

North Yarmouth  
&  
Cumberland  
Joint Standing Committee

Pam Ames  
Steve Palmer  
Andy Walsh

Steve Moriarty  
Bill Stiles  
George Turner

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Wednesday, September 7, 2011**  
**North Yarmouth Town Hall**  
**4:30 p.m.**

**Cumberland Representatives Present:** Councilors Steve Moriarty (Chairman), Bill Stiles, and George Turner. Town Manager, Bill Shane.

**North Yarmouth Representatives Present:** Selectmen Steve Palmer (Co-Chairman) and Andy Walsh. Administrative Assistant, Marnie Diffin.  
Absent: Pam Ames

Meeting called to order at 4:30 p.m.

**I. Review and Approval of August 10, 2011 Meeting Minutes**

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

VOTE: 5-0 UNANIMOUS PASSAGE

**II. Review of Miscellaneous Budgets**

Mr. Moriarty advised the committee that the topic of Twin Brook Recreation Facility will be postponed to the next meeting.

**a. Animal Control Officer (ACO)**

Mr. Shane reviewed the historical ACO charges to North Yarmouth with the committee.

FY'08 32 calls = \$2,400

FY'09 61 calls = \$4,575 \*(131)

FY'10 43 calls = \$3,225 \*(106)

FY'11 52 calls = \$3,905 \*(105)

\*calls received that year by North Yarmouth residents to dispatch for various reasons and handled by the dispatcher. An officer was not called to respond. North Yarmouth was not charged for these types of calls.

There were no summons issued in 2011 to North Yarmouth residents (i.e. barking dog complaint, dog bite, etc.).

North Yarmouth is charged \$75 per call that the ACO responds to. Chuck Burnie is the ACO. Chuck works 25 hours per week in Cumberland. Cumberland and Falmouth share ACO services. Falmouth covers ACO services when Mr. Burnie is not available and Cumberland covers Falmouth's ACO calls when their ACO Officer is not available. There is no money exchanged for this. Since this arrangement is not extended to North Yarmouth, when the ACO is not on duty, a Cumberland Police Officer has to respond to ACO calls. Mr. Burnie is semi-retired it is not certain how much longer he will be serving as ACO. North Yarmouth may want to consider getting its own ACO in the future.

**b. Channel 2 Bulletin Board**

Cumberland replays the North Yarmouth Selectmen's meetings and posts community bulletins on Channel 2. The cost for this service is \$2,000 per year.

Mr. Palmer asked if there were more services available to North Yarmouth in the Channel 2 contract that they were not utilizing. North Yarmouth currently does not have a video person to record their meetings. They have very good equipment, but no operator.

Mr. Shane said that Cumberland has no additional staff available that would be able to assist with this.

**c. Sidewalk Snow Plowing**

Sidewalk plowing is charged by the hour from the town line to Memorial School. Typically, the snow is not allowed to build up more than 4-6" during a snowstorm and the average plowing time is 3-4 hours per snow event. Opening the school route during a storm is a priority. The day after a storm, Cumberland Public Works will go through the route again to remove snow and ice from the sidewalks left behind from clearing driveways in that area.

A future concern will be a new subdivision that is planned in Cumberland. This project will add an additional 2 miles of sidewalk that will connect Main Street, Tuttle Road, and Drowne Road. This will put a strain on Cumberland plowing time and resources.

**III. Questions, Clarifications, Discussion, Requests for Additional Information**

Mr. Palmer asked how the Recreation Directors salary is paid.

Mr. Shane said that Brian Bickford is Recreation Director and is also in charge of golf operations at Val Halla. A portion of his salary is paid by the Val Halla enterprise fund and the remainder is paid from the recreation fund.

Mr. Palmer also asked for information regarding the actual number of North Yarmouth users of the Library.

Thomas Bennett, Library Director researched this and found that the individual Cumberland users of the Library was 2,259 and North Yarmouth was 885 (approximately 33-35%).

**Set Agenda for Next Meeting**

The topic of the next meeting will be Twin Brook. The next meeting will be on October 5<sup>th</sup> @ 4:30 p.m. in Cumberland.

**IV. Other Business**

None

**V. Adjournment**

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

VOTE: 5-0

TIME: 5:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Brenda Moore