



## **Board of Selectmen** **Workshop Meeting Minutes** **November 10, 2015**

*The workshop meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Hearing Room by Vice Chairman Tracy Post. Selectmen present: Norm Holcomb, Jim Quirk, and Michael Stone. Also attending: Town Administrator, William Hinchey. The Board of Selectmen gave the Pledge of Allegiance.*

### **1. Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School District Agreement Discussion and Proposed Updates**

Mr. Hinchey explained the documents included in the packet: the existing agreement of 2006, the agreement as modified in 2013, the agreement that was reviewed and recommended changes annotated from 2014, and a list of proposed amendments for consideration by the Board. The Board discussed timeline payments to the school district, budget submission guidelines, and budget construction. Mr. Hinchey explained the significance of including school budget submission guidelines in any revised agreement to allow time for the town budget review process. The Board was in consensus on including the budget submission guidelines in the new agreement and payment schedules.

The Board then discussed capital expenditures for the various schools and how those capital costs should be shared between Dennis and Yarmouth. Additionally, an amendment to the agreement should include a mandatory review of any existing agreement in the area every 5-7 years.

The Board next discussed including language in a new agreement that provides for recall of elected officials within the school committee. At the Board's request, Mr. Hinchey will research the language necessary to include in the agreement, what Dennis' current charter states with regard to recall of elected officials, and what the appropriate language for recall of Yarmouth's elected officials needs to be.

The Board discussed the funding formula used to apportion costs between Dennis and Yarmouth and options other than the "tent" meeting, such as a regional balloting process, to resolve budgeting issues. Extensive discussion ensued regarding a balloting process and the legalities of establishing such a process.

Staff will work on specific language for each amendment proposed which will be presented to the Board for approval at a future meeting.

### **2. Town Administrator's Items**

#### **a. Consent Agenda**

- Continuation of the tax classification process. The Board signed the certification of the tax rate which will continue the tax of all classes at the same rate by adopting a factor of '1' and



## **DISTRIBUTED MATERIAL AGENDA PACKET**

- Memo to Board of Selectmen from Town Administrator dated November 5, 2015 re: D-Y Agreement Review
- Agreement Between the Towns of Dennis and Yarmouth Establishing a Regional School District as amended in September 2006
- Draft Agreement Between the Towns of Dennis and Yarmouth as edited in 2014
- Proposed D-Y Agreement Amendment regarding Times of Payment of Apportioned Costs
- Department of Revenue, Bureau of Accounts, Classification Tax Allocation for Yarmouth
- Letter of authorization by Board of Selectmen for Town Administrator to sign Fiscal Year 2016 Tax Rate Forms
- Letter to Board of Selectmen from Director of Assessing dated October 15, 2015 re: Classification Hearing for FY16