

**Town of North Yarmouth
Select Board
Meeting Minutes of March 7, 2017**

I. Call to Order

Members Present: Alex Carr, Paul Napolitano, Anne Graham & Peter Lacy. Jeanne Chadbourne was absent with notification. Town Manager Rosemary Roy was also present.

- II. Public Hearing – Proposed changes to the CATV (Cable TV) Ordinance** - Selectperson Carr moved to enter into Public Hearing. Seconded by Selectperson Napolitano. **Vote: 4 - Yes 0- No.** No public comment. Selectperson Carr moved to come out of Public Hearing. Selectperson Napolitano seconded. Discussion: None **Vote: 4-Yes 0-No**

- III. Public Hearing – Proposed changes to the Property Tax Assistance Program** – Selectperson Carr moved to enter into Public Hearing. Seconded by Selectperson Napolitano. **Vote: 4 - Yes 0- No.** No public comment. Selectperson Carr moved to come out of Public Hearing. Selectperson Graham seconded the motion. Discussion: None **Vote: 4-Yes 0-No**

- IV. Special Presentation – FY16 Audit** - Marc Roy of Barry, Talbot & Royer presented highlights of the audit. Mr. Roy also noted that the Town's undesignated fund balance is 1.4M representing approximately two months of operational costs and that the Town has no outstanding long-term debt. Town Manager Roy has been working to improve the accounting system using a new chart of accounts which has shown success. No public comment.

- V. Minutes of Previous Meeting** - Selectperson Carr moved to approve the Meeting Minutes of February 21, 2017 as written. The motion was seconded by Selectperson Graham. Discussion: None. **Vote: 4-Yes 0-No**

- VI. Public Comment-Non-Agenda Items** - Steve Palmer, Mountfort Road, announced he is planning an Ice Cream Social the evening of April 8th in hopes to increase community involvement and attendance at Town Meeting. He praised Martha Lambert of Toots for her help in organizing the event.

Mr. Palmer expressed thanks to the Select Board for their support of changes to the accounting system using a new chart of accounts.

VII. Management Reports & Communications

Town Manager's Report: The Town Manager provided the Board with a brief summary of her report. The Town is in receipt of a check in the amount of \$6000 from the Department Of Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry for the 2015 year. She is in the process of reaching out to the Department for details as to how this money can be spent and will report back to the Select Board.

Town Manager Roy and Assistant Town Manager Grover recently met with MMA to discuss a more cost effective plan for the town and employees on health benefits.

The Town is applying for a grant for Knights' Pond for things such as picnic tables, benches and signage.

Town Manager Roy reminded residents of the Wescustogo Forum, March 9th, 7pm @ NYMS.

Town Manager Roy congratulated the Greely Boys' Basketball Team for winning the State Championship.

VIII. Old Business

None

IX. New Business

Joint Standing Committee - Selectperson Carr reported the committee has held three meetings. The Committee discussed the possibilities of joining resources such as Public Works and the Fire Rescue services to save money. Town Manager Roy asked the Select Board for authorization to research regionalization with surrounding towns. Selectperson Carr moved to authorize the Town Manager to explore joint service negotiations. The motion was seconded by Selectperson Napolitano. Motion was amended by Selectperson Carr to authorize discussion rather than negotiations. The motion was seconded by Selectperson Napolitano. Discussion: Selectperson Graham felt discussion be focused with Cumberland. Citizen Steve Palmer voiced concerns with North Yarmouth keeping its' identity however, supports regionalization. **Vote: 4 - Yes 0 - No**

Proposed Town Park Rules for Domestic Animals Ordinance – Selectperson Carr reviewed the proposed ordinance and mentioned concerns with use of parks by domestic animals.

Katie Murphy of Mountfort Road questioned how the public would be notified of the changes in the ordinance. She suggested better signage with clear expectations in the Town Park Rules. Ms. Murphy mentioned wording may need to be modified to allow sale of food for events.

Selectperson Carr moved to approve the amended regulations as discussed tonight and called for Public Hearing on March 21st. The motion was seconded by Selectperson Graham. Discussion: None. **Vote: 4 – Yes 0 - No**

Proposed Changes to the Town Charter - Selectperson Carr moved to accept the changes made to the Charter and schedule for Public Hearing for March 21st. Selectperson Graham seconded the motion. Discussion: Selectperson Napolitano asked for corrections on wording on page 1, article #3. Selectperson Carr amended his motion to change wording from Board of Selectman to Select Board and Selectman to Selectperson. Selectperson Graham seconded the motion. Discussion: None **Vote: 4 – Yes 0 – No**

Request to Repeal Victualer's Ordinance - Selectperson Carr motioned to add a repeal of the Victualer's Ordinance to the town Warrant. Selectperson Graham seconded the motion. Selectperson Napolitano questioned if a Public Hearing is necessary. Town Manager Roy stated it is not. **Vote: 4 – Yes 0 - No**

X. Accounts Payable – Review & Approval

Selectperson Carr moved to accept the accounts payable Warrants 41 & 42 in the amount of \$119,482.78 Selectperson Napolitano seconded the motion. Discussion: Selectperson Carr voiced regret of a voting to approve payment to Barrett Made in the amount of \$10,000 at the last meeting. Town Manager Roy will discuss with Barrett Made and report back to the Select Board. **Vote: 4 -Yes 0-No**

XI. Any Other Business

Selectperson Graham echoed congratulations to the Greely Boys' Basketball team along with the Indoor Track and Hockey teams as they enter the playoffs.

Selectperson Carr mentioned concerns he has heard from residents regarding speeding on North Road. Town Manager Roy will reach out to the State Police to discuss concerns.

Chief Payson was praised for organizing the parade to welcome the Greely Boys' Basketball State Champs home.

XII. Adjournment

Selectperson Carr moved to adjourn.

Cheryl Trenoweth
Recording Secretary



Jeanne Chadbourne, Chairperson



Anne Graham



Alex Carr

Select Board



Peter Lacy, Vice Chairperson



Paul Napolitano