

February 4, 2014 Board of Selectmen Minutes

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Town of North Yarmouth

Board of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes

February 4, 2014

7:00 p.m. Town Office

MEMBERS PRESENT: Steve Palmer (Chairman), Clark Whittier, Mark Girard, Darla Hamlin,

Paul Napolitano

OTHERS PRESENT: Interim Town Manager Marnie Diffin.

I. The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Palmer

ADMINISTRATIVE:

II. Consent Agenda:

Clark Whittier moved and Darla Hamlin seconded to approve the following consent agenda items; Minutes of the January 7th meeting; Minutes of the January 14th workshop; Minutes of the January 21st meeting; Minutes of the January 22nd workshop; Minutes of the January 29th workshop; Payroll Warrant #40; Accounts Payable Warrant #41. Vote: 5-0

III. Public Comment on Items Not Part of the Agenda No public comment.

IV. Workshop Discussion Authorization Motions:

Acceptance of MSAD #51 Gift- Memorial School

Paul Napolitano moved and Darla Hamlin seconded pursuant to authority granted to the Board of Selectmen by Town Meeting Warrant Article #30, of the June 15th, 2013 meeting to accept the gift of the North Yarmouth Memorial School building and associated improvements and real estate pursuant to a motion made and approved by the M.S.A.D.#51 Board of Directors at their duly called December 2, 2013 meeting.

Vote: 5-0

Soils & Septic System Feasibility Funding

Mark Girard moved and Clark Whittier seconded to authorize the work proposal as outlined in correspondence from Sevee & Maher Engineers, Inc dated January 28, 2014, and to fund it from the Selectmen Misc. Planning expenditure line. Vote 5-1 (Napolitano)

The cost would be \$3,000 for the study-site and septic capacity and \$1,000 for follow-up from the work-cost to determine what system could be built and the potential flow service. Mark stated that Pat Carroll has provided some data and the information will be helpful to explore land value, potential TIF district and the like to help them make an informed decision. Paul stated that expanding town water in this area would also get to the same outcome regarding sewage given the good quality of the soils given the potential lot sizes for housing. Mark stated that the report would provide some options and some that may not have been considered. Gathering this information would help address Paul's question as options for potential use.

There was a discussion on the potential lot sizes in relation to the aquifer. Clark commented on the water report presented at the Planning Board meeting and that the town has exceeded the requirements and that $\frac{3}{4}$ acre lots could be considered.

Darla asked if there are any costs to bringing town water in this area. Mark stated that the report data would help evaluate what the options are and what the costs could be. If increased density in this area is or is not to be considered, this data will help with the conversation.

Paul asked if the town's ordinances allows for community septic systems. Clark said that it does and cited an example. There was a discussion on the whether or not they fail early on.

Steve stated that the purpose is to have data and not preconceived notions about what is appropriate to do.

V. Interim Town Manager Report:

Recommendation on County Assessing Services

Marnie stated that her recommendation is to not use the County Assessing services

Acceptance of Staff Resignation

Ken Smallwood is ending his position.

Banking Services Recommendation

Marnie and Mark have reviewed services and will review with Debbie and will have a recommendation for the next meeting.

Fire Station/Vault Area Health Hazard

The North Yarmouth Historical Society has expressed concerns regarding some asbestos in this area. Currently, there are no funds to do the floor in this area. She would like to discuss with them about not using this area for the time being and also to discuss their interest in cost sharing.

Mark asked if the Historical Society contributes to any expenses in this area. Marnie stated that they contribute a portion of the electric bill.

Resolution to Support PACTS

Marnie outlined the grant process being worked on and this requires a North Yarmouth Resolution to support PACTS. There would be some bike signage costs of which there is funding in the budget. Steve asked about staffing the meetings. Marnie stated that they have someone to represent the town and she has also attended as well.

Darla Hamlin moved and Paul Napolitano seconded to support the Resolution for PACTS project for improving certain pedestrian and bicycle mobility improvements. Vote: 5-0

Steve commented on the paving versus chip sealing issues in particular Sligo Road. He asked Marnie to communicate to the bike committee to determine what roads are most important to them in the community. The community will be getting more requests for chip sealing projects and that the town needs to be budget conscious.

Steve stated that he was surprised that the changing of bank services is necessary to be brought before the Selectmen. Mark stated that the purpose was to update the group.

VI. Board Written Correspondence/ E-Mails Received/ Verbal Reports:

Paul Napolitano- Acceptance of MMA Risk Pool Insurance Check

Paul Napolitano moved and Darla Hamlin seconded to authorize the Treasurer to request from Maine Municipal Association's Risk Pool Insurance a preliminary settlement check for Wescustogo Hall based on actual cash value. Vote: 5-0

Mark stated that they have started to receive preliminary information from Pat Carroll and that in the next 3-4 weeks his report along with Sevee & Maher's should be ready.

Steve commented on a letter to the water district.

VII. Committee Appointment:

Diane L. Burnell- Flag Committee

Kendra Rafford- Prince Memorial Library Advisory Board

Paul Napolitano moved and Darla Hamlin seconded to appoint Kendra Rafford as a member of the Prince Memorial Library Advisory Board to a term that expires June 30, 2014. Vote: 5-0

Darla Hamlin moved and Paul Napolitano seconded to appoint Diane L. Burnell as a member of the Flag Committee to a term that expires June 30, 2014 Vote: 5-0

VIII. Board Member Verbal Comments:

Paul asked about the Westcustogo Hall Committee. Steve stated that it was a productive meeting and that working with counsel, a good resolution should happen.

Paul commented on the Veterans Group meeting. Steve stated that there is also good progress.

Clark Whittier commented that 2 people are needed for Zoning Board of Appeals and volunteers for Recreation and Conservation Committee.

Darla attended the Veterans Group meeting and volunteered to help gather names of residents who

are veterans. She asked for permission to post a form on the town's site to gather this.

She also stated that the Communications Committee will be meeting and working on how to increase communications on increasing the recycling rate.

Mark stated that the Selectmen that good intent is not sufficient. A good, long-term plan and systems is important for the long range success in the community.

Steve commented on a WCSH6 story on volunteer firefighters. North Yarmouth is currently showing success in the number of volunteers. He thanked all of them for their efforts and contribution.

Steve will be drafting Reminders from Town Hall on updates on the Memorial School and Westcustogo Hall.

IX. Adjournment

Mark Girard moved and Paul Napolitano seconded to adjourn the meeting. Vote: 5-0

The meeting ended at 7:45pm.

**APPROVED
18, 2014**

CONSENT AGENDA: February

Steven Palmer

Clark Whittier

Darla Hamlin

Paul Napolitano