

**Town of North Yarmouth
Select Board
Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, April 27, 2021**



Call to Order – Steve Berry, James Moulton, Brian Sites, Austin Harrell, and David Reed were present. The Town Manager was not present. Chairperson Berry called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Minutes of Previous Meeting(s) – Chairperson Berry moved to table the minutes of April 20, 2021. Selectperson Harrell seconded the motion. Discussion: none. **Vote: 5 Yes – 0 No.**

Public Comment - Non-Agenda Items – The Chairperson announced that he would enforce a three (3) minute rule and allow everyone to speak at least once. Furthermore, the Chairperson stated that personnel items would not be discussed. Selectperson Reed requested that the Board vote to enforce a three (3) minute rule. Chairperson Berry did not move forward with Selectperson Reed's request. Bill Young, Sweetser Road, stated his concerns with an FOAA request from the Portland Press Herald that released information Mr. Young understood to be confidential. Chairperson Berry stated that he would look into the matter. Paul Napolitano stated that he was on the Board during the agreement to the matter discussed by Mr. Young and understood the agreement to have a time limit. Nelson Smith, Ledge Road, shared his appreciation to the Board regarding the information provided to him on the FY22 budget. Matt Sharp, a resident of Mt. Vernon, read a statement to the Board regarding the warrant article addressing Sharp's Field located on the parcel of land on the Town Office property. Mr. Sharp requested that the Select Board rewrite Warrant Article 3 to what was provided to the Select Board by Mr. Kerr. Chairperson Berry clarified that the amendment to that warrant article needs to be brought forth at the postponed Annual Town Meeting now being held on June 19, 2021. Selectperson Moulton requested that the Board have the presented language be discussed at a future meeting as an agenda item. Selectperson Reed requested that the Board does endorse the language for Article 3. Judy Potter, Walnut Hill Road, asked how the townspeople could make amendments. Chairperson Berry explained that there were three (3) separate categories for warrant articles: open ended, budget, and ordinances. Chairperson Berry stated that he would address this question again during the May 4, 2021 Select Board business meeting. Linc Merrill, North Road, stated that he did not see any meeting materials for this meeting on the website. Selectperson Harrell and Chairperson Berry clarified that this meeting does not have materials accompanying it, just the agenda. Mr. Merrill asked the Board to advertise any future budget meetings. Mr. Merrill asked if the Board had a spending limit in which Chairperson Berry responded that he would look into his question. Mr. Merrill made a comment regarding his assessment. Mr. Merrill commented on the June 8, 2021 ballot and the number of seats available for electing budget committee members. Mr. Merrill asked if the Assistant Town Manager was the contact for the questions at the Town Office. Chairperson Berry responded that other support staff can answer questions, that the assessor will be presenting at the next meeting, and asked the Town Clerk to clarify the number of seats available for budget committee members. Selectperson Reed stated at the person who did not win the election on June 8, 2021 for the budget committee should be elected. Paul Napolitano asked the Board if the Board has received their NIMS training. Paul Napolitano asked a question to clarify how the townspeople could raise the budget through a motion to amend the Select Board request to the Budget Committee request (if higher). Selectperson Moulton and Reed made additional comment to Mr. Napolitano's questions. Mr. Merrill recommended that the Board consider a charter commission. Nelson Smith made a comment on the importance of NIMS training and the Board completing it. Mr. Lonegan, Abbey Lane, made comments on the most recent School Board meeting. He shared his concerns with the MSAD #51 growth and its impact on the Town of North Yarmouth. Chairperson Berry stated that he would look into the matter. Selectperson Moulton stated that the Board should look into a building cap.

Management Reports & Communications – Chairperson Berry announced that he will attend a meeting with Clark Bason, Road Commissioner, on May 1, 2021 at 9 AM. Selectperson Reed stated that he would like to attend with the Chair.

Old Business – Chairperson Berry moved to sign the MSAD #51 School Budget Warrant. Selectperson Sites seconded the motion. Discussion: Selectperson Sites asked about the process for signing the warrant. The Town Clerk stated that the warrant is a routine endorsement of the Board for posting to notify the townspeople. Selectperson Moulton inquired on the increase of the MSAD #51 budget. Selectperson Sites stated that it was 3.96% increase. Selectperson Reed asked if the decrease from what was expect from the Town Manager would impact taxes. **Vote: 5 Yes – 0 No.**

New Business – None.

Accounts Payable – None.

Any Other Business – None.

Adjournment – Chairperson Berry moved to adjourn.

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Steve Berry, Chair



James Moulton, Vice Chair



Brian Sites



Austin Harrell

David Reed