

Town of North Yarmouth
Select Board
Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, November 17, 2020



Call to Order – Steven Berry, James Moulton, and Brian Sites, were present. Austin Harrell provided notice of his absence to the Board and Town Manager. The Town Manager, Rosemary Roy, was also present. Chairperson Berry called the meeting to order.

Minutes of Previous Meeting(s) – Chairperson Berry moved to approve the minutes of November 4, 2020, as presented. Selectperson Moulton seconded the motion. Discussion: Selectperson Moulton asked that the minutes of the previous meeting be changed to reflect his abstention on the October 6, 2020 minutes. Chairperson Berry moved to amend his previous motion to write that the minutes are to be approved with the change reflecting Selectperson Moulton's abstention from voting on the October 6, 2020 minutes at the October 20, 2020 business meeting. Selectperson Sites seconded the motion. Discussion: none. **Vote: 3 Yes – 0 No.**

Public Comment - Non-Agenda Items – None.

Management Reports & Communications:

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:

Property Tax Assistance for Seniors – The Town Manager explained how the town could participate in a volunteer program to benefit seniors on their real estate taxes. Selectperson Sites stated that he was concerned about how accessible a volunteer program would be to seniors. Selectperson Moulton stated that he thought the program could be useful, however shared concerns with accessibility and administrative requirements. The Town Manager stated that she would collect more demographical information and present it to the Board.

New Business:

Sharp's Field – Chairperson Berry read the letter addressed to the Town Manager and provided to the Select Board. Selectperson Moulton stated that he agreed that the handshake to solidify the Sharp Field be designated as a recreational field should be honored. Selectperson Sites stated that the field should be on the record. Chairperson Berry stated that he believed that a verbal agreement was enforceable with witnesses present. The Town Manager noted that the Board might wish to use the term open space if they choose to proceed with the matter. By consensus, the board asked the Town Manager to request legal advice on the matter of an agreement made by a previous sitting Board on the sale of Mr. Sharp's property. The Town Manager stated that she would come back to the Board with her findings on the matter.

Cumberland Gravel Pit – Chairperson Berry moved to endorse and forward the letter, as presented, to the Cumberland Town Council to support the Yarmouth Water District's proposed purchase of the gravel pit owned by the Town of Cumberland located on Sweetser Road in North Yarmouth. Selectperson Moulton seconded the motion. Discussion: Selectperson Moulton stated that he was in favor of recreational use of the land. Chairperson Berry stated that he would be interested in the Yarmouth Water District purchasing the proposed land for the purpose of allowing recreational use of the land. **Vote: 3 Yes – 0 No.**


Accounts Payable – Chairperson Berry moved to approve accounts payable warrants 21 and 22 in the amount of \$753,545.98, as presented for FY21. Selectperson Sites seconded the motion. Discussion: Selectperson Moulton asked about a payment addressed to Casco Bay Paving. The Town Manager stated that the payment was to make small repairs on various roads in town. Selectperson Moulton inquired about a payment made relating to the Fire Rescue Department. The Town Manager responded that the payment was for couplings for Truck 53, Engine 52, and Engine 51. Lastly, Selectperson Moulton inquired about a payment made out to Heather Thomas in which the Town Manager responded that the payment was a refund for a wedding that was planned to take place at Wescustogo Hall. **Vote: 3 Yes – 0 No.**

Any Other Business – None.

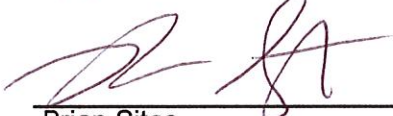
Adjournment - Chairperson Berry moved to adjourn.

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Select Board



Chairperson Berry, Chair



Brian Sites



James Moulton, Vice Chair

Austin Harrell