

**TOWN OF YARMOUTH
MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

Meeting: 12-19/20
Date: March 19, 2020
Time: 7:00 PM
Place: American Legion, 198 Main St

Roll Call of Members P = Present A = Absent T= Tardy R= Call in

P Meghan Casey 1 South Street
P April Humphrey, 277 East Main St
T Andrew Kittredge, 84 Rogers Road
R Richard Plourde, 87 Pinewood Road
P Timothy Shannon, 47 West Elm St
P Randall Bates, 30 Tannery Lane
P Robert Waeldner, 141 Oakwood Drive

1st Order of Business: Roll Call of Members

2nd Order of Business: Minutes of Meeting 10-19/20 held 2-27-20 and Special Meeting 11-19-20 held 3-5-20. **6-0** by roll call voting

3rd Order of Business: Public Comment. NONE

Reports of the Council Chair, committees, delegates, liaisons and the Town Manager.
None

Item No. 66: Resolution regarding General Assistance administration.

Whereas on June 10, 2004, the Yarmouth Town Council and the Freeport Town Council authorized the formation of a Regional General Assistance Administrative Office pursuant to Title 22 MRSA Section 4304(2) and executed a Memorandum of Agreement establishing the terms and understandings under which the Town of Freeport would administer the program, and

Whereas that program has served the Town of Yarmouth and the residents of Yarmouth well for the past 16 years especially under the professional management of General Assistance Administrator, Johanna Hanselman, and

Whereas, Johanna Hanselman is now preparing for retirement later in 2020, and

Whereas, there has been significant change in the General Assistance administration workload, number of cases and governing laws, community socio-economic demographics, and total annual distribution of General Assistance awards in the 16 years since the formation of the District, and

Whereas, Yarmouth has experienced a very significant increase in the local government, community and non-profit organizational capacity, missions, interest, and resources in the past 16 years related to providing care, assistance and community

engagement and inclusion of all residents including seniors, low-income individuals and families, and people faced with unexpected financial and personal hardship, and

Whereas, the Town Council has determined that it would now be appropriate, beneficial, and strategically advantageous to return General Assistance administration back to the Town of Yarmouth for local management, assigned through the Town Manager to Yarmouth Community Services,

Now therefore be it Resolved that the Town Manager should work cooperatively with the Town of Freeport and the Maine Department of Health and Human Services to dissolve the General Assistance District formed in 2004 and resume local administration of the service on July 1, 2020 or as soon as reasonably practical, and

Be it Further Resolved that the Town of Freeport and Ms. Johanna Hanselman are hereby acknowledged with gratitude for their outstanding work and service as contracting agency for the Freeport-Yarmouth Regional General Assistance District since 2004, and

Be it Further Resolved that Johanna Hanselman and the Town of Freeport are hereby acknowledged with deep appreciation for their leadership, guidance and support in management and advice of other related Yarmouth community assistance programs, including but not limited to, the YCAN Fuel Assistance fund, LIHEAP applications processing, and social services referrals for Yarmouth residents.

6-0 by roll call voting

Item No. 67: Appropriate funds to close out the MDOT Exit 17 traffic signal project.

Be it ordered that a sum of \$79,000 is hereby appropriated from the Development Fund (Route 1 North TIF District) for final closeout of the MDOT Exit 17 traffic signal project.

6-0 by roll call voting

Meeting continued off camera to discuss scheduling and procedures for upcoming meetings.

The following was voted by roll call voting 7-0

Item No. 68: Appointment

The following individuals (in the order listed) will act in the capacity as Acting Town Manager if/when he is unable to continue in the capacity as Town Manager due to absence or incapacity.

(1) Steve Johnson, Town Engineer (2) Dawn Madden, Finance Director (3) Erik Street, Director of Public Works

Moved to adjourn at 8:12 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Doten, Town Clerk, Recording Secretary