

Town of North Yarmouth
Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, March 29, 2016

 ORIGINAL

I. Call to Order

Members Present: Chairman Alex Carr, Vice Chair Jeanne Chadbourne, Steve Palmer & Jim Moulton. Town Manager Rosemary Roy was also present.

II. Public Comment – Non Agenda Items

None.

III. Business- NY Memorial School Proposals

Chairman Carr presented the agenda item. Selectman Moulton made a motion to reject the RFP for Volunteers of America & Memory Works. Selectperson Chadbourne seconded the motion. Discussion: Selectman Moulton thanked VOA & Memory Works. Selectman Palmer expressed that he would have made a different motion and is not able to vote for that particular motion. Katie Murphy inquired what Selectman Palmer's motion may have been instead. Selectman Palmer spoke to what his motion would have been. Selectman Moulton expressed what he believed the Board's charge was. Nelson Smith spoke about what he would like to see go forward. Selectperson Chadbourne spoke about her thoughts for a plan. Selectman Palmer spoke about a few points regarding the Memorial School site. Pam Ames reiterated what the RFP process was to be. **Vote: 3- Yes 1- No (Selectman Palmer).**

Selectman Moulton moved to accept the A.H. Grover proposal. Selectperson Chadbourne seconded the motion. Discussion: Selectman Palmer spoke about the results from the straw poll taken at the Public Hearings and concluded that it appears the majority was not in favor of the A.H. Grover proposal. Selectman Moulton spoke to his thoughts on moving A.H. Grover's proposal forward and meeting the needs of the Town. Chairman Carr spoke to his thoughts about the A.H. Grover proposal. Selectperson Chadbourne spoke to her thoughts about the proposal. Selectman Palmer spoke about the assumptions that were being concluded. The Board discussed the proposal and what the referendum requirements were that passed in November. Steve Morrison inquired about the results of the straw poll resulting after the Public Hearings. Ken Capron spoke about the proposals. Andy Walsh spoke about the A.H. Grover proposal. Dixie Hayes spoke to the A.H. Grover proposal. Jenny Tuemmler expressed her experience in voting and not knowing what she was voting for. She reiterated that the two questions in November were not worded well. Linc Merrill spoke about this process being the first steps to get the ball rolling. Mark Verrill believes the Town needs to move forward and that the Board needs to produce something for the Town to vote on. Stephen Friedrich supported what Selectman Palmer spoke about. Nelson Smith spoke about the Grover proposal as well as his own property. Scott Kerr agreed with what Nelson Smith spoke about. He also spoke about the Grover proposal. Katie Murphy spoke about the opportunity that the Town missed out on after the referendum. She spoke about some of the comments the straw poll vote resulted. Gay Peterson spoke about her concerns with the referendum question for June. She suggested coming up with another question that gives people more wiggle room. Tom Hinman thanked Selectperson Chadbourne for her vision of what could be. He also spoke to the fact that the Town has a lot of vision in it and he doesn't believe the Board is giving the public an opportunity to express that. He encouraged the Board to revisit the plan and come back with a better plan. Selectman Moulton spoke about his decision as to why he voted down Question 1. He also stated that if the Town does not like the Grover proposal it will be voted down. Rob Wood believes the Town can do better but its better to vote on a plan rather than none of the above that would get the Town nowhere. Norman Smith asked for clarification the process after the final vote of the night. Audrey Lones asked if the financials will be included in the referendum question. Steve Morrison inquired where the Board was at with the None of the Above option. Selectman Palmer noted that "NO" can be interpreted in many different ways. Audrey Lones inquired about the process in

figuring out the sale price of the property to A.H. Grover. Margie Hansel spoke about the options for the referendum question. She encouraged the Board to consider other options that Grover would be willing to incorporate. Diane Morrison expressed her disappointment about the motion and the Board. She expressed that \$287k is not affordable for seniors. Dave Tuemmler agreed with Diane and urged the Board to respect the results of the straw poll. Nelson Smith believes it is the attitude of the Town that is the reason why the Town only received two (2) proposals back. Steve Gary thanked Chairman Carr and Selectman Moulton for their comments, He believe that the Town needs to put it to vote. Candice Smith believed that after Saturday's Public Hearing people were in favor of the Grover plan. Selectman Palmer moved to amend the motion to include a more described option for people other than "No" and to further refine the proposal. Selectperson Chadbourne expressed that there were too many ideas out there. She also expressed her thoughts on the November referendum. Katie Murphy expressed that she didn't believe the idea was bad but she believed that the Town wanted another way to express peoples comments were after the straw poll. There was no second to the motion. No action taken. **Vote: 3- Yes 1- No (Selectman Palmer).**

IV. **Any Other Business**

None.

V. **Adjournment**

Selectman Moulton moved to adjourn.

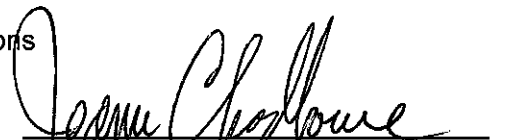
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Alex Carr, Chairperson

Steve Palmer

Board of Selectpersons



Jeanne Chadbourne, Vice Chairperson



Jim Moulton