

**Town of North Yarmouth  
Select Board  
Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, January 21, 2020**

**Call to Order** – William Whitten, Stephen Morrison, James Moulton, and Jennifer Speirs. Town Manager Rosemary Roy was also present. Chairperson Whitten called the meeting to order.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)** – Selectperson Speirs moved to approve the minutes of December 17, 2019, as presented. Chairperson Whitten seconded the motion. Discussion: Chairperson Whitten made a short comment on the lease between Consolidated Communications and the Town of North Yarmouth. **Vote: 4 Yes – 0 No.** Chairperson Whitten moved to approve the minutes of January 6, 2020, as presented. Selectperson Speirs seconded the motion. Discussion: None. **Vote: 4 Yes – 0 No.**

**Public Comment - Non-Agenda Items** – Katie Murphy, North Yarmouth Historical Society, provided the Board with an update on the progress of moving the Old Town House to the Village Green. Chairperson Whitten stated to the Board that he asked Katie Murphy to provide an update to the Board to further inform them of the project and to ask further questions. Selectperson Moulton asked Katie Murphy why the Historical Society chose to move the Old Town House in pieces. Katie Murphy responded. Selectperson Moulton asked Katie Murphy what the state of the Historical Society's fundraising efforts were. Katie Murphy responded. Linc Merrill, North Road, presented to the Board another project being done by the North Yarmouth Fire Company. The Town Manager asked Linc Merrill if the Fire Company has intentions of retaining ownership of items already in their possession. North Yarmouth Fire Chief Payson and Linc Merrill responded in the affirmative. Linc Merrill inquired on the process the Fire Company should follow to develop a lease with the Town for the property they wish to use. The Town Manager clarified that process to the parties and the Board. Chairperson Whitten asked the Town Manager to set-up a workshop for February 4, 2020 before the Select Board regular business meeting.

Steve Palmer, Mountfort Road, addressed the Board on a matter of communication. The Board acknowledged and responded to Mr. Palmer.

Judy Potter, Walnut Hill Road, stated her concerns with speeding in the Village Center as well as her disapproval in the aesthetic look of the Village Center. She referred to the new construction and development on Route 9 and Route 115.

**Management Reports & Communications:**

**Select Board Communications:**

- Chairperson Whitten congratulated two Greely students who did well on their basketball teams
- Selectperson Morrison informed the public about the meeting he attended regarding the location of a new school proposed by the MSAD 51 School Board. Selectperson Morrison wanted to be clear that no location was decided on the proposed school brought forth by MSAD 51 School Board.

**Town Manager's Report**

The Town Manager provided her full report to the Board. A copy of that report can be found at the Town Office or on the Town's website, [www.northyarmouth.org](http://www.northyarmouth.org).

**Old Business:**

**Consolidated Communications – Lease of Town Property**

Selectperson Moulton moved to authorize the Town Manager to execute the revised lease agreement as presented with Consolidated Communications for a term of five (5) years. Selectperson Speirs seconded the motion. Discussion: Chairperson Whitten inquired about an addition to the lease between Consolidated Communications and the Town. The Town Manager answered the chairperson's question. **Vote: 4 Yes – 0 No.**

## **New Business:**

### **Community Center**

Selectperson Morrison moved to call for a public hearing on the proposed amendments to the town Fee Schedule on February 4, 2020 at 7 PM. Selectperson Speirs seconded the motion. Discussion: Selectperson Moulton inquired about the charging station that was included with the original bond set forth by the towns people. The Town Manager and the Community Center Director did not have an immediate answer. The Town Manager told Selectperson Moulton that further research would be done. Selectperson Speirs asked the Community Center Director if the Wescustogo Hall and North Yarmouth Community Center's kitchen would incur a charge if the renter only lightly used the kitchen. The Director answered the Selectperson's question. **Vote: 4 Yes – 0 No.**

In consensus, the Board agreed that the Director can use the name "*North Yarmouth Community Center – Home of Wescustogo Hall*" for promotional uses.

In consensus, the Board endorsed the proposed Mission Statement for the Community Center.

### **Committee Appointments**

Selectperson Speirs moved to appoint Jay Fulton to the Living Well in North Yarmouth committee with a term to expire June 30, 2020. Selectperson Morrison seconded the motion. Discussion: None. **Vote: 4 Yes – 0 No.**

### **Tax Issues**

Selectperson Speirs recused herself from this agenda item. Selectperson Morrison moved to table the discussion on foreclosed property account number 759, tax map 15, lot 5. Chairperson Whitten seconded the motion. Discussion: Selectperson Moulton stated that he would like to see the bids and retain the decision to "accept any and all bids". The Town Manager clarified that the process calls for such action. Selectperson Morrison asked that the Town Manager inquire if the Town could use the property for the betterment of the Town and to have three brokers conduct a market analysis of the property and to present to the Board on their February 18, 2020 business meeting. **Vote 3 Yes – 0 No – 1 Abstained (Selectperson Speirs).**

### **Property Gift – Delwin Drive**

Discussion: Selectperson Moulton asked the Town Manager if the property would eventually be returned to the Town if the property owner decided to abandon the property. The Town Manager responded that the selectperson's assessment of the process was correct, however, in her opinion, did not believe that the outcome of abandoning the property was likely. The board asked the Town Manager to ask the abutting neighbors if the property could be purchased in conjunction with asking the Town Manager to see if the Director of Public Works could use the property to expand Delwin Drive. The Town Manager responded that she would pursue both options. No action taken.

### **Spirit of America Recognition**

The Town Manager provided the Board with a ballot to recognize a town committee volunteer and their contributions to the community. The award will be announced at the Annual Town Meeting.

### **Solar Farm**

Selectperson Morrison moved to authorize the Town Manager to put together an ad hoc committee to explore the viability of a solar farm and provide the Board a recommendation six (6) months from when the ad hoc committee convenes. Selectperson Speirs seconded the motion. Discussion: The Town Manager reported to the Board the findings from Al Ahlers, one of the Town's representatives to GPCOG/PACTS. The Board asked the Town Manager to speak with Al Ahlers and ask if he could assist her in forming a committee to research if a solar farm was possible for North Yarmouth. **Vote: 4 Yes – 0 No.**

**Accounts Payable** – Selectperson Speirs moved to approve accounts payable warrants 30 and 31 in the amount of \$726,644.92, as presented. Chairperson Whitten seconded the motion. Discussion: None. **Vote: 4 Yes – 0 No.**

**Any Other Business** – None.

**Executive Session** – Chairperson Whitten moved that the Select Board in accordance with their roles and responsibilities to enter into executive session pursuant to Title 1 MRSA Chapter 13 Public Records and Proceedings, subsection 405 Executive Sessions subsection 6(A) with the Town Manger. Selectperson Speirs seconded the motion. The Board came out of Executive Session at 10:07 PM.

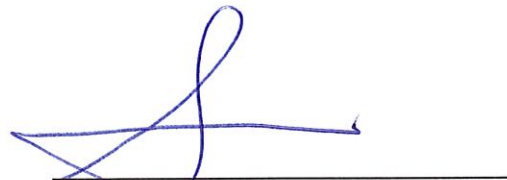
**Adjournment** - Chairperson Whitten moved to adjourn.

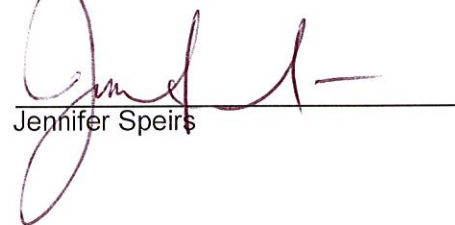
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