

Town of North Yarmouth
Select Board
Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, January 4, 2022
Wescustogo Hall & North Yarmouth Community Center

Call to Order – James Moulton, David Reed, and Paul Hodgetts were present. Chairperson Sites and Harrell provided notice to the interim Town Manager of their absence. The interim Town Manager, Christopher Bolduc, was also present. Vice-Chairperson Moulton called the meeting to order at approximately 7:08 PM.

Public Hearing - Selectperson Moulton moved to open the public hearing to amend the Fee Schedule. Selectperson Hodgetts seconded. Discussion: none. **Vote: 3 Yes – 0 No.**

The interim Town Manager gave a brief explanation of the proposed amendment. Selectperson Hodgetts inquired on why the cost for FOAA searching, from \$15 (per hour after one (1) hour) to \$25 (per hour after two (2) hours), was being proposed and if it could be reduced. The Interim Town Manager responded. Mike Mallory, Walnut Hill Road, inquired what pages were classified as \$.10 per page. It was clarified that it was black and white, 8 ½ x 11 white pages.

Selectperson Reed moved to close the public hearing. Selectperson Hodgetts seconded the motion. Discussion: none. **Vote: 3 Yes – 0 No.**

Selectperson Hodgetts moved to adopt the Fee Schedule, as amended. Selectperson Reed seconded. Discussion: none. **Vote: 3 Yes – 0 No.**

Appointments – Diane Morrison gave a brief presentation to the Board. Selectperson Hodgetts inquired about another matter involving the Living Well in North Yarmouth Committee. Selectperson Reed moved to appoint Diane Morrison to the Living Well in North Yarmouth Committee for a term to expire June 30, 2022. Vice-Chairperson Moulton seconded. Discussion: none. **Vote: 3 Yes – 0 No.**

Minutes of Previous Meeting(s) – Selectperson Hodgetts move to approve the additional business meeting minutes of December 17, 2021, and meeting minutes of December 21, 2021, as presented. Selectperson Reed second to the motion. Discussion: none. **Vote: 3 Yes – 0 No.**

Public Comment - Non-Agenda Items – Linc Merrill, North Road, commented on a meeting between the interim Town Manager, Bill Young, Selectperson Moulton, and Selectperson Hodgetts. Mr. Merrill shared comments regarding the new Town Manager. Mr. Merrill stated that he felt the proposed brew hub, replacing the formerly know Stone's Café, should go through site plan review. Mr. Merrill stated that he is not opposed to the business itself but referenced concerns to the future use of the lot. Bill Young, Sweetser Road, Mike Mallory, Walnut Hill Road, and Scott Kerr, New Gloucester Road, made similar comments. Comments made by Mr. Merrill, Mr. Mallory, and Mr. Kerr stressed the need for the brewery proposed at the previously known Stone's Café to go through site plan review. It was stressed that the matter should not have to be appealed to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Selectperson Reed responded that he felt the decision is left to the Code Enforcement Officer and made further comments on the process outlined in the Land Use Ordinance. There was further discussion on the topic between the Select Board and members of the public. Selectperson Hodgetts stated that he felt the use of the building has changed and should be reviewed by the Planning Board. Anne Graham, Farms Edge Road, shared her concerns with the back-and-forth discussion between the public and Board. Rachel Whitmarsh, Wild Turkey Lane, asked if delaying the review of the use of the formerly Stone's Café as a brewery would affect the ability to appeal. Mr. Mallory asked if a permit has been issued. Mr. Young made additional comments on the topic. Vice-Chairperson Moulton commented on how the Board should move forward. Vice-Chairperson Moulton stated that the Board should discuss the item at the next meeting. Selectperson Reed made further comments on going through the appeals process. Steve Palmer, Mountfort Road, was concerned that the item was not placed on the agenda ahead of time. Vice-Chairperson Moulton made closing statements on the issues urging the public to bring forth any concerns on the Land Use Ordinance to the Select Board for further reviews. Vice-Chairperson Moulton moved to place an agenda item on the next agenda to address the proposed use of the formerly known, Stone's Café. Selectperson Reed seconded. Discussion: discussion took place in the public comment section. **Vote: 3 Yes – 0 No.**

Selectperson Reed inquired if the Board had the authority to override the Code Enforcement Officer's decision. The interim Town Manager responded that he would speak with the Code Enforcement Officer.

Vice-Chairperson Moulton and the interim Town Manager shared an update on the Sharp's Field Agreement. Vice-Chairperson Moulton recognized Diane Morrison, Browndog Drive, to speak. Ms. Morrison shared her concerns with the Board's discretion towards public comment.

Management Reports & Communications:

The Town Office Report can be found online, www.northyarmouth.org, or at the Town Office. Selectperson Hodgetts inquired if the interim Town Manager could recall the Fuel Island purchase recently approved by the Board. The interim Town Manager responded that the agreement has already been signed and was committed.

The interim Town Manager announced that the M.S.A.D #51 school committee would be present at the Select Board's February 15th business meeting.

Old Business:

None.

New Business –

FOAA Policy Amendments – Vice-Chairperson Moulton moved to amend the FOAA policy, as presented. Selectperson Hodgetts seconded the motion. Discussion: none. **Vote: 3 Yes – 0 No.**

Set Workshop Date – Select Board Bylaws Discussion – Anne Graham, Farms Edge Road, was recognized. Ms. Graham suggested that the Board wait until the new Town Manager starts. Selectperson Reed responded that the discussion was with the Select Board but mentioned that he has engaged the new Town Manager for suggestions. Selectperson Reed moved that the Select Board have a workshop to review the Select Board bylaws on February 1, 2022. Vice-Chairperson Moulton seconded the motion. Discussion: none. **Vote: 3 Yes – 0 No.**

Accounts Payable – Vice-Chairperson Moulton moved to approve accounts payable warrants 25 & 26 in the amount of \$779,700.05, as presented for FY22. Selectperson Reed seconded. Discussion: none. **Vote: 3 Yes – 0 No.**

Any Other Business – None.

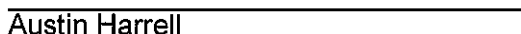

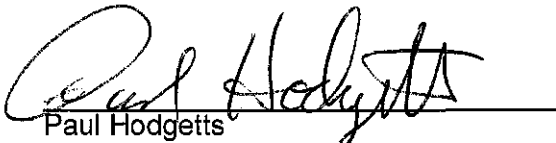
Adjournment – Selectperson Reed moved to adjourn at approximately 8:02 PM. Selectperson Hodgetts seconded. Discussion: none. **Vote: 3 Yes – 0 No.**

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Select Board



Brian Sites, Chair


James Moulton, Vice Chair
Austin Harrell
David Reed
Paul Hodgetts