



Paul Whitmarsh
Select Board – 3-year term

In 2015, I retired as a Commander in the Navy Reserve, having flown the P-3, C-12 and C-130 in operations to support US involvement in the former Yugoslavian republics and in the Middle East. My “ground jobs” when not flying included Maintenance Officer supervising approximately 300 personnel, Operations Officer managing multimillion dollar budgets, and Training/Plans Officer in charge of planning and coordinating training and operational requirements with the available assets in an ever-changing environment. In addition, I have served in multiple volunteer roles, including secretary for a large homeowners association, treasurer for a youth sports club, member of a church council and co-chaired a special church committee to reopen during the pandemic. I am also a member of North Yarmouth Veteran’s Memorial Park and Assistant Scoutmaster for our local Boy Scout Troop, 58.

For the past 22 years, I have been a commercial airline pilot. I fly to mostly international destinations, and because of my seniority, I have quite a bit of flexibility in my schedule to work for you.

This past year I was appointed to the Planning Board and currently serve as the chair. The Planning Board has worked well during this time. I really appreciate this team and the diverse perspectives they bring. Each board member is given the opportunity and space to be able to offer their opinions and translation of the Land Use Ordinance when evaluating an application. All members participate in discussing ways to improve our Land Use Ordinance to the benefit of North Yarmouth. I also believe it’s citizen participation that makes our town stronger, and I ensure you have an opportunity to be heard through public comment at all our Planning Board meetings.

I’ve managed a lot of interesting situations throughout my career - from emergency landings to arranging crew logistics despite a language barrier in a Baltic country. In each of those situations and still in my industry today, success depends on engaging people at all levels. Whether they are on the ground or in the air, I need to lean into our team to evaluate and solve any issue that may arise. As a select person I would do the same. Using all of the resources we have, especially the residents of this town, to address issues or set priorities.

As a select person, I will bring the focus back to the basics. Back to budgeting, the charter and listening to the voice of the residents.

North Yarmouth is a great community and worth the work.

There is more detailed information about my experience and thoughts on issues at www.whitmarsh4northyarmouth.com.