



Town of North Yarmouth, Maine
Special Town Meeting Minutes – July 14, 2020

Meeting called to order at 7am, Tuesday, July 14, 2020 at the Wescustogo Hall & Community Center located at 120 Memorial Highway, North Yarmouth, Maine.

Election Clerks: Kathleen Beem, James Briggs, Christopher Brown, Jeanne Chadbourne, Elizabeth Chandler, Jay Fulton, Annie Graham, Darla Hamlin, James Knight, Lois Knight, Peter Lindsay, Stacey Holden, Steven Smith, , Anne Seitz, , Gail Turner, Rebecca Tiedemann, , Sheryl Jameson, Kristin Lindstrom, Stanley Soucier, Lisa Thompson, Virginia VanDyke, Draven Walker, and Clifford Young

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said Special Town Meeting and Election. Elizabeth Chandler (388 Royal Road) nominated from the floor James Knight (331 Gray Road) as Moderator to preside over the Special Town Meeting and MSAD#51 Budget Referendum. Nomination was seconded by James Briggs (597 New Gloucester Road). No other nominations were made. All in favor, none opposed, James Knight was elected Moderator and sworn into office by the Clerk.

ARTICLE 2. To elect by secret ballot:

- Two (2) seats for Select Board for a 3 year term.
 - Alvin Ahlers – 478 votes
 - Austin Harrell – 698 votes
 - Brian Sites – 871 votes
 - Blank – 1025 votes
- One (1) seat for Select Board for a term ending 6/30/2021.
 - Steven Berry – 756 votes
 - Paul Hodgetts – 568 votes
 - Blank – 212 votes
- One (1) seat for MSAD#51 Board of Directors for a 3 year term.
 - Michael Simmons 1204 votes
 - Blank 332 votes
- One (1) seat for Cemetery Commissioner for a 5 year term.
 - Nicholas Thibeault – 1224 votes
 - Blank – 312 votes
- Two (2) seats for Budget Committee for a 3 year term.
 - No Candidates for this Office

ARTICLE 3. Questions 1 – 12 to be voted on:

Question 1: Shall the Town raise and appropriate for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021 an amount of **\$3,007,128.00** for the following Departmental Expenditures?

Yes 1157 – No 344 – blank 39

Question 2: Shall the Town raise and appropriate for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021, an amount of **\$380,000.00** for Capital Improvement Reserves?

Yes 992 – No 487 – blank 61

Question 3: Shall the Town accept and apply for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021, **\$1,654,534.00** of the following **non-property tax revenues** to reduce the total amount authorized to be raised by taxation.

Yes 1312 – No 176 – blank 52

Question 4: Shall the Town authorize the Select Board to expend from the Village Center Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District an estimated total amount of **\$186,000**, dependent upon actual mil rate?

Yes 962 – No 517 – blank 61

Question 5: Shall the Town authorize the Select Board to transfer from the Town's undesignated fund balance an amount not to exceed \$300,000.00 for the purpose of reducing the total amount authorized to be raised for taxation.

Yes 1259 – No 232 – blank 49

Question 6: Shall the Town authorize the Select Board to transfer **\$65,000** from the Town's undesignated fund balance to be set aside in a committed fund balance account to be expended for providing the property tax assistance, in accordance with the Town's Property Tax Assistance Ordinance.

Yes 1280 – No 209 – blank 51

Question 7: Shall the Town authorize the Select Board to allocate funds received from the registration of snowmobiles to Town established snowmobile club(s) for the purpose of maintaining their snowmobile trails to be open to the use of the public at all times.

Yes 1101 – No 285 – blank 154

Question 8: Shall the Town exceed the maximum property tax levy limit (LD1) established by State law in the event that the municipal budget approved 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.

Yes 555 – No 770 – blank 215

Question 9: Shall the Town authorize the following:

- a) To make all taxes assessed for the Town's fiscal year, July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021, due in four (4) installments, with the first quarter (1/4) of the total amount assessed due and payable on **September 15, 2020**, the second quarter (1/4) due **December 15, 2020**, the third quarter (1/4) due **March 15, 2021**, and the remaining quarter (1/4) due on **June 15, 2021**; and to charge interest at the rate of eight percent (**8.00%**) per year computed on a daily basis on any portion of the installment due that remains outstanding as of September 16, 2020, December 16, 2020, March 16, 2021, and June 16, 2021.
- b) To authorize the Tax Collector or her designee to waive unintentional tax interest payment shortages in an amount not to exceed \$5.00; and
- c) To authorize the Tax Collector to accept payment of real estate property taxes not yet due or assessed pursuant to M.R.S. Title 36, Section 506-A. The Town does not apply interest on such collections, and
- d) To authorize the Treasurer to release payment of tax abatements and applicable interest approved by the Town's assessor from the property tax overlay account.

Yes 1063 – No 285 – blank 192

Question 10: Shall the Town authorize the Select Board 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 Select Board the further authority to expend up to **\$25,000** from undesignated funds, if necessary, to match the grant, funding such sums of money as they deem necessary from these funds for their designated purposes. These expenditures may be reflected outside of the Town's approved budget.

Yes 1040 – No 327 – blank 173

Question 11: Shall the Town authorize the Town Manager acting in concurrence with the Select Board 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, 2020, until June 30, 2021. These expenditures may be reflected outside of the Town's approved budget.

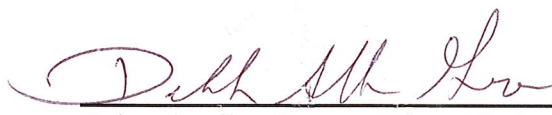
Yes 1127 – No 240 – blank 173

Question 12: Shall the Town authorize the transfer of all unexpended balances to the Undesignated Fund Balance and authorize any overdrafts that may occur in Town operations during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, to be taken from Undesignated Fund Balance.

Yes 1092 – No 271 – blank 177

Meeting was adjourned by the Moderator, James Knight at 8:00pm.

Respectfully submitted.

 July 15, 2020
Deborah Allen Grover, Town Clerk

Town of North Yarmouth, Maine
July 14, 2020 Elections - Return of Votes Cast

North Yarmouth Referendum

Question 1		total
Yes	1157	1540
No	344	
blank	39	

Question 5		total
Yes	1259	1540
No	232	
blank	49	

Question 9		total
Yes	1063	1540
No	285	
blank	192	

Question 2		total
Yes	992	1540
No	487	
blank	61	

Question 6		total
Yes	1280	1540
No	209	
blank	51	

Question 10		total
Yes	1040	1540
No	327	
blank	173	

Question 3		total
Yes	1312	1540
No	176	
blank	52	

Question 7		total
Yes	1101	1540
No	285	
blank	154	

Question 11		total
Yes	1127	1540
No	240	
blank	173	

Question 4		total
Yes	962	1540
No	517	
blank	61	

Question 8		total
Yes	555	1540
No	770	
blank	215	

Question 12		total
Yes	1092	1540
No	271	
blank	177	

Municipal Officers

Select Board 2 - 3 yr terms		
Ahlers, Alvin	478	3072
Harrell, Austin	698	
Sites, Brian	871	
blank	1025	

Select Board 1 - 1 yr term		
Berry, Steven	756	1536
Hodgetts, Paul	568	
blank	212	

MSAD 51 Board of Directors		
Simmons, Michael	1204	1536
blank	332	

Cemetery Commission		
Thibeault, Nicholas	1224	1536
blank	312	

Budget Committee
No Declared Write-ins

MSAD#51 Budget Referendum

Question 1 Budget		total
Yes	891	1542
No	553	
blank	98	

Question 2 District Reserve Fund		
Yes	1059	1542
No	436	
blank	47	

Number of Registered Voters	3475
Total Ballots Cast	1541
Percentage of Total Voters	44%



Attest a True Copy, *Debbie Allen Grover*
Debbie Allen Grover, Town Clerk

7-14-2020