

Town of North Yarmouth
Select Board
Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, October 6, 2020



Call to Order – Steven Berry, Brian Sites, and Austin Harrell were present. Town Manager, Rosemary Roy, was also present. **Selectman Moulton was absent with notification.** Chairperson Berry called the meeting to order.

Public Hearing – Chairperson Berry moved to open the Public Hearing on the proposed amendments to the General Assistance Ordinance. Selectperson Harrell seconded the motion. Discussion: The Town Manager provided a brief explanation of the General Assistance Ordinance to the Board. Selectperson Sites asked the Town Manager how much is allocated back from the State to the municipality. The Town Manager responded that the State reimburses 50% of the cost. Selectperson Sites asked if GA could grow during the pandemic and the manager's response was yes. Chairperson Berry moved to close the Public Hearing on the proposed amendments to the General Assistance Ordinance. Selectperson Harrell seconded the motion. Discussion: None. **Vote: 3 Yes – 0 No.**

Minutes of Previous Meeting(s) – Chairperson Berry moved to approve the minutes of September 15, 2020, as presented. Selectperson Harrell seconded the motion. Discussion: None. **Vote: 3 Yes – 0 No.**

Public Comment - Non-Agenda Items:

Robert Haile, 977 North Road, read a prepared statement to the Board regarding the traffic calming devices placed in the road to slow down vehicles in the Village Center. Mr. Haile expressed concerns for bikers trying to travel through the Village Center and not having anywhere to ride safely due to the traffic calming devices. Mr. Haile described a situation he was involved in while traveling towards Rt. 115. Selectperson Sites asked if the Traffic Calming survey could be distributed further through the town's communication outlets. Selectperson Sites made additional comments on bicycling dangers in the Village Center. Chairperson Berry asked the Town Manager what next steps the Board should take on the traffic calming project.

Margaret Abbott, 86 Henry Road, suggested speed tables be installed in the village center as a traffic calming measure.

Management Reports & Communications:

Select Board Resignation – The Board, by consensus, accepted the resignation of Paul Napolitano from the Board of Selectman.

Town Manager's Report – The Town Manager provided her full report to the Board. The Town Manager's report can be found on the town's website, www.northyarmouth.org, or at the Town Office.

Old Business:

Adult Use Marijuana – Chairperson Berry moved to request that the Planning Board take the necessary steps to develop adult use marijuana regulations as part of the town's Land Use Ordinance to be presented to the Townspeople before the end of the fiscal year 2021. Selectperson Harrell seconded the motion. Discussion: Selectperson Sites asked for a clarification of the motion. Selectperson Sites stated that he wanted the Planning Board to attend a future meeting when the Planning Board is finished with their proposed marijuana regulations to the Land Use Ordinance. Selectperson Harrell made an additional comment on the semantics. Chairperson Berry amended his motion to read the following: move to request that the Planning Board take the necessary steps to develop adult use marijuana regulations as part of the town's Land Use Ordinance that are in line with the results survey (2020) to be presented to the Select Board in order to be presented to the Townspeople before the end of the fiscal year 2021. Selectperson Harrell seconded the amended motion. Discussion: None. **Vote: 3 Yes – 0 No.**

Budget Schedule – The Town Manager presented three (3) possible schedules the Board could have to discuss the budget. By consensus, the Board declared to start their budget meetings one (1) or one (1) hour and thirty (30) minutes before the first Select Board meeting scheduled November 4, 2020, and to continue before each business meeting until the FY21 budget warrant is signed on March 16, 2021.

New Business:

Appointments – Chairperson Berry moved to appoint Amy Page to the Budget Committee for a term to expire on June 30, 2023. Selectperson Sites seconded the motion. Discussion: None. **Vote: 3 Yes – 0 No.**

Selectperson Harrell moved to appoint Selectperson Sites to the North Yarmouth/Cumberland Joint Standing Committee for a term of one (1) year to expire June 30, 2021. Selectperson Sites seconded the motion. Discussion: None. **Vote: 3 Yes – 0 No.**

Abatement and Supplemental – Chairperson Berry moved to grant the property tax abatement to Glenn and Meghann Gorden, Map 1 Lot 95, in the amount of \$139.61 for the tax year 2020. Selectperson Harrell seconded the motion. Discussion: The Town Manager presented the abatement. **Vote: 3 Yes – 0 No.** Chairperson Berry moved to authorize the issuance of the supplement property tax to Stephen and Nancy Gorden in the amount of \$1,608.82 for the tax year 2020. Selectperson Harrell seconded the motion. Discussion: None. **Vote: 3 Yes – 0 No.**

November 3rd Business Meeting – Reschedule – Chairperson Berry moved to reschedule the first regular Select Board meeting of November 3, 2020, to November 4, 2020. Selectperson Harrell seconded the motion. Discussion: None. **Vote: 3 Yes – 0 No.**

Special Town Meeting Election – Chairperson Berry moved to hold a Special Town Meeting on March 23, 2021, to vote by secret ballot for one (1) position for Select Board member to expire June 30, 2022. Selectperson Sites seconded the motion. Discussion: Selectperson Sites asked how the election could be affected by the budget process. The Town Manager responded. **Vote: 3 Yes – 0 No.**

Accounts Payable – Chairperson Berry moved to approve accounts payable warrants 12,13,14, and 15 in the amount of \$243,280.09, as presented for FY21. Selectperson Harrell seconded the motion. Discussion: None. **Vote: 3 Yes – 0 No.**

Any Other Business – None.

Adjournment – Chairperson Berry moved to adjourn.

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Select Board



Steven Berry, Chair



Brian Sites

James Moulton, Vice Chair



Austin Harrell