

TOWN OF NORTH YARMOUTH, MAINE

2014 ANNUAL MEETING FOR THE YEAR

 ORIGINAL

Beginning JULY 1, 2014 and Ending JUNE 30TH, 2015

To: Clark Baston, a resident in the Town of North Yarmouth, County of Cumberland, State of Maine.

GREETINGS: In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of North Yarmouth, Maine qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the North Yarmouth Memorial School Gymnasium, in said Town on Saturday the 12th day of April A.D. 2014, at nine (9) o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act upon Articles 1 through 28 as set out below, to wit;

ARTICLE 1: To Elect a Moderator to preside over said meeting.

Town Clerk Deb Grover read the greeting and asked for nominations for moderator.

It was moved and seconded to nominate Michael Traister as moderator.

It was moved and seconded to cease nominations.

Michael Traister was elected and sworn in as moderator.

Michael welcomed everyone to the meeting and outlined the town meeting rules and procedures.

State Representatives Anne Graham and Steve Moriarity said a few words.

Steve Palmer, Board of Selectmen Chair presented some highlights related to the Town Budget:

1. Regarding Westcustogo Hall; no decision has been made yet regarding this. There is a possibility to use the Memorial School Gymnasium as the new meeting space.
2. There is interest in moving Old Town Meeting House to the former Westcustogo Hall site.
3. Memorial School: There are discussions on what the school building can be used for. It could be repurposed to new Town Office/meeting space. It could be reused for another purpose. Soils and Septic are sufficient for a new use and to extend water to the Village Center. All final decisions would be made at a Special Town Meeting. The Selectmen has recommended to close the building in the interim until a decision and plan are made. There is continued discussion on TIF districts as a savings mechanism to help with this new use.

4. Steve commented on the Town Manager hiring process and funding for this. (in Article 3). There is also a request for \$100k for planning on the projects.

JANUARY

Sligo Road paving: The Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee have different recommendations regarding this paving project.

He stated that this year's budget is 5.5% lower from last year's budget.

BUDGET ADOPTION SECTION

ARTICLE 2: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate and raise for each of the following ADMINISTRATION purposes, or take any action thereon:

| ADMINISTRATION PURPOSES | 2012-13 Actual | 2013-2014 Budget | 2014-2015 Request | Dollar Difference 2014-15 | Percent Difference 2014-15 |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| A. Personnel, Benefits & Office Exp. | \$166,344.86 | \$165,935.00 | \$177,487.00 | \$11,552.00 | 6.96% |
| B. Elections & Moderator | \$9,324.13 | \$12,500.00 | \$12,411.00 | -\$89.00 | -0.01% |
| C. Technology & Broadcasting | \$11,550.42 | \$10,460.00 | \$11,743.00 | \$1,283.00 | 12.27% |
| Totals | \$187,219.41 | \$188,895.00 | \$201,641.00 | \$12,746.00 | 6.75% |

Selectmen Recommend:..... \$201,641.00

Budget Committee Recommends: \$201,641.00

Paul Napolitano moved and Mark Girard seconded to approve Article 2 in the amount of \$201,641.00.

Article 2 passed.

ARTICLE 3: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate and raise for each of the following MANAGEMENT purposes, or take any action thereon:

| MANAGEMENT PURPOSES | 2012-13 Actual | 2013-2014 Budget | 2014-2015 Request | Dollar Difference 2014-15 | Percent Difference 2014-15 |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| A. Selectmen | \$3,654.56 | \$3,688.00 | \$3,688.00 | \$ 0.00 | 0.00% |
| B. Town Manager | \$83,438.30 | \$87,590.00 | \$ 105,301.00 | \$17,711.00 | 20.22% |
| C. Committees | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$ 1,500.00 | \$1,500.00 | 1,500.00% |
| D. Legal | \$50,602.50 | \$32,520.00 | \$33,770.00 | \$1,250.00 | 3.84% |
| E. Contingency | \$4,000.26 | \$15,000.00 | \$10,000.00 | -\$5,000.00 | -33.33% |
| Totals | \$141,695.62 | \$138,798.00 | \$154,259.00 | \$15,461.00 | 11.14% |

Selectmen Recommend:..... \$154,259.00

Budget Committee Recommends: \$161,259.00 More for Town Manager search

Darla Hamlin moved and Paul Napolitano seconded to approve Article 3 in the amount of 154,259.00

Thaddeus Day, Budget Committee member stated that the difference between the Selectmen and Budget Committee is due to the unknown process for hiring.

Conrad Lauzier asked why the Budget Committee did not challenge the proposed number. Thad Day said that they were concerned that the Selectmen might go over budget.

Conrad asked about the \$1500 for Line C. Darla Hamlin stated that this would support the various committees. In the past it has not been budgeted as a separate line item.

Clark Whittier stated that \$1,000 is for training and conferences and \$500 are for supplies.

Jim Moulton asked if this amount has been paid before. Marnie Diffin stated that when the Charter was changed, it outlined that the Board of Selectmen had oversight over a number of committees. The Selectmen adopted a committee policy for these committees including training, etc. Previously this had been under Administration.

Mark Verrill, Walnut Hill Road asked if the fund is currently being funded. He stated that he believes the town was misled in that the Charter change would not cost additional money to the town.

eve Palmer stated that the amount difference is also for potential moving costs.

Article 3 passed.

ARTICLE 4: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate and raise for an increase to the annual pay for members of the Board of Selectmen.

Selectmen Recommend: \$ 0.00

Budget Committee Recommends: \$3,660.00

Explanation: Budget Committee recommends to increase the pay to \$1500.00 for the Chair, (from \$700.00) and to increase the pay to \$1250.00 for each of the other 4 members (from \$600.00 per member). FICA contribution adds an additional \$260.00 to the total.

Thaddeus Day moved and Rick Plummer seconded to approve Article 4 in the amount of \$3,660.00

Thad Day stated that the Selectmen recommendation of \$0 is incorrect. They actually do not have a position on this Article. He stated that there has not been a salary increase in 30 years and that the town's amount is low in comparison to other area communities.

Jim Moulton, 54 Mill Road stated that he would support it.

Katherine Dion asked about the amount. Michael Traister stated that it is to appropriate \$3,660

additional to increase the total amount.

Anne Graham stated people in general do this for public service but there should be some appropriate compensation. She supports this.

Article 4 passed.

ARTICLE 5: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate and raise for each of the following LAND USE REGULATION AND PLANNING purposes, or take any action thereon:

| LAND USE REGULATIONS AND PLANNING | 2012-13 Actual | 2013-2014 Budget | 2014-2015 Request | Dollar Difference 2014-15 | Percent Difference 2014-15 |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| A. Assessing | \$25,247.69 | \$38,170.00 | \$45,552.00 | \$7,382.00 | 19.34% |
| B. Planning Board | \$17,635.93 | \$10,100.00 | \$ 7,100.00 | -\$3,000.00 | -29.70% |
| C. Charter Commission | \$ 4,429.42 | \$ 0.00 | \$0.00 | \$ 0.00 | 0.00% |
| D. Planning | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 | \$100,000.00 | \$100,000.00 | |
| E. Code Enforcement | \$72,870.31 | \$75,682.00 | \$ 76,938.00 | \$1,256.00 | 1.66% |
| F. Economic Development | \$ 0.00 | \$152,000.00 | \$ 0.00 | -\$152,000.00 | |
| Totals | \$120,183.35 | \$275,952.00 | \$229,590.00 | -\$46,362.00 | -16.80% |

Selectmen Recommend:..... \$229,590.00

Budget Committee Recommends: \$229,590.00

Mark Girard moved and Steve Palmer seconded to approve Article 5 in the amount of \$229,590.00.

Mark Verill moved to amend Article 5 to reduce the recommended amount by \$100,000 to \$129,590. Jim Moulton seconded.

Mark Verrill stated that he would give the Board of Selectmen a failing grade for the planning efforts. He would like to see a vote on rebuilding Westcustogo Hall. There is an agreement between the Grange and the Town regarding replacement of the building in the event something happened. It is a legal, binding document. He stated that he believes that Memorial School should be put on the tax rolls and that the MMA insurance amount for the incident is not high enough. He would like to see an insurance adjuster work on behalf of the town. He believes that this is a good opportunity to build a new Westcustogo Hall.

Dave Holman, Sligo Rd, and Budget Committee member stated that his discussions on the committee stated that planning funds would actually help save money over time since it would require expert help for the Board of Selectmen.

Katie Murphy, Mountfort Rd, and Economic Development and Sustainability Committee member stated that the town has a lot of decisions to make and that the committee ran some figures regarding this work and that there is not a high impact to the mil rate per property.

Andy Walsh, Firefly Lane stated that all the decisions that the town needs to make is difficult to

calculate and requires expert help.

Richard Sweet, Carriage Hill Rd asked what the \$100,000 will be used for.

Mark Girard stated that the \$100k covers a number of activities such as developing natural gas agreements, feasibility of dev a waste system, comp plan work, appraisal of Memorial School and septic. Establish a TIF district. Concept plans for the new Westcustogo Hall.

Michael Traister stated that page 25 of the Warrant Article offers a breakdown of the \$100,000. Richard asked who will be getting the contracts. Mark Girard stated that they have not yet been determined. This figure is a budget number for the BOS to work with.

Richard Sweet would prefer that the town have more of a breakdown of the funds. Mark Girard stated that the Board of Selectmen does not see awarding this amount as a lump sum to one person or company.

Rick Plummer asked what would happen if this amount is not approved. Mark Girard stated that the Selectmen would have to make the best decision with the resources available.

Rick also asked about the \$150,000 vote on last year but not bonded. Mark stated that this funding was not put in place and by law was not carried over and was returned to the unassigned fund balance.

Peter Lindsay, Mountfort Road strongly supports this amount as the town is at a crossroads. There is been a lot of volunteer work on this but now at this point, expertise to move this along is necessary.

Steve Palmer stated that the Selectmen have been open about dealing with the issues and they are continuing to move the process along. He reminded people that Memorial School and its infrastructure is an asset that can be of great benefit to the town. The Board of Selectmen is working with the Grange on the Westcustogo issue to address the spirit of the agreement.

John Fulton, Royal Rd asked for more information on the expected timeline to reach an actual outcome.

Steve Palmer stated that if this is voted down, the Selectmen would have to do the best they can to get this done. Mark Girard stated that the fiscal year begins July 1 but preliminary work is being done. The first Selectmen workshop was recently held to start the discussion and create the timeline. If the town wants them to come up with options, they'll need expert help. He believes that it would be Fall for more defined concepts. The vote is not for a specific concept but to allow expertise to help the Selectmen to come up with recommendations to the town.

Paul Napolitano stated that they need professional help to work on this.

Norman Smith stated that the \$150,000 previously approved can be spent. He would like to see work done and be handled correctly.

There was motion to move the question. The motion to move the question was accepted.

The amended motion of \$129,590 fails.

The original motion of \$229,590 passed.

ARTICLE 6. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate and raise for each of the following PUBLIC SAFETY purposes, or take any action thereon:

| PUBLIC SAFETY PURPOSES | 2012-13 Actual | 2013-2014 Budget | 2014-2015 Request | Dollar Difference 2014-15 | Percent Difference 2014-15 |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|--|---|
| A. Traffic Speed Monitoring Device | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 4,810.00 | \$ 4,810.00 | 4810.00% |
| B. Health Officer | \$335.95 | \$423.00 | \$423.00 | \$0.00 | 0.00% |
| C. Animal Control | \$5,392.71 | \$5,500.00 | \$16,579.00 | \$11,079.00 | 201.44% |
| D. Emergency Management | \$ 129.64 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00% |
| E. Streetlights | \$2,747.99 | \$2,965.00 | \$2,435.00 | -\$ 530.00 | - 17.88% |
| Totals | \$8,606.29 | \$8,888.00 | \$24,247.00 | \$ 15,359.00 | 172.81% |

Selectmen Recommend:..... \$24,247.00

Budget Committee Recommends: \$24,247.00

Clark Whittier moved and Mark Girard seconded to approve Article 6 in the amount of \$24,247.00.

Jim Moulton asked about the speed monitoring device. Clark Whittier stated that this device would be mounted on a pole and monitors and provides data on traffic, speeding to help with requests on making speed limit changes.

Gary Whiting, Mill Road commented on the speeding on his road and is pleased with this item.

Daniel Smith, Walnut Hill stated that it doesn't provide data to the driver.

Ann Graham asked if there have been conversations with the Sheriff's Department and any reports back from them.

Paul Napolitano stated that this is the purpose as it gives specific times (day/date) for data.

Mark Verrill asked about the size. Paul Napolitano stated that it is securely mounted and locked. Brian Sites also commented on the size. Conrad Lauzier asked who will collect the data.

Jim Moulton asked about the increase in animal control. Clark Whittier stated that the shared position and benefits etc have increased.

Alison Carr, Henry Road asked about Emergency Management item. Clark Whittier stated that now that there is a fulltime Fire Chief, this is part of his responsibility.

Paul Hodgetts asked if the speeding device will be a purchase and the maintenance.

Article 6 passed.

ARTICLE 7. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate and raise for each of the following FIRE & RESCUE purposes, or take any action thereon:

| FIRE & RESCUE PURPOSES | | 2012-13 Actual | 2013-2014 Budget | 2014-2015 Request | Dollar Difference 2014-15 | Percent Difference 2014-15 |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| A. | Personnel & Benefits | \$108,802.61 | \$135,538.00 | \$152,938.00 | \$17,400.00 | 12.84% |
| B. | Supplies & Software | \$19,328.73 | \$19,155.00 | \$19,670.00 | \$ 515.00 | 2.69% |
| C. | Vehicles & Equipment | \$45,586.94 | \$47,870.00 | \$62,546.00 | \$14,676.00 | 30.66% |
| D. | Contracted Services | \$83,646.00 | \$87,800.00 | \$88,315.00 | \$ 515.00 | 0.59% |
| E. | Training, Dues & Insurances | \$3,955.38 | \$5,800.00 | \$6,950.00 | \$ 1,150.00 | 19.83% |
| Totals | | \$261,319.66 | \$296,163.00 | \$330,419.00 | \$34,256.00 | 11.57% |

Selectmen Recommend:..... \$330,419.00

Budget Committee Recommends: \$330,419.00

Steve Palmer moved Paul Napolitano seconded to approve Article 7 in the amount of \$330,419.00.

Article 7 passed.

ARTICLE 8. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate and raise for each of the following PUBLIC ASSISTANCE purposes, or take any action thereon:

| PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PURPOSES | | 2012-13 Actual | 2013-2014 Budget | 2014-2015 Request | Dollar Difference 2014-15 | Percent Difference 2014-15 |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| A. | General Assistance | \$8,457.48 | \$20,350.00 | \$15,000.00 | -\$ 5,350.00 | - 26.29% |
| B. | Home Health Visiting Nurses | \$1,300.00 | \$2,000.00 | \$2,000.00 | \$0.00 | 0.00% |
| C. | Regional Transportation | \$745.00 | \$500.00 | \$ 500.00 | \$0.00 | 0.00% |
| D. | Opportunity Alliance | \$4,200.00 | \$4,200.00 | \$4,200.00 | \$0.00 | 0.00% |
| E. | Southern Me. Area on Aging | \$1,640.00 | \$1,640.00 | \$1,750.00 | \$110.00 | 6.71% |
| F. | VNA Home Health Hospice | \$250.00 | \$250.00 | \$250.00 | \$0.00 | 0.00% |
| G. | Family Crisis Shelter | \$160.00 | \$160.00 | \$0.00 | -\$160.00 | - 100.00% |
| H. | Life Flight of Maine | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 | \$100.00 | \$100.00 | 100.00% |
| I. | Property Tax Assistance | \$1,277.34 | \$1,750.00 | \$0.00 | -\$1,750.00 | -\$1,750.00% |
| Totals | | \$18,029.82 | \$30,850.00 | \$23,800.00 | -\$7,050.00 | -22.85% |

Selectmen Recommend:..... \$23,800.00

Budget Committee Recommends: \$23,800.00

Carla Hamlin moved and Paul Napolitano seconded to approve Article 8 in the amount of \$23,800.00.

Katie Murphy, Mountfort Rd asked about the amount differences. Darla Hamlin stated that the need for assistance has decreased. Some of the organizations above did not submit requests. Clark Whittier stated that Property Tax Assistance that the State has vote that amount out.

Jeff Shorey, Sligo Rd, of the Budget Committee stated that they also review the amounts based on interactions with North Yarmouth residents.

Anne Graham stated that there is property tax assistance bill pending in the State Legislature. She asked if there are reserves in the event there is an increase in request. Clark Whittier stated that it would be paid by undesignated funds.

Article 8 passed.

ARTICLE 9. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate and raise for each of the following PUBLIC WORKS purposes, or take any action thereon:

| PUBLIC WORKS PURPOSES | 2012-13 ACTUAL | 2013-2014 BUDGET | 2014-2015 REQUEST | Dollar Difference 2014-15 | Percent Difference 2014-15 |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| A. PACTS * | \$593.00 | \$0.00 | \$600.00 | \$ 600.00 | 600.00% |
| B. GPCOG ** | \$ 3,565.00 | \$0.00 | \$ 3,565.00 | \$ 3,565.00 | 3565.00% |
| C. Personnel & Benefits | \$227,346.15 | \$236,452.00 | \$232,722.00 | -\$3,730.00 | -1.58% |
| D. Equip Repairs, Purchase & Maint | \$57,115.80 | \$55,475.00 | \$58,053.00 | \$2,578.00 | 4.65% |
| E. Road Maintenance & Repairs | \$284,599.11 | \$345,515.00 | \$325,675.00 | -\$19,840.00 | - 5.74% |
| F. Winter Road Plowing | \$43,736.18 | \$46,325.00 | \$40,250.00 | -\$6,075.00 | -13.11% |
| Totals | \$616,955.24 | \$683,767.00 | \$660,865.00 | -\$22,902.00 | -3.35% |

Selectmen Recommend:..... \$660,865.00

Budget Committee Recommends: \$710,865.00 More on asphalt paving; Less on chip sealing

* PACTS: PORTLAND AREA COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

** GPCOG: GREATER PORTLAND COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Paul Napolitano moved and Mark Girard seconded to approve Article 9 in the amount of \$660,865.00.

Paul Napolitano stated that the Board of Selectmen has recommended high performance chip sealing for this road.

Dave Holman, Sligo Rd and Budget Committee member stated that the town is under-investing in the town's roads. Public Works should be given the flexibility to maintain them in the best method. He supports the Budget Committee amount given the long-term savings.

Brian Sites, of the Budget Committee supports the Budget Committee amount. He expressed concerns for bikers with chip sealing. The Selectmen's figure doesn't give a sufficient amount for an

additional smoothing coat on top of the chip sealing. The Budget Committee's recommendation allowed some flexibility and options.

Thad Day moved to amend Article 9 to \$710,865.00. Dave Holman seconded.

Thad Day stated that the town's audit indicated that while the town is in good financial shape, the road infrastructure is depleting and poorly maintained. This amount allows flexibility for Public Works.

Jim Moulton asked what the difference in price between chip sealing and asphalt. Marnie Diffin stated that difference is \$267,000 for asphalt and \$213,000 for chip sealing for Sligo Rd. Jim Moulton stated that given that amount he supports chip sealing. Paul Napolitano commented on the differences in chip sealing options. Mark Girard stated that this recommendation was a good compromise to address the various needs of the residents. He stated that he supported the lower figure to budget to a specific project and not simply a general amount available.

Cathy Dion asked if the Board of Selectmen agreed or disagreed with the town's audit commenting on the roads. Mark Girard stated that he believes that the comments were generalized and based on value figures rather than physical inspection.

Marnie Diffin stated that town auditing process legally requires assessed values of all town assets (building, roads and the like) and requires it to determine a depreciation amount over time. Town's generally don't do this. Clark Whittier reminded residents that not all the roads are maintained by the town, but by the State.

Wayne Miller stated that the chip sealing on Milliken Road has held up well and supports this.

Paul Hodgetts asked about the life of chip sealing. Paul Napolitano stated that it averages 8 years, does not cause tire damage etc and smoothes out even more over time. Wayne Miller stated that he understands that the chip sealed roads used less sand and salt which is a cost savings.

Steve Palmer stated that the Board of Selectmen is concerned about bike safety and that there has been a lot of research done including driving some roads in New Hampshire and speaking with NH Public Works. They provided them with information on the adjustments made to address bicyclists. It was also suggested to give a chip sealed road a year. This method reduces frost heaving. Based on this research he has more confidence in this option.

Andy Walsh believes that this is an important issue given the increase in asphalt costs over time. He believes that towns will have to go to chip sealing overtime. He is concerned about chip sealing on Sligo Road in particular for bikers. There are options to make it smoother for them and would be cost effective. He supports the Budget Committee's recommendation figure to address these options.

Richard Cole moved and Conrad Lauzier to move the question. The motion to move the question passed.

The amended motion passed by majority vote.

Article 9 in the amount of \$710,865.00 passed.

Paul Napolitano stated that this amended vote was not for a specific project but rather an overall amount.

ARTICLE 10. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate and raise for each of the following PUBLIC FACILITIES purposes, or take any action thereon:

| PUBLIC FACILITIES PURPOSES | 2012-13 ACTUAL | 2013-2014 BUDGET | 2014-2015 REQUEST | Dollar | Percent |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| | | | | Difference 2014-15 | Difference 2014-15 |
| A. Janitorial Services | \$15,815.92 | \$18,925.00 | \$11,367.00 | -\$7,558.00 | - 39.94% |
| B. Fire Station | \$25,007.11 | \$23,380.00 | \$22,719.00 | - \$661.00 | - 2.83% |
| C. Public Works Buildings | \$9,909.21 | \$6,280.00 | \$13,262.00 | \$ 6,982.00 | 111.18% |
| D. Town Office | \$12,565.08 | \$14,140.00 | \$15,465.00 | \$ 1,325.00 | 9.37% |
| E. Wescustogo Hall | \$17,531.49 | \$60,980.00 | \$ 0.00 | -\$ 60,980.00 | - 100.00% |
| F. Memorial School-mothballing proj | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 | \$20,000.00 | \$20,000.00 | |
| G. Sharp House | \$23,456.67 | \$1,000.00 | \$2,740.00 | \$ 1,740.00 | 174.00% |
| H. Insurance | \$23,768.00 | \$25,500.00 | \$27,000.00 | \$ 1,500.00 | 5.88% |
| Totals | \$128,053.48 | \$150,205.00 | \$112,553.00 | -\$37,697.00 | -25.10% |

Selectmen Recommend:..... \$112,553.00
 Budget Committee Recommends: \$112,553.00

Clark Whittier moved and Mark Girard seconded to approve Article 10 in the amount of \$112,553.00.

Andy Walsh asked about the Memorial School mothballing project amount. Clark Whittier stated that there will be no maintenance costs.

Jim Moulton commented on maintenance costs. He believes that mothballing the building is not a good idea as it will create additional costs down the line. Clark Whittier stated that the Board of Selectmen decision was based on the maintenance costs. It might be possible by Fall after work, and studies have been conducted, there would be a better sense of the building's viability and use. Mark Girard stated that if the boiler were to go down in the winter, it would cost an additional \$100,000 to replace, which may be wasted funds if the building goes up for sale or for some other use. He stated that should he be on the Selectmen after June, he will be pushing for a concrete timeline for this. Mothballing in the short term is the most effective way to proceed.

Rick Plummer, Fire Chief stated that he is opposed to boarding the school given the fire potential and lack of use.

Pam Ames, Gray Rd stated that a low maintenance use for the school is about \$100,000 and give that there is some amount budget, she suggested adding to it.

Pam Ames moved to amend the amount to \$148,803 to maintain it for 6 months (an increase of \$36,250). Thad Day seconded.

Mark Verrill, Walnut Hill Rd. believes that the school building would be better to be sold and be on the

tax rolls and should be advertised now. Rick Plummer agreed with Mark.

Jim Moulton agreed with the Fire Chief regarding the school. There was a discussion on the 6 month option. Mark Girard stated that he believes that the BOS will have a viable plan in the Fall. He stated that the reality is to repurpose this building will be substantial change and to spend money to maintain the school is not a good use of money.

Dave Holman commented that the Budget Committee discussed the various options. Hearing the Fire Chief's concerns, mothballing would not be

Dixie Hayes asked about the exterior maintenance in the interim. Steve Palmer stated that they have budgeted for exterior maintenance regardless of the vote.

Mark Verrill asked if the Selectmen had given thought to putting the property for sale now to see about interest. Nelson Smith, Ledge Rd. stated that expertise is needed for this. There should be research done to assess the options. He does not want to see the building be given away as it has good bones. There are number of options for the town's use.

It was moved and seconded to move the question. The motion passed.

The amended motion passed.

Motion to approve Article 10 in the amount of \$148,803.

Article 10 in the amount of \$148,803 passed.

ARTICLE 11. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate and raise for each of the following PUBLIC LANDS & RECREATION purposes, or take any action thereon:

| PUBLIC LANDS & RECREATION PURPOSES | | 2012-13 ACTUAL | 2013-2014 BUDGET | 2014-2015 REQUEST | Dollar Difference 2014-15 | Percent Difference 2014-15 |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| A. | Parks | \$18,008.26 | \$18,655.00 | \$20,724.00 | \$2,069.00 | 11.09% |
| B. | Town Events | \$9,480.05 | \$10,350.00 | \$10,350.00 | \$0.00 | 0.00% |
| C. | Royal River Conservation Trust | \$1,000.00 | \$1,000.00 | \$1,000.00 | \$0.00 | 0.00% |
| D. | Library & Recreation | \$181,629.00 | \$149,946.00 | \$177,285.00 | \$27,339.00 | 18.23% |
| E. | Cemeteries | \$10,699.43 | \$14,520.00 | \$14,417.00 | -\$103.00 | 0.71% |
| F. | Shellfish Conservation | \$2,000.00 | \$2,000.00 | \$2,000.00 | \$0.00 | 0.00% |
| G. | Snowmobile Clubs | \$834.12 | \$800.00 | \$1,000.00 | \$200.00 | 25.00% |
| Totals | | \$223,650.86 | \$197,271.00 | \$226,776.00 | 29,505.00 | 14.96% |

Selectmen Recommend:..... \$226,776.00

Budget Committee Recommends: \$226,776.00

Mark Girard moved and Steve Palmer seconded to approve Article 11 in the amount of \$226,776.00.

Katie Murphy asked about the Library/Recreation line item. Mark Girard stated that there are no fundamental changes in operations. The shared positions are no longer available and some changes in mechanical factors.

Article 11 passed.

ARTICLE 12. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate and raise for each of the following SOLID WASTE & RECYCLING purposes, or take any action thereon:

| SOLID WASTE & RECYCLING PURPOSES | 2012-13 ACTUAL | 2013-2014 BUDGET | 2014-2015 REQUEST | Dollar Difference 2014-15 | Percent Difference 2014-15 |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| A. MSW & Recycling | \$243,867.89 | \$228,567.00 | \$174,970.00 | -\$53,597.00 | -23.45% |
| B. Clean-Up, Bags & Bins | \$23,060.68 | \$24,200.00 | \$12,400.00 | -\$11,800.00 | -48.76% |
| C. Former Landfill | \$300.00 | \$300.00 | \$300.00 | \$0.00 | 0.00% |
| Totals | \$267,228.57 | \$253,067.00 | \$187,670.00 | -\$65,397.00 | -25.84% |

Selectmen Recommend:..... \$187,670.00

Budget Committee Recommends: \$197,670.00 Spring Clean up Day is included

Paul Napolitano moved and Clark Whittier seconded to approve Article 12 in the amount of \$187,670.00.

Mark Verrill moved to amend the amount to \$197,670.00. The motion was seconded.

Mark Verill stated that this is a minor benefit for the taxpayers that should remain. Jeff Shorey stated that he agreed with Mark and that this is a good way to help dispose properly.

Katie Murphy asked if the town get revenue from clean-up day. Paul Napolitano stated that there is some shared revenue with the haulers.

Mark Girard reminded the group that this is the 3rd item that the voters have chosen to increase.

Paul Hodgetts believes that it is important to have this activity and supports this.

Steve Palmer stated that the revenues from this are far less than the amount that is spent. This recommendation was a way to help reduce costs.

Pam Ames, Gray Rd. stated the ecomaine has paid the town long term debt and the savings from this is significant.

Cathy Dion stated that there are a significant number of people who make use of this day. Paul Napolitano reminded people stated that while ecomaine has eliminated their fee, it has created a fee for material they cannot sell.

Darla Hamlin stated that the town's recycling rates have gone down.

The amended motion passed

otion to approve Article 12 in the amount of \$197,670.00.

Article 12 in the amount of \$197,670.00 passed.

ARTICLE 13. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate and raise for each of the following DEBT SERVICE purposes, or take any action thereon:

| DEBT SERVICE PURPOSES | 2012-13 ACTUAL | 2013-2014 BUDGET | 2014-2015 REQUEST | Dollar Difference 2014-15 | Percent Difference 2014-15 |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| A. Principal | \$46,520.83 | \$96,527.50 | \$96,507.50 | - \$20.00 | - 0.02% |
| B. Interest | \$4,607.58 | \$5,304.00 | \$4,088.00 | -\$1,216.00 | -22.93% |
| C. Tax & Bond Anticipation Note | \$ 918.00 | \$ 3,000.00 | \$850.00 | - \$2,150.00 | -71.67% |
| Totals | \$52,046.41 | \$104,831.50 | \$101,445.50 | -\$3,386.00 | -3.23% |

Selectmen Recommend:..... \$101,445.50

Budget Committee Recommends: \$101,445.50

Steve Palmer moved and Paul Napolitano seconded to approve Article 13 in the amount of \$101,445.50.

Article 13 passed.

ARTICLE 14. To see what sum of money the town will vote to appropriate and raise for the following CAPITAL PURCHASE purposes, or take any action thereon:

| CAPITAL PURCHASE PURPOSES | 2012-13 ACTUAL | 2013-2014 BUDGET | 2014-2015 REQUEST | Dollar Difference 2014-15 | Percent Difference 2014-15 |
|------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| A. Truck Replacement | \$146,230.10 | 0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | 0.00% |
| B. Lawn Mower Replacement | \$ 0.00 | \$ 10,750.00 | \$0.00 | -\$ 10,750.00 | |
| C. Fire Station Repairs | \$ 0.00 | \$ 10,500.00 | \$0.00 | -\$ 10,500.00 | |
| D. Fire Rescue Equipment | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 | \$86,275.00 | \$ 86,275.00 | |
| Totals | \$146,230.10 | \$21,250.00 | \$86,275.00 | \$ 65,025.00 | 306.00% |

Selectmen Recommend:..... \$86,275.00

Budget Committee Recommends: \$86,275.00

Clark Whittier moved and Mark Girard seconded to approve Article 14 in the amount of \$86,275.00.

Article 14 passed.

ARTICLE 15. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate and raise for each of the following CAPITAL RESERVE ADDITION purposes, or take any action thereon:

| CAPITAL RESERVE ADDITION PURPOSES | 2012-13 ACTUAL | 2013-2014 BUDGET | 2014-2015 REQUEST | Dollar Difference 2014-15 | Percent Difference 2014-15 |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| A. Public Works Trucks & Equip | \$18,516.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | -\$0.00 | -0.00% |
| B. Public Works Minor Items | \$3,385.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | -\$0.00 | -0.00% |
| C. Fire & Rescue Vehicles | \$20,908.00 | \$58,333.00 | \$58,333.00 | \$0.00 | 0.00% |
| D. Fire & Rescue Minor Items | \$2,900.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | -\$0.00 | -0.00% |
| E. Parks & Public Lands | \$3,000.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | -\$0.00 | -0.00% |
| F. Capital Building Sys Repairs | \$30,000.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | -\$0.00 | -0.00% |
| G. Town Office Air Conditioning Sys | \$185.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | -\$0.00 | -0.00% |
| H. Assessing | \$65,000.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | -\$0.00 | -0.00% |
| I. Irrigation System for OTHP | \$10,000.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | -\$0.00 | -0.00% |
| J. Snow Blowing Equipment | \$25,000.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | -\$0.00 | -0.00% |
| K. Sharp House | \$8,760.00 | \$3,400.00 | \$10,460.00 | \$ 7,060.00 | 207.65% |
| L. Cable & Technology Special Rev | \$19,500.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | -\$0.00- | 0.00% |

Totals \$178,894.00 \$61,733.00 \$68,793.00 \$ 7,060.00 11.44%

Selectmen Recommend:..... \$68,793.00

Budget Committee Recommends: \$68,793.00

Mark Girard moved and Steve Palmer seconded to approve Article 15 in the amount of \$68,793.00.

Article 15 passed.

ARTICLE 16. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate from ANTICIPATED NON PROPERTY TAX REVENUES to reduce the property taxes for the fiscal year 2014-2015 as detailed below, or take any action thereon:

| REVENUE TYPE | 2012-2013 Actual | 2013-2014 Budget | 2014-2015 Request | Dollar Difference 2014-15 | Percent Difference 2014-15 |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| A. Copier, Faxes, Notary & Search Fees | \$ 880.93 | \$1,325.00 | \$ 1,500.00 | \$175.00 | 13.21% |
| B. Clerk Fees | \$556.00 | \$655.00 | \$655.00 | \$0.00 | 0.00% |
| C. State License Agent Fees | \$12,565.88 | \$12,000.00 | \$12,000.00 | \$0.00 | 0.00% |
| D. Front Counter Permit Fees | \$ 399.26 | \$1,745.00 | \$2,745.00 | \$ 1,000.00 | 57.31% |
| E. Municipal Revenue Sharing | \$228,450.16 | \$150,000.00 | \$156,000.00 | \$ 6,000.00 | 4.00% |
| F. Supplies | \$1,235.00 | \$100.00 | \$100.00 | \$ 0.00 | 0.00% |
| G. Dog Licenses, Reserve Transfer | \$4,721.00 | \$1,200.00 | \$3,800.00 | \$2,600.00 | 216.67% |
| H. Permit Fees (EI, PI, Bldg) | \$8,288.53 | \$8,400.00 | \$10,000.00 | \$1,600.00 | 19.05% |
| I. Building Impact Fees-New | \$8,734.30 | \$10,000.00 | \$12,000.00 | \$ 2,000.00 | 20.00% |
| J. Building Impact Fees-Old | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 | \$12,000.00 | \$12,000.00 | 12000.00% |
| K. Other Land Use Fees | \$600.00 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 | 0.00% |
| L. Planning Board Fees | \$5,893.70 | \$1,200.00 | \$1,000.00 | -\$ 200.00 | -16.67% |
| M. Motor Vehicle Excise Collections | \$621,514.50 | \$643,000.00 | \$650,000.00 | \$7,000.00 | 1.09% |
| N. Boat Excise | \$5,355.00 | \$4,500.00 | \$4,500.00 | \$0.00 | 0.00% |

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|-----|----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|-----------|
| O. | MSAD Reimbursement | \$2,172.54 | \$2,000.00 | \$2,000.00 | \$0.00 | 0.00% |
| P. | Rescue Fees- New | \$38,171.17 | \$37,500.00 | \$42,500.00 | \$5,000.00 | 13.33% |
| Q. | Rescue Fees- Old | \$0.00 | \$ 48,858.00 | \$30,000.00 | -\$18,858.00 | - 38.60% |
| R. | Tax Exemptions | \$3,356.69 | \$3,100.00 | \$4,000.00 | \$900.00 | 29.03% |
| | General Assistance Reimbursement | \$4,983.52 | \$3,500.00 | \$5,000.00 | \$1,500.00 | 42.86% |
| r. | Cell Tower Rental | \$30,319.99 | \$27,500.00 | \$27,500.00 | \$0.00 | 0.00% |
| U. | Cap. Res.Transfers | \$292,112.61 | \$9,000.00 | \$86,275.00 | \$77,275.00 | 858.61% |
| V. | Public Works | \$664.76 | \$200.00 | \$200.00 | \$0.00 | 0.00% |
| W. | Wescustogo Rental Income | \$8,377.50 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | 0.00% |
| X. | Sharp House Rental Income | \$12,000.00 | \$14,400.00 | \$13,200.00 | -\$1,200.00 | -8.33% |
| Y. | Taxes' Interest Income | \$14,024.42 | \$13,000.00 | \$13,000.00 | \$0.00 | 0.00% |
| Z. | Rebates & Grants | \$8,028.00 | \$1,750.00 | \$1,000.00 | -\$750.00 | -42.86% |
| AA. | Cable TV Franchise Fees-New | \$29,129.29 | \$29,000.00 | \$29,000.00 | \$0.00 | 0.00% |
| AB. | Cable TV Franchise Fees-Old | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$16,100.00 | \$16,100.00 | 16100.00% |
| AC. | PAYT Bag Sales | \$114,400.00 | \$105,000.00 | \$105,000.00 | \$0.00 | 0.00% |
| AD. | Compost Bins | \$446.75 | \$500.00 | \$500.00 | \$0.00 | 0.00% |
| AE. | Waste Collection Fees | \$984.40 | \$1,000.00 | \$0.00 | -\$1,000.00 | -100.00% |
| AF. | Snowmobile Program | \$1,390.20 | \$1,000.00 | \$1,000.00 | \$0.00 | 0.00% |
| AG. | Conservation Fund | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 1,000.00 | \$ 1,000.00 | 1000.00% |
| AH. | Events Committee | \$13,626.70 | \$10,350.00 | \$10,350.00 | \$0.00 | 0.00% |
| AI. | Local Road Assistance | \$38,736.00 | \$38,700.00 | \$28,700.00 | -\$10,000.00 | - 25.84% |
| AJ. | Loan Proceeds | \$100,000.00 | \$155,000.00 | \$0.00 | -\$155,000.00 | -100.00% |

Total \$1,612,118.80 \$1,335,483.00 \$1,282,625.00 -\$52,858.00 -3.96%

Selectmen Recommend:..... \$1,282,625.00

Budget Committee Recommends: \$1,282,625.00

Ive Palmer moved to amend the amount to \$1,305,750.00. Darla Hamlin seconded.

Marnie Diffin commented on Line AE and to add \$1,000 to it. She also commented on the reserves account. \$22,125 will be for ongoing maintenance from new capital reserves transfers.

The amended motion passed.

Motion to approve Article 16 in the amount of \$1,305,750.00.

Article 16 in the amount of \$1,305,750.00 passed.

ARTICLE 17: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate from the Unassigned Fund Balance to reduce property taxes for the fiscal year 2014-2015.

Selectmen Recommend:..... \$ 250,000.00

Budget Committee Recommends: \$ 250,000.00

(Note of Explanation: The Town's current Unassigned Fund Balance as of June 30, 2013 and after last year's Annual Town Meeting vote is \$ 1,224,194.00)

aul Napolitano moved and Thaddeus Day seconded to approve Article 17 in the amount of \$ 250,000.00.

Brian Sites moved to amend the amount to increase it by \$74,125. Rick Plummer seconded.

Paul Napolitano stated that the residents have changed the budget already and doesn't believe this is the place to do this. Jeff Shorey stated that all the changes were discussed, made and recommended by the Budget Committee. Mark Girard stated that the process for determining the unassigned fund transfer was based on a BOS risk assessment conducted over several months. He is opposed to doing this as it is a short term solution. Brian Sites agreed with Mark but given that the number of changed items voted on today would impact the mil rate and the amount may not be spent. Mark Girard stated that the Selectmen's expectation was to budget for funds that would be spent and to keep a risk buffer. He doesn't support creating a budget and not spend it, this was the reason why they conducted a risk assessment. Darla Hamlin commented that the risk analysis done didn't include the school at that time. She supports keeping it at the Selectmen's recommended amount. Ande Smith, Deerbrook Farm, of the Budget Committee supported the budget but disagreed with some of the items. He believes that the town shouldn't shy away from the risk management work done by the BOS. Rick Plummer stated that the BOS has done a lot of work on the risk assessment and supports the BOS recommended amount.

The motion to amend the amount failed.

Article 17 at the amount of \$250,000.00 passed.

Cathy Dion reminded the group that the residents in general agree with the Selectmen but not this time.

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to increase the maximum property tax levy limit established by State law in the event that the municipal budget approved at this Town Meeting results in a tax commitment in excess of the property tax levy otherwise allowable, such that the increased maximum property tax levy hereby established will equal the amount committed.

(By State law, the vote on this article must be by written ballot)

Clark Whittier moved to withdraw Article 18 for a vote, as the budget is under the LD1 limit.

Michael Traister asked if the public wished to pass over Article 18 by consent.

Article 18 was passed over by consent.

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to accept certain State Funds as provided by the Maine State Legislature during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014 and any other funds provided by any other entity included but not limited to:

- A. Municipal Revenue Sharing
- B. Local Road Assistance

- C. Emergency Management Assistance
- D. Snowmobile Registration Money
- E. Tree Growth Reimbursement
- F. General Assistance Reimbursement
- G. Veteran's Exemption Reimbursement
- H. State Grant or Other Funds

Clark Whittier moved and Darla Hamlin seconded to approve Article 19.

Article 19 passed.

LAND USE & ORDINANCE ADOPTION SECTION

ARTICLE 20: Shall an ordinance entitled Town of North Yarmouth, Maine Land Use Ordinance, Amendment A be enacted, the text of which is attached at the end of this warrant.

An attested copy of Amendment A is posted with this warrant.

Copies of the ordinance are available at the Town Office and on the Town Website www.northyarmouth.org

Peter Lindsay moved and Clark Whittier seconded to adopt Article 20.

Peter Lindsay, Mountfort Rd, and Chair of the Planning Board gave an outline of some of the proposed minor changes. These changes give more enforcement authority, but it is also a part of the larger appeal process.

Article 20 passed.

ARTICLE 21: Shall an ordinance entitled Town of North Yarmouth, Maine Land Use Ordinance, Amendment B be enacted, the text of which is attached at the end of this warrant.

An attested copy of Amendment B is posted with this warrant.

Copies of the ordinance are available at the Town Office and on the Town Website www.northyarmouth.org

Peter Lindsay moved and Steve Palmer seconded to adopt Article 21.

Article 21 passed.

TOWN BUSINESS SECTION

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will vote to set the date that FY 2014-15 Real and Personal Property Taxes are due. The 1st half shall be due October 1st, 2014 and the 2nd half shall be due April 1st, 2015 and to charge interest at the rate of seven (7%) percent per annum for 2014-15 tax payments made after the respective due dates, or take any action thereon.

Note of Explanation: Seven (7%) percent is the maximum allowed to be charged pursuant to M.R.S.A. Title 36, Section 505(4))

Board of Selectmen Recommends: Vote Affirmative as Printed

Mark Girard moved and Clark Whittier seconded to approve Article 22.

Article 22 passed.

ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to accept payment of real estate and personal property taxes not yet due or assessed pursuant to M.R.S.A. Title 36, Section 506-A. The Town does not apply interest on such collections.

Board of Selectmen Recommends: Vote Affirmative as Printed

Darla Hamlin moved and Paul Napolitano seconded to approve Article 23.

Article 23 passed.

ARTICLE 24: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the payment of tax abatements and applicable interest approved by the Town's Assessor from the property tax overlay account.

Board of Selectmen Recommends: Vote Affirmative as Printed

Clark Whittier moved and Steve Palmer seconded to approve Article 24.

Article 24 passed

ARTICLE 25: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen and the Treasurer, on behalf of the Town and any of the Town's departments, to accept gifts, real estate, donations and other funds, including trust funds that may be given or left to the Town and to grant the Board of Selectmen the further authority to expend up to \$25,000 from unassigned funds, if necessary, to match the grant funding such sums of money as they deem necessary from these donations for their designated purposes. These expenditures may be reflected outside of the Town's approved budget.

Board of Selectmen Recommends: Vote Affirmative as Printed

Steve Palmer moved and Darla Hamlin seconded to approve Article 25.

Article 25 passed.

ARTICLE 26: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen or the Town Treasurer acting in concurrence with the Board of Selectmen, to accept and expend, on behalf of the Town, any Federal or State funds received in the form of grants during the period July 1, 2014 until June 30, 2015. These expenditures may be reflected outside of the Town's approved budget.

Board of Selectmen Recommends: Vote Affirmative as Printed

Paul Napolitano moved and Mark Girard seconded to approve Article 26.

Article 26 passed.

ARTICLE 27: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to carry forward account balances, customarily approved by the auditor, which occurred in the Town's operation during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014.

Board of Selectmen Recommends: Vote Affirmative as Printed

Mark Girard moved and Steve Palmer seconded to approve Article 27.

Article 27 passed.

ARTICLE 28: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the transfer of all unexpended balances to the Unassigned Fund Balance and to authorize any overdrafts that may occur in Town operations during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014 to be taken from Unassigned Fund Balance.

Board of Selectmen Recommends: Vote Affirmative as Printed

Darla Hamlin moved and Paul Napolitano seconded to approve Article 28.

Article 28 passed.


Paul Napolitano moved and Steve Palmer seconded to adjourn the Town Meeting.

The meeting ended at 1pm.

Given under our hands this 1st day of April, 2014 at North Yarmouth, Maine.

The Registrar of Voters gives notice that citizens will be able to register to vote
April 12, 2014 from 8:30AM to close of meeting.
A true copy of the warrant,

Attest: _____, Town Clerk

A True Copy, Attest

Town Clerk, North Yarmouth, Maine