



**Town of North Yarmouth
Special Town Meeting Minutes
August 8, 2017**

Article 1 – To choose a Moderator to preside at said Special Town Meeting.

Selectperson Graham nominated Michael Traister as Moderator, seconded by Selectperson Lacy. Discussion: None. Vote: 5 - Yes 0 - No

Article 2 – To see if the Town will vote to repeal Article #3, Question 2,ss C) taken at the Special Town Meeting held on November 3, 2015, authorizing the Select Board to “retain the current Town Hall and land. Make renovations and additions to the building as needed over time for municipal purposes.”

Lincoln Merrill, 1572 North Road moved to pass over Article 2, seconded by Conrad Lausier. Discussion: Audrey Lones, Baston Road moved to vote on Article 2 by written ballot, seconded by Diane Morrison. Vote to decide on Pass over being decided by written ballot was defeated by a show of hands. Discussion: Katie Murphy, 440 Mountfort Road, David Holman, 755 Sligo Road, Steve Palmer, Mountfort Rd. spoke in opposition to Pass over. Mark Verrill, 383 Walnut Hill Road, and Lincoln Merrill spoke in favor of passing over the article. Bill Whitten spoke in favor article. Gay Peterson feels we need to explore options. Steve Woodward of Lufkin Road feels Wescustogo Hall should be rebuilt at the original site and feels the townspeople voiced this back in 2015. Selectperson Graham clarified the Select Board’s reason for supporting this action. Steve Parisi, Mill Ridge Road spoke in opposition to the article. Paul Napolitano motioned to move the article. **Vote: 91 Yes 83 No. Motion to pass over failed.**

Selectperson Lacy moved to approve Article 2 as read, seconded by Selectperson Chadbourne. Discussion: Lincoln Merrill spoke as President of Wescustogo Grange Hall Association and stated a stipulation the Grange had with the Town was the Town Office would not be attached to the Grange Hall. David Holman spoke in support of the article. Judy Potter of Walnut Hill opposes new buildings for Town Office. Katie Murphy and Conrad Lausier feel something needs to be done to provide a safe environment for Town employees. Molly Gilligan of Colonial Drive feels it is important to explore options. Mike Mallory saw a discrepancy in air quality report and asked for clarification. Jim Moulton feels the Town needs to address the problems and stop doing studies. Rob Taisey of Mountfort Road asked for clarification of what the money will cover in Article 3 which was addressed by Selectpersons Lacy and Graham. Code Enforcement Officer Ryan Keith addressed questions on air exchange systems. Norman Smith of The Lane feels that if conditions are as they have been presented, they need to be

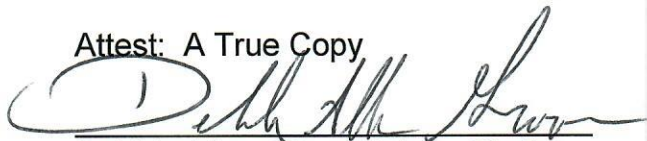
addressed immediately. Mr. Smith asked how much has been spent on renovations which were addressed by Town Manager Roy. Steve Palmer spoke in favor of exploring all options for the Town Office and what would the ballot look like. Chairperson Lacy explained the Select Board wanted to see what the options were. Selectperson Chadbourne motioned to move the question. Steve Woodward, Lufkin Road suggested residents read the Article as written carefully. **Vote: 87 Yes 98 No. Article 2 was defeated.**

Article 3 - To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to transfer an amount of \$65,000 from the Town's unassigned fund balance to be placed in a dedicated fund balance account to be expended for the purpose of architectural contractual costs for the design and engineering of a new Town Office facility or see what action the Town will take. (Approval of this article will not increase the property tax levy.)

Lincoln Merrill moved to pass over Article 3. Discussion: Katie Murphy spoke in favor of discussion, and Mr. Merrill spoke in opposition to the discussion. Selectperson Graham moved to amend Article 3 which was not permissible per the Moderator. **Article 3 was passed over.**

Mr. Traister adjourned the meeting.

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Debbie Allen Grover, Town Clerk