

**North Yarmouth
&
Cumberland
Joint Standing Committee**

*Pam Ames
Mark Girard
Rob Woods*

*Jon Jennings
Bill Stiles
George Turner*

**MINUTES
Thursday, May 2, 2013
North Yarmouth Town Hall
4:30 PM**

Cumberland Representatives Present: Councilors Bill Stiles and George Turner. Town Manager, Bill Shane.

North Yarmouth Representatives Present: Selectmen Mark Girard & Rob Wood, Budget Committee member Pam Ames, Code Enforcement Officer Barbara Skelton.

Mr. Woods called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m. and asked if everyone had reviewed the minutes of October 3, 2012.

Motion by Mr. Stiles, seconded by Mr. Turner, to accept the minutes as presented.

VOTE: 5-0 UNANIMOUS

I. Review of FY2014 Assessment

Mr. Woods said that the assessment numbers have been reviewed by the Select Board, and in his opinion, they look good.

Mr. Shane said that both towns have benefited from the after school program run by the Recreation Department. It is the reason for an almost \$32,000 reduction in the cost of Recreation programming for North Yarmouth.

Mr. Woods commented that the Library number was lower as well.

Ms. Ames said that she made a suggestion at the Library recently that the donation form for Friends of the Library be put on the website to make it easier for the public to print off and make a donation.

Mr. Shane said that he would ask Library Director, Thomas Bennett if a Paypal account would be an option as well.

II. Consideration for adoption of a joint Town Aquifer Protection Ordinance

Mr. Shane explained that a metal recycling facility was interested in locating their business in the old Blue Rock pit in West Cumberland. Junkyards were a permitted use in Cumberland's ordinance. That pit sits on top of a 5-billion gallon aquifer. That aquifer is large enough to feed all of Southern Maine for the next 100 years, therefore, the town is doing all it can to protect it. Ultimately, the company decided pull their application and the use has since been repealed in that zone. After consulting John Sevee of Sevee and Mahar Engineers, the aquifer protection ordinance has been updated. The town will attempt to make the public and business owners aware of the sensitivity of different chemicals and the harm they can do to our aquifer. Since the Greely and Doughty Road aquifer is mostly in North Yarmouth, it made sense to consider the adoption of a joint ordinance.

Mr. Woods asked Ms. Skelton how many aquifers North Yarmouth has.

Ms. Skelton responded that there are 3 in the Doughty Road area.

Mr. Girard said that looking forward we all should be thinking how to incorporate into the ordinance the ability to increase density in the aquifer areas and use the appropriate size to make sure we are protecting the aquifer.

Mr. Shane said that the septic systems today are so much more sophisticated that they allow for tight density, and the Planning review process considers any impact that there could be to the aquifer.

Mr. Stiles said that the ordinance will likely change as science is brought forward and we want to share the data and have something that works for both communities. We both want to protect the same thing. North Yarmouth is welcome to use all or parts of our ordinance.

III. Future meetings and other business

- **Animal Control Officer**

Mr. Shane explained that Cumberland ACO, Chuck Bernie, will be retiring on August 1st. Chuck said that if we need him a little longer than August 1st, he is willing to stay on a bit longer. Mr. Shane said he was asked by the Managers of Freeport, Falmouth & Yarmouth asked if we would consider a joint ACO. Those discussions will continue with the Police Chiefs and North Yarmouth is welcome to join in.

Mr. Girard said that a fee for service should be considered for nuisance calls. 60-70% of the calls in North Yarmouth are nuisance calls.

Mr. Woods said he would speak to Ms. Diffin and discuss how they will proceed with ACO services.

- **Ladder Fire Truck**

Cumberland has a ladder fire truck that will be due for replacement in 2020 and the Town Council has directed Mr. Shane to start discussion with surrounding towns to see if ladder trucks can be regionalized. Instead of having 6 ladder trucks in 6 communities, there may be 3 and each community shares in the cost.

- **Contracted Plow Routes in Cumberland**

Mr. Shane said that a couple of Cumberland Public Works employees have decided to retire soon and the Town Council has directed him to put one of their plow routes out to bid for contracted plow services. As employees retire, the department will become more of a maintenance model as opposed to the construction model of the past. In the long run it will be more efficient and save money.

- Next meeting will be scheduled in October, in Cumberland.

IV. Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Stiles, seconded by Mr. Girard, to adjourn.

VOTE: 6-0 UNANIMOUS

TIME: 5:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Brenda Moore
Committee Secretary