Town of North Yarmouth Select Board Meeting Agenda Monday, May 20, 2024 **Regular Business Meeting** 6:30PM Wescustogo Hall & North Yarmouth Community Center

Select Board Members

Amy Haile, Chair Andrea Berry, Vice Chair Katherine Maloney, Board Member Karl Cyr, Board Member Paul Hodgetts, Board Member

Call to Order 1.

A. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Appointments

A. Ecomaine Board of Directors-Lisa Belanger

3. Announcements

- A. School Fund Recipients-Drawing
- B. USACE Presentation-Yarmouth Dam

Public Comment-Non-Agenda Items 4.

5. **New Business**

A. Adopt Annual Town Meeting Warrant

6. **Old Business**

8.

A. EDSC Sidewalk Charge Presentation & Notes

7. Consent Agenda

- A. Payroll Warrants
- B. Municipal Accounts Payable Warrants

Management Reports & Communications

- Α Select Board Committee Reports:
 - 1. EDSC-Kit Maloney
 - 2. Parks-Karl Cyr
 - 3. Joint Standing Committee-Amy Haile, Andrea Berry 8. Prince Memorial Library-Amy Haile
 - 4. Waste Reduction Committee-Andrea Berry
 - 5. Walnut Hill Parkway-Paul Hodgetts, Kit Maloney
- 6. Recreation Advisory Board-Karl Cyr
- 7. School Fund Committee-Paul Hodgetts
- 9. Shellfish Commission-Karl Cyr
- 10. Budget Committee-Andrea Berry
- 11. Open Space & Planning-Andrea Berry, Karl Cyr

B. Town Manager's Report

- 9. Any Other Business
- **10.** <u>Executive Session-</u> 1 M.R. S. § 405 (6)(A) to discuss personnel matters.

11. Adjournment

REMINDERS TO THE ATTENDING PUBLIC: Please mute all digital devices; Select Board meetings are open to the public, but the public may not speak unless recognized by the Chairperson first. **Workshops:** The public is welcome to attend workshops and listen to the discussion that takes place. The purpose of holding a workshop is to provide the Select Board with the opportunity to focus on specific town matters to later present at a regular business meeting. Therefore, public participation is limited to only regular business meetings of the Select Board.

Summary of Recommended Motions & Other Action Items

May 20, 2024

2. Appointments

A. Ecomaine Board of Directors-Lisa Belanger

Suggested Motion

To appoint Lisa Belanger as a regular member to the Ecomaine Board of Directors with a term expiring 6/30/2024.

Motion_____, Second _____ Vote_____

5. New Business

Article 3: Motion	Second	Vote
Article 4: Motion	Second	Vote
Article 5: Motion	Second	Vote
Article 6: Motion	Second	Vote
Article 7: Motion	Second	Vote
Article 8: Motion	Second	Vote
Article 9: Motion	Second	Vote
Article 10: Motion	Second	Vote
Article 11: Motion	Second	Vote
Article 12: Motion	Second	Vote
Article 13: Motion	Second	Vote
Article 14: Motion	Second	Vote
Article 15: Motion	Second	Vote
Article 16: Motion	Second	Vote
Article 17: Motion	Second	Vote
Article 18: Motion	Second	Vote
Article 19: Motion	Second	Vote
Article 20: Motion	Second	Vote
Article 21: Motion	Second	Vote
Article 22: Motion	Second	Vote
Article 23: Motion	Second	Vote
Article 24: Motion	Second	Vote

Town of North Yarmouth Select Board Business

Summary of Recommended Motions & Other Action Items

- Article 25: Motion_____ Second_____ Vote_____
- Article 27: Motion Second Vote Vote
- Article 28: Motion_____ Second_____ Vote_____

8. Consent Agenda

A. Municipal Accounts Payable Warrants #93 \$ 560.55
#94 \$ 25,933.73
#95 \$ 294.76
#97 \$ 12,493.37
#98 \$ 2,051.50
#99 \$ 95,520.97
Municipal Payroll Warrants
#96 \$ 46,523.11

Suggested Motion

To approve the consent agenda as presented.

Motion_____, Second _____ Vote_____



Town of North Yarmouth, Maine **Annual Town Meeting Warrant June 17, 2024** Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025

To: Clark M. Baston, a resident in the Town of North Yarmouth, County of Cumberland, and the State of Maine.

GREETINGS: In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of North Yarmouth, Maine qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Wescustogo Hall & North Yarmouth Community Center located in North Yarmouth, Maine on Monday the 17th day of June A.D. 2024, at six thirty (6:30) o'clock in the evening, then and there to act upon Articles 1 through 29 as set out below, to wit:

The Registrar of Voters gives notice that citizens will be able to register to vote on June 17, 2024, from 6:00 PM to the close of the meeting.

- Article 1: To elect a Moderator by written ballot to preside over the said meeting.
- Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to adopt the Maine Moderator's Manual as prepared by the Maine Municipal Association as the parliamentary procedure at Town Meeting for the ensuing year.
- Article 3: Shall an ordinance entitled "2024 Amendment to the Floodplain Management Ordinance for the Town of North Yarmouth, Maine" be enacted?

(The proposed ordinance is available for review and inspection at the Town Clerk's Office and will be available at the Town Meeting.)

Select Board recommends approval.

Article 4: Shall an ordinance entitled "2024 Amendments to the Town of North Yarmouth, Maine Land Use Ordinance Regarding Advanced Wastewater Treatment Systems" be enacted?

(The proposed ordinance is available for review and inspection at the Town Clerk's Office and will be available at the Town Meeting.)

Planning Board recommends approval.

Article 5: Shall an ordinance entitled "2024 Amendments to the Town of North Yarmouth, Maine Land Use Ordinance Regarding Development Review Process, Submissions, Standards and LD 2003 Compliance" be enacted?

(The proposed ordinance is available for review and inspection at the Town Clerk's Office and will be available at the Town Meeting.)

Planning Board recommends approval.

Article 6: Shall an ordinance entitled "2024 Amendments to the Town of North Yarmouth, Maine Property Tax Assistance Ordinance" be enacted?

(The proposed ordinance is available for review and inspection at the Town Clerk's Office and will be available at the Town Meeting.)

Select Board recommends approval.

Article 7: Shall an ordinance entitled "2024 Amendments to the Town of North Yarmouth Management of Tax Acquired Property Ordinance" be enacted?

(The proposed ordinance is available for review and inspection at the Town Clerk's Office and will be available at the Town Meeting.)

Select Board recommends approval.

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the purchase of a 5.9-acre vacant parcel of real property located at 0 Village View Lane in North Yarmouth, further identified as Tax Map 7, Lot 34-016, for a sum not to exceed \$15,000; to authorize the Select Board to execute any documents related to the purchase of said parcel on such terms and conditions as the Select Board deems to be in the best interest of the Town; and to transfer and appropriate up to \$15,000 from the Village Omnibus Municipal Development and Tax Increment Financing District for the purchase of said parcel.

Select Board and Budget Committee recommend approval.

<u>Explanation</u>: The above-described property abuts Knight's Pond Preserve, which is owned by the Town. The purchase described above would allow for the creation of additional recreational trails to provide access to Knight's Pond by members of the general public.

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,746,542 for MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION:

Division	Amount
Operations	\$ 662,423.00
Contracted/Professional	\$ 120,776.00
Town Office	\$ 214,246.00
Insurance	\$ 50,500.00
Assessing/CEO/Planning	\$ 255,943.00
Technology	\$ 49,109.00
Debt Service	\$ 393,545.00

Select Board and Budget Committee recommend approval.

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$16,518.00 for COMMUNITY SERVICES:

Division	An	nount
General Assistance	\$	7,900.00
Social Services	\$	8,618.00

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Select Board and Budget Committee recommend approval.

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$612,838.00 for the COMMUNITY CENTER:

Division Amount	
Operations	\$ 399,762.00
Contracted Services	\$ 213,076.00

Select Board and Budget Committee recommend approval.

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$4,600.00 for COMMITTEES:

Division	Amount	
Parks	\$	2,200.00
Waste Reduction	\$	1,200.00
Walnut Hill Parkway	\$	1,200.00

Select Board and Budget Committee recommend approval.

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$936,267.00 for PUBLIC SAFETY:

Account	Amount	
Fire/Rescue	\$ 794,892.00	
Contracted/Professional	\$ 141,375.00	

Select Board and Budget Committee recommend approval.

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,241,689.00 for PUBLIC WORKS:

Division	Α	mount
Operations	\$	784,283.00
Winter Operations	\$	450,934.00
Parks	\$	4,236.00
Cemeteries	\$	2,236.00

Select Board and Budget Committee recommend approval.

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$390,423.00 for SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING.

Select Board and Budget Committee recommend approval.

Article16 : To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$5,000.00 for **RESERVE ACCOUNT APPROPRIATIONS.**

Select Board and Budget Committee recommend approval.

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to accept and appropriate \$650,000 in Municipal Revenue Sharing and \$1,913,857.00 in Other Revenues, for a total amount in Non-Property Taxes of \$2,563,857.00, to reduce the total amount authorized to be raised by taxation, and to further authorize the Select Board and Treasurer to accept and appropriate any additional revenues or funds that may be used to reduce the amount required to be raised by taxation.

Select Board and Budget Committee recommend approval.

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate up to \$142,000.00 from the following Capital Improvement Reserve Accounts: \$20,000.00 from Parks & Recreation, and \$122,000.00 from Public Works & Fire Equipment.

Select Board and Budget Committee recommend approval.

Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate up to \$267,452.00 from the Village Omnibus Municipal Development and Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Development Program Fund Account, and to authorize the Select Board to expend those funds for one or more of the following project costs consistent with the TIF Development Program: Administrative Costs, Professional Costs, Recreational Trails, Public Safety, and Sidewalks and Streetscape Projects.

Select Board and Budget Committee recommend approval.

Article 20: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate funds received from the registration of snowmobiles to be allocated to Town established snowmobile club(s) for the purpose of maintaining their snowmobile trails, on the condition that those trails be open to the public for snowmobile purposes at no charge during the snow season.

Select Board and Budget Committee recommend approval.

Article 21:

- To see if the Town will vote to make all taxes assessed for the Town's 2025 fiscal year, July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, due in two (2) installments, with the first half (1/2) of the total amount assessed due and payable on September 16, 2024, and the second half (1/2) due March 17, 2025; and to charge interest at the rate of eight and a half percent (8.5%) per year computed on a daily basis on any portion of the installment due that remains outstanding as of September 17, 2024 and March 18, 2025;
- 2) To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to accept payment of real estate property taxes not yet due or assessed at zero percent (0%) interest pursuant to 36 M.R.S. § 506;
- 3) To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer to release payment of tax abatements and applicable interest approved by the Town's Assessor from the property tax overlay account or, if necessary, from Unassigned Fund Balance; and

4) To see if the Town will vote to set the interest rate to be paid by the Town on overpaid and abated taxes at four and a half percent (4.5%), pursuant to 36 M.R.S. § 506-A.

Select Board and Budget Committee recommend approval.

Article 22: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer to waive the foreclosure of a tax lien mortgage by recording a waiver of foreclosure at the Registry of Deeds in which the tax lien certificate is recorded prior to expiration of the right of redemption pursuant to 36 M.R.S. § 944 upon a finding by the Select Board that ownership of the property that is subject to the tax lien mortgage would be contrary to the Town's best interests.

Select Board recommends approval.

Article 23: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board and the Treasurer, on behalf of the Town and any of the Town's departments, to accept gifts, real estate, donations, and other funds, including trust funds that may be given or let to the Town, and to further authorize the Select Board to expend such sums of money as it deems necessary from these funds for their designated purposes. These expenditures may be reflected outside of the Town's approved budget.

Select Board recommends approval.

Article 24: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the transfer of \$27,000.00 from the Town's Unassigned Fund Balance to be set aside in a reserve account to be expended for property tax assistance in accordance with the Town's Property Tax Assistance Ordinance. (Approval of this article will not increase the property tax levy.)

Select Board and Budget Committee recommend approval.

Article 25: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the transfer of \$20,000.00 from the Town's Unassigned Fund Balance to be set aside in a reserve account to be expended for employee disbursements of earned but not expended benefits. (Approval of this article will not increase the property tax levy.)

Select Board and Budget Committee recommend approval.

Article 26: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board, or the Treasurer acting in concurrence with the Select Board, to apply for State, Federal (including Community Development Block Grants) and other grants on behalf of the Town for purposes deemed by the Select Board to be in the best interest of the Town; to accept such grants, including, when necessary, the authority to sign contracts and related documents and to accept conditions of approval; to appropriate such grant funds for any purpose for which the Town has appropriated funds in the Town's 2025 fiscal year, July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025; and to authorize the Select Board to expend up to \$25,000.00 from Unassigned Fund Balance, if necessary, as matching funds for any grant. These expenditures may be reflected outside of the Town's approved budget. (Approval of this article will not increase the property tax levy.)

Select Board and Budget Committee recommend approval.

Article 27: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to authorize any overdrafts that May occur in Town operations during the fiscal years ending June 30, 2023, and June 30, 2024, to be taken from Unassigned Fund Balance.

Select Board and Budget Committee recommend approval.

Article 28: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to dispose of Town-owned personal property with a value of \$25,000.00 or less, as determined by the Select Board, under such terms and conditions as it deems advisable, and to further authorize the Select Board to execute all documents necessary for the transfer of such property.

Select Board recommends approval.

Given unto our hands this 20th day of May 2024 at North Yarmouth, Maine.

Select Board

Amy Haile, Chairperson

Andrea Berry, Vice Chairperson

Karl Cyr

Paul Hodgetts

Katherine Maloney

A true copy of the warrant,

Attest: ______, Debbie Allen Grover, Town Clerk

RETURN OF THE WARRANT

North Yarmouth, Maine _____, 2024

Pursuant to the within warrant to me directed, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of said Town qualified as herein expressed, to meet at said time and place, and for purposes therein named, by posting an attested copy of said warrant at the Town Office, North Yarmouth Variety, North Yarmouth Fire Rescue Station, Toddy Brook Café and Wescustogo Hall & North Yarmouth Community Center in said town, being public and conspicuous places in said town, on the _____ day of June 2024, being at least seven (7) days before the meeting.

Clark M. Baston, Resident

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North Yarmouth Sidewalk Plan Goals Charge



Sidewalk Plan Process

- plan for expanding the sidewalks with the goal of connecting more neighborhoods to The town used a bid process and selected Olver Associates to work on creating a the Village Center district. ÷
- The town identified current and future developments that required the developer to construct sidewalks so these could be included. Olver Associates then created a draft plan showing potential sidewalk expansion. сi
- EDSC will collect feedback from residents on goals and priorities for new sidewalks in town. This feedback will then be presented to the Select Board. *с*і.

Current Step

- Olver Associates will incorporate this feedback to make revisions to the plan. The Select Board will then vote to approve the plan. 4
- Once the plan is approved, the town can apply for grant funding from the state. <u>с</u>.

Gathering Feedback

Online Survey:

An online survey was posted to gather feedback from the community about the sidewalk plan, generating 316 responses.

In-Person Forum:

Mandy Holway from Olver Associates gave a presentation about the current (draft) plan, and On March 28th, the EDSC hosted a forum for discussion and feedback of the sidewalk plan. then breakout sessions were held to discuss priorities, funding, and examine the map and proposed routes.

Online Survey Key Take-Aways
Support: /5% of respondents were in favor of constructing additional sidewalks.
Types of Use: Respondents expressed a range of ways they would use the sidewalks, with the top three answers being 'Walking for recreation', 'To connect to existing parks and trail systems', and 'Access to community buildings'.
Frequency of Use: Over 50% of respondents indicated they would use the sidewalks either weekly or daily.
Area to Consider: Over 50% of respondents felt that sidewalks should be considered up to 1 mile or more than 1 mile from the Village Center/Fire Station area.
Funding: Of those who were in favor of constructing additional sidewalks, 70% supported at least half of the cost coming from town funds.

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In-Person Forum Key Take-Aways

Uses of Sidewalks

- Safety is a primary concern. Sections of Rtes 9 and 115 without sidewalks are currently unsafe for pedestrians
 - Enabling children to navigate town safely was a common concern
- Considerations for traffic calming and on-street parking should be considered at the same time to use any funding efficiently and maximize safety
- Multiple comments in support of new sidewalks said they support healthy living and build community
- Being able to support local businesses and attract new businesses was mentioned as a benefit of sidewalks
- Connecting to parks and trails is a common request

In-Person Forum Key Take-Aways

Potential Sidewalk Routes/Locations

- Creating walkable loops (such as connecting major roads to The Lane, Sweetser Rd, Baston Rd, Parsonage, etc) is a common request
 - Eventually planning to connect up 231 and down Walnut Hill Rd into Yarmouth is a common request
 - Routes should be considered based on how many homes/residents they connect

In-Person Forum Key Take-Aways

Funding of Sidewalk Expansion

- Seeking grant funding was a common priority
- Coordinating funding through the town budget process was a common concern
- There was common support for expanding sidewalks through multiple phases
- Consideration of using available TIF funds was a common request

Appendix:

responses from the online survey have also been <u>Detailed notes from the in-person forum and all</u> provided to the Select Board EDSC Sidewalk Forum notes - Question: what do we want to use sidewalks for?

1st table:

-bringing people together

-community

-grants are important

-be able to spontaneously visit local businesses after events

-connecting with trails, Knights Pond, Sam Ristich Trail, Hayes town forest

-connecting community center & story walk w/the community so kids can use safely

-feeling of sidewalks = suburban, feeling of "the ship has sailed so we might as well have sidewalks"

- "all of the above" uses

-access to additional neighborhoods at Henry Rd, etc, church at 115

-trail access connecting Old Town House/Village Green w/Pasonage Rd away from highway?

-connecting "loops"

2nd Table:

-attract more businesses because people can move around safely

-walk down to local businesses

-exercise "loops"

-connecting trails

-access to Congregational Church (115 & 231)

-cycling (would like to add painted bike lane on 115)

-interest in phasing the sidewalk work

-kids riding bikes

-sidewalk widths that can accommodate kids learning to ride bikes

-needs to accommodate wheelchairs

-dog walking, especially in winter when walking on shoulder is dangerous & trails are icy

-unsure if Pea Ln needs to be prioritized

-connecting 9 & 115 to Parsonage is a big priority

-potential trail connectivity between Old Town House with Town Office, Sharp's Field

3rd Table:

-walking for exercise
-nice to have a destination – town office, WHCC, etc
-it has become easier to walk in town due to the addition of sidewalks
-kids able to move around town safely
-big increase in use of sidewalks
-being able to connect trails
-connecting "loops" – especially The Lane and Sweetser/Rte 9
-concern about placement to minimize crossings for safety
-attract and access economic development

Key takeaways – people want to use sidewalks to:

-create and connect exercise "loops" for walking and cycling

-connect trails, neighborhoods, Congregational church area

-support and attract local businesses

-empower kids to move around the community safely and independently

-this was only discussed at one table but I think is important to convey to the Select Board for the sake of inclusivity, people talked about how we need the sidewalks to be able to accommodate wheelchairs and mobility aids.

- Maybe Pea Lane does not need sidewalk as it has the paint lines
- Walking a loop is important
- 115 is awful for walking-sidewalk would be helpful for safety
- Parsonage is calmer and may not need a sidewalk
- Consider the sidewalk up to Haskell.
- Connecting to Yarmouth may be nice for a safe connectivity to Yarmouth
- Much of the motivation is to calm traffic and increase safety
- If we want on-street parking it seems that should happen simultaneously with the sidewalk.
- Traffic calming should be factored into sidewalk design
- Could help slow traffic if sidewalks are designed, visually in a way that slows such as the apron on the corner by the purple house.
- Consider the number of homes the sidewalk would serve when designing
- Consider reducing the number times people have to cross the street to connect
- Connecting to quieter roads safely
- The greatest value is a healthy way to create community and calm traffic.
- Eventually the sidewalk to should extend down 115 to 231
- Sidewalk on Parsonage would benefit kids walking to community center
- Connect sidewalk to an off road trail

This is my simplified/summarized version of the above:

- 1. Having a fully connecting loop is important-a variety of shorter and longer loops
- 2. Connecting busier roads to quieter ones
- 3. Extending up 115-231 as well as into Yarmouth are areas of high interest
- 4. Safety is of high interest/consider sidewalk construction simultaneous with traffic calming and areas of on-street parking.
- 5. Sidewalks should connect to trails
- 6. Parsonage Sidewalk is of value to provide a safe route to the community center as well as calm traffic whereas Pea Lane may be an area where this is not needed.

North Yarmouth EDSC Forum 03/28/24– Sidewalk Costs Feedback

Grace Rote & Rich Parenteau

Forum breakout session #1 (Table 3)

How will phasing and grants work within a town meeting form of government?

Town funding needs to be coordinated with the annual town budget and get a warrant for appropriation of funds.

It is a "no brainer" to seek grants to cover some of the costs for sidewalk construction.

PACTS funding has been approved for the section from Dozer Lane (Crossroads subdivision) along Route 9, heading towards Yarmouth. This is the only area of North Yarmouth that qualifies under PACTS rules for designated area (through year 2025).

Interested in doing something that will last, rather than something that is just "good enough", even if it takes longer and is a little more money. Sidewalks are long term infrastructure.

Concerned that there could be a better way to lay out the plan that utilized fewer linear feet than the current plan.

- Sidewalk potentially not needed at Sweetser Road
- Priority is for corridors not necessarily smaller roads
- How do we get the most bang for our buck?

Drainage needs to be handled correctly.

Another vote for not being stingy on costs.

Location Specific Comments:

- Access to Baston Road opens further walkable road access to Sweetser road which is away from general traffic.
- Pea Lane is the missing part of a "triangle"/connector loop.

Forum breakout session #2 (Table 1)

Safety and traffic calming need to be priorities.

Safe sidewalks will make the Village area more livable for residents.

Funding will be the biggest issue; We need to identify all possible grants and consider phasing.

Phases should be used extensively to get everything done.

In competing priorities for funding for sidewalks or funding for preserving open space, sidewalks should be the higher priority.

An "Entering Village Center" sign would help define the area.

The town should advocate for lowering the speed limit to 25 mph in the Village area.

Previous cost for NY village road infrastructure - \$2.8 million, but it was mostly road construction.

Any spending must be included in the Annual Town Budget.

Senator earmarks are hard to get but North Yarmouth had success 20 years ago.

Interest in quality and nice looking street lights; Lighting along Village Center roads would improve safety.

Location Specific Comments:

• Phase One should be 115 with Parsonage Road.

Forum breakout session #3 (Table 2)

Town Center is priority number one. Interest in "connecting the dots" – small connected areas. Funding should take advantage of TIF funds to the extent available. Great use of TIF funds – would off street parking be eligible? Town should prioritize funding matches and grants in order to be fiscally responsible. Connectivity & safety is priority; More & easy crossings. Sidewalks play an important role for connectivity. In addition to sidewalks, adding parking in the Village Center should be considered. All sections of sidewalk should be hot top pavement (no concrete or gravel).

Location Specific Comments:

- Sidewalk in front of WHCC towards Sweeter Rd is mostly town property and DPW could possibly do this section.
- Sidewalk to nowhere ends after crossing Parsonage Rd, sidewalk should be extended to WHCC entrance.

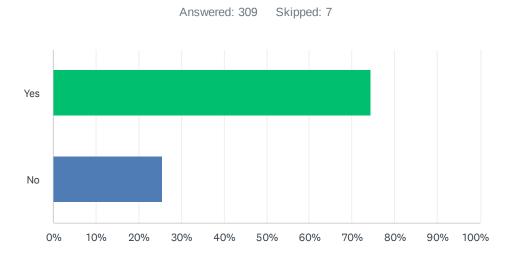
Common Themes

Seek Grant Funding

Get approval for town funds through annual budget process

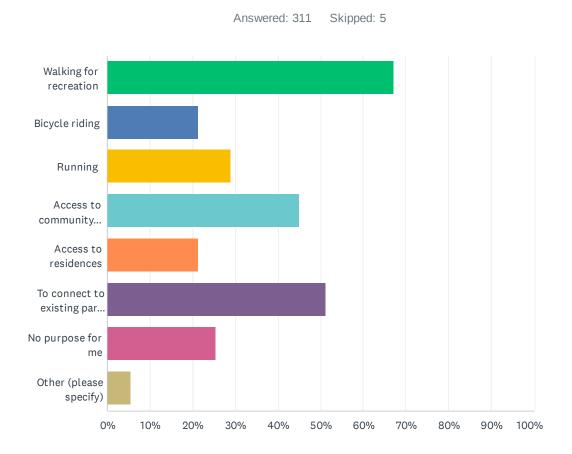
In favor of phased project

Q1 Do you support constructing additional sidewalks in the North Yarmouth Village Center/Fire Station general area?



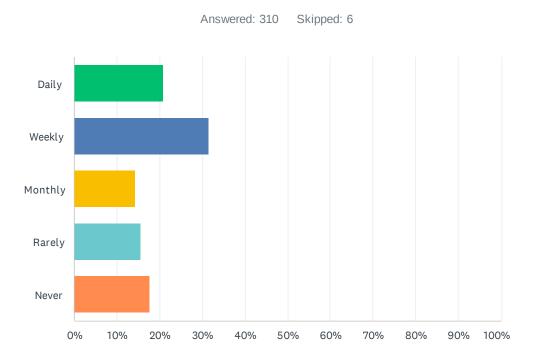
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	74.43%	230
No	25.57%	79
TOTAL		309

Q2 If additional sidewalks are constructed in the Village Center/Fire Station general area, how would you anticipate using them? (Check all that apply)



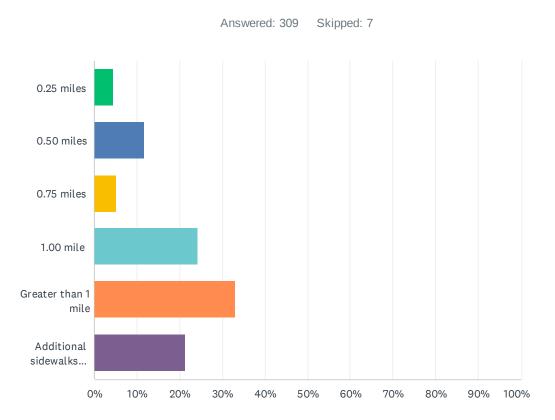
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Walking for recreation	67.20%	209
Bicycle riding	21.22%	66
Running	28.94%	90
Access to community buildings	45.02%	140
Access to residences	21.22%	66
To connect to existing parks and trail systems	51.13%	159
No purpose for me	25.40%	79
Other (please specify)	5.47%	17
Total Respondents: 311		

Q3 If additional sidewalks are constructed in the Village Center/Fire Station general area, how often would you expect to use them?



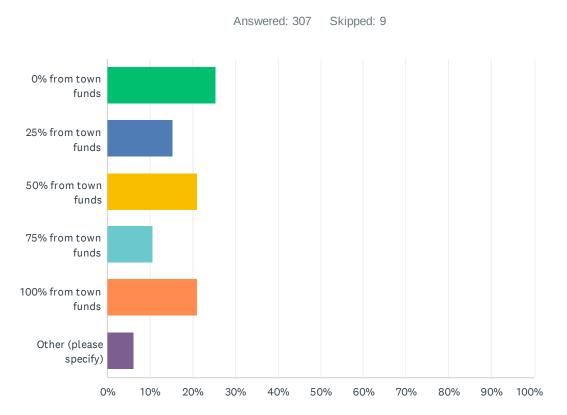
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Daily	20.97% 65
Weekly	31.61% 98
Monthly	14.19% 44
Rarely	15.48% 48
Never	17.74% 55
TOTAL	310

Q4 How far away from Village Center/Fire Station area should additional sidewalks be considered?



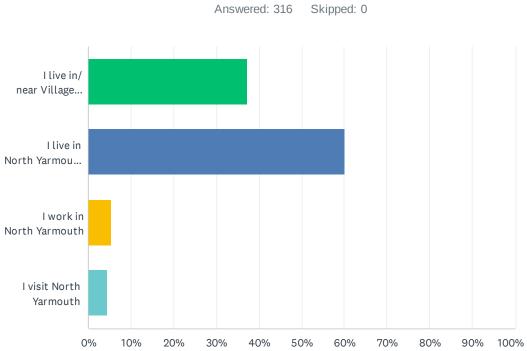
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
0.25 miles	4.53%	14
0.50 miles	11.65%	36
0.75 miles	5.18%	16
1.00 mile	24.27%	75
Greater than 1 mile	33.01%	102
Additional sidewalks should not be considered	21.36%	66
TOTAL		309

Q5 At what level would you support spending town funds for sidewalk development (the remainder from grants and other sources)?



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
0% from town funds	25.41%	78
25% from town funds	15.31%	47
50% from town funds	21.17%	65
75% from town funds	10.75%	33
100% from town funds	21.17%	65
Other (please specify)	6.19%	19
TOTAL	3	307





	0%	10%	20%	30%	40%	50%	60%	70%	80%	90%	6 100%
ANSWER CHOICES											RESPONSES
											37.34%
I live in/ near Village Cente	er										57.54%0
I live in North Yarmouth, bu	ut outside	e of Villa	ge Cente	er							60.13%
I work in North Yarmouth											5.38%
I visit North Yarmouth											4.43%

Total Respondents: 316

Q6 Please check all that apply:

Q7 Any additional comments about sidewalks in North Yarmouth?

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Add speed tables through the village center - need to slow down cars/trucks, speed warning signs don't work	4/17/2024 4:20 AM
2	Sidewalks on Greely Rd on North Yarmouth side please!!!!	4/16/2024 9:07 PM
3	I think more sidewalks are needed given that so many people are out walking on a regular basis (which is great!) but i also worry about traffic and drivers that may not be paying attention.	4/16/2024 8:34 PM
4	Road repairs would seem more beneficial or other town beautification projects (flowers, speed bumps)	4/16/2024 8:05 PM
5	Making them far enough up 115 to make it safe to walk or ride a bike from 231 junction to the village center would help make this safer. Most other directions have sidewalks. Just on roads where no shoulder on the road exists.	4/16/2024 7:54 PM
6	Sidewalks for Cumberland too please!!!	4/16/2024 6:21 PM
7	With the current tax rates and other more essential projects that the town needs funds for we do not need to expand sidewalks at this time.	4/16/2024 5:43 PM
8	Route 9 is too dangerous to walk on(as well as Sligo and North Rd to walk, run or bike on, we need sidewalks!	4/14/2024 10:44 AM
9	the availability of sidewalks is one of the reasons we bought here	4/10/2024 12:51 PM
10	Unclear of where these additional sidewalks would be. There are already sidewalks in the Village Center.	4/10/2024 8:46 AM
11	Need a sidewalk from Fire Station to Parsonage Road on Rt. 115 and perhaps down Parsonage Road to Community Center.	4/9/2024 8:29 AM
12	I wish North Road would be feasible for sidewalks. It is not. Not safe to go to the mailbox on North Road.	4/7/2024 2:06 PM
13	The traffic flow is too heavy to support a walkable downtown district nor do we have the business to support it. I could see extending to the grange hall but beyond that it will be pointless. Walking up 115 towards the church is dangerous. Not only that, adding sidewalks will narrow the currently congested roads or take road frontage land from residents. It's a lose, lose situation.	4/6/2024 9:37 AM
14	Sidewalk in the identified Village section serves only a handful of residents. Other sidewalk projects don't add any value to the majority of residents.	4/5/2024 3:41 PM
15	Sidewalks build community	4/4/2024 4:06 PM
16	Enough already. Let's take a break from the spending.	4/4/2024 9:22 AM
17	Don't go overboard.	4/3/2024 8:02 AM
18	I support the use of town funds to build out sidewalks around the village center, especially connecting the triangle.	4/2/2024 3:48 PM
19	Waste of money	3/31/2024 6:18 PM
20	Sidewalks make access safe for pedestrians!	3/31/2024 4:56 PM
21	Paved asphalt sidewalks are really ugly. I'd like to see cement sidewalks or reclaimed.	3/31/2024 10:20 AM
22	Walnut Hill is dangerous to walk. Sidewalks should have already been addressed as part of building a supportive infrastructure for the Comp Plan. Instead this need continues to be	3/31/2024 9:36 AM

ignored. Instead, more money was wasted on rebuilding the corner of Walnut Hill and Cumberland Roads, for no obvious reason or gain. Sidewalks should be an absolute priority this year.

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23	Side walks would be great! At least to connect to the trails and be more walkable to would would certainly help local business too.	3/31/2024 8:47 AM
24	Please spend money that will make a difference for the majority. Thank you	3/31/2024 8:13 AM
25	Moving there soon and sidewalks would create a sense of community!	3/30/2024 11:35 PM
26	Please connect the village center and neighborhoods especially on rt 115 Bayberry and Bastion rd toward Toots farm!	3/30/2024 10:34 PM
27	I walk on the rt. 9 sidewalk everyday, I would love to feel as safe walking on every road.	3/30/2024 9:14 PM
28	PLEASE make sidewalks to Bayberry Drive!	3/30/2024 9:03 PM
29	Side walks and bike lanes - big support!	3/30/2024 4:33 PM
30	I think as long as there is 1 side of the road w/ a side walk for a longer length would be more beneficial than being on both sides of the road	3/30/2024 3:15 PM
31	I would love to have sidewalks extended to Pea Lane; That would complete a great loop to Town Hall and businesses in the town center. Thank you for this survey.	3/30/2024 2:37 PM
32	What about areas outside of village center? What improvements there?	3/30/2024 2:15 PM
33	Please fix existing sidewalks before build new. Cumberland road sidewalk is falling apart and patched together since natural gas put in	3/30/2024 1:43 PM
34	It has been really nice to see the existing sidewalks used regularly.	3/30/2024 10:57 AM
35	If there are no funds, we are fortunate to have the ability to park at the Wescustogo/NY complex and walk to Cumberland via Rte. 9.	3/30/2024 10:21 AM
36	It's hard to evaluate the plan with no cost estimates	3/30/2024 10:15 AM
37	It would help slow traffic. Speed bumps on Parsonage would be helpful. Cars drive 50 miles per hour and we have kids.	3/30/2024 8:36 AM
38	Strongly in support!	3/30/2024 8:32 AM
39	Thanks for doing this	3/30/2024 7:09 AM
40	We already have good sidewalks from Westcustago on Parsonage to the Cumberland line. My wife and I walk them occasionally and they are underutilized but certainly very nice. I don't see more as a priority for spending.	3/30/2024 6:59 AM
41	Need to slow down traffic thru village center. Why not install speed tables?	3/30/2024 5:25 AM
42	If not sidewalks we at least need roadside edges big enough to ride a bike on without being in the ditch or in danger of being hit by cars.	3/30/2024 12:59 AM
43	separate pedestrians from vehicles on rt115	3/29/2024 10:08 PM
44	It creates a safer community for all and encourages healthy habits.	3/29/2024 7:12 PM
45	Given the excessive increase in development in the town center, particularly right on the edge of the road ROW, which never should have been allowed, the focus now should be on traffic speed control! People on sidewalks are in danger of vehicle collisions! We are seeing vehicles coming into NY center from Gray, Pownal, etc. at 50+mi/hr when the limit is 30 mi/hr. Encouraging density development with sidewalks in the town center is not a good approach and will lead to more safety problem in the future.	3/29/2024 7:10 PM
46	I realize that we need some. I would rather see them moved away from the street with a green space in between	3/29/2024 5:33 PM
47	We live further out on rt 9. It's so dangerous for the walkers and bikers out this way. We desperately need a bike path or sidewalk to keep everyone safe while onb5he road.	3/29/2024 5:22 PM
48	I would like to see more businesses in north Yarmouth so that there is a purpose to the	3/29/2024 5:19 PM

70	There is a section across from NYV, at the bottom of Village View Lane, that currently has no sidewalk. You have to cross from VVL on a crosswalk, then walk to NYV parking lot, then	3/28/2024 4:32 AM
69	I remember when the sidewalks were built and have seen how much they have helped make our village more walkable. I also know where the gaps are and see more potential for improvement.	3/28/2024 11:28 AM
68	I believe the church on 115/231 is just over 1 mile from the Fire Station. So that is why I clicked "over 1 mile" for the consideration of how far the sidewalks should extend. I think bringing sidewalks down to the church would be great for connectivity and slowing down traffic on way into the village center. Also, I live in the village center and often I drive very short distances to access NY's parks and trails. I would love to walk instead of drive but without sidewalks it feels too dangerous, particularly with small children. Thanks for the work on this. Really excited about the potential here!	3/28/2024 9:48 PM
67	i think a sidewalk from parsonage rd to north yarmouth variety should be a priority.	3/29/2024 4:50 AM
66	This is a big safety issue and concern for my family and me. We want sidewalks to protect people walking down 115. Every day we watch walkers and joggers pass our house and at the same time we see massive trucks barreling down the road. It's terrifying. Sidewalks can't come fast enough!	3/29/2024 8:37 AM
65	Elderly folks need to exercise daily safelyinstall sidewalks and fix the drainage ditches that are often overflowing roads and causing road damage	3/29/2024 3:04 PM
64	Assuming we can afford it, I am all for more sidewalks to make NY more walkable like Yarmouth	3/29/2024 3:12 PM
63	I see no need until more businesses are located there to walk to.	3/29/2024 3:15 PM
62	These sidewalks are essential to a safe and thriving community	3/29/2024 3:17 PM
61	Money should be put to a better use	3/29/2024 3:18 PM
60	Huge proponent of more sidewalks for safety	3/29/2024 3:21 PM
59	I live on Henry Road and would LOVE to walk to Village Center several times a week.	3/29/2024 3:23 PM
58	I think the way Yarmouth blends trails and sidewalks to connect parks and neighborhoods is a great model for us to emulate.	3/29/2024 3:23 PM
57	Thank you for sending this survey. I believe that the Village Center is a great benefit to the whole town and support walkable, bikable infrastructure for North Yarmouth.	3/29/2024 3:26 PM
56	In order to support health and reduced driving, every transportation way needs to include SAFE spaces for bikes and pedestrians.	3/29/2024 3:35 PM
55	No	3/29/2024 3:36 PM
54	In the abstract a great idea, but I doubt there is a will to build sufficient sidewalks to make them more than a curiosity.	3/29/2024 3:36 PM
53	Generally, I support any initiative to improve access to walking in this town. I live on a country road and wish there was a larger shoulder to safely walk along.	3/29/2024 3:42 PM
52	How about repair the ones you have before building more?	3/29/2024 3:47 PM
51	Connectivity is key! Toots/NYV/town offices/westcustogo hall and fields are all in close proximity to each other. Add in a NY entry to Knights Pond and you've got a decent radius with a lot of destinations that are bike/ped friendly!	3/29/2024 3:59 PM
0	We had to pay out of pocket to have our private road paved. Many, many thousands of dollars. Town money would be better used for paving private roads than building sidewalks that will be used very little.	3/29/2024 4:27 PM
.9	Ideally sidewalks would connect North Yarmouth village center all the way to the sidewalks of Main Street/115 in Yarmouth.	3/29/2024 4:58 PM
	sidewalks. Perhaps this is too early of a project. If someone develops the area for business they could build the sidewalks for free!	

cross Walnut Hill Road a second time to get back to the west side of road. That feels like an area of need for a sidewalk for safety purposes.

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71	Unnecessary spending causing tax burden for an already strained resident population	3/27/2024 7:34 PM
72	The proposed additions on the map look great to me. Would be great for the town. Been needed for a long time.	3/27/2024 7:10 PM
73	We need crosswalks with lighted crossing signs or other speed reducing methods. Vehicles routinely fail to yield to pedestrians at cross walks, getting to the school bus stop in the morning sometimes requires waiting for more than 20 vehicles that fail to stop/yield.	3/27/2024 9:56 AM
74	Stop the unnecessary spending, the town is taxing people out of their homes with this foolishness.	3/27/2024 7:32 AM
75	extend at least to the church at 115/231. when i was on the bike committee years ago - our first intention was to lobby for wider shoulders all the way to yarmouth and all the way to gray on 115. We did succeed in getting the sidewalks up rte 9 to cumberland center.	3/27/2024 6:35 AM
76	Im only saying yes if the sidewalks are extended greater than one mile with an emphasis on connecting to other trails. Otherwise the sidewalks really only benefit those in the village center. I don't anticipate many people to drive, park (not sure where) and walk a quarter mile loop between route 9 and 115.	3/26/2024 8:44 PM
77	It would be great to extend sidewalks farther down 115 (towards 231) than proposed. The shoulders on the road are very small and people drive very fast on this part of route 115 that it doesn't feel safe to walk.	3/26/2024 7:36 PM
78	I would love to see it go past the church onto route 231	3/26/2024 6:40 PM
79	Concerned about high vehicle speeds on Rte9 and Rte 155, and very close proximity to sidewalks.	3/26/2024 5:59 PM
80	I would like sidewalks to extend outside the village area.	3/26/2024 5:49 PM
81	I think this is ridiculous. With the cost of living so high for all of us why would anyone want to spend money for this unnecessary use of our tax dollars? Seriously, my family has paid taxes to this town since 1947 and it's now almost impossible to make ends meet. We need to put a FREEZE on all spending until our country is back on track. By the way, it's always been about the Walnut Hill area of this town. The people running this town are basically "newcomers" and they just feel so entitled! Knock it off people, most of us barely get by day-to-day!!!!	3/26/2024 4:18 PM
82	The proposed sidewalks would help connect the community and enhance safety.	3/26/2024 4:17 PM
83	This is a complete waste of resources and tax spenditure. This will only serve a small population but will be a tax burden for all.	3/26/2024 11:00 AM
84	Please stop spending money	3/26/2024 10:57 AM
35	Please consider adding sidewalks on Long Hill Rd, Walnut Hill Rd, and Grey Rd.	3/24/2024 2:05 PM
86	Would love for more sidewalks outside of the center. We live off long hill road and running in the area is dangerous.	3/24/2024 2:01 PM
87	Children and adults would all benefit from sidewalks connecting NY village center to Yarmouth sidewalks in the same way and North Yarmouth in the same way Cumberland and NY are connected. Much of the NY population on walnut hill road cannot safely walk beyond our driveways.	3/24/2024 12:22 PM
88	This was a big request on the TIF funds project list	3/23/2024 8:43 PM
89	Sidewalks should be constructed to minimize having to cross the roads repeatedly. I would love to see sidewalks on Rte 115 between Baston Road and The Lane, but would prefer on the other side of the street from the proposed sidewalks on the map which would require multiple crossings of Rte. 115 to reach common destinations.	3/23/2024 12:11 PM
90	I live near the village center off 115 (between the center and the church on the corner of 231) and I've DREAMED of extended sidewalks to connect that corner to the center. We live SO close to so many amazing local resources but I can't safely walk anywhere with my kids (115 has no shoulder and is far too dangerous). Please consider extending the sidewalks to the church!	3/23/2024 11:29 AM

91	I live a little less than a mile up Walnut Hill Rd and run on the roads down to the village center. It can be dangerous on the sides of the road, especially when it gets dark & the shoulders are blocked with snow or puddles or random debris. I would like to see an estimate of what it would cost the average taxpayer to build sidewalks	3/22/2024 9:14 PM
92	I think this is a great idea! A few things to consider: 1) it's a great idea to connect to existing trail systems, perhaps even as far away as Old Town House Park. 2) There should definitely be sidewalk access to Wescustogo Hall, currently the sidewalk technically crosses the street and then abruptly ends. 3) Always consider loops, I would imagine that many people would use the sidewalks for walking, running, biking, etc and loops are a plus. A few easy loops: 115> Parsonage (especially with the new development going in)> 9; on 115 near Dozer (the other new development) the sidewalk abruptly ends, seems like it would be an easy fix to connect that sidewalk to the Dozer development; and perhaps extending the sidewalk down 115 to pea lane which would then allow for a loop back to the sidewalk already in place on 9.	3/22/2024 9:02 PM
93	Aside from the construction, which can be a pain, I don't see what the downside is. It's safer for pedestrians to be on a protected sidewalk then pushing strollers or jogging on the dirt on the side of the road. And it makes for safer driving because cars don't have to swerve into oncoming traffic to avoid the pedestrian. It also encourages people to use other forms of transportation like walking and biking so that everyone doesn't have to drive everywhere.	3/22/2024 3:34 PM
4	Would love a sidewalk all the way to the church at rt 115	3/22/2024 11:51 AM
5	I see people walking their dogs, pushing baby carriages, and many enjoying the sidewalks for exercise. I would like to see more sidewalks so that more people have access to them. I don't know how much I would use them, but I think lots of people would.	3/22/2024 10:31 AM
6	I raised kids in n north yarmouth and now have grandkids here in town. I always worry when they are on rt 9 or 231. PLEASE put me n sidewalks!	3/21/2024 10:49 PM
7	no more sidewalks to nowhere	3/21/2024 8:11 PM
3	If you build it, they will come!	3/21/2024 7:45 PM
9	I fully support more pedestrian traffic. Sidewalks make for healthier and safer communities.	3/21/2024 6:47 PM
00	I would love to see our sidewalks connect us to other towns. Yarmouth's sidewalks nearly get to North Yarmouth on rt 115.	3/21/2024 6:04 PM
01	Side walks should be funded by the developers who are building all these new developments	3/21/2024 5:14 PM
02	This would help connect us to places, improve health of the community, and safety for a of us! Thank you!	3/21/2024 4:28 PM
03	So worthwhile and important to a sense of community. Thank you	3/21/2024 3:19 PM
04	The sidewalk that was built from (what was then) the NYMS to the Cumberland town line is used constantly by many people. With all the new housing in the Village Center, and the new businesses, it's a GREAT idea to add to our sidewalk network	3/21/2024 9:24 AM
05	Please consider along route 115 heading towards the Congregational Church. Walking on along 115 is extremely dangerous! Thanks	3/20/2024 1:38 PM
06	We live just north of parsonage Rd on Dexter Lane. It would be amazing to walk, run, or bike down Walnut Hill Road to get something from North Yarmouth Variety or to have our children visit their friends more easily	3/20/2024 10:01 AM
07	The amount of existing sidewalks are fine. Is the demand really that high? Seems as though anyone living in this area has plenty of access.	3/17/2024 9:48 PM
08	I live in Cumberland, but on the boundary with N Yarmouth. I would love to be able to walk safely to locations throughout N Yarmouth.	3/16/2024 3:16 PM
09	It's a safety issue. Bike lanes would also be nice.	3/15/2024 4:04 PM
10	Sidewalks are needed on route 9 from the recreation building to the Pownal Line. It's just NOT safe to run/ walk with how poorly people drive. I run it nearly daily and often joke that the next memorial path is going to have my name on it (eg - Beth Condon memorial path)	3/15/2024 9:41 AM
11	Unbelievable if u could connect North Yarmouth to Yarmouth. Talk to Nancy Grant, she	3/15/2024 9:24 AM

	spearheaded the first sidewalks around the village. She lives in Portland now.	
112	Please consider putting a sidewalk on rt 9 from oak hill/sweetest to the community center! Also, it would be nice for the sidewalk to go all the way up to the community center's entrance because otherwise pedestrians need to walk on Parsonage and up the driveway.	3/15/2024 9:00 AM
113	Sidewalks are needed to emphasize the sense of place and safety and assist with traffic and speed control in downtown. The more we can physically connect our community with the Cumberland center/msad 52 the better.	3/14/2024 8:42 PM
114	I rent and so don't directly pay taxes, so I don't feel qualified to say how much these costs are coming from taxes. But I would like to have more sidewalks perhaps around the "triangle" parsonage rd, Rt 115 and rt 9.	3/14/2024 8:23 PM
115	Until you develop some interesting shops, a bakery, coffee shop, antique shop, bankno sidewalks are needed.	3/14/2024 7:09 PM
116	I'm moving into one of the Deacon Hayes condos and have two kids who would use sidewalks to ride into Cumberland to school, so it's very important to me	3/14/2024 6:32 PM
117	We live a ways out in North Yarmouth and I'd support things like sidewalks (and rail trails, etc.) as far out as the town would go to better connect us to everything!	3/14/2024 6:23 PM
118	There is a great opportunity at the moment to leverage our tax and TIF dollars against state and federal money. The use is MaibeDOT programs like MPI, VPI, PPI, and LPA we can make our money go further the added benefit is we paid for those matching funds through our state and federal taxes.	3/14/2024 6:15 PM
119	Sidewalks have been a long time coming and will add greatly to a sense of community	3/13/2024 12:35 PM
120	I love walking on sidewalks. In fact, I would be thrilled if there was a path/sidewalk going from Cumberland Rt 9 to pownal Rt 9 line. I don't like walking on Rt 9 and live on the far end of NoYo. If I could ride my bike to Toot's, off the road, I would be thrilled. Perhaps another project for another time (see old town to promo bike path). I fully support expanding the in town sidewalks	3/13/2024 11:56 AM
121	Sidewalks are needed NOW because of future development both residential and commercial. If we want to stop the "pass through" feeling about our town and make it walkable and inviting, sidewalks are crucial. Thirty years ago at a town meeting people laughed when the idea of sidewalks was proposed. Today it is no longer a laughing matter. We need sidewalks for safety and to make our town inviting for all ages. It is long past time that we had a Village Center to be proud of and that provides utility for all. I live more than three miles from the Center and I fully support this initiative.	3/13/2024 10:18 AM
122	It's time to finalize the plan and move forward with implementing it!	3/13/2024 10:01 AM
123	Hope this happens soon. What has happened with Grover's sidewalks purportedly as part of the two more recent developments?	3/8/2024 11:09 AM
124	Sidewalks can help slow traffic in the village center if more people are seen walking around. It'd be nice to fully connect to all available trails as well.	3/5/2024 10:14 PM
125	Please extend between town forest and Toots for safe cycling with children	3/5/2024 5:45 PM
126	Love to see sidewalks connect to trails help make pedestrian travel safer from developments to town center.	3/4/2024 2:12 PM