selectperson Berry asked if the Town Manager had any experience with a regular Planning Board member requesting to be moved to an alternate position. The Town Manager responded no she had not. Selectperson Berry said that she felt very uncomfortable with the process and would like to see the qualifications of the other alternate members. She also said she would like to watch the comments that people have made as alternate members before she could decide. She felt she did not have enough information to appoint Paul Whitmarsh as a regular member.

Selectperson Hodgetts stated that he and Selectperson Haile agreed to elevate Planning Board Alternate member, Trey Milam to a Regular member when the next vacancy occurred and further agreed that Paul Whitmarsh would be appointed as a Regular member when a Regular member resigns. He said he had no problem with the appointments as presented.

Selectperson Perrin stated that she felt that discussions on Planning Board appointments were happening outside of the open meeting process. She felt that both requests were very coincidental.

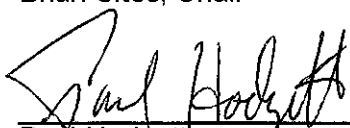
**Voted 2 Yes - 3 No- Perrin, Berry, & Haile. Motion failed.**

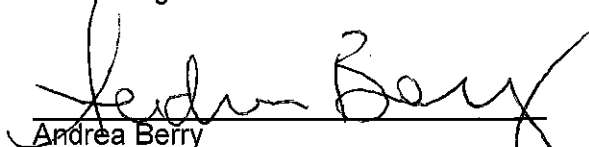
**Adjournment** (5:55pm) – Selectperson Sites adjourned the meeting at 5:55 PM.

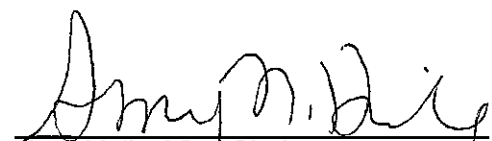
Prepared By: Diane Barnes  
Town Manager

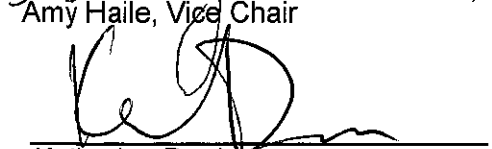
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Brian Sites, Chair

  
Paul Hodgetts

  
Andrea Berry

  
Amy Haile, Vice Chair

  
Katherine Perrin