

**Town of North Yarmouth
Select Board
Meeting Minutes April 04, 2023, 7:00 PM**

Call to Order(1:17:13-1:21:38)- Members Present: Brian Sites, Chairperson, Amy Haile, Vice Chairperson, Paul Hodgetts, Selectperson, Katherine Perrin, Selectperson, and Andrea Berry, Selectperson, and Diane Barnes, Town Manager.

Pledge of Allegiance.

History Minute, presented by Vice Chairperson Amy Haile

It's budget time, and dollars and cents need to be accounted for. Back in the day our town expenses look very different from today. Town reports detail how every penny was spent, and how federal dollars were used. It's important to note that programs such as the WPA (Works Progress Administration), the CWA [Civil Works Administration], and the CCC (Civilian Conservation Corps) were instituted by Frances Perkins, FDR's Secretary of Labor, whose roots are in Newcastle Maine. She has been called "the architect of the New Deal" and was largely responsible for establishing a minimum wage, work-hour limitations, and the Social Security Act.

Federal dollars contributed to the bottom line here in North Yarmouth. For example, in 1935 ...

- Charles Dunn and H. L. Fuller were paid with federal money to deliver food.
- CWA funds were used to pay Lester Smith, owner of the general store (now Trudy Bird), for supplies.
- A typewriter was rented for \$6.00 for town officials to use.
- Schools were reimbursed by the CWA for supplies and even to pay William Rollins \$1.50 to repair a lock on one of the schoolhouses. Irel Gaudet was paid \$3.00 to sharpen tools. These small sums might seem small, but in 1935, \$1.00 was worth \$18.00 in today's money. Every bit of cash was critical for farming families who often didn't have much left over after selling the crops they raised. Men supplemented the family income by hiring out to do town roadwork in the summer and by shoveling or plowing in the winter. A few women worked in the schools at teaching, clerical, or custodial jobs. Cobbling together a living was the norm. Every cent helped.

• Importantly, in 1936 and 1937, the town launched a town-wide upgrade of our roads, funded in great part by the WPA. Thirteen town roads that desperately needed work were improved. 3,000 yards of gravel and 600 yards of stone were laid down by crews of fourteen men. Local trucks were leased; gravel, oil, and supplies were purchased from local businesses, and some workers' transport was paid. This was the beginning of paved roads in town; Routes 115 and part of Route 9 were blacktopped. The cost to the town in total was \$388; the state contributed \$690, and the WPA contributed \$8,820.

- Brown tail moth and Gypsy moth control programs were also funded in part by the WPA in 1939 and 1940. These pests were as much a problem back then as now.

By the mid-1940s, most New Deal government programs were discontinued. But North Yarmouth was left with permanent benefit, both public and private. Many people found employment and new professions, and new infrastructure and improvements brought towns like North Yarmouth firmly into the modern age. The 1930s were perhaps a watershed time for our town. In 1930, only 569 people lived in North Yarmouth, a loss from the decade before—we had been losing population ever since Yarmouth seceded from North Yarmouth in 1849. But the town's population started gaining by 1940, and in 1950, 1,140 lived here. We have been climbing ever since. Our population is now at 4,000.

Appointment (1:21:39-1:26:42)

EDSC- Eliza Bachelder-Regular Member-Term Expiring 6/30/2024

Kit Maloney, EDSC Chairperson, Walnut Hill Road requesting that Eliza Bachelder be appointed as an EDSC Member.

Selectperson Perrin, seconded by selectperson Berry moved to appoint Eliza Bachelder as a regular member to the EDSC with a term expiring 6/30/2024. Vote 5 Yes/0 No.

Consent Agenda: (1:26:43-1:27:00)

Municipal Accounts Payable Warrants

#81 \$ 5,777.87

#82 \$ 7,863.95

#84 \$ 793,230.87

Municipal Payroll Warrants

#83 \$ 39,592.77

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Vice Chairperson Haile, seconded by Selectperson Perrin moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Vote 5 Yes/0 No.

Public Comment: (1:27:01-1:33:59)

David Reed, County Creek, Bill Young was removed from his committee position without due process. He is still a voting resident of the town. The town has followed no process to contest his voting residency through the appropriate legal channels. The town has no process for involuntary removal from office due to forfeiture. State Law only allows removal from a committee for cause and outlines due process provisions. It is the selectboard's responsibility to follow the process outlined in State Law to remove a committee member due to cause. Please give him the due process any board member of this town deserves.

Paul Whitmarsh, Wild Turkey Lane, He was reviewing the appointment process policy and feels some on the process was skipped. He is not against the appointment but feels the Selectboard should follow the process they have in place.

Judy Potter, Walnut Hill Road, are we allowed to have comments on old and new business? Chairperson Sites advised yes.

Linc Merrill, North Road, The intersection Parsonage Road and RT 115. The survey presented to the planning board for the project at Deacon Hayes shows the road and proposed sidewalk is not on town property. He stated that the Town cannot maintain things that are not on town property. He is not sure if the town has acted on it. He wishes someone would focus on what we are going to do about that.

David Reed, County Creek, Does the selectboard have any plans to improve on any administrative functions in the town government? Recently the ZBA overturned a decision on the Code Enforcement Office. What he understands is that it was pretty cut and dry case. Are there any plans by the board to make sure these things do not happen again? He does not want lawsuits and expensive bills for the town.

Old Business-(1:33:60-1:36:52)

LUO Amendment Procedure Policy-Update

Chairperson Sites advised LUO Amendment Procedure came back from legal and there is more information needed so he wants to table action and include the item on a future agenda.

New Business (1:36:53-1:58:09)

GPCOG General Assembly Delegates

GPCOG's General Assembly is made of delegates from their members. The Town of North Yarmouth has two delegates, and last year, Brian Sites was a delegate representing the Town of North Yarmouth. GPCOG's annual meeting and Summit are going to be held on Thursday, May 25, 2023, at St. Joseph's College in Standish. They are asking the Town to send their list of delegates and alternates for the General Assembly.

Selectperson Hodgetts seconded by Selectperson Berry moved to appoint Kit Maloney, EDSC Chairperson and Amy Haile, Vice Chairperson to represent the Town of North Yarmouth at the General Assembly for 2023. Vote 5 Yes/0 No.

Walnut Hill & Cumberland Roads Pedestrian Improvements (FACTS) Bid Award

On March 28, 2023, bids were opened for the Walnut Hill and Cumberland Roads Pedestrian Improvements project. Four bids were received as follows:

Pratt & Sons, Inc.	Mechanic Falls, ME	\$423,200.00
A.H. Grover Inc.	Cumberland, ME	\$437,742.25
Aceto & Sons Earthwork LLC.	Lisbon, ME	\$473,107.50
Storey Brothers Inc.	Cumberland, ME	\$512,317.50

The most recent cost estimate for the construction of the project was \$441,000, therefore, we fill this bid represents a fair market price for the work. Pratt & Sons is a well-known contractor capable of completing the scope of work included in the project. We recommend that the Town award the contract to Pratt & Sons, subject to availability of funding and voters' approval at Town meeting in June.

Chairperson Sites, Seconded by Vice Chairperson Haile moved to award the bid to Pratt & Sons and authorize the Town Manager to execute the contract documents. Vote 5 yes/0 No.

Cluff Road Turnaround Easement

The purpose of this easement is to allow for the Town, as well as members of the public, to use the Easement Area for the turnaround of motor vehicles, including but not limited to snowplows and school busses.

Clark Baston, Public Works Director, spoke to Donald Cluff about conveying a Public Turnaround Easement to the Town and has agreed to do so.

Owen Haskell, Inc. has been working with the Town to prepare a legal description/plan showing the turnaround area so that legal can prepare the access easement for the residents to vote on at the annual Town Meeting in June.

Clark Baston, PW Director on site to answer any questions.

Selectperson Perrin, seconded by Selectperson Hodgetts moved to authorize the Town Manager to work with legal to draft warrant language and an easement for the public turnaround. 5 yes/0 No.

LUO Table 7.1 Definitions & Citation Updates

The Planning Board is proposing amendments to Table 7.1 Definitions of the Land Use Ordinance. The proposed amendments will need Legal/Planning review before the Planning Board can schedule a public hearing.

Paul Whitmarsh, Wild Turkey Lane and Trey Milam, Haskell Road were present to explain the proposed LUO amendments to Table 7.1, Definitions and Citation updates.

Vice Chairperson Haile, seconded by selectperson Hodgetts moved to authorize the Town Manager to send the proposed amendments and citation updates to Legal and the Town Planner for Review. Vote 5 yes/0 No.

Any Other Business (1:58:10-2:03:52)

Andrea Berry Selectperson advised Eco Maine is holding an Earth Day Celebration at the Community Center on April 22, 2023 from 9 AM to 1 PM. They invited a member of the selectboard to welcome everyone. She is happy to do that unless anyone else would like to. No one objected and Chairperson Sites said she would be the best person to do the welcome.

Other events: Sue Inches, environmentalist will speak on Monday April 24, 2023, at 6:30 at the Community Center to talk about easy things you can do to address climate changes in the home.
April 30, 2023, Junk in the Trunk. Swap and share event. Contact the Community Center if interested.

Paul Hodgetts, selectperson had some concerns about meetings overlapping. Can we do anything to change this?

Diane Barns, Town Manager advised due to the room availability they are doing the best they can. The budget is taking meeting room space this month and, the past storms have been a contributing factor. We cannot record meetings in other rooms until we have the new equipment. Things should calm down after April.

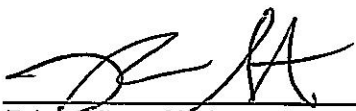
Adjournment

Chairperson Sites, seconded by Vice Chairperson Haile moved to adjourn at 7:50 PM.

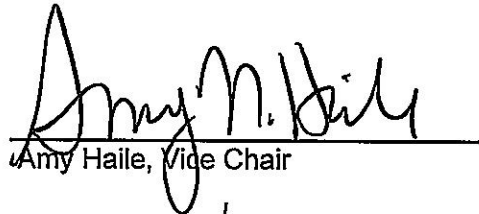
Vote 5 Yes/0 No.

Karen Casale, Recording Secretary

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Brian Sites, Chair



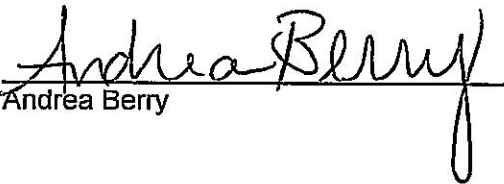
Amy Haile, Vice Chair



Paul Hodgetts



Katherine Perrin



Andrea Berry