RFP: Part-Time Municipal Planning Services Submission Deadline November 1, 2021

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Town of North Yarmouth Request for Proposal Part-Time Municipal Planning Services

The Town of North Yarmouth adopted a revised <u>Comprehensive Plan</u> and <u>zoning districts</u> in 2018 which encourages the development of the Village Center to prevent sprawl in the rural areas of town. Amendments have been made to the <u>Land Use Ordinance</u> to reach that goal and encourage light commercial development in the Village Center. In 2019, a <u>TIF district</u> was created in a section of the Village Center. At the June 2021 Town Meeting, Form-based Code Building Standards were adopted for the Village Center district. The attractive rural nature of the town, which is relatively close to major employment centers, Portland and Lewiston/Auburn, has fueled rapid growth in home construction in the past two years and significantly increased the workload of the Planning Board.

The Town of North Yarmouth is seeking contracted part-time municipal planning services to support the Planning Board with the following tasks:

- Review subdivision and site-plan applications for completeness and compliance with the Land Use Ordinance and coordinate input from appropriate town departments
- Work with applicants to facilitate complete and detailed applications in a timely manner.
- Prepare Finding of Facts and other necessary correspondence as required.
- Provide technical support to the Planning Board for Land Use Ordinance and zoning district amendments as needed.
- Attend Planning Board monthly meetings and workshops as needed.
- Establish a productive working relationship with the Planning Board, Code Enforcement Officer, Executive Assistant to Code Enforcement office, Town Manager and other town staff as required.
- Coordinate third-party peer reviews.
- Liaise with MDEP & MDOT and other state departments' staff on an as needed basis.
- Work with Code Enforcement office to ensure the town's application files are complete.

Skills required:

- Bachelor's degree in municipal planning or closely related field
- Professional Maine municipal planning experience
- Competency in planning development review
- Ability to interpret the town's Land Use Ordinance
- Experience with Maine state Land Use regulations and statutes
- Knowledge of Roberts Rules of Order
- Effective oral and written communication skills (candidates are encouraged to submit a sample technical report)

<u>Interested parties are requested to submit:</u>

- Cover letter
- Resume/Professional credentials and availability
- 3 references (contact name, email address, and phone number) for similar positions
- Hourly rate

Proposal Return

Proposals will be accepted in either of the two following formats by no later than **November 1, 2021, at 3:00 pm:**

- 1. Sealed envelope clearly marked "Part-Time Municipal Planning Services" addressed to Audrey Lones, Planning Board Chair, Town of North Yarmouth, 10 Village Square Road, North Yarmouth, ME 04097. Submit one (1) hard copy; or
- 2. Email a clear/legible PDF to subject "CONFIDENTIAL Part-Time Municipal Planning Services" tcox@northyarmouth.org

All inquiries should be directed to Tracey Cox, Executive Assistant, North Yarmouth Code Enforcement Officer & Assessor at tcox@northyarmouth.org or 207-829-3705 Option 1.

Evaluation Criteria

Proposals will be evaluated by the Planning Board Chair and Secretary, Code Enforcement Officer and the Town Manager according to the following:

- 1. Qualifications
- 2. Previous related work and references
- 3. Demonstrated understanding of the municipal planning support needs of North Yarmouth
- 4. Cost of services

Proposal reviews and interviews will be conducted from November 8 – November 22, 2021.

The intent is to award a contract prior to the December 14, 2021, Planning Board meeting.

Selection

The Town reserves the right to accept or reject any or all Proposals submitted, to waive terms stated herein; to reopen the Request for Proposals process and seek new proposals if to do so will best serve the interests of the Town of North Yarmouth.