

**Town of North Yarmouth
Select Board
Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, April 7, 2020
REMOTE BUSINESS MEETING**

 **ORIGINAL**

Call to Order – Stephen Morrison, James Moulton, Paul Napolitano, and Jennifer Speirs were present. Town Manager, Rosemary Roy, was also present. Vice Chairperson Morrison called the meeting to order.

Minutes of Previous Meeting(s) – By consensus, Selectperson Moulton and Vice Chairperson Morrison agreed that the minutes of March 3, 2020, accurately reflected the discussion and decisions made at the business meeting. Without a quorum of voting members, these minutes could not be voted on. Vice Chairperson Morrison made a motion to approve the minutes of March 17, 2020, as presented. Selectperson Moulton seconded the motion. Discussion: None. **Vote: 4 Yes – 0 No.** Vice Chairperson Morrison moved to approve the minutes of March 31, 2020, as presented. Selectperson Moulton seconded the motion. Discussion: None. **Vote: 4 Yes – 0 No.**

Public Comment - Non-Agenda Items – Paul Hodgetts of 1095 Sligo Road submitted comments regarding nomination papers and an incident at Toddy Brook golf course relating to COVID-19. Vice Chairperson Morrison and the Town Manager provided feedback to the questions. Lori Robinson of 17 Lufkin Road submitted comments to the Board regarding the potential new school and development in the Village Center. Vice Chairperson Morrison provided feedback after the question. These submissions are available in the Meeting Materials of April 7, 2020, business meeting.

Management Reports & Communications:

Chief Payson – COVID – 19 Update – Chief Payson provided a verbal report to the Board regarding the Fire Department's efforts to assist residents who are quarantining because of COVID – 19.

Town Manager's Report – The Town Manager provided her full report which can be found on the Town's website, www.northyarmouth.org

Old Business:

Marijuana Survey – Economic Development & Sustainability Committee – Diane Morrison, Chairperson of the Economic Development & Sustainability Committee, provided the Board with a survey for their approval. Selectperson Speirs offered additional comments on how to advertise the survey if the Board approved the item. The Town Manager also provided further comments on how to promote the survey. Vice Chairperson Morrison moved to approve and authorize the Marijuana Survey to be circulated to the townspeople of North Yarmouth, as presented by the Economic Development & Sustainability Committee. Selectperson Speirs seconded the motion. Discussion: None. **Vote: 4 Yes – 0 No.**

Pay as you Throw (PAYT) – Trash Bag Requirements – COVID-19 - Vice Chairperson Morrison moved to authorize the Town Manager to grant a temporary waiver on the use of PAYT trash bags for resident(s) requesting assistance with particular circumstances relating to COVID – 19 and until such time that there is relief from the pandemic. Selectperson Moulton seconded the motion. Discussion: Selectperson Speirs asked the Town Manager for clarification of the action. The Town Manager responded that residents would be able to purchase their own thirteen (13) gallon trash bags if the Town Manager provided permission to do so based on their COVID –19 restrictions. Furthermore, the Town Manager stated that there would be a record for all participants who have been granted this special permission. Vice Chairperson Morrison noted that a resident could call, email, or use another form of communication that is received by the Town Manager to request permission to use their own thirteen (13) gallon trash bags. **Vote: 4 Yes – 0 No.**

New Business:

Election - Board Vacancy - Vice Chairperson Morrison moved that nomination papers be available for the existing board vacancy for the period beginning April 8, 2020, and to end April 23, 2020, in accordance with Title 30-A MRA, § 2528(4)(E), to be voted at the June 9, 2020 election. Selectperson Napolitano seconded the motion. Discussion: Vice Chairperson Morrison stated that the Board should delay the vote on this item to find out more information from the Governor's office. The Town Manager said that she has inquired on more legal information

to advise the Board on how COVID – 19 would affect elections. Selectperson Speirs asked the Town Manager if the papers would be available the following day. The Town Manager explained that the Board needed to vote on the item before any action from her office. Selectperson Speirs stated that the nomination papers should be made available as soon as possible and asked the Town Manager if the vote could be amended if the State of Maine determined a later date for the election. The Town Manager responded that the Board would need to wait on the state's decision on the matter. Selectperson Moulton asked the Town Manager on clarification on the agenda item. The Town Manager responded. Selectperson Napolitano stated that the Board would only comprise two members if the election of June 9, 2020, were changed by the state. Selectperson Napolitano asked the Town Manager if the Town could have a municipal election by absentee voting through the mail. The Town Manager responded that she would need further consultation to answer Selectperson Napolitano's question. Selectperson Speirs asked the Town Manager if two (2) of the Selectperson's terms would be extended beyond June 30, 2020. The Town Manager responded the question has already been asked to the Maine Municipal Association in preparation for the meeting. The Town Manager did not have an immediate response. Selectperson Napolitano asked the Town Manager how much control the State of Maine had on the Town Charter and term limits defined thereof. The Town Manager stated that the Town Charter does not apply in a state of emergency. Vice Chairperson Morrison noted that the item should be tabled due to the uncertainty of when the State of Maine will decide on an election date. Selectperson Moulton was concerned with the validity of the nomination papers already taken out. **Vote: 4 Yes – 0 No.**

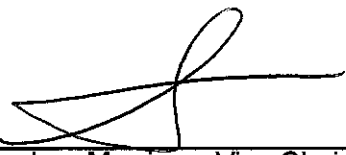
Accounts Payable – Vice Chairperson Morrison moved to approve accounts payable 40, 41, 42 in the amount of \$114,171.03, as presented. Selectperson Speirs seconded the motion. Discussion: None. **Vote: 4 Yes – 0 No.**

Any Other Business – Vice Chairperson Morrison made a statement referencing the Select Board Bylaws and conduct of Select Board members.

Adjournment – Vice Chairperson Morrison moved to adjourn.

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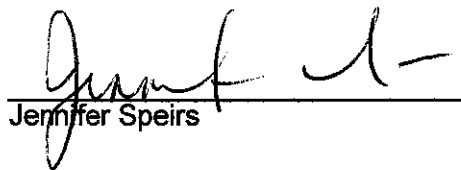
Stephen Morrison, Vice Chair



James Moulton



Paul Napolitano



Jennifer Speirs