

## **Living Well in North Yarmouth Committee**

### **Meeting (Zoom) Minutes January 14, 2021 at 7 pm**

- 1. Attending: Steve Palmer, Donna Palmer, Jay Fulton, Peter Lindsay, Gay Peterson, Ginny Van Dyke Al Ahlers**
- 2. Meeting minutes from November 18, 2020 approved**
- 3. Old Business**

**First Greeter Program** – Gay reported that although there was not much Greeter activity reported in early 2020, she received notification from Tracy Cox, Code Enforcement Office, of over 200 property transfers in North Yarmouth from 5/1/2020 – 10/29/2020. With the help of Deb Grover, it was determined that there were over 40 new transfers of real estate between 5/31/2020 and 10/28/2020, which meant up to 40 new families in North Yarmouth in those 5 months. Forty bags were quickly constructed and delivered (Covid safely) by volunteer greeters. The First Greeter Program is now awaiting transfer deed information for November -December 2020 and the inventory for 25 more greeter bags so that more new residents can be greeted.

**DOT Advocacy Letters** – Ginny reported that little activity has taken place with getting people to write letters. A note will be placed in the next newsletter soliciting interest in writing letters.

**Letters to Companies with Trucks Driving through Town** – Al reported that the Town Manager was planning to send letters out in the spring to the activity for this effort has been focused on gathering names of companies and primary responsible managers.

**Recreation Survey** – Donna reported that to date, 356 surveys have been returned. This is more surveys returned than the previous LWNYS survey several years ago. More surveys were returned via USPS than on-line. Fifteen people have volunteered to help with the recreation program that is developed as a result of this survey. Any written comments will be documented and reviewed to determine how they can be helpful in developing a program when the survey is completed.

**Baston Park** – Steve indicated that the DEP is providing a preliminary review of the applications both NRPA and Beneficial Use to determine if there is anything lacking before the formal applications are submitted. Aluminum picnic tables for the Park by the Parks & Recreation Committee.

**AARP Challenge Grants** – Donna reported that the AARP will provide opportunities for new grants on February 15, 2021 for up to \$5000 for each grant. North Yarmouth received an AARP grant several years ago for Knox Boxes Donna will pursue a possible grant for handicap accessibility for Baston Park.

#### **4. New Business**

**Ice Cream Social** – To be considered for 2021, perhaps part of another function

**Kite Festival** – October 2, 2021

**Traffic Calming** – On January 19, 2021 Jim Tasse will make a presentation to the Select Board

- 5 Any Other Business** – Steve to inquire about appointing new members w/ Town Manager.  
Next meeting scheduled for February 18, 2021 at 7 pm.

**Scribe: Al Ahlers**

