



Paul Whitmarsh

Select Board – 3 year term

I decided to move to North Yarmouth in 2010 with my wife and 3 young children. We had been living in a condo in Portland and wanted a yard and open space for ourselves and our kids. As a former Navy pilot, we have lived in many places, including overseas. When we found North Yarmouth, we knew this is where we wanted to be.

In 2015, I retired as a Commander in the Navy Reserve, having flown the P-3, C-12 and C-130 in operations in support of 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.

For the past 21 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.

When we moved to North Yarmouth, I never planned to be running for office. Working on the referendum showed me it was my time to step up. Listening to friends and neighbors share their about not having a voice or saying “there’s no point” going to meetings anymore echoed my frustration.

I believe it’s citizen participation that makes our town stronger. I attend as many meetings as I can, and I prepare for each one. I’ve studied our zoning, the LUO, Comprehensive Plan, and Charter. There is a lot to stay on top of, but I enjoy this kind of technical or procedural stuff.

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. Staying focused on the needs of the situation isn’t always easy, but it’s what brings solutions. 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.