

**Town of North Yarmouth
Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes of February 17, 2015**

I. Call to Order - Members Present: Chairman Steve Palmer, Vice Chairman Paul Napolitano, Clark Whittier, and Alex Carr. Town Manager Rosemary Roy was also present. Selectman Girard was absent with notification.

II. Minutes of Previous Meeting(s) - Selectman Napolitano moved to approve the Minutes of February 3, 2015 and February 9, 2015. Selectman Whittier seconded the motion. Discussion: None. **Vote: 4-yes 0-no**

III. Payables - Selectman Napolitano moved to approve Payroll Warrant #38. Selectman Carr seconded the motion. Discussion: None.
Vote: 4-yes 0-no

Selectman Whittier moved to approve AP Warrant #39. Selectman Carr seconded the motion. Discussion: Selectman Carr asked about the snowmobile funds and asked for clarification regarding the 2 clubs. Selectman Napolitano indicated that in the past, it was split between the 2 clubs and no changes have been made. **Vote: 3-yes 0-no 1-abstention** (Napolitano, as his wife's name listed on the AP Warrant.)

IV. Recognition of Visitors - Items not on the Agenda - Audrey Lones updated the group on the EDSC meeting and that it was a successful meeting and there is great energy and ideas with this group. They will be having subsequent meetings. Selectman Palmer thanked Audrey for her efforts with this committee.

Jeff Toorish, Gray Road stated that he was disappointed with the resolution of the Fire Rescue issue. He stated that many people believe that this has been handled poorly. Selectman Palmer stated that it is a personnel matter and that they hear the public's concern.

A resident asked if anything can be shared. Selectman Palmer stated that it is a personnel matter and cannot be discussed as it is in the hands of attorneys.

Lynn Young, 67 Sweetser Rd asked what the qualifications were for the Town Manager's position. Selectman Whittier gave an overview of the application process which included review and recommendations by the MMA, a local town panel rating to a number of criteria to determine the final applicants for the interviews. Lynn stated that she has received a number of phone calls from the residents of Poland who have expressed their opinion regarding the Town Manager.

Scott Wentzel, Haskell Rd stated that he supports the Fire Rescue Dept. He believes that the resolution process appears to be stalled based on what he has heard. He urged the town to let the process continue to come to the resolution that the residents want.

MR. TRUMMLER - spoke on FIRE DEPT. TRAINING.

V. Management Reports & Communications

Fire Rescue Dept. Presentation - Presented by Fire Rescue Chief, Greg Payson

Fire Chief Payson gave an overview of the department and the services they provide. He commented on the EMT /Firefighter training. North Yarmouth contracts with Yarmouth for paramedic services. He indicated that the North Yarmouth firefighters are a great group and is impressed with them.

Fire Chief Payson shared some statistics:

In 2013 the total number of calls was 336 (EMS and fire calls total).

In 2014 there were 304 calls (EMS and fire calls total).

And to date, the department has answered 44 calls.

Response times in 2013 were 5m/12 sec and currently it is 5m/22sec.

The number of personnel answering fire calls in 2013 was 6.5 for fire calls and 3 for EMS

In 2014 it was 7.8 for fire calls and 5 for EMS and in 2015 currently it is 11 for fire calls and 7 for EMS.

He indicated that the Yarmouth response times haven't changed dramatically. This year's snow has increased response times slightly. Their average response time is about 11-12 minutes and they are generally 1-2 minutes behind North Yarmouth.

There has been 152 hours of station coverage during this season's snowstorms to date. Following these storms, they have assisted Public Works in clearing fire hydrants. There are a number of trainings and the town's firefighters are highly motivated. He indicated that he is available to the residents.

Selectman Napolitano asked for more details on the mutual aid process and cited a past situation. Fire Chief Payson stated that currently, the Yarmouth paramedic is automatically called if the situation is significant for him to be there. The process has changed over the year and is streamlined.

Jeff Toorish, Gray Rd stated that the current, ongoing issue is not a reflection on the fire department and the Fire Chief. They all do an excellent job. He commented on the differences between EMTs on fire apparatus versus medical equipment.

Keith Thompson asked about the cost sharing with mutual aid calls. Fire Chief Payson stated that Yarmouth charges \$14,000 for their service and gave a breakdown of the services. The return on a call is based on the level of care the patient is given.

Selectman Carr asked what the costs might be for a North Yarmouth paramedic service to meet the minimum state requirements. Fire Chief Payson stated that the town currently meets and exceeds the level of service. The fulltime paramedic service can be modeled in a few ways to determine costs. Selectman Carr stated that the town has a paramedic gap which requires Yarmouth. Fire Chief Payson stated that paramedic training takes time. Town Manager Roy stated that cost sharing between towns is more and more common.

Robin Young asked what happens if Yarmouth is not available. Fire Chief Payson stated that Gray and Cumberland would assist in the call.

Town Manager's Report

Town Manager Roy stated that the Cumberland County communities among others, has received FEMA monies for the January blizzard. North Yarmouth will receive \$17,000.

Public Works continues to work on keeping the roads clear with all the snow. Some vehicles have been in for repairs.

The Virtual Town Hall proposal for the town website will be presented.

Village Center Development work continues including mailings to be sent and meeting dates.

Budget preparation work also continues. Selectman Whittier asked when the budget will be ready. Town Manager Roy stated that it should be by Monday.

NYMS Status Report

NYMS recently had some pipes that were frozen. This has been covered by insurance.

Selectman Carr expressed disappointment regarding the winter preparation of the school and that it was indicated that a plan was supposed to be in place. Town Manager Roy stated that these problems were unexpected. Selectman Carr stated that the report is unacceptable and the preparation that was not done. Town Manager Roy stated that there was a plan in place and that he doesn't have all the facts. The Town Manager requested to move into Executive Session. The conversation taking place was not constructive. The Chairman moved on to Old business.

VI. Old Business

Village Center Development - Broadcasts of Presentations/Hearings - the Board took this opportunity to remind the public of the upcoming meetings regarding the development of the village center.

VII. New Business

Proposed Fund Account - Trustees of the NY School Fund - Nelson Small gave an historical overview of the fund. Town Manager Roy stated that this is a formal process and asked the Selectman to accept this fund and it will be named the North Yarmouth Scholarship Fund and establish a committee with the current members from the Trustees to establish the committee and to advertise this fund for student applications and donations.



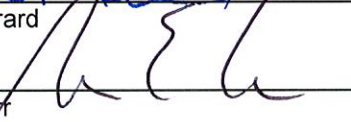
Selectman Napolitano moved to acknowledge the Town of North Yarmouth School Scholarship Fund established in 1788 and authorize the Town Manager to commence with the assistance of the trustees the necessary actions needed to certify these funds totaling \$40,192.24 so that they are justifiably reflected under the Town of North Yarmouth's financial authority; and to confirm and adopt as an existing ad hoc committee the North Yarmouth School Scholarship Fund Committee and its current trustees for the remainder of the fiscal year or June 30, 2015, at which time that all annual appointments and committees are reviewed. Current Trustees are: Clark Baston, Blaine Barter, Earle Edwards, Joel Fuller, Nelson Smith, Lincoln Merrill, Jr., Kenneth Allen, Richard Baston, and Dixie Hayes; and to authorize the Town Manager to establish the necessary bank accounts that will be needed for the North Yarmouth School Scholarship Fund to operate and to review the financial investment fund and report those findings back to the Board and the committee. Selectman Carr seconded the motion. **Vote: 4-yes 0-no**

VIII. Any Other Business - None.

IX. Adjournment - Selectman Napolitano moved to adjourn the meeting.

Recorded by: Nancy Trottier
Town of North Yarmouth Recording Secretary

Board of Selectmen


Steven Palmer, Chairperson

Mark Girard

Alex Carr


Paul Napolitano, Vice Chairperson

Clark Whittier