

**Town of North Yarmouth
Select Board
Meeting Minutes of September 4, 2018**

Call to Order

Members Present: Jennifer Speirs, Stephen Morrison, William Whitten, James Moulton & Anne Graham. Town Manager Rosemary Roy was also present.

Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)

Selectperson Whitten moved to approve the minutes of August 7, 2018, as revised. Selectperson Moulton seconded the motion. Discussion: None. **Vote 5 Yes – 0 No.**

Public Comment - Non-Agenda Items

None.

Management Reports & Communications:

Town Manager's Report:

- The schedule for town boards and committees to come to select board meetings has been set.
- The FY19 taxes have been committed as of 8/31/18.
- Senior Tax Program FY19 - 43 applications were received; 39 were approved, and 4 denied because they were over-income. Each applicant will receive a \$1000 credit on their respective tax bill.
- A BBQ will be held in early October to celebrate the staff of North Yarmouth.
- The Town Manager has been working with Spectrum, MSAD 51 and Sewell Company on broadcasting issues of the school board meetings.

Old Business

Wescustogo Hall & Community Center Project:

- Post Issuance Compliance (Required by IRS & SEC rules with financial bonding) Selectperson Moulton moved to adopt the Post Issuance Compliance Policy. Selectperson Graham seconded the motion. Discussion: Selectperson Whitten asked if this was in regards to personal property tax. Town Manager Roy assured him that this is not for personal property. **Vote 5 Yes – 0 No.**
- OR Ryan Keith gave a brief update as to WH&CC progress. The propane tank has been emptied and will be excavated and removed in the next week or so. All of the subcontracts have been awarded, and the schedule is in place. *WH&CC = Wescustogo Hall & Community Center*

Special Town Meeting - Town Comprehensive Plan/Zoning/Easement

- Vice Chairperson Morrison moved to set the special town meeting date of October 30th, 6:30 PM at the Church of Latter-Day Saints. Selectperson Moulton seconded the motion. Discussion: Public Hearings to be held on October 4th and October 9th. **Vote 5 Yes – 0 No.**

New Business

Committee Appointments: Selectperson Graham moved to appoint Jim Knight to the Budget Committee with a term end date of 6/30/19 and Greg Schueman to the Economic Development and Sustainability Committee with a term end date of 6/30/21. Selectperson Whitten seconded the motion. Discussion: None. **Vote 5 Yes – 0 No**

Personal Property: Selectperson Moulton presented the Board with personal property tax billings from 2017, the last year in which these taxes were collected in North Yarmouth. A mailing will be sent to residents, including an explanation form, declaration form, and information on filing for a BETE (Business Equipment Tax Exemption) or BETR (Business Equipment Tax Reimbursement) programs offered through the state.

Chairperson Speirs moved that the Select Board will provide the following guidance to our town Assessor to

assess all property in the town of North Yarmouth in as efficiently and fairly a manner as possible in accordance with Maine law. Selectperson Graham seconded the motion. Discussion: If the law changes the Select Board does not need to vote on implementing the updated law, the town only needs to comply with the updated law. Paul Napolitano of Millridge Road voiced his disagreement with the Personal Property Tax. He believes it is an unfair law and only penalizes those that are honest about their personal property. Selectperson Graham suggested that the Board send a letter to the state voicing concerns over the Personal Property Tax Law and requests for it to be updated. **Vote 5 Yes – 0 No**

Accounts Payable – Review & Approval

None. Next AP September 18, 2018.

Other Business

Selectperson Whitten updated the Board on his work with the GPCOG Regional Advocacy Group and plans on bringing up the Personal Property Tax issue at their next meeting. *GPCOG = Greater Portland Council of Governments*

Selectperson Whitten asked if the discrepancies in the Barrett Made contract pricing has been cleared up. Town Manager Roy explained that Barrett Made is reviewing and will be discussed at the next contractor meeting.


Selectperson Whitten would like the Select Board to salute the flag at the beginning of their meetings. The Select Board agreed unanimously.

Adjournment

Chairperson Speirs moved to adjourn.

Ashley P. Roan
Recording Secretary

Select Board



Jennifer Speirs, Chair



Anne Graham



James Moulton



Stephen Morrison, Vice Chair



William Whitten