

**DRAFT Minutes of the Norwich Selectboard Meeting of
Wednesday, December 20, 2023**

This regular meeting was held by Zoom access only, with all Selectboard members, Town Manager, and public viewing remotely.

All members of the public body present¹: Marcia Calloway, Chair; Mary Layton, Vice Chair; Roger Arnold; Pamela Smith; and Priscilla Vincent.

All other active participants in the meeting²: Brennan T.M. Duffy, Town Manager; and, Lister Cheryl Lindberg.

Welcome. Meeting was called to order by Calloway at 6:31 p.m.. Calloway reminded everyone that full names are required for admission to the Zoom platform to eliminate “Zoom bomb” interruptions and delays in the meetings; and, people trying to get admitted to meetings may contact Selectboard members to be identified for admission.

1. Agenda. Motion to approve the agenda by Layton; seconded by Vincent. Layton, Arnold, Smith, Vincent, Calloway: Yes. **Motion Passed.**

The following minutes reflect

“all motions, proposals, and resolutions made, offered, and considered, and what disposition is made of same.”³

“the results of any votes, with a record of the individual vote of each member if a roll

Public Comment. Smith asked when she would receive a copy of the audit. Town Manager Duffy indicated that the audit was not yet available. Calloway reminded Smith that the Selectboard receives copies of audits and does not need to ask for them.

Action Item.

2. Request to adjust grand list due to changes in current use. Lindberg explained that the Listers had been informed of the changes and that they are traditionally voted before end of year. Vincent asked why some parcel valuations go up and some go down. Lindberg explained that some acres not in current use can be less valuable than current use acres; acres changed from agricultural use to forest have a higher value and less current use value.

- Layton moved to approve Current Use Value Changes in the grand list as identified by the Listers’ office for changes to the grand list as to the following Norwich tax payers:
 - Ames (Life Estate) Marguerite J. reduced \$5,000.00 to the amount of \$488,600.00;
 - Dwinell Trust, Mason reduced \$7,000 .00 to the amount of \$425,300.00;
 - Hennessey, Michael/Jacqueline increased \$3,500.00 to \$2,924,600.00;
 - Hepburn, Sarah/Steven reduced \$5,100.00 to the amount of \$690,800.00;
 - Jacobson Family Trust increased \$15,900 to the amount of \$940,100.00;
 - Morley, Benjamin/Christianna increased \$1,000.00 to the amount of \$703,200.00;
 - Tullar, Nathan/Carole Ann increased \$103,400.00 to the amount of \$1,174,800.00; and,
 - Yaffe Trust, Lisa E. reduced \$1,600.00 to the amount of \$403,600.00.

Second by Vincent. Layton, Arnold, Smith, Vincent, Calloway Yes. **Motion Passed.**

Informational Items. Calloway noted that Marion Cross Students sent some thank you cards to various departments in town and the one addressed to the Selectboard was enclosed in the packet for this meeting, thanking the Selectboard for a sidewalk. On behalf of the Selectboard, Calloway acknowledged those

¹ 1 V.S.A. § 312(b)(1)(A)

² 1 V.S.A. § 312(b)(1)(B)

³ 1 V.S.A. § 312(b)(1)(C)

thoughtful messages. Calloway then recognized all the people who work for the town every day, or who give their time to serve in a variety of capacities; and, the hard work, understanding, and patience required.

Future Meetings. Calloway confirmed that the next regular Selectboard meeting will be on January 10, 2024; noting: that meeting will conduct regular business but emphasis will be on preparation for warrant articles and the special public meetings scheduled for January 17 and 20, 2024.

Adjournment. There being no further business to come before the Selectboard, Calloway invited a motion to adjourn.

- Layton moved to adjourn; second Vincent. Layton, Arnold, Vincent, Smith, Calloway: Yes. **Motion Passed.**

Meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia S. Calloway, Chair
Norwich Selectboard