

**Town of North Yarmouth
Select Board
Meeting Minutes July 05, 2023, 6:00 PM**

Select Board Members

Amy Haile, Chairperson
Karl Cyr, Board Member

Andrea Berry, Vice Chairperson
Paul Hodgetts, Board Member

Katherine Maloney, Board Member

Paul Hodgetts was out on an approved absence.

Call to Order (15:40-23:10)

Pledge of Allegiance.

Inauguration of Elected Officials

Elected Officials - Swearing In

Becky Jackman, Deputy Town Clerk swore in:

Katherine Maloney and Karl Cyr as new Select Board Members.

John Fulton and Jeffrey Candura as Budget Committee Members.

Timothy Valenti as a new MSAD51 School Board Member.

Election of Chairperson

Selectperson Berry moved to nominate Amy Haile as Chairperson to the Select Board.

Vote 4 Yes/0 No.

Election of Vice Chairperson

Chairperson Haile moved to nominate Andrea Berry as Vice Chairperson. Vote 4 Yes/0 No.

Appointments (23.11-25:18)

EDSC Resignation-Kit Maloney

Vice Chairperson Berry, seconded by Selectperson Cyr moved to accept the resignation of Kit Maloney from the EDSC committee. Vote 4 Yes/0 No.

Parks Committee Appointments

Elise Kern- 1-Year Term Ending 2024

Vice Chairperson Berry, seconded by Selectperson Cyr moved to appoint Elise Kern to the Parks Committee for a one-year term ending 6/30/2024. Vote 4 Yes/0 No.

Kelly Barnes- 3-Year Term Ending 2026

Chairperson Haile, seconded by Selectperson Cyr moved to appoint Kelly Barnes to the Parks Committee for a three-year term ending 6/30/2026. Vote 4 Yes/0 No.

Martin Kremer- 3-Year Term Ending 2026

Vice Chairperson Berry, seconded by Selectperson Cyr moved to appoint Martin Kremer to the Parks Committee for a three-year term ending 6/30/2026. Vote 4 Yes/0 No.

New Business (25.19-36:23)

Treasurer's Disbursement Policy

This policy allows designated municipal officers (Select Board), acting on behalf of the full board of municipal officers, to review, approve, and sign municipal treasurer's disbursement warrants for wages, benefits, & state fees only. This Policy is additional to, not in lieu of, majority power. Nothing in this policy is intended to replace the authority of the full board of municipal officers, acting by majority vote, to act on any treasurer's warrant, including warrants for wages and benefits.

Selectperson Maloney, seconded by Chairperson Haile moved to adopt and sign the Treasurer's Disbursement Policy as presented. Vote 4 Yes/0 No.

Date and Time of Meetings

Chairperson Haile, seconded by Selectperson Maloney moved to change the meeting times to 6:30 PM. Vote 4 Yes/0 No.

Chairperson Haile, seconded by Vice Chairperson Berry moved to approve 6:00 PM start time for the August 1, 2023, meeting. Vote 4 Yes/0 No.

Diane Barnes, Town Manger will check with the attorney for dates for an onboarding workshop.

Consent Agenda

Municipal Accounts Payable Warrants

#113 \$ 5,529.59

#114 \$37,239.45

Chairperson Haile, seconded by Vice Chairperson Berry moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Vote 4 Yes/0 No.

Public Comment – Non-Agenda Items (36:32-1:01:35)

Linc Merrill, 1572 North Road- Had questions on the Charter versus the By-laws regarding election of Vice Chair. He is concerned about the high legal fees. He is concerned that the Mill rate will increase in the next 5 years to an unaffordable level.

Judy Potter, 551 Walnut Hill Road- Inquired when can the public ask questions and have answers from the Select Board? She asked if the Select Board tables can be set up differently because it is difficult to see everyone?

Anne Graham, Farms Edge Road- She congratulated the new Select Board. She encouraged everyone to work together. Suggest the town Charter Section 10 of the by-laws be adhered to. This will allow great work to be done. The state legislature has a 3-minute time limit, and they must adhere to it.

Leanne Candura, 176 Christopher Road- She congratulated the new Board Members. She introduced herself as the new MSAD51 School Board Chair. She will work to address the space issues at MSAD51. LCandura@MSAD51.org. Please feel free to reach out to her with any questions.

Mike Mallory, 551 Walnut Hill Road- Said he would like to be a part of any new sidewalk discussion.

Katherine Maloney, Selectperson stated we should have concurrent policies. If there is a discrepancy between the Town Charter and By-Laws, we should update them. She agreed, the legal fees are high. She asked Diane Barnes, the town manager, to be open with them about when legal should be consulted to minimize our legal fees usage. She agreed that the Board should have a sense of the Mill Rate and what will happen in the next 5 years.

Vice Chairperson Berry agreed we need to use caution when the board uses legal services. We have less control over legal fees for the Zoning Board of appeals and Planning Board.

Chairperson Haile addressed when the public can talk to the Selectboard. She encouraged emails for questions. The Select Board meeting is the only time the Selectboard has together to work.

Vice Chairperson Berry suggested that the Board have a table at the market with 2 Selectboard members. This would be a wonderful opportunity for the town to ask questions and get to know the Select Board.

Diane Barnes, Town Manager, advised the room must be set up due to the tracking position of the cameras. Diane suggested sitting on a side of the room that allows better vision.

Katherine Maloney, Selectperson, advised they are going to be setting goals, and she felt it would be valuable to have the EDSC charged with evaluating the sidewalks.

Diane Barnes advised that Mandy, the engineer, will attend the August 15 meeting to explain the sidewalk projects. No additional sidewalk projects would happen this year as they need to be engineered and designed. Diane may also be able to apply for grant money to help with the costs.

Any Other Business (1:01:36-1:06:40)

Chairperson Haile, seconded by Vice Chairperson Berry moved to schedule a goal setting workshop on August 15, 2023, at 6:00 PM with a Select Board meeting starting at 7:00 PM.
Vote 4 Yes/0 No.

Amy Haile, Chairperson, is excited about the new Select Board. She is excited for the year ahead. She is pleased to serve as Chairperson. This is a great opportunity and she thanked everyone.

Adjournment

Selectperson Maloney, seconded by Vice Chairperson Berry moved to adjourn at 6:50 PM.
Vote 4 Yes/0 No.

Karen Casale, Recording Secretary

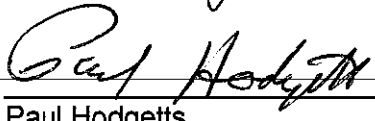
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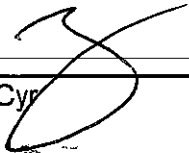
Amy Haile, Chairperson



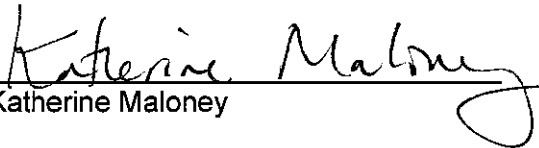
Andrea Berry, Vice Chairperson



Paul Hodgetts



Karl Cyr



Katherine Maloney