Town *of* North Yarmouth, Maine

ANNUAL REPORT

FISCAL YEAR 2014 July 1, 2013—June 30, 2014



About the Cover

THE SATELLITE IMAGERY* of North Yarmouth's town center clearly shows our center "triangle"— Routes 115 to the west, Route 9 to the east, and Parsonage Road joining the two. This aerial view is a wonderful tool for understanding the road history of our area.

This part of Route 9, the Hallowell Road, dates from around 1795. Hallowell was an important destination—an early center of commerce. The town was the starting point for a major road that led to Canadian outposts far inland from where goods and produce came. Boats loaded up at Hallowell and floated on the tide down the Kennebec River and out to sea, taking Maine's and Canada's raw produce to coastal and European points far away.

Route 115 is an earlier road. Currently, Route 115 heads north and makes a sharp left-hand turn at the North Yarmouth Congregational Church, but it's easy to see from this aerial view that Route 231 continues north. This 115-231 corridor is our oldest inland road. It started at Yarmouth harbor and was roughly cut through forest and marsh, winding up through our present town. The road gave settlers access to their "back lots" so that they could cut timber (floated down the Royal River) and later develop their cleared land for agriculture. Settlers heading north to occupy land in New Gloucester cut the road farther; an early courthouse existed there from 1791-1805.

It's also easy to spot The Lane in this photo; it heads east just after the Route 115-Route 9 fork. The Lane is one of a series of range roads (Sligo Road, North Road, Mountfort Road, Royal Road) that are long and straight. These roads actually started out as divisions of property laid out by early surveyors, but they became roads as people traveled along the division lines to get access to their property for timbering and farming.

The view of our town 100 years ago would have been vastly different! An aerial photo of North Yarmouth in 1914 would have shown large areas of cleared fields, grazed or cultivated. Forest now stands in these tracts, although our agricultural heritage hangs on, visible in the lower right of the photo, where Deri Farm's fields can easily be seen.

For more information about the development of our town's history and roads, go to cny.mainememory.net

-Information supplied by North Yarmouth Historical Society, northyarmouthistorical.org

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North Yarmouth, Maine



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This Town Report is dedicated to North Yarmouth Fire Rescue Department

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Dedication: North Yarmouth Fire/Rescue Department



his year's Town Report is dedicated to the members of the North Yarmouth Fire/Rescue Department.

At a time when we hear on the news about problems experienced by other volunteer fire/rescue companies in their search for committed volunteers, North Yarmouth Fire/Rescue (NYFR) is seeing an exciting surge of energy. Chief Ricky Plummer obtained a generous grant and has used its resources to attract new firefighters and EMTs and to provide essential training. This revitalization benefits not only North Yarmouth but surrounding towns, because reciprocity is critical to firefighting and rescue operations. "We have always kept our equipment and vehicles in the best shape possible," reports Chief Plummer, "and now our staffing is also in tiptop shape."

North Yarmouth has always been proud of its department, created in 1945 after a disastrous year when there was a major fire each month from April through October and two young children lost their lives.

On August 30-31, 2013, our town experienced the traumatic loss of Wescustogo Hall. NYFR responded in minutes to fight the quick-moving blaze, with turnout by the whole department and backup from other towns. Department personnel were at the scene from around 10 PM through the night until late the next day. The wreckage was monitored until demolition several days later. This multi-day response demonstrates how NYFR members commit to taking significant amounts of time away from their jobs and families to keep our town safe.

North Yarmouth Fire/Rescue exists to ensure all residents of the best and most professional response to emergencies, accidents, fires, and property damage. For this we are deeply grateful, and we thank them AND their understanding families. *We count ourselves lucky to have the best fire-rescue department a town could have!*

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INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES

Chellie Pingree Congress of the United States I⁵⁷ District, Maine

Dear Friend,

I hope this letter finds you and your family well. It is an honor to represent you in Congress and a pleasure to update you on the work I am doing in Maine and Washington.

You are probably aware that Washington is a very challenging place to get anything done these days. The partisan climate has kept many important issues from being addressed and even led to a shutdown of the federal government. Worst of all, it has created uncertainty for Maine families and the economy. It's the last thing we need and I will continue pressing Congressional leaders to bring the focus back to helping people rather than advancing ideologies.

As difficult as it's been, though, there are areas where I have been able to make progress on needed policy reforms. One has been support for local growers, such as Cozy Acres Greenhouse in North Yarmouth, which I was excited to visit in September, 2013. For decades now, federal agriculture policy has only benefited huge farms and commodity crops, not the kind of the diverse family farms we have in Maine. It's time for that to change. I'm excited that many commonsense reforms I've proposed to support local farmers passed in the 2014 Farm Bill and are now being implemented.

Another issue is helping veterans who were sexually assaulted during their service. I've introduced the Ruth Moore Act—named after a Maine veteran who struggled for 23 years to get disability benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs after she was sexually assaulted while in the military. The bill would help veterans like Ruth get the assistance they need to recover from the debilitating trauma they suffered while serving the country. The bill passed the House and now awaits consideration in the Senate.

While policy in Washington is important, so is the work my staff and I do here in Maine. My office keeps close connections to Maine communities and their leaders to make sure we're doing all we can to help them succeed. This work might include providing letters of support for federal grant applications, getting answers from federal agencies, or bringing national officials to our state to raise awareness about the good things being done here.

We also work with hundreds of constituents who have issues with federal agencies and programs. Not everyone knows that you can call your Member of Congress for this kind of thing, but it's an essential part of my responsibilities and my commitment to the people I serve. Members of my staff are experts on issues ranging from veterans benefits and IRS questions to Social Security problems and passport inquiries. They can help you navigate the process, communicate with federal agencies, and, in certain circumstances, facilitate the expediting of claims. If there is an area where you need assistance, I encourage you to call my Portland office at (207) 774-5019 or go to my website, www.pingree.house.gov.



Again, it's a privilege to serve you and the wonderful community of North Yarmouth in Congress. Please stay in touch.

Chellie Pingree Member of Congress

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Fall 2014

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

First, I want to express my deep appreciation for the opportunity to serve as your State Senator. As you probably know, I am not running for reelection this fall. Serving as a state legislator has been the most rewarding work of my career, by far, and I thank you for the opportunity you gave me to do this work. I'm particularly proud to have taken an approach to policymaking in Maine that is more collaborative and less partisan; and I plan to stay involved in policy development in ways that continue to move us forward in that spirit.

This year's session was interesting because of its political dynamics, though it left substantial challenges for future legislatures to confront. In the five terms I have served, this was my first with a division of political power between the parties. With Governor LePage, a Republican, in the chief executive's office, and with Democratic majorities in the House and Senate, no legislation could become law without at least some support from both sides of the aisle.

The implications of divided power are hard to predict in advance. Coming into it, there seemed to me to be three possibilities: (1) gridlock, along the lines of what we observe in Washington, (2) collaborative engagement that draws the best from both political parties, and accomplishes things that no one party could accomplish alone, or (3) keeping government operational and solvent while waiting for a different political dynamic. My fear was the first. My dream and aspiration was the second. The reality was the third.

The understated heroes of the session were the members of the Appropriations Committee, who overcame the most divisive of political climates to keep government functioning, and state budgets balanced. In most other policy areas, however, and in addressing the chronic structural imbalances of the future, I can't help but lament the missed opportunity of what cross-party collaboration might have achieved if we had treated divided political power as an advantage toward visionary and sustainable change.

Maine's potential is as great as anywhere on the planet. Despite the economic challenges we clearly face, Maine remains the most wonderful place in the world to live, Maine people are as engaged and caring and perseverant as anywhere, and there are innumerable models of entrepreneurial success that give real hope for Maine's economic future. None of that changed in the 126th legislature, and the future remains bright.

Sincerely,

Ail Windly

Richard Woodbury





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To my fellow North Yarmouth citizens,

I am honored and humbled to be serving the people of North Yarmouth in my second term in the Maine House of Representatives.

I am currently the representative of approximately two-thirds of the community and share the other part of North Yarmouth with Rep Steve Moriarty of Cumberland. This will be changing as all voting districts in the State have been redistricted for the 2014 elections. Redistricting is done every ten years based on federal Census returns. If reelected, I will represent House District #46 which includes the entire community of North Yarmouth, one-half of Pownal, and all of Durham. I look forward to serving the whole community. You can think of it as "one stop shopping."

I am the House Chairwoman of the State and Local Government Committee. I have been successful in passing many bills that have served the people of my communities over my two terms. These bills include support for veterans, health care reform, strong schools, safe communities, and caring for Maine's environment.

Standing up for our local towns for fair revenue sharing has been one of my major areas of focus this session. I believe that state government must keep its promise to all citizens so that roads can be plowed and repaired, fire and rescue teams are supported, and communities are able to grow and thrive. I will not stand by and watch neighbors be at risk of losing their homes because of an inability to pay their property taxes.

Acceptance of federal dollars to provide more Mainers with health insurance is a top priority for me. As a nurse practitioner, I have seen individuals lose everything because they or a family member have become ill or have had an accident. Healthcare is not welfare. Healthcare is not a privilege; it is a human right.

Thank you for allowing me to be your State Representative. It is a true privilege.

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Anne Graham State Representative



District 109 Gray (part), North Yarmouth (part) and Pownal (part)



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Dear Friends and Neighbors of North Yarmouth:

The four month long second session of the 126th Legislature ended early on the morning of May 2 and, while not as much was achieved as hoped, there were still many notable accomplishments.

A supplemental budget was necessary for the fiscal year beginning July 1, and the Governor in an unprecedented move refused to submit a proposed budget. This put the matter squarely in the hands of the hard-working Appropriations Committee, and after extraordinary effort a bipartisan compromise was reached. The budget passed both the House and the Senate by wide margins, and a gubernatorial veto was overwritten.

A bond package totaling \$50 million was agreed upon for submission to the voters in November and the six separate proposals focus entirely on job creation and economic recovery. Among the items are funding for small business loans, the development of a cancer research center, investment in biotechnology, and improvements in clean water infrastructure.

Significant new legislation enacted this session includes the following:

• The Legislature preserved \$40 million dollars in municipal revenue sharing which might otherwise have been eliminated completely. This will ease the burden on local tax payers, although overall revenue sharing remains lower than normal. The Legislature also restored authority for locally-funded circuit breaker programs, which had been inadvertently eliminated last year.

• Driven by the need to provide dental care to those living in rural or otherwise under-served areas, legislation was passed allowing trained dental professionals to provide treatment while under the supervision of a licensed dentist. This will greatly improve statewide access to all dental care.

• An act to promote universal pre-kindergarten education on a voluntary local basis drew strong support from the business, law enforcement, and education communities and became law without the Governor's signature.

• Access to the Veterans Treatment Court currently based in the Kennebec County Superior Court will be expanded to serve other areas of the State in order that other courthouses may offer the same services.

• Legislation was passed to create a commission to study and report on the growing threat to Maine's \$1 billion shellfishing industry posed by increasing ocean acidification.

• The steadily expanding problems of college affordability and student debt prompted the passage of two bills. The first created a special study panel on the cost of higher education which will report to the Education Committee by early December. The second, termed "Know Before You Go," will enable student applicants to access data regarding education costs, employment rates, and average incomes for individual college majors through a website to be established and maintained by the Department of Education.

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As I mentioned at Town Meeting, serving you in the House of Representative has been the experience of a lifetime, and I am deeply grateful for the opportunity and for your support. As the result of redistricting, North Yarmouth will no longer be split into two sections but will be unified as a Town and will join Pownal and Durham in a single new House District. With many thanks, I wish you all the very best.

Sincerely,

Steve Moriarty



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Appointed Town Officials

Elected Officials and Representatives













Board of Selectmen/Overseers of Poor Report, Page 14 Alex Carr, 2017; Mark Girard, 2017, Paul Napolitano, 2015; Steven Palmer, Chair, 2016, Clark Whittier, 2016.



Dick Brobst, representative to ecomaine



Paul McKenney, Tax Assessor



Earle Edwards. Facilities Management

Budget Committee

Report, Page 23 Jeff Shorey, Chair, 2015 Brian Sites, 2015 Thaddeus Day, 2016 David Holman, 2016 Ande Smith . 2016 Pam Ames, 2017 Kevin Desmond, 2017

Cemetery Commission

Report, Page 26 Joy Malloy, Chair, 2019 Richard Baston, 2015 David Hyde, 2016 Clark Baston, 2017 Mark Heath, 2018

MSAD 51 Directors

Report, Pages 29–30 James Moulton, 2015 Virginia Dwyer, 2016 Martha Leggat, 2017

Yarmouth Water **District Trustee**

Report, Page 34 Stephen Gorden, 2015

Familiar faces at the Town Office- top to bottom rows: Rosemary Roy, Debbie Allen Grover, Caitlin Anderson, Melissa Henes,

Town Manager Report, Page 17 Rosemary E. Roy

Ricky Plummer, Clark Baston.

Town Clerk, Office Manager, Deputy Treasurer, Deputy Tax Collector Report, Page 18 Deborah Allen Grover

Tax Assessor Report, Page 22 Paul McKenney, Vision **Government Solutions**

Public Works Foreman Report, Page 21 Clark M. Baston

Fire Chief. **Public Safety Assistant** Report, Page 28 Ricky A. Plummer

Rep. to ecomaine Report, Page 31 Richard W. Brobst

Animal Control Officer Chuck Burnie

Health Officer Anita Anderson Vacancy, Alternate

General Assistance Report, Page 20 **Opportunity Alliance**

Commissions, Boards, and Committees

Board of Assessment Review

Eleanor Carolan, 2015 Scott Kerr, 2014 Robert Taisey, 2016

Cable TV Commission

Vacancies (3)

Communications Committee

Report, Page 27 Rob Wood, *Chair* Darla Hamlin Katie Murphy Donna Palmer Jess Whited Kathy Whittier

Community Rec. & Ed. Advisory Board

Melissa Fowler, 2014 Johnna Mulligan, 2014

Economic Development & Sustainability Committee

Report, Page 25 Al Ahlers, 2014, Chair (resigned) Audrey Lones, 2014*Chair* Bill Hopkins, 2014 Sarah Greene Hopkins, 2014 Jason Mills 2014 Katie Murphy, 2014 David Perkins, 2014 Andrew Walsh, 2014

Events Committee

Report, Page 37 Jason Raven, Chair, 2014 Brenda Bacall, 2014 Jessica Dyer, 2014 Justin Dyer, 2014 Jim Faunce, 2014 Darla Hamlin, 2014 Courtney Kennedy, 2014 Anne-Marie McKenzie, 2014 Katie Murphy, 2014 Sue Pynchon, 2014 Tara Sasseville, 2014 Donna Stein, 2014 Jen Tyll, 2014 Laura Young, 2014

Flag Committee

Report, Page 32 Darla Hamlin, 2015 Barbara Hauke, 2015 Diane Burnell 2015 Tom Lowe 2015

Foreclosure Committee

Lincoln J. Merrill Jr., 2013 Paul Napolitano, 2013 Clark Whittier, 2013 Robert Wood, 2013 Vacancy (1)

Prince Memorial Library Advisory Board

Report, Page 39-41 Kendra Rafford, 2014 Trudy Dibner, 2014

North Yarmouth Historical Society

Report, Page 54 Katie Murphy, President Charles Bacall, Treasurer Laurie Wood, Secretary Eric Austin Richard Baston Sandra Green Dixie Hayes Mark Heath Rick Kostelnik Joy Malloy Lincoln J. Merrill Jr.

Planning Board

Report, Page 40 Peter Lindsay, Chair, 2013 Steve Morrison, 2014 Paul Turina, 2015 Clark Whittier, 2016 John Carpenter, 2017 Gary Dilisio, Alt., 2013 Evan Haynes, Alt., 2013

Recreation Commission

Report, Page 36 Paul Hodgetts, 2013 Ann Rose, 2013 Cindy Guernsey, 2014 Jenny Tuemmler, 2014 Bradley Smith, 2015 Vacancy, Alternate, 2013

Safe Bike & Walkway

Comm. *Report, Page 36* Heidi Shaw Alpern, 2013 Brian Sites, 2013 Rick Smart, 2013 Scott Kerr, 2013 Char Tschida, 2013 Vacancy, 2013

School Fund Trustees

Report, Page 33 Earle Edwards, President Nelson Smith, Asst. Sec-Treas. Norman Smith, Sec-Treas. Kenneth Allen Blaine Barter Clark Baston Richard Baston Joel Fuller Richard Lowell Lincoln J. Merrill Jr.

Shellfish Conservation

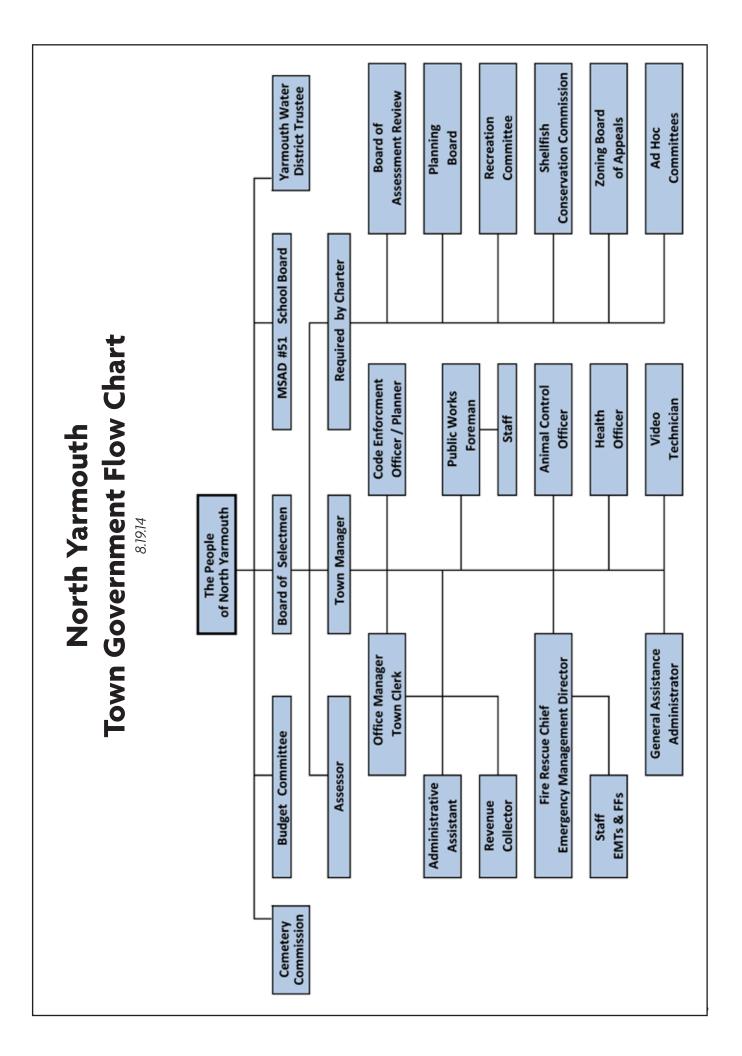
Comm. *Report, Page 35* Harold Hibbard, 2014 Kevin Oliver, 2015 Clifford Small, 2016

Wescustogo Hall Committee

Clark Baston, 2013 Blaine Barter, 2014 Lincoln J. Merrill Jr., 2015

Zoning Board of Appeals

Report, Page 22 Michael Traister, *Chair*, 2016 Shana Mueller, 2014 Thaddeus Day, 2016 Tim Porter, Alternate, 2017 Ande Smith, Alternate, 2016 Vacancy, Alternate, 2013



REPORTS for Fiscal Year 2014

Town Statistics

July 1, 2013– June 30, 2014

Births	20
Deaths	25
Marriages	20

Town Population: 3,565 Area: 21.41 square miles

Registrations

Boats	288
ATVs	73
Snowmobiles	151
Motor Vehicles	.4,259

Licenses

Dogs	72
Hunting & Fishing1	79

Permits

Catering.....7

Board of Selectmen FY2014 Annual Report

DEAR TOWNSPEOPLE,

n a single year, North Yarmouth has transitioned to a new form of government, welcomed a new town manager, and lost two centers of town life—Wescustogo Hall and North Yarmouth Memorial School (NYMS). A comprehensive, town-wide property revaluation was completed last summer. The Fire/Rescue Department trained many new members. And the town continued to plan for its future. This has been an extraordinary time.

Governance

The transition to a new form of town governance went smoothly. The budget planning process was advanced by two months to meet the new town meeting schedule. The worry of having incomplete fiscal data to make informed decisions vanished, as the Budget Committee, the selectmen, and interim town manager prepared the budget. The increased attendance at Town Meeting in April was gratifying, especially in light of the diminished attendance over the past several years.

Property Revaluation

As a result of the town-wide revaluation, 12% (211) of town properties received an increased valuation and 3% (49) saw no change.

The most important statistic? 85% (1,444) of property owners saw a *decrease* in valuation. This confirmed our belief that the property valuations were outdated and thus inaccurate and that we needed the revaluation to make all equitable.

The town also made a deliberate effort to capture personal property value in this revaluation, because Maine law mandates the collection of personal property tax. Towns are obligated to collect this tax.

Fire/Rescue Department Growth

Unlike many other small towns, we are most fortunate to have a large group of trained EMTs and firefighters. Currently, 45 townspeople are actively involved in Fire/ Rescue activities. Under the sure-handed and strong leadership of Chief Ricky Plummer and Deputy Chief Harold Stoddard, the department has recently trained 24 newly certified personnel.

The training sessions were held for 32 weeks here in town. The training also benefitted other communities—trainees came from other towns, thus reinforcing our enthusiastic participation in the "greater community" when called upon to serve. Mutual aid, a longtime Maine tradition, is made real by this participation.

The passion and dedication of these people is notable. Your annual support for the budget of the Fire/Rescue Department reinforces their commitment to their service to the town.

Community and Economic Development

As a result of the loss of Wescustogo Hall last fall and the acquisition of the school this summer, significant questions have evolved. The research and work of the Economic Development and Sustainability Committee and its 2012 proposal (which you approved) to address issues in the town center set the stage for the expanded conversation:

- Does the town want economic development?
- Does the town want to work to expand its tax base?
- Does the town want or need tax increment financing (TIF) to stimulate economic growth?
- Should the town proceed with growth opportunities in the Village Center District, as directed by the Comprehensive Plan of 2003?
- If this is the goal, how much do we spend to accomplish it?
- How do we manage the 1997 Wescustogo Hall agreement?
- How do we repurpose NorthYarmouth Memorial School?

On June 12, 2014, Planning Decisions, Inc. (PDI), a Portland-based consulting firm headed by Charles Lawton, was hired to provide the community with objective information about viable options to approach these separate, yet interconnected, issues *(see next page)*.

An oversight committee appointed in July 2014 is working with PDI to ensure that all facets of the community are considered when PDI is collecting data. The reports generated by this group will be posted on the town website. You are invited to attend the meetings of the committee. Meeting times are also posted on the town website (northyarmouth.org).

The Future

Some residents have expressed concern that the Selectmen have not acted with sufficient speed to resolve the issue of the replacement of Wescustogo Hall and how to best repurpose the school.

The Board believes that the town has been presented with an extraordinary opportunity to chart its future. Such an opportunity cannot be realized in a few months. Questions need to be asked and answered with objective knowledge. In view of this, last fall we began to gather the information about infrastructure and legal issues that we needed to guide us. Meetings were held to hear citizen input.

• Engineering studies of the school septic system were completed. Land use plans were commissioned. The reports we have received have been posted under the tab "For Your Information" on the website.

• We held a workshop to help us understand the complexities of Tax Increment Finance. Local resident Shana Cook Mueller, an attorney with Bernstein, Shur, specializes in TIF. Graciously, she shared her expertise with us. •The Planning Board has completed work on a contract zoning ordinance proposal, which will soon be brought before the town.

• Correspondence with Summit Natural Gas regarding the extension of new lines into North Yarmouth has occurred. A survey was taken to help estimate local interest in gas line usage.

• With the Yarmouth Water District, the number of monitoring wells in town was increased to improve our ability to assess water quality and movement.

• Preliminary estimates were obtained to help develop a budget for repurposing the NYMS gym for public use.

We could have chosen to move more rapidly, but doing this correctly was so much more important. By early fall 2014, we will have Planning Decisions's report. With this in hand, along with the other studies already completed, the town will have the tools it needs to decide and plan for its future.

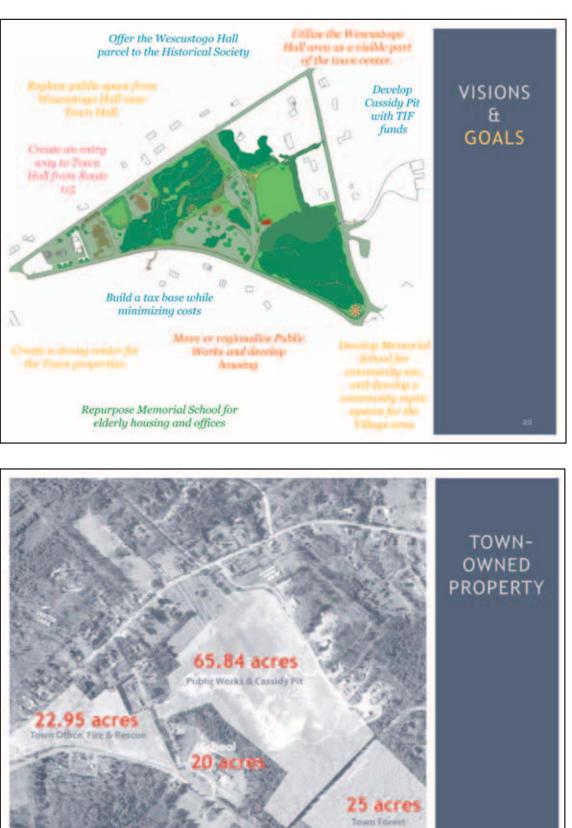
On a personal note, I would like to say that it is a pleasure to serve the town. In saying this, I am reminded to reach out and ask again for increased citizen participation. Currently, we are looking for people to serve on the Recreation Committee. Interested in something else? We usually have a committee for that.

Consummate volunteer Darla Hamlin completed her term on the Select Board this year. I will miss her thoughtful, people- and town-centered viewpoint. Her hours of hard work, as the Select Board met many times outside our normal bi-weekly schedule, were valuable and appreciated by me. I will miss her.

I would like to welcome our new Town Manager, Rosemary Roy. Her cheerful, positive, and proactive style makes her a pleasure to work with and I am sure the town will find her accessible and helpful. I look forward to working with her.

Finally, I would also like to thank Debbie Grover, Registrar of Voters, Clerk of Cemeteries, Town Clerk, Town Everything. Her steady, loyal presence in the town office has been the stabilizing factor in this time of change. I sincerely appreciate Debbie and all she does and has done for the town.

Respectfully submitted, STEVEN H. PALMER Chair, Board of Selectmen



For the complete June 12, 2014 presentation by Planning Decisions, go to northyarmouth.org and click on "For Your Information."



Town of North Yarmouth

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ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Town Report FYE June 30, 2014

Dear Residents of North Yarmouth,

Although only beginning my tenure at the very end of this fiscal year (June 27, 2014) | wanted to take this opportunity to say hello and once again, thank the Board of Selectmen for choosing me to serve as North Yarmouth's Town Manager. I am eager to get settled in and become an active and familiar part of the community. Please feel free to contact me with any questions, concerns or suggestions.

Respectfully,

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Rosemary E. Roy Town Manager manager@northyarmouth.org





Please visit northyarmouth.org for much more information about YOUR town!

Voter Registration

as of June 30, 2014

Party Affiliation

Democrat	
Green Indepe	ndent98
Republican	
Unenrolled	<u>1,036</u>
TOTAL	
Registered Vot	ters 3,065

CHANGE: Definition – to make the form, nature, content, future course, etc., of (something) different from what it is or from what it would be if left alone.

think it would be safe to say that Fiscal Year 2014 was a year of CHANGE for North Yarmouth. The tally of changes is long: Our new Town Charter, the loss of Wescustogo Hall, the new face of our website—www.northyarmouth. org—our electronic newsletter Reminders From Town Hall, our new voting location, new ballot scanning machines, new voting districts, the closing of the North Yarmouth Memorial School, saying goodbye to several long-time coworkers while welcoming new ones, and even the timing for publication of this Annual Report. All these have changed.

As always Town Office has kept busy with auto, ATV, boat, dog, and snowmobile registrations, wildlife licenses, marriage licenses, catering permits, tax collection, notary service, etc. Many of our services are also available online now—log onto the State's website at www.maine.gov.

And now for many THANK YOUs:

Thank you to the Church of Latter-Day Saints (at 247 Walnut Hill Road) for graciously hosting the Town's past two elections. Your members go out of their way to accommodate our needs for the four days needed to conduct each election.

Thank you to the volunteer election clerks who graciously assist the residents of North Yarmouth and its town clerk twice yearly to be sure elections go smoothly. Lots and lots of time and energy go into each and every election and each of you in your own way makes a long day pass quickly. A grateful salute goes to Dick Brobst, Emma Call, Jean Chadbourne, Liza Chandler, Stacey Holden, Margaret Hansel, Turner Hansel, Audrey Lones, Sheryl Jameson, Ann Seitz, Brian Sites, Becky Tiedemann, Gail Turner, Rob Wood, and Ginny VanDyke.

Thank you to the Communications Committee (a subcommittee of the Board of Selectmen), especially Donna Palmer, for taking on the production of the Town's electronic email newsletter, Reminders From Town Hall, when I was no longer able due to lack of staffing.

Thank you to the members of the Cumberland/North Yarmouth Moonlite SnoSkimmers Club for the donation of several gift cards to assistance those in need in our community.

Thank you to all who donated to the "Keep North Yarmouth Warm" fund. Thanks to your donations we were able to provide assistance to three families in need.

Thank you to Steve & Donna Palmer, of Plainview Farm for the gorgeous wreath displayed at the Town Office during the Holiday Season.

Respectfully submitted, DEBBIE ALLEN GROVER Town Clerk – Office Manager

> "Time is neither friend nor enemy; it's just a measurement."



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- Naldo S. Gagnon CHIEF DEPUTY

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Dear Citizens of North Yarmouth,

On behalf of the men and women of the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office, as we embark on another year of service to the citizens of North Yarmouth, please know that we shall continue our commitment of providing prompt, efficient and professional law enforcement services.

The Cumberland County Sheriff's Office has made some technological improvements that have proven to help our patrol deputies be more effective and efficient while performing their law enforcement duties. This technology has already been integral in solving and alleviating crimes as well as improving quality of life.

The Cumberland County Sheriff's Office has been working for the past year and a half toward accreditation through the Commission for Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). The Accreditation process is a proven and widely utilized law enforcement management model. As we continue to implement the necessary changes to become accredited, I am confident that it will further enhance our current commitment to providing the communities that we serve with efficient and quality use of resources and delivery of services.

Please know that I am open to your suggestions and input, as together we continue to build a law enforcement agency that accepts only excellence. I am honored to serve as your Sheriff and I appreciate your support.

Best Regards,



Kevin J. Joyce, Sheriff

North Yarmouth Statistics for FY 2014: July 31, 2013—June 30, 2014 -

CALLS FOR SERVICE: 981

Criminal Trespass5
Cruiser Accident1
Custodial Interference2
Death Unattended/Attended4
Message Delivery1
Disabled Vehicle
Disturbance
Domestic Verbal Argument
Controlled Substance Problem2
Evidence Technician Work Order3
Escort1
False Information to Police1
Fireworks1
Found Property1
Fraud8
Harassment6
Illegal Parking1
Information Report11
Inspection Permit2
Intoxicated Person
Juvenile Problem
Litter/Pollution/Public Health2
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Lost Property5 Loud Party Music	Underage Drinking Unwanted Phone Calls Vehicle off Road–No Da VIN Number Inspection Wanted Person
Operating Under Influence	Weapons Offense Welfare Check
Pedestrian Check	Wellare Check
Property Check148	CITATIONS: 19
Recovered Stolen Property1	OUI
Sex Offender Reg. Verification 4	Ill Poss. less 1.5 oz. Marij
Sex Offense 4	Display Cert Of Inspect.
Sex Offender Registry2	Stop At Stop Sign
Speed Complaint	Speeding 1-9 Over
Suicide	Speeding 10-14 Over
Suspicious Person/Circumstance38	Speeding 15-19 Over Lim
Theft	Criminal Mischief
Theft-Vehicle3	Violation Of Protective
Threatening2	False Public Alarm or Re
Traffic Detail1	Assault
Traffic Hazard18	Negotiate a Worthless In
Traffic Violation	Violating Condition Of I

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OUI
Ill Poss. less 1.5 oz. Marijuana1
Display Cert Of Inspect2
Stop At Stop Sign1
Speeding 1-9 Over1
Speeding 10-14 Over2
Speeding 15-19 Over Limit1
Criminal Mischief1
Violation Of Protective Order2
False Public Alarm or Report1
Assault1
Negotiate a Worthless Instrument1
Violating Condition Of Release 1

General Assistance Expenditures

July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2014

Housing	\$1,891.80
Emergency Shelter	\$0.00
Heating Fuel	\$1,399.30
Electricity	\$0.00
Food	\$179.77
Health Related	\$0.00
Other	\$45.00

Total\$3,515.87

Total Applications Processed: 14 Total Individuals Served: 10

North Yarmouth General Assistance Hours:

Tuesdays, 1:00-2:00 PM (April 1-Oct. 31)

Tuesdays, 2:00-4:00 PM (November 1-March 31)

Call: (207) 829-3705

Emergency Assistance:

PROP Emergency On-Call Telephone 807-2055

An emergency is considered as a life-threatening situation where having to wait until town hours could cause an unsafe life-threatening condition or situation.

FOR MORE RESOURCES, DIAL 211

General Assistance FY 2014 Annual Report

What Is General Assistance?

General Assistance is a program offered by your town to help meet basic needs for those who qualify. Basic needs are considered as those items needed to help sustain life, such as food, heating fuel, housing, and electricity. To apply for general assistance, you may contact your town for an appointment by calling 829–3705.

Appointments

No appointment is necessary; however, it may be helpful to call ahead to let the administrator know you are coming. At that time you will be notified of the best time to come in and what to bring with you. If you have already called ahead and are going to be late or cannot keep your appointment, please call to let us know. Sometimes the previous appointment can take more time than scheduled; if this happens, you may still be seen. If you cannot wait, please let the general assistance provider know, and you will be given the opportunity to reschedule for the first available time. If this is an emergency, please let us know at that time.

Provide Documentation

When you come in for your appointment, you are required to have current documentation. The following information is necessary to determine your eligibility (but other documentation may also be needed—the general assistance officer will let you know at that time).

The following items must be provided from all members of your household (if applicable). • License or State I.D.

• Social Security numbers for each household member

• Proof of a written lease if you rent, or a letter from your landlord if you are a tenant at will

• A current rent receipt

• If you pay a mortgage, proof of the current bill and last payments

• Proof of all bank accounts, statements, and current balances

• Proof of all household income (even if you are NOT applying for everyone in your household)

• Proof of ALL your bills

• If you are a returning client, all receipts as proof of how you spent your income in the last 30 days

• Documentation of all payment arrangements

• Proof of any recent changes in your income (if you started a job or if you ended a job or if your unemployment benefits ended, etc.)

• Proof of any disconnection notices you may have

The General Assistance Program is an application process. Anyone has the right to apply. Eligibility is determined based on eligibility guidelines and emergency criteria. For any and all questions—regarding your eligibility or anything else, please be sure to contact your General Assistance Administrator.

Best regards to the residents of North Yarmouth.

Respectfully submitted, VALERIE A. FITZGERALD General Assistance Administrator

North Yarmouth Public Works Department FY2014 Annual Report

would like to thank the citizens of our town for their patience and understanding during the unforgiving winter of 2013-2014, when the cold and snow seemed as though it would never stop.

All in all, we came through with relatively few problems this past fiscal year.

Equipment: Through the years the Town of Cumberland has been contracted to maintain our sidewalks throughout the winter months; however, due to that town's expanding sidewalk network we were notified that Cumberland could no longer serve us. The Public Works Department searched for, found, and purchased a used Trackless sidewalk tractor from town of Guilford. This machine will—*and did many times last winter!*—snowblow, plow, sand/salt, sweep, and otherwise maintain the sidewalks. We also received a new John Deere z-turn mower for use in our parks, grounds, and cemeteries.

Summer Road Projects included North Road drainage and paving; Town Farm Road drainage, shim, and chip seal; Milliken Road chip seal; and many other smaller road maintence jobs.

Did You Know? The Public Works Department accepts used motor oil at public works this is used to help heat the public works garage during the winter months. **Many Thanks:** I would like to thank the townspeople and businesses who assist the Public Works Department through the year. Volunteers at Clean Up Day deserve special recognition. And many thanks to A.H. Grover Inc. for several courtesies. This local business invited our department to take the required Gravel Pit Safety Training locally so we did not have to travel to Augusta, and they have allowed us to park equipment in their yard overnight. This



As always, if you have a question or need to report a problem with a road, please feel free to call anytime.



goes a long way to making our job easier. A thanks is also due to our very dedicated Public Works crew: Bob Geyer (the guy who keeps the parks, cemeteries, and ground looking sharp), Sherwood White of the road crew, and Phil Wentworth, winter plow driver. A special recognition goes to Jim Knight for his dedication and hard work. Jim retired this year, and he will be missed. *Good luck in retirement, and thanks, Jim!*

Respectfully submitted, CLARK BASTON Public Works Foreman The guys who drive —and ditch, and mow, and plow, and sand, and trim, and clear, and ...!

l to r: David Whittier, Clark Baston, foreman, Sherwood White, Harold Baston, and Robert Geyer.

Assessors FY2014 Annual Report

s North Yarmouth's Assessor, I am obligated to maintain fair and equitable tax assessments in accordance with Maine state statues. I work on behalf of all the property owners of North Yarmouth at the discretion of the Board of Selectmen. As a contract Assessor, I offer my expertise and opinions on tax assessment and other matters related to real estate and personal property valuation.

Should you need assistance or have any questions regarding your assessments, please feel free to stop in or call to schedule an appointment. The Assessing office is staffed by myself or Nancy Pinette on the third Monday of each month and is also available by appointment.

The revaluation, conducted by Vision Government Solutions, Inc. was successfully completed last summer, and the assessment ratio is now at 100%. We reviewed 87 abatement applications. Two of these abatement were appealed to the North Yarmouth Board of Assessors. We issued 15 supplemental bills.

We inspected 140 building permit applications that were issued from April 1, 2013, through March 31, 2014. This insures that our property information is correct and up to date.

North Yarmouth tax assessment information, exemption and abatement forms, and tax maps can be found on the Town website at www.northyarmouth.org. Property records cards are available online at www.vgsi.com.

Respectfully submitted, PAUL R. MCKENNEY, CMA North Yarmouth Tax Assessor

Zoning Board of Appeals FY2014 Annual Report

he Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) is comprised of five members and two alternates, all of whom are volunteers appointed by the Board of Selectmen.

This past year was another quiet year for the ZBA, as the ZBA's work was essentially confined to governance matters such as the election of officers and the enactment of bylaws. The ZBA wishes to invite all town residents who may be interested in serving on the Board to let Town Office know of their interest, as openings on the Board do exist.

Respectfully submitted, MICHAEL D. TRAISTER Chair, Zoning Board of Appeals

For North Yarmouth tax assessment information, contact the Town Office.

Convenient Information

Floodplain maps, MEGIS maps, street maps, tax maps, and zoning maps are all available online at northyarmouth.org. Click on "maps."

North Yarmouth Budget Committee 2014 Annual Report

his year's Budget Committee was comprised of a very diverse and talented group of people all dedicated to ensuring that our process and recommendations fairly represented the expressed interests of the community we serve.

The timeline for this year's budget process was required to be shortened by three months due to the change in the Town Charter last year that required Town Meeting be moved from June to early April. This change drove us to an expedited schedule to review and make recommendations on some 400 line items prior to the Warrant being issued for Town Meeting.

The Committee was further challenged this year by the Selectman's decision not to hold joint budget meetings with Town departments. Their expressed reason was that they wanted the Budget Committee to take a more independent approach to the budgeting process. I am proud to say that we successfully rose to this challenge and delivered our product to the voters at Town Meeting.

By Town Charter we are tasked with being a part of the checks and balances for municipal spending and appropriations. We sincerely hope that we can be an independent voice for any and all voters that would like to share their interests and concerns regarding the town's finances.

The other major challenges faced by the Budget Committee and the Selectman this year were the fire that destroyed Westcustogo Hall and the acceptance by the town of the NorthYarmouth Memorial School.There was a great deal of discussion and varied opinions around how to budget for these future needs without having the time to determine a clear direction for each. We hope that the planning funds approved at Town Meeting will culminate in a vote by the town's people on what the direction should be.

The Budget Committee would like to thank everyone who assisted us with our process, from the Board of Selectman, the staff and department heads of the Town, to all the interested people in the community who attended our meetings and provided feedback for us. We very much look forward to working with everyone again this year.

Respectfully submitted, JEFF SHOREY Chair, Budget Committee

Get involved!

Sign up to serve on a town committee at www.northyarmouth.org



Like to crunch numbers? The Budget Committee could use you!

Bi-weekly meetings for 4 months only.

Contact the Town Office to volunteer!

Discussing, Clarifying, Decision making

The Planning Board meets on the second Tuesday of the month. Meetings are open to the public. Meetings are also televised. Tune into Channel 2 at 7:00.

North Yarmouth Planning Board FY2014 Annual Report

n calendar year 2013 the Planning Board approved Phase 2 of a major subdivision after completing a site walk and a comprehensive review of the final plans. The Board also approved one revision to a minor subdivision. Two other amendments to subdivisions were reviewed, but the applicants withdrew their applications so the Board did not act on these proposals.

The Board conducted a number of site plan reviews and considered other special cases during the past year. We approved an amendment to a site plan at a local business, an equipment modification on the wireless communication facility on Parsonage Road, a special exception for an addition to a single family dwelling, and two driveway plans that required site plan review because of their location within special zones.

The Board approved the construction of a new building for a local business on Walnut Hill Road after much discussion and a site walk to better understand how the building would fit on the property and to ensure the project met all the ordinances as required.

The Board received applications for a new home and business on one site and for a change of use at another site. Both projects were presented to the Board, but then the applications were withdrawn so no action was taken and these projects were not completed.

Board members undertook our annual review of the ordinances and crafted minor changes to clarify certain ordinances which were approved at Town Meeting. The Code Enforcement Officer also provided us with an overview of the preliminary flood insurance study report and rate maps, and she explained how these changes would affect our review process in the future.

I wish to thank our support staff and especially Code Enforcement Officer Barbara Skelton for her support and work on each application throughout 2013.

We had two members leave the Board this year—Clark Whittier and Evan Haynes —and I want to thank them for their participation and insights over many years. I am very pleased that two new Board members joined us in 2013—Ande Smith and Tom Hinman.

I want to thank all the Board members for their work throughout the year and for their commitment to providing a fair and thorough review process in our town.

Respectfully submitted, PETER V. LINDSAY Chair, North Yarmouth Planning Board

Economic Development and Sustainability FY2014 Annual Report

n 2012 the Economic Development and Sustainability Committee (EDSC) submitted a plan with multiple phases for developing a more inviting center that would support more of a commercial tax base and enhanced community uses. At the 2013 Town Meeting, town residents supported the first phase of that plan, which involved extending the sidewalk to the front of Wescustogo Hall, thinning the woods on Routes 9 and 115 to open up visibility of the Town Center, and installing a path and bridge over Toddy Brook to connect Wescustogo Hall and the Town Office.

Just after the EDSC prepared the detailed plans for that work, Wescustogo Hall was destroyed by a fire, and the Selectmen asked the EDSC put the scheduled work on hold.

In October 2013 the committee conducted a very successful public meeting that was attended by over 125 people. The EDSC presented a number of conceptual plans for the layout of the town center, relocation of Wescustogo Hall, and use of North Yarmouth Memorial School (NYMS). The attendees were able to ask questions about each plan and provide their ideas and vision for economic development and the design of a town center. Based on that input, the EDSC made the following recommendations to the Selectmen:

1. Offer the Wescustogo Hall parcel to the North Yarmouth Historical Society for use as meeting space, display, and archival storage and workspace. The Historical Society could choose to move the old Town Hall to this site or build a new structure.

2. Replace the public space that was lost at Wescustogo Hall with new public space that would be attached to, or be built near, the Town Hall. This space would be used for town meetings, voting, Selectmen meetings, and other community activities.

3. Partner with a developer to redevelop North Yarmouth Memorial School as either elderly housing or a co-working/ office sharing site with the possibility of options for the community to use some of the outdoor property and the gymnasium. It was also recommended that the town explore whether the septic system located on the NYMS parcel could be used to meet septic needs of future development in the Town Center.

4. Proceed with the Phase 1 site work approved at the 2013 Town Meeting by thinning the trees and underbrush along Route 9 on the Town owned property near Toddy Brook and install the sidewalk in front on the Wescustogo Hall site.

5. Develop Cassidy Pit at a later time for private enterprise, once we have the ability to do Tax Increment Financing (TIF) for infrastructure and other needs.

6. At a later date, either move public works from its current location or regionalize public works so that the public works area can be used for housing (particularly housing that serves the needs of younger and older residents of the Town).

The work of the EDSC has been on hold since December. The Selectmen have commissioned engineering studies to better understand the capacity and condition of the NYMS septic system, the suitability of the surrounding soils for septic expansion, and to better understand the impact *(cont'd Page 27)* If you'd like to join the EDSC, please contact Audrey Lones, Interim Chair, audreylones@ gmail.com

The EDSC is working to

• Promote a climate that increases job opportunites and economic well-being.

• Support economic growth that works well with our character and natural resources.

• Encourage economic growth to expand the tax base.

Cemetery Information

North Yarmouth Cemeteries:

- Walnut Hill, Rte 115
- Pine Grove, Route 9
- Bowie, Cluff Road

Cemetery Fees

Resident: \$250 single lot \$150 perpetual care

Nonresident:

\$350 single lot \$200 perpetual care

North Yarmouth Cemetery Commission FY2014 Annual Report

ctivity in the cemeteries was quiet this year. The Commission worked diligently to update its bylaws and the Rules & Regulations for North Yarmouth's three cemeteries. To view an updated copy of both documents go to the town's website at www.northyarmouth.org or contact Debbie Grover at the Town Office and she will gladly email or mail you a copy.

We purchased new software for the Clerk's office in January that has the capability to store photos, documents, and other important data and associate them with the deceased and lot owners as well as the corresponding cemetery map. The old software package had become obsolete and could not be updated.

This year 11 lots were sold, and 12 burials took place within Walnut Hill and Pine Grove Cemeteries.

The commission continues the project of replacing the bronze veteran flag holders at the reduced rate of eight per year. Bronze flag holders are \$52.50 per holder; therefore this is a long-term venture because the Commission is a nonprofit. Currently there are 188 veterans laid to rest in Walnut Hill Cemetery, 60 veterans laid to rest in Pine Grove Cemetery, and 1 veteran laid to rest in Bowie Cemetery.

The commission would like to send out a sincere THANK YOU to Bob Geyer for his continued diligent maintenance of all three cemeteries. Also a THANK YOU to the Public Works crew who assisted with the placement of American flags on of all the veteran graves in Walnut Hill Cemetery for this past Memorial Day.

Projects for the upcoming fiscal year include replacing the fence at Pine Grove Cemetery and planning for future expansion of the Walnut Hill Cemetery.

The commission would like to remind lot owners and family members of loved ones to plant annual flowers only. Artificial flowers and shrubbery are <u>not allowed</u> in the cemeteries. Placement of glass vases, shells, figurines, toys, etc. is not permitted in the cemeteries. These items cause injuries when hit by a mower or trimmer. The commission will remove all flowers, wreaths, and other decorations left on lots when they become unsightly.

Respectfully submitted, DEBBIE GROVER Clerk of Cemeteries

North Yarmouth Communications Committee FY2014 Annual Report

ommittee Charge: Assist the Selectmen to effectively communicate town business with residents of the town. This includes responsibility for the town's website and electronic newsletter, Reminders from Town Hall.

The Communication Subcommittee met nine times during the last year. Below are some of the accomplishments:

• Redesigned the town's website to improve access and interest.

• Installed LCD monitors in the basement meeting room to improve public presentations and telecast meetings.

• Supported the regular bi-weekly publication of "Reminders from Town Hall" that includes timely town news and community announcements.

• Redesigned the town's stationery and established a process for postcard notifications.

I would like to thank the members of the subcommittee, Debbie Allen Grover, and Jess Whited for their regular attendance and contributions to improving communication to our community members.

The committee meets usually once a month on Friday mornings. Any community members are welcome to attend. Its agendas and minutes are posted on the town's website.

Respectfully submitted, ROB WOOD Committee Chair Subscribe to Reminders from Town Hall, a biweekly online update of events and updates from our town office! go to tinyurl.com/ me4pqon

EDSC (cont'd)

it would have on the Yarmouth Water District aquifer.

The Select Board is exploring a number of commercial options for the Town-owned properties and hired the planning consulting firm, Planning Decisions, Inc. to complete a detailed economic analysis of the commercial potential of the town-owned properties and the town center and make recommendations based on the town Comprehensive Plan and zoning ordinances that could enhance the town's economic potential. Once the Planning Decisions, Inc. report is completed in September 2014, the Selectmen will provide the EDSC with new direction for implementing the recommendations in the report.

We thank former committee members Al Ahlers, Andy Walsh, David Perkins, and Jason Mills for their years of service and wish them well in their future endeavors.

Respectfully Submitted, AUDREY LONES Interim Chair, EDSC

North Yarmouth Fire and Rescue Calls in 2013

Fires 24

Overpressure rupture, explosion, overheat (no fire)2
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service188
Hazardous Condition (no Fire)26
Service Call 42
Good Intent Call15
False Alarm & False Call30
Severe Weather & Natural Disaster5
Special Incident Type15

TOTAL CALLS......334

Knox Boxes

Please go to **nyfr.org** to get more info on this important device and how you get one.

Knox boxes are located at any property and contain keys and sometimes floor plans. The Fire/EMS Department uses a specially cut key to open them, thereby gaining emergency entry to the building without having to wait for a key holder or destroying windows or doors. Knox boxes save lives and property by allowing quick and secure access.

North Yarmouth Fire/Rescue Department

FY2014 Annual Report

t has been a busy year again for the Fire/ Rescue Department. We responded to nearly 100 more calls than last year, for a total of 346. In all, your firefighters and EMS personnel spent a total of 5,451 man hours responding to calls.

We welcomed 24 new members who have become EMTs or Certified Firefighter I and II. Attending the necessary courses for certification meant hundreds of hours of training that were donated to the town. In addition to the certification classes, your firefighters and EMTs spent nearly 3,000 hours of training on fire and rescue topics. I am extremely proud of all of them, as I am of our current members who continue to respond to calls day or night to keep North Yarmouth safe. We currently have 45 actively involved in the department.

THANKS

.... To many people and organizations:

• to the Board of Selectmen and the Interim Town Manager for their continued support of the department.

• to our residents who have always supported the Fire Rescue Department.

• to our mutual aid partners—Yarmouth, Cumberland, Pownal, Falmouth, and Gray for their continued support when we need help.

• to Falmouth Communications for dispatching our calls.

• to the Town Office for their help whenever we need it.

• to our Cumberland County Sheriff.

• to North Yarmouth Public Works, an especially big thank you.

Without the help from all of these organizations and others we could not accomplish the mission at hand.

Help Us Find You

We can't help you if we can't find you. Each



year we spend precious minutes searching for homes without clearly visible house numbers. Please mark your mailboxes and house with large reflective numbers. Time is critical and wasted minutes searching for your house could mean a difference of life or death. Please help us and mark your house!

Before You Burn

A burning permit is needed year round, snow or no snow—the process is simple and it's the LAW. Register for your safety. Obtain a permit at the Fire Station, 463 Walnut Hill Road (M–F 8 AM-5 PM); at the Town Office (M–Th); or through our website, www.nyfr.org/burning-permits. Permits are free. If you have any questions please call the Fire Station at 829-3025.

WE NEED YOU, Please Help!

There is a place for you here at NYFR as a firefighter, EMT, driver, fire police, or other support position. You don't have to be a middle firefighter or EMT; we can use you and we can train you. Stop by any Monday night at 7 PM or during the day 8-5 Monday–Friday. Call the Fire Chief at 829-3025 or email firechief@ nortyarmouth.org

Again, thank you all for your continued support for your fire rescue department.

Respectfully submitted, RICKY A. PLUMMER Chief

Call 911 For a Fire or Rescue Emergency • Fire & Rescue website: www.NorthYarmouthFire.org

An MSAD#51 Update

Maine School Administrative District #51



Cumberland ~ North Yarmouth

Jeffrey Porter ~ Superintendent of Schools Scott Poulin ~ Director of Finance, Human Resources and Operations Sally Loughlin ~ Director of Curriculum, Assessment, Instruction & Professional Development Julie Olsen ~ Director of Special Education

www.msad51.org • PO Box 6A Cumberland, Maine 04021 • Phone 207-829-4800 • Fax 207-829-4802

July 25, 2014

Dear Citizens of North Yarmouth,

I am very excited and proud to be serving as the superintendent of schools for MSAD #51. The communities of North Yarmouth and Cumberland provide their youth with some of the best learning opportunities to be found in all of Maine. There is much to be proud of and much to celebrate. It is readily apparent to anyone who spends any amount of time in this community that education is valued and supported.

I believe fervently in the role of public schools as a mechanism for advancing the common good.

The strength of any community rests on the strength of its public schools. So, too, does a district's success hinge on the success of the community to which it serves.

Public education in America began with the intent of creating an educated citizenship. Today, public schools continue to fulfill this promise. But the mission of public education today has been significantly broadened to include preparation for more than just citizenship. Now, schools must prepare students for a global economy, often easily dismissed as a cliché. But dismiss it at our own peril.

The 21st Century demands that young people have the ability to:

- Collaborate
- Effectively communicate in various ways
- Think critically
- Problem-solve
- Locate, gather, and evaluate information from multiple sources
- Use technology in ways that spark ingenuity
- Be fully literate in ways that can be applied to any content area

• And the one thing we have been lacking over the last decade more than anything: Creativity and Innovation.

So, what does this mean for creating a vision for the future? It means meeting every single one of our students' needs. We cannot afford to just meet the needs of 80% or 90% or even 99% of our students. We must fully meet the needs of 100% or our school system has failed. The stakes are too high to do any less.

But schools cannot do it alone. We must have partners in this process. The greatest of these partners is parents. Teachers' jobs are more complex than ever before. Your involvement as parents and community members is critical not only to the success of your own children, but all children.

The mission of MSAD #51 is to guide all students as they acquire enthusiasm for learning, assume responsibility for their education, achieve academic excellence, and *discover and attain their personal best*. Perhaps the most important part of this mission is the latter. We owe it to every child who steps through our doors the opportunity to attain their personal best by providing multiple pathways for learning and achievement.

President John F. Kennedy once challenged our nation by stating, "We need people who can dream of things that never were, and ask why not?" It is our collective responsibility to meet this timeless challenge by providing the best quality education possible for our youngest citizens.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Rosemary Roy, Town Manager, the town employees, the Selectmen and the extensive number of North Yarmouth residents who continue to support the students and staff of MSAD #51. This support takes many different forms and continues to help the District perform at a higher level.

I am truly fortunate to be joining the MSAD #51 community and look forward to working with all of our students, staff, parents, and community members in moving the school district to the next level.

Sincerely, JEFFREY J. PORTER MSAD #51 Superintendent of Schools

JJP:sc

MSAD #51 North Yarmouth-Cumberland

PO Box 6A, Cumberland Center, ME 04021 www.msad51.org

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Recycling/Solid Waste Report FY2014 Annual Report

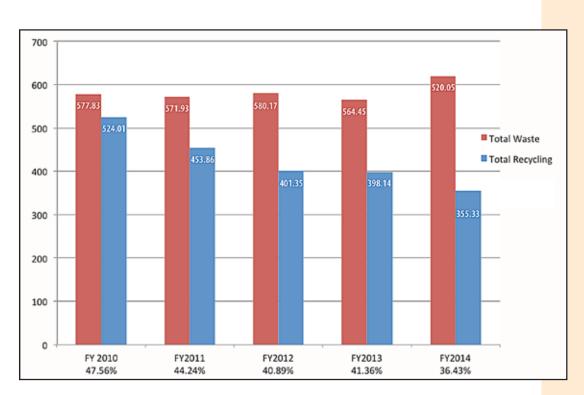
he previous recycling committee has been in hiatus for several years, and a new committee has not been appointed by the Board of Selectmen. There is good work to be done—such as encouraging composting and reversing the decreasing amount of town waste that is recycled through ecomaine's single sort process.

The basic economics of recycling is that for every ton of waste that North Yarmouth residents recycle at the curb, the town does not spend \$70.50 for waste tipping fees. The community member also does not have to pay for the orange bag. It is a win for the town and the community member.

There is good and bad news to report.

1. Good news: There has been a \$42,686 reduction in solid waste costs. The Board of ecomaine decided to abolish all annual assessments on the 21 member communities. This assessment had been levied for 25 years to pay the building cost of the ecomaine plant. As recently as 2011, this cost had been \$98,265.

2. Bad News: NorthYarmouth continues to grow its total solid waste amounts while reducing the percentage of recycling. This trend has continued for four years. For more information go to http://tinyurl.com/lrk4h3e



Respectfully submitted, ROB WOOD

North Yarmouth Flag Committee FY2014 Annual Report

We are deeply indebted to our local Boy Scouts— Troop 58 and Troop 92 for the raising and lowering of the flags!

> For more information, email:

Darla Hamlin darla@softtrac.com

Barb Hauke bhauke@maine.rr.com

Flag Committee members:

Darla Hamlin Barb Hauke Diane Burnell and Tom Low (keeper of the flags!) Since its inception in 2007, financial support for the North Yarmouth Flag program has come from private donations. Some flags are raised in memory of a loved one while other sponsors seek to honor our veterans and active duty personnel in the armed services.

We hope that you will take a moment and view the honor roll for the year 2014 on the town's website at http://bit.ly/1ldYYJ6.

On November 11, 2013, the committee participated in a tri-county ceremony honoring local veterans of the Korean War by providing 6' x 8' flags, including American and POW flag as well as flags representing each branch of our military services. Special thanks to the sponsor members who donated money to these flags and to the volunteers who helped us raise and lower them for the ceremony. It is our intent to fly these seven flags on the Village Green on holidays honoring veterans or to mark our country's Independence Day.

Volunteers are the lifeblood of the program. Yet, finding people who can assist throughout the flying season (May through September) is the committee's most challenging task. We are deeply indebted to our local Boy Scouts—Troop 58 and Troop 92—for the raising and lowering of the flags, but we are in desperate need of people to help with the day-to-day maintenance required. That is why you may see a delay in replacing a faded or torn flag. At present, we have one person managing this task. One person is simply not enough.

We are currently flying nearly 100 flags along Routes 9 and 115.

You can participate!

- DELIVER any downed flag you find to our town office or to a committee member.
- REPORT any torn or faded flag to one of our committee members.
- VOLUNTEER to help maintain the flags.
- VOLUNTEER to inspect flags at the end of the season.
- SPONSOR a flag.

Flying flags in our unique environment raises many issues that other towns do not encounter. We are proud to say that we have done so for seven years and with your support, we can continue.

Our goals for 2014/2015 include increasing our roster of volunteers and creation of a website where readers can learn more about the history of the flag program in North Yarmouth.

In closing, we would like to recognize our Town Office, Public Works, and Fire/Rescue Department staff who alert us to flag issues and who give out our contact information for anyone who asks.

Respectfully submitted, DARLA HAMLIN Flag Committee Member

North Yarmouth School Fund Trustees

207th Annual Report, FY2014

Congratulations to Andrew Hodge and Whitney Williams, high school graduates, who were each awarded \$200 grants in 2013 from the School Fund.

Our financial accounting for the Fund can be found below.

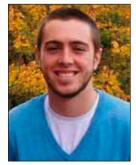
We are always open to donations. If donations are received, we can always give more grants. Students who were living in North Yarmouth when they finished high school may apply for grants. No student will get more than one grant. Applications may be picked up at the North Yarmouth Town Office or at Greely High School.

Respectfully submitted, NORMAN L. SMITH, TREASURER

NORTH YARMOUTH SCHOOL FUND

Resources:

Checking Account	\$586.78
Withdrawal for 2 grants @ \$200	\$400.00
Withdrawal for services and postage	\$ <u>25.00</u>
Current Total	\$161.84



Andrew Hodge, GHS 2013



Whitney Williams, GHS 2013

Yarmouth Water District FY2014



2013 ADDITIONS 9 New water services 1 fire hydrant

345' of 8" ductile iron pipe

Robert N. MacKinnon, Jr. Superintendent

William L. Reinsborough Chairman, Board of Trustees

he year 2013 was another year of extremely limited growth and expansion of the water system infrastructure. The District installed nine new water services, one new fire hydrant and 345 feet of eight inch ductile iron water main in 2013.

Water Production for 2013 was 269,974,000 gallons, which is well below the historic average. This trend of declining consumption is a national trend, indicative of the effectiveness of water efficient fixtures and consumer awareness.

The District is pleased to announce the initiation of a formal Wellhead Protection Program starting in 2014. This program has been developed in collaboration with the Towns of North Yarmouth and Yarmouth. Phase one of the plan will focus on the reduction or elimination of the threat of petroleum products contamination of the Hayes aquifer by residential home heating fuel. The District plans to have a public presentation of the plan with more details later this spring.

Lastly, the District has always allowed passive uses of its properties. The District does not allow any target shooting, motorized vehicles, cutting or clearing on its land. The District's ultimate responsibility is to preserve and protect the water quality of its sources. Public use of these properties is a benefit to the general public, but it must be used responsibly for this to continue. Please do not park private vehicles in such a manner as to block District access to the parcel. If snow plowing or other equipment is in operation, please use another location for your recreation. Pet waste is starting to become a problem on District properties. Dog walkers must clean up and remove any pet waste and their pet must be under control at all times for this activity to continue.

Respectfully submitted, ROBERT MACKINNON Superintendent, Yarmouth Water District

Yarmouth-North Yarmouth Shellfish Conservation Commission

FY2014 Annual Report

ue to a recent change in personnel, a report for the Shellfish Conservation Commission was not submitted for this year.

General information:

Shellfish harvesters of mussel, surf clams, and soft shell harvesting must obtain a license for digging and be aware of closures due to red tide in Yarmouth's waters.

For up-to-date information about closures call the Maine Red Tide and Shellfish Sanitation Hotline: 1-800-232-4733 or 207-624-7727.

Access more informationat the Department of Marine Resources Shellfish Program website: tinyurl.com/nkl42y3 As of last year, the Cousins River is now open for harvesting but conditionally approved on a 1-inch rain gauge. This means that any time it rains more than one inch in 24 hours, the Cousins River is closed for shellfish harvesting for two weeks to allow the river to flush out and the shellfish to clear themselves of any toxins washed in by the rain. These closures are posted on the state's Shellfish Hotline and on the website of the same name.

The Shellfish Conservation Committee meets the third Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm at the Log Cabin, 196 Main Street, Yarmouth.

How to get a RECREATIONAL SHELLFISH LICENSE

Beginning on April 20, the Yarmouth Town Clerk will issue resident recreational licenses to Yarmouth and North Yarmouth residents. Licenses will be effective May 1. There will be no limit to the amount of residential licenses issued. Obtain a license at the Yarmouth Town Clerk's office, 200 Main Street, Yarmouth.

Hours: Monday-Tuesday 8 AM-4:30 PM Wednesday-Thursday, 9 AM-6 PM

Proof of residency required. You must be a resident for 3 months to be eligible for a Resident Recreational (peck) License.

Senior citizens (age 65 & over) living in Yarmouth or North Yarmouth are entitled to a free Recreational Clam License.

Clamming Guidelines

• CALL before digging: The latest state closure information is available at: 1-800-232-4733

Shellfish Licenses Issued for 2013

Resident Recreational71 Non-Resident Recreational20 Resident Complimentary49 Commercial6 Non-Resident Complimentary22 Recreational 3-Day....8

Shellfish Conservation Committee Members

- Jimmy Morrill, Yarmouth (2014)
- Harold Hibbard III, North Yarmouth (2014)
- Landis Hudson, Yarmouth (2015)
- Kevin Oliver, North Yarmouth (2015)
- Clifford Small, North Yarmouth (2016)
- Denis Marc-Nault, Dept of Marine Resources

Robert Byron Harbormaster

Marine Patrol Wardens Kevin Pedersen Lee Ruby

Health, Education, & Enjoyment

North Yarmouth Recreation Commission FY 2014 Annual Report

The Recreation Commission is currently experiencing a period of inactivity, but our town's natural resources continue to attract users from our town and surrounding areas. Old Town House Park is a popular destination for walkers and hikers; two boat launches on the Royal River are in constant use by canoes and kayakers.

North Yarmouth's Town Forest consists of 68 acres in two lots. One 45-acre lot is located on the south side of Route 9, east of the Sweetser Road. The second lot is north of Route 9 and totals 23 acres. The fall is a great time to experience the beauty of these town holdings. Trail maps for our town's natural areas can be found on the town website, as well as at the kiosks for Old Town House Park and the North Yarmouth Veteran's Park/ Sam Ristich Trail System. During FY 2015 the Royal River Conservation Trust hopes to install another kiosk detailing natural and historic features of the Royal River at one of our town's boat launches.

Also during FY2015 the Recreation Committee and the Safe Bike and Walkway Committee will merge and have a new format and duties.

The North Yarmouth Safe Bike and Walkway Committee was reestablished in late 2012 with a focus on education and outreach, planning a pedestrian and bike-friendly community, and seeking ways to assist in funding and implementing improvements for those activities.

The Committee meets on the first Wednesday of every month at Town Office.

For more information, please contact Brian Sites (brian@claydog.com)

North Yarmouth Safe Bike and Walkway Committee FY2014 Annual Report

he fall of 2013 and summer of 2014 have been active seasons, with cyclists, walkers, and runners taking their place on roads and trails across North Yarmouth, enjoying the natural beauty that graces our town.

The North Yarmouth Safe Bike and Walkway Committee was re-established as an ad hoc committee in late 2012 with a focus on education and outreach, planning a pedestrian and bike-friendly community, and seeking ways to assist in funding and implementing improvements for those activities.

Interest in bike and pedestrian activities is on the rise not only in North Yarmouth but across the north of Portland (NoPo) region.

Over the past year, our committee has participated in two grant proposals to

improve bike and pedestrian access and safetyacross the NoPo region via a loose coalition of communities and committees in Falmouth, Yarmouth, Cumberland, and Freeport, with support from groups such as the Bicycle Coalition of Maine.

Over the next fiscal year, the Bike and Walkway Committee will work closely with the Recreation Committee to expand planning and make proposals for a broader approach to outdoor recreation activities across North Yarmouth.

We welcome you to join us at any meeting, or to contact us directly with any comments or questions. Be safe out there and enjoy all this beautiful town has to offer!

Respectfully submitted, BRIAN SITES Chair, Safe Bike and Walkway Committee

North Yarmouth Events Committee FY2014 Annual Report

hen the North Yarmouth Events Committee started meeting to develop our yearly plans in January 2013, we felt as though we had fallen into a really solid rhythm. As a team, we had a lot of returning talent: long time members who had organized Tri-NYs, summer concerts, potluck picnics, dessert contests, Christmas tree lighting parties, and Fun Days. We decided to keep up all of the events that we had done in previous years and added a new August event, the North Yarmouth Block Party.

Everything was going well until August 30, 2013, when Wescustogo Hall burned three weeks before Fun Day. Needless to say, it really threw us for a loop and things were looking bleak. We rallied, however, and put on an event of which we were all very proud.

I would usually spend the rest of this report detailing our 2013 events, but instead I want to talk about the state of volunteerism in North Yarmouth.

I joined the Events Committee in 2008 as a 35-year-old, and at my first meeting I was the only one present under 50.We struggled that year to find volunteers.We spent much of one meeting running a "phone bank" reaching out via cell phone to our friends and pleading with them to help us run Fun Day. Many of us wondered if volunteerism was dying, if not dead.We certainly weren't the only ones asking that question, either.

Six years later, I am proud to report that not only is volunteerism alive, it is thriving in the town of North Yarmouth! The Events Committee has more than doubled in size and the average age is now under 40! Most of us have young children, but we are still making time to get it done, and we are growing stronger all the time. It's not just the NYEC, either. I am also seeing it in my other town job with North Yarmouth Fire/ Rescue. Numerous media reports talk about fire departments across the country struggling to find help, but NYFR has had a big infusion of new volunteers the past few years. There's something wonderful happening in North Yarmouth, and it appears to be contagious.

The good news is that, despite the number of people we have on the Events Committee, *there is still room for more to join.* Members sometimes have to miss our monthly meetings, but we still stay in touch. Although we are a well-oiled machine, we welcome new blood and fresh ideas. If this is your first attempt at volunteering, though, be warned: Once you start, it's a hard habit to kick!

Please contact me (mr.corvus@gmail. com) if you are interested in joining/ volunteering or if you have questions about anything that we do. Please visit our website at northyarmouthevents.org and our Facebook page, northyarmouthevents.

Last, but certainly not least, **I'd like to thank our 2013 sponsors.** Without the support of these fine local businesses we would not be able to put on the high quality events that you all deserve. Please thank our sponsors for supporting our community when you do business with them.

Respectfully submitted, JASON RAVEN Chair, North Yarmouth Events Committee



FUN DAY 2014: Saturday Sept. 6!

THANK YOU 2013 SPONSORS!

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North Yarmouth Historical Society FY 2014 Annual Report

he loss of Wescustogo Hall was the big news in 2013, sending out shockwaves that have affected the whole town including North Yarmouth Historical (NYHS).

The Hall was a key player in the plan for a Town Center—it was an iconic presence as well as a center of community activity. Now that it's gone, the town's Economic Development and Sustainability Committee and the Select Board are working to reconfigure the Town Center plan.

NYHS's plans for the future are intertwined with the Town Center. We have a standing offer to move the Old Town House to the Town Center, voted on by the NYHS Board in 2012. Before August 2013, the spot to where it would be moved was to be in the vicinity of our town office.

But now Wescustogo is gone, and the empty Wescustogo lot is available. Setting aside the Wescustogo lot for NYHS is a plan that the Select Board have viewed positively. We have met with architect Scott Simons (designer of the Yarmouth History Center, the Portland Public Library, and other repurposed projects) and we believe that there is great potential for NYHS in this location, with added archival and storage facilities.

We believe that it's also a great opportunity for the Town. The Old Town House is an excellent venue for smaller meetings and events (as opposed to a larger Wescustogo). Together with Skyline Farm, sidewalks already in place, designated pedestrian trails, and identified recreation routes throughout North Yarmouth, as well as housing or business in a repurposed Memorial School, the Town Center would bring a new, upbeat energy and visibility for our town.

At the moment, negotiations between the Select Board and former members of Wescustogo Grange continue concerning the rebuilding of Wescustogo. And the Select Board has commissioned a study of land utilization and appraisal of properties in the Village Center. "We are in no rush to complete this very complicated process. It is probable that we will have the necessary data within six months. It will then be appropriate to make recommendations to residents, in a public hearing and subsequent special town meeting later this year or early in 2015." —Steve Palmer, Select Board chair

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This leaves us in limbo. We can't proceed with our plans until the town finalizes its town center plan and formally cedes the Wescustogo lot to NYHS. As a private, nonprofit entity, it's appropriate that we own the property on which we stand. We value our autonomy at the same time that we welcome partnership with the town, as we have always.

Momentum is important and challenging for us in this situation. But we're working on it! I think that the theme for this past year has been ... MEANWHILE.

Meanwhile, we held a wonderful public program in May about World War II soldiers stationed right here in North Yarmouth. MEANWHILE, we participated in the closing activities and ceremonies for North Yarmouth Memorial School and issued a special commemorative publication about the school's history in June 2014. MEANWHILE, Gazette publishing continued. MEANWHILE, through our publications and activities, we have continued to raise funds and make friends.

And MEANWHILE, we will keep a public profile. MEANWHILE, we'll continue to collect and archive materials despite a significant lack of space. MEANWHILE, we're challenged to plan some out-of-the-box programming without the use of the Old Town House, closed until it's repaired and stabilized.

And MEANWHILE, we've grateful to the Town for the use of this meeting space and other services and to the NorthYarmouth Congregational Church for events space. And I'm grateful to and proud of our faithful Board of Directors and to our membership for their support.

We exist because YOU care about our town's history, and that means a great deal to us. Thank you, friends.

Respectfully submitted, KATIE MURPHY President, North Yarmouth Historical Society

P.S. Join us. Go to www.northyarmouthhistorical.org

Prince Memorial Library FY 2012/2013 Annual Report

n September 2012, longtime Youth Services Librarian Jan Hamilton retired, leading to the hiring of Program Coordinator Jennifer Gifford and a realignment of how the library provides services. Jennifer is now responsible for all programming, including the Summer Reading Program and adult programming. Reference Librarian Elizabeth Tarasevich has assumed responsibility for providing youth reference services, as well as for ordering materials for the Children's and Young Adult areas. Passport Acceptance Agents Arabella Eldredge and Pam Copenhagen have taken over responsibility for processing all passport applications under the supervision of Elizabeth, who will no longer process applications on a regular basis. Taken together, these changes have resulted in a clearer delineation of duties for all library employees and a more dynamic programming schedule for library users.

Programming

The 2012 Summer Reading Program, *Dream Big... Read*, ran for the six-week period June 22 through July 27. A total of 303 children and young adults participated, and 1,354 books were read. More than 576 people visited the library on the day of the program kick-off event, and activities included a butterfly and planting project, a Lego activity, a French story time, face painting and bubbles, a musical story time, a Child ID program and appearances by Rob Duguette, Joe Piscopo, and the Yarmouth Clam Festival mascot. Special thanks go out to the Greely High School French Club, April Kearney of the Arts Alliance, Habitat for Humanity, the Cadette Girl Scout Troop, New York Life, and all the community members young and old who volunteered their time and energy during a very successful Summer Reading Program Kick-Off event.

Special programs during the six-week Summer Reading Program included the Make It or Take It recycled craft event, the Chewonki endangered species program, the Million Pillowcase Challenge, the PuppeTree production of *The Ugly Duckling*, and a musical performance by Judy Pancoast. The Friends of Prince Memorial Library provided the financial assistance allowing the library to offer all of the Summer Reading Program's special events. Their generosity and support are gratefully appreciated.

Throughout the year, 1,620 children visited the library for the weekday Story Time, with an additional 156 in attendance during Saturday programs and 330 attending the five special programs that were offered. Forty-four visits were made to local classrooms and more than 1,200 children were encountered. A total of 24 adult programs were offered, with more than 1,000 in attendance. The popular Saturday morning Music and Muffins concerts featured such performers as Sweet Wednesday, Three Point Jazz, the Bloomers, Carolyn Currie, Tom Douglas, and Home by Eight. Other adult programming included a talk by meteorologist Roger Griswold on weather, a history of Maine agriculture by Mark Lapping of the Muskie Institute, a presentation by John Woolverton on the experiences of a Maine family in Russia during the 1917 Revolution, and author talks by Elizabeth Hall Harmon, Stephen Gale Hobson, George Daughan, and Gail Rowe.

Adult Services

Reference Librarian Elizabeth Tarasevich offers reference and reader services, facilitates the book groups, and provides Internet training. Elizabeth conducted 290 sessions teaching basic computer and Internet skills and how to download audiobooks and e-books. She proctored 17 exams and wrote 12 library columns for The Notes. The afternoon and evening book groups have a total of 62 members, and Elizabeth facilitated book discussions with the two groups 20 times over ten months. Elizabeth and staff members Pam Copenhagen and Arabella Eldredge are certified agents for the library's Passport Application Acceptance Program, which processes passport applications for the U.S. Department of State. The library processed a total of 397 passport applications during FY2012-13, resulting in \$9,955 in revenue and \$1,435 in expenses, for a net gain of \$8,520.

Statistics

Prince Memorial Library ended FY2013 with 5,562 patrons, an increase of 550 patrons, or 10.97%, from FY2012. Cumberland residents, town employees and individuals employed in Cumberland comprise 70.21% of cardholders, while North Yarmouth residents make up

28.75% of the total. MSAD51 employees, non-residents, and institutional borrowers account for the remaining patrons.

The library registered 48,438 visits during the year, an average of 194 for each day it was open to the public. Total circulation of catalogued library materials plus digital materials (i.e., audiobooks and ebooks) downloaded from the Maine Infonet Download Library and Prince Memorial Library's new digital reference ebrary was 82,963, a 1.67% increase from the previous year's circulation total of 81,598. In addition to catalogued materials, the library loans magazines, paperback books, and school summer reading list books, but does not maintain statistics on their usage.

Cumberland residents borrowed 53,837 catalogued materials, or 68.27% of catalogued materials circulated, while North Yarmouth residents circulated 21,707 materials, or 27.51% of the total. July was the month with the highest total circulation, followed by August and June. December and February had the lowest circulation totals for the year. The highest circulating material categories were books for children, adult fiction, and DVDs. The library's collection of books, videos, and audiotapes now totals 52,356. In addition, the library subscribes to eight newspapers and approximately 90 magazines.

Grace E. Hutchinson Negative Collection Project

In December 2012, Prince Memorial Library received a \$5,000 grant from the Davis Family Foundation of Falmouth to inventory, organize, conserve, and analyze the Grace E. Hutchinson Negative Collection (GEHNC), a collection of approximately 3,200 photographic negatives taken by Grace Hutchinson to accompany her articles for the Portland Press Herald, Portland Evening Express and Maine Sunday Telegram. Hutchinson, a longtime Cumberland resident, served as correspondent for the newspapers, covering the towns of Cumberland, Gray, New Gloucester, North Yarmouth, and Pownal from 1963 through 1983. The images represent a rich archive of daily life and significant happenings in the communities, which were experiencing considerable change during the time period represented. For instance, the population of North Yarmouth increased 69% between 1960 and 1980, while the population of Cumberland grew 91% during the same period. Rapid population growth affects not only the character of a community but also its physical

setting, with new housing, schools, and roads being built and existing landscapes changed forever.

The goal of the GEHNC Project is to ensure that the images contained in the collection, and the stories they represent, are not lost. Each 6 cm. x 6 cm. black and white negative will be scanned into an archival quality tiff image and assigned an accession number; the negative will then be housed in an acid-free, lignin-free, unbuffered envelope for conservation purposes. The original images will be archived, with digital copies used to try to identify the image subjects. Subject identification will be accomplished by a variety of means, including researching the articles Hutchinson wrote during her career, mounting exhibits, and giving image presentations to the historical societies in the five towns Hutchinson covered; those attending the exhibits and presentations will be asked to help identify the subjects.

Expected results of the GEHNC Project include the organization and preservation of the physical negative collection and the identification of the image subjects. Results will be measured quantitatively by how many negatives are scanned and conserved, as well as qualitatively, by the amount and quality of data collected on each image and on the collection as a whole.

Some believe that history is the biography of great people; this may be true, but local history is the story of individuals within a specific geographic locale, and the story of those people is in many ways more pertinent to the local community than the actions of the "great people" who live elsewhere. The GEHNC Project seeks to preserve the area's local history by engaging its residents and seeking their assistance in identifying the people and events that helped shape their towns, their lives, and the lives of their families and neighbors.

Facility Improvements at the Library

Two major facility improvements occurred at Prince Memorial Library during the year: the installation of motion-sensor technology throughout the facility to control lighting, and improved insulation of the attic spaces in the original 1922 building (now called the Prince Room) and 1959 Merrill Addition. Water damage in the Prince Room prompted an investigation and assessment of the attic space; results showed no ongoing structural problems, but revealed that the original vermiculite insulation was severely lacking. A complete weatherization program involved foam sealing all applicable areas, damming of hatch areas and installation of webbing to contain cellulose, and blowing of 16" of R-50 cellulose throughout. The lighting and insulation improvements, in conjunction with lighting retrofits and other energy efficiency enhancements undertaken over the past few years, are contributing to overall facility efficiency and increased energy savings.

Friends of Prince Memorial Library

The Friends of Prince Memorial Library provide an important service to the library and the community. The Friends supply the library with memberships to the Portland Museum of Art, the Children's Museum of Maine, the University of Southern Maine Southworth Planetarium, and the Maine Wildlife Park, making discounted passes available to families and individuals. The Friends also manage the annual book sale in October, support the children's book sale and craft session in February, and contribute financially to children's programs and other library needs.

Library staff would like to thank the Friends of Prince Memorial Library for their generous assistance in offering services to the residents of Cumberland and North Yarmouth, and to members of the Prince Memorial Library Advisory Board for their guidance. Thanks also go out to the Anne H. Russell Charitable Lead Annuity Trust, the Davis Family Foundation, the Spicewood Fund of the Maine Community Foundation, and the Cumberland-North Yarmouth Lions Club for providing financial support; to Skyline Farm for supporting the library's family pass to Willowbrook Village; and to all the individuals who donated money and books to the library.

The Prince Room, the library's original facility, provides valuable community meeting spac and is used by Cumberland Recreation and Community Education and area groups, in addition to hosting library programs. The Prince Room has for many years hosted a Friday morning senior citizen dominoes group. The Prince Room's use by the community is increasing as more and more individuals and groups become aware of its availability. Prince Memorial Library serves as the community library for the residents of Cumberland and North Yarmouth. Services include the lending of library materials, programming for both children and adults, use of computers and access to the Internet, and community meeting space. The staff of Prince Memorial Library, including Circulation Librarian Sandy McGowan, Reference Librarian Elizabeth Tarasevich, Program Coordinator Jennifer Gifford, circulation aides Pam Copenhagen, Ann Edwards, Arabella Eldredge, and Betsy Perry, and pages Bella Bennett and Kayla Caizzo, looks forward to serving the library's patrons and the communities of Cumberland and North Yarmouth during the coming year.

Respectfully submitted, THOMAS C. BENNETT Library Director

Town of North Yarmouth Outstanding Tax List as of June 30, 2014

Outstanding Real Estate Taxes

Acct #	NameBalance I	Oue (w/interest)	Acct #	Name Balance Due (w/inter	rest)
REAL	ESTATE TAXES • FY 2014		REAL	ESTATE TAXES • FY 2013	
345	ANDERSON, RICHARD	112.61	345	ANDERSON, RICHARD ANDERSON, LEWIS	0 15
45 167	ANDERSON, VIRGINIA E*		693	BRIMIGION, DANE S. BRIMIGION, NANCY	
107 22	BAHLKOW, GARY D.		61	BROWN, ANNE	
22 343	BAHLKOW, GARY D		33	BROWN, IAN A	
792	BAHLKOW, GARY D		272	CLEMENT, AMY S.	4.23
1792 155	BARLKOW, GART D BEXON, SAMUEL & ANNA			& DOUGLAS R. FRIEDRICH, JAIMY K	11 4 5
455 31	BIRNEY, JAMES G.		1345	CLUKEY, ARTHUR W	
	BLAIS, PETER M.			CLUKEY, HEIRS OF JAMES CLUKEY, C/O ARTHUR	
282		'	1346		
132	BLANCHARD, ANN C.		1086	LOWE, ROBERT HEIRS OF c/o ROBERT LOWE JR.2,80	JU.IC
593	BRIMIGION, DANE S.		1177	MCGUFFEY, SUZANNE G. WOODWARD,	. .
407	BROOKES, KEITH	'	1.415	STEPHEN G	
51	BROWN, ANNE		1415	MORRISON, JEFFREY W. MORRISON, AUDREY T. 1,76	
33	BROWN, IAN A.		1709	MORRISON, JEFFREY W 1,69	
1577	BROWN, JAMES*		96	NOSEWORTHY, CHARLENE STARR 2,70	
82	CAIAZZO, AMY E		328	PECK, MARIE H5,03	
272	CLEMENT, AMY S. & DOUGLAS R		704	SPRAGUE, DAPHNE1,22	9.72
1345	CLUKEY, ARTHUR W		364	WOODWARD, STEPHEN G. WOODWARD,	
1346	CLUKEY, HEIRS OF JAMES			DOREEN 1,85	2.59
5	COLLINS, WILLIAM R	1,604.41	429	WOODWARD, STEPHEN G. MCGUFFEY,	
762	CUNNINGHAM, STEPHANIE L	3,060.07		SUZANNE G	
573	DEMERS, BRIGITTE HELEN	3,463.32	1190	WOODWARD, STEPHEN G 1,98	2.88
1712	DENNISON, JASON		1194	WOODWARD, STEPHEN G.	
1677	FAULHABER, CHRISTOPHER M			MCGUFFEY, SUZANNE G2,26	9.54
1627	FECTEAU, JR., JACK R	1,676.94			
1830	J&A DEVELOPMENT INC	5,706.91			
1473	KNOWLES, GERALD L				
48	MALLOY, JOSEPH				
759	MCGUFFEY, SUZANNE G				
1177	MCGUFFEY, SUZANNE G.				
1166	MILES, JR, ROBERT W.				
57	MILLIKEN PETER G				
830	MOORE, BRYAN G				
1415	MORRISON, JEFFREY W.				
1709	MORRISON, JEFFREY W.				
139	NAGLE, AARON				
26	NOSEWORTHY, CHARLENE STARR				
328	PECK, MARIE H.				
086	ROBERTS, PAULA J.				
78	ROBINSON, KEVIN M.				
507	ROWE,III. ARTHUR				
702	SANBORN, DONALD D.				
20	SIMMONS, MICHAEL B.				
1116	SINCLAIR, HOLLI J. SAWYER				
704	SPRAGUE, DAPHNE				
178	WHITE, DAVID	,			
1573	WILLIAMS, PATRICK J.	,			
212	WILLIAMS, PATRICK J WILSON, HELEN P				
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364	WOODWARD, STEPHEN G.				
129	WOODWARD, STEPHEN G.				
190	WOODWARD, STEPHEN G.				
1194	WOODWARD, STEPHEN G.				
1195	WOODWARD, STEPHEN G.				
638	WOOTEN, ELIAS				

* Signifies payments made after June 30, 2014

Town of North Yarmouth Outstanding Tax List as of June 30, 2014

Acct # Name......Balance Due (w/interest) Acct # NameBalance Due (w/interest) **PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES • FY 2013** PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES • FY 2014 101040 21 ST CENTURY WOODWORKING 160.98 53 69 WILLIAM SCOTSMAN, INC...... 16.87 101110 100710 JOHN BRYAN FINE ART...... 176.28 100380 COMPLETE TREE......144.10 100610 SHEAR JOY HAIR & BODY SALON 16.02 101120 G.M. LIBBY & SONS...... 19.78 100340 POOLSIDE INC...... 16.36 100800 ROYAL RIVER RENOVATIONS......72.44 101400 STONE'S CAFE & BAKERY...... 125.89 101020 T E LOW INC MASON CONTRACTOR...... 20.62 100420 ADVANCED TECHNICAL EQUIPMENT...... 221.07 100830 JEFFREY VERRILL CONTRACTING SV......72.44

Outstanding Personal Property Taxes





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Management's Discussion and Analysis Fiscal Year ended June 30th, 2013

As management of the Town of North Yarmouth, Maine, we present this narrative to provide you with an overview and analysis of our annual financial statements for the fiscal year ended June 30th, 2013. This is the Town's tenth year of complying with the provisions of GASB 34. This information, in conjunction with the notes to the financial statements, should be considered when reading the Town's financial statements.

2013 Financial Highlights

Total assets of the Town of North Yarmouth exceed its liabilities by \$26,080,259. The governmental activities statement shows a decrease in net position of \$686,948 for the fiscal year. This decrease is due primarily to the cost of depreciation.

The ending fund balance for all governmental funds is \$2,879,525.

The ending fund balance for the general fund is \$2,849,475 which is an increase of \$1,294 over the previous year. Of this balance, \$29,630 is designated to on-going projects, \$11,855 is in nonspendable form, \$3,510 is restricted for animal control, \$150,000 is set aside for next year's budget, and \$1,430,286 is reserved for specific purposes as shown in Statement 3 of these financial statements. This leaves an unassigned balance of \$1,224,194. This appears to provide an adequate surplus.

Overview of Financial Statements

The Town of North Yarmouth's basic financial statements are comprised of three components:

- 1) government-wide financial statements
- 2) fund financial statements, and
- 3) notes to the financial statements

Other supplemental information to the basic financial statements is also provided.

PLEASE NOTE

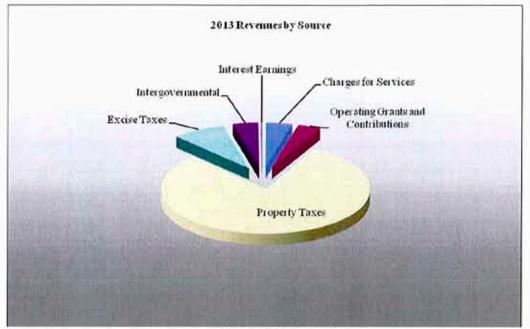
The complete post audit report for the last municipal year is on file at the municipal town office.

Statement of Net Position Information

The following information is a condensed version of the Statement of Net Position.

Table 1Comparative Statement of Net PositionYear Ends June 30th,

	2013	2012
Current & Other Assets Capital Assets, Net	\$ 3,225,573 23,402,173	\$ 3,143,109 <u>23,980,166</u>
Total Assets	<u>26,627,746</u>	27,123,275
Long-Term Debt Outstanding Other Liabilities	269,416 278,071	165,937 190,131
Total Liabilities	547,487	356,068
Net Position:		
Net Investment in Capital Assets Restricted for:	23,129,429	23,813,175
Special Revenues	10,921	17,587
Unrestricted	2,939,909	2,936,445
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 26,080,259</u>	<u>\$ 26,767,207</u>



The following chart depicts program revenues by source.

Chart A - 2013 Revenues by Source

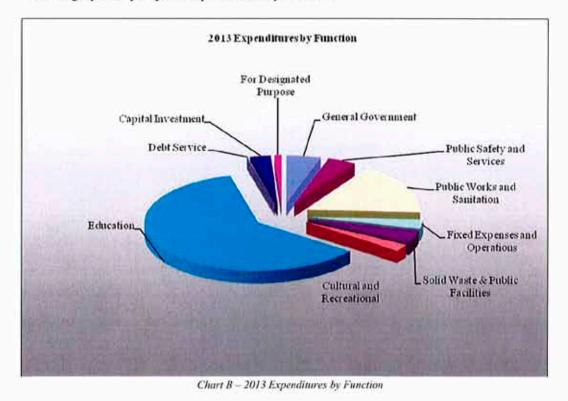


Chart B graphically depicts expenditures by function.

TOWN OF NORTH YARMOUTH, MAINE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION JUNE 30, 2013

	Governmental <u>Activities</u>
ASSETS:	
Cash/Investments	\$ 2,994,342
Receivables:	
Taxes	2,906
Liens	137,506
Accounts	70,636
Prepaid Expenses	11,855
Tax Acquired Property	8,328
Capital Assets:	
Land	889,771
Other Capital Assets, Net of Depreciation	22,512,402
Total Capital Assets	23,402,173
TOTAL ASSETS	26,627,746
LIABILITIES:	
Accounts Payable	100,700
Accrued Liabilities	38,145
Performance Bond Refundable	60,000
Security Deposits	500
Accrued Compensated Absences	44,090
Accrued Interest Payable	3,328
Deferred Revenues	8,659
Internal Balances	22,649
Long-term Liabilities:	
Due within One Year	96,521
Due in More Than One Year	172,895
TOTAL LIABILITIES	547,487
NET POSITION:	
Net Investment in Capital Assets	23,129,429
Restricted for:	
Special Revenues	10,921
Unrestricted	2,939,909
TOTAL NET POSITION	\$ 26,080,259

TOWN OF NORTH YARMOUTH, MAINE

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE -BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND - BUDGETARY BASIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013

	Original and Final <u>Budget</u>	Actual	Variance Positive <u>(Negative)</u>
REVENUES:			
Taxes:			
Property	\$ 6,672,089	\$ 6,673,733	\$ 1,644
Change in Deferred Property Tax Revenues	-	18,673	18,673
Excise	628,926	688,814	59,888
	7,301,015	7,381,220	80,205
Intergovernmental:			
State Revenue Sharing	185,000	239,282	54,282
State Homestead Reimbursement	77,799	77,799	-
Veterans Exemption	1,250	3,989	2,739
Tree Growth	1,000	1,411	411
Highway Block Grant	35,000	38,736	3,736
General Assistance	7,500	1,991	(5,509)
BETE Reimbursement	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	34 55,693
Miscellaneous:	10		(5.10)
Interest	13,750	13,202	(548)
Impact Fees	12,000	12,000	-
Clerk/Permit Fees	23,055	35,658	12,603
Dog Licenses	1,200	1,293	93
Dog Fines	1,300	3,075 34,164	1,775 (336)
Rescue Fees Rental Fees - House	34,500 12,000	4,600	(7,400)
Rental Fees - Cell Tower	30,000	30,915	(7,400) 915
Franchise Fees	29,000	29,396	396
Public Works/Solid Waste Fees	101,400	116,706	15,306
Planning/Zoning Board Fees	2,650	1,000	(1,650)
Other	4,175	50,091	45,916
Olici	265,030	332,100	67,070
TOTAL REVENUES	7,873,694	8,076,662	202,968
EXPENDITURES:			
General Government	448,576	441,032	7,544
Public Safety and Services	340,744	309,035	31,709
Public Works and Sanitation	883,545	844,422	39,123
Solid Waste	286,489	267,228	19,261
Public Facilities	96,432	96,323	109
Public Lands and Recreation	225,309	213,331	11,978
Education	5,492,347	5,492,347	-
Debt Service	51,250	52,046	(796)
Fixed Charges	289,060	263,741	25,319
Capital Investment	187,654	178,894	8,760
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	8,301,406	8,158,399	143,007

TOWN OF NORTH YARMOUTH, MAINE BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE -BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND - BUDGETARY BASIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013

	Original and Final <u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	Variance Positive <u>(Negative)</u>	
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	\$ (427,712)	\$ (81,737)	\$ 345,975	
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES): Budgeted Use of Surplus	230,000	-	(230,000)	
Loan Proceeds Ambulance Fees	150,000 30,000	150,000	- (30,000)	
Transfers to Reserves Carry Over Balance from 2012	(19,500) 46,875	(21,256)	(1,756) (46,875)	
Operating Transfers to Special Revenues	<u>(9,663)</u> <u>427,712</u>	<u>(9,663)</u> <u>119,081</u>	(308,631)	
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	<u>\$ </u>	37,344	\$ 37,344	
RECONCILIATION TO GAAP BASIS:				
Budgeted Transfers, Intergovernmental, and Interest Income to Reserves Transfers In		187,892 21,256		
Expenses from Reserves		(245,198) (36,050)		
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES		<u>\$ 1,294</u>		

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	Appro-		Trancfare				Balances	
	Forward	Appropriations	and Other <u>Cr</u> edits	Total <u>Available</u>	Expenditures	La Overdrawn	Lapsed 1 Unexpended	Carried Forward
	:							
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	Ę		Ę			Ģ		
Central Utilice	•	2 246.894	-	5 246,894	5 244,989	•	s 105	S 1.800
Jeeduren Legal	1 1	38.960		38.960	50.603	- 11 643	с с	•
Elections & Moderator	ı	9.800	•	9.800	12,221	2.421		
Web Page & TV	•	7,575	'	7,575	7,947	372		,
Contingency		10.000	•	000'01	1.434	ı	8.566	ı
Assessing	ŀ	34,035		34,035	25.248		3,787	5.000
Planning Board	•	14,100	ı	14,100	17,636	3.536	ı	
Code Enforcement	ı	72.774	•	72,774	72.870	96	ı	•
Charter Commission	1	10,750		10.750	4,429		21	6,300
		448.576		448.576	441.032	18,068	12,512	13,100
PUBLIC SAFETY AND SERVICES								
Fire Protection	23,238	217,788	,	241,026	229,669	ı	11.357	
Rescue Services	490	58,395	•	58,885	53.073	•	5,812	I
Health Officer	ı	423	I	423	336	J	87	
EMA Director	•	300	•	300	130	ı	170	
Animal Control		6.000	•	6,000	5,393	,	607	·
Street Lights	•	2.965	ı	2,965	2,748	ı	217	'
General Assistance	1	20,350	•	20,350	8,457	ı	11.893	,
Property Tax Assistance	I	1,000	•	1,000	'		1,000	,
Agency Bequests	. 	9.795	•	9,795	9.229	,	566	
	23,728	317,016	-	340,744	309,035		31,709	
PUBLIC WORKS AND SANITATION								
Public Works	ı	285,020	ı	285,020	284,472	·	548	
Roads	15,847	291,325	1	307,172	300,799	·	3.373	3,000
Mill Road Reconstruction	ı	250.000	•	250,000	229,269	,	20.731	'
Winter Plowing	1,953	39,400	13.854	55,207	43,736	•	11.471	
	17,800	865.745	13.854	897,399	858,276		36,123	3,000
SOLID WASTE								
Solid Waste Disposal and Recycling		248.689	•	248,689	243,867		4,822	
Hazardous Waste Cleanup/Bag Purchase	ı	34,500		34,500	23,061	,	11.439	·
Old Landfill	•	3,300	•	3,300	300	'	1.135	1,865
		286,489		286,489	267,228		17,396	1.865

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Schedule 2

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TOWN OF NORTH YARMOUTH, MAINE STATEMEN'T OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS (Continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013

		Carried <u>Forward</u>	\$ 	10,470 - 10,470		.		\$ 29.630
	Balances	Lapsed <u>l'nexpended</u>	\$ 1,469 3,135 2,732 7,336	3,577 - - 3.577		25,319 25,319	8.760 8.760	\$ 142,732
		La _J <u>Overdrawn</u>	\$ - 3.422 2.829 2.171 2,171	- - 2.069 2.069	- 196			\$ 29.355
		Expenditures	<pre>\$ 15.816 30.354 9,909 12.65 3.911 23.768 96.323 </pre>	19,008 181,629 2,000 10,694 213,331	5,492.347 52,046	254.763 8.978 263.741	21.901 23.808 65.000 68.185 178.894	\$ 8,172,253
NE 30. 2013		Total <u>Availabie</u>	\$ 17.285 26.932 7.080 16.895 1.740 26.500 96.432	33,055 181,629 2.000 8.625 225,309	5,492.347 51,250	254,763 34,297 289,060	21,901 23,808 65,000 76,945 187,654	\$ 8,315,260
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013	Ē	I ransfers and Other <u>Credits</u>	ω.					\$ 13,854
FOK THE		<u>Appropriations</u>	\$ 17.285 21.585 7.080 1.740 1.740 26.500 91.085	33,055 181,629 2,000 8,625 225,309	5.492.347 51.250	254,763 34,297 289,060	21,901 23,808 65,000 76,945 187,654	\$ 8,254,531
	Appro-	priation Balances <u>Forward</u>	\$ 5.347 5.347 5.347					\$ 46,875
			PUBLIC FACILITIES Janitorial Services Fire Station Public Works Garage Town Office Sharp House Insurance	PUBLIC LANDS AND RECREATION Parks Library Shellfish Cemeteries	EDUCATION Maine School Administrative District #51 DEBT SERVICE	FIXED CHARGES County Tax Overlay	CAPITAL INVESTMENTS Truck Purchase Reserve Fire Truck Reserve Revaluation Reserve Miscellaneous Reserves	TOTAL

TOWN OF NORTH YARMOUTH, MAINE

2014 ANNUAL MEETING FOR THE YEAR Beginning JULY 1, 2014 and Ending JUNE 30TH, 2015

To: Clark Baston, a resident in the Town of North Yarmouth, County of Cumberland, 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 North Yarmouth Memorial School Gymnasium, in said Town on Saturday the 12th day of April A.D. 2014, at nine (9) o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act upon Articles 1 through 28 as set out below, to wit;

ARTICLE 1: To Elect a Moderator to preside over said meeting.

Town Clerk Deb Grover read the greeting and asked for nominations for moderator.

It was moved and seconded to nominate Michael Traister as moderator.

It was moved and seconded to cease nominations.

Michael Traister was elected and sworn in as moderator.

Michael welcomed everyone to the meeting and outlined the town meeting rules and procedures.

State Representatives Anne Graham and Steve Moriarity said a few words.

Steve Palmer, Board of Selectmen Chair presented some highlights related to the Town Budget:

- 1. Regarding Westcustogo Hall; no decision has been made yet regarding this. There is a possibility to use the Memorial School Gymnasium as the new meeting space.
- 2. There is interest in moving Old Town Meeting House to the former Westcustugo Hall site.
- 3. Memorial School: There are discussions on what the school building can be used for. It could be repurposed to new Town Office/meeting space. It could be reused for another purpose. Soils and Septic are sufficient for a new use and to extend water to the Village Center. All final decisions would be made at a Special Town Meeting. The Selectmen has recommended to close the building in the interim until a decision and plan are made. There is continued discussion on TIF districts as a savings mechanism to help with this new use.

- 4. Steve commented on the Town Manager hiring process and funding for this. (in Article 3). There is also a request for \$100k for planning on the projects.
- 5. Sligo Road paving: The Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee have different recommendations regarding this paving project.

He stated that this year's budget is 5.5% lower from last year's budget.

BUDGET ADOPTION SECTION

<u>ARTICLE 2:</u> To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate and raise for each of the following ADMINISTRATION purposes, or take any action thereon:

ADI	INISTRATION PURPOSES	2012-13 Actual	2013-2014 Budget	2014-2015 Request	Dollar Difference 2014-15	Percent Difference 2014-15
A.	Personnel, Benefits & Office Exp.	\$166,344.86	\$165,935.00	\$177,487.00	\$11,552.00	6.96%
В.	Elections & Moderator	\$9,324.13	\$12,500.00	\$12,411.00	-\$89.00	-0.01%
C.	Technology & Broadcasting	\$11,550.42	\$10,460.00	\$11,743.00	\$1,283.00	12.27%
	Totals	\$187,219.41	\$188,895.00	\$201,641.00	\$12,746.00	6.75%

Selectmen Recommend:\$201,641.00 Budget Committee Recommends: \$201,641.00

Paul Napolitano moved and Mark Girard seconded to approve Article 2 in the amount of \$201,641.00.

Article 2 passed.

ARTICLE 3: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate and raise for each of the following MANAGEMENT purposes, or take any action thereon:

MAN	NAGEMENT PURPOSES	2012-13 Actual	2013-2014 Budget	2014-2015 Request	Dollar Difference 2014-15	Percent Difference 2014-15
Α.	Selectmen	\$3,654.56	\$3,688.00	\$3,688.00	\$ 0.00	0.00%
В.	Town Manager	\$83,438.30	\$87,590.00	\$ 105,301.00	\$17,711.00	20.22%
C.	Committees	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$1,500.00	1,500.00%
D.	Legal	\$50,602.50	\$32,520.00	\$33,770.00	\$1,250.00	3.84%
Ε.	Contingency	\$4,000.26	\$15,000.00	\$10,000.00	-\$5,000.00	-33.33%
	Totals	\$141,695.62	\$138,798.00	\$154,259.00	\$15,461.00	11.14%

Selectmen Recommend:.....\$154,259.00

Budget Committee Recommends: \$161,259.00 More for Town Manager search

Darla Hamlin moved and Paul Napolitano seconded to approve Article 3 in the amount of \$154,259.00

Thaddeus Day, Budget Committee member stated that the difference between the Selectmen and Budget Committee is due to the unknown process for hiring.

Conrad Lauzier asked why the Budget Committee did not challenge the proposed number. Thad Day said that they were concerned that the Selectmen might go over budget.

Conrad asked about the \$1500 for Line C. Darla Hamlin stated that this would support the various committees. In the past it has not been budgeted as a separate line item.

Clark Whittier stated that \$1,000 is for training and conferences and \$500 are for supplies.

Jim Moulton asked if this amount has been paid before. Marnie Diffin stated that when the Charter was changed, it outlined that the Board of Selectmen had oversight over a number of committees. The Selectmen adopted a committee policy for these committees including training, etc. Previously this had been under Administration.

Mark Verrill, Walnut Hill Road asked if the fund is currently being funded. He stated that he believes the town was misled in that the Charter change would not cost additional money to the town.

Steve Palmer stated that the amount difference is also for potential moving costs.

Article 3 passed.

<u>ARTICLE 4</u>: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate and raise for an increase to the annual pay for members of the Board of Selectmen.

Selectmen Recommend: \$ 0.00 Budget Committee Recommends: \$3,660.00

Explanation: Budget Committee recommends to increase the pay to \$1500.00 for the Chair, (from \$700.00) and to increase the pay to \$1250.00 for each of the other 4 members (from \$600.00 per member). FICA contribution adds an additional \$260.00 to the total.

Thaddeus Day moved and Rick Plummer seconded to approve Article 4 in the amount of \$3,660.00

Thad Day stated that the Selectmen recommendation of \$0 is incorrect. They actually do not have a position on this Article. He stated that there has not been a salary increase in 30 years and that the town's amount is low in comparison to other area communities.

Jim Moulton, 54 Mill Road stated that he would support it.

Katherine Dion asked about the amount. Michael Traister stated that it is to appropriate \$3,660

additional to increase the total amount.

Anne Graham stated people in general do this for public service but there should be some appropriate compensation. She supports this.

Article 4 passed.

<u>ARTICLE 5</u>: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate and raise for each of the following LAND USE REGULATION AND PLANNING purposes, or take any action thereon:

	D USE REGULATIONS PLANNING	2012-13 Actual	2013-2014 Budget	2014-2015 Request	Dollar Difference 2014-15	Percent Difference 2014-15
A.	Assessing	\$25,247.69	\$38,170.00	\$45,552.00	\$7,382.00	19.34%
В.	Planning Board	\$17,635.93	\$10,100.00	\$ 7,100.00	-\$3,000.00	-29.70%
C.	Charter Commission	\$ 4,429.42	\$ 0.00	\$0.00	\$ 0.00	0.00%
D.	Planning	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	
E.	Code Enforcement	\$72,870.31	\$75,682.00	\$ 76,938.00	\$1,256.00	1.66%
F.	Economic Development	\$ 0.00	\$152,000.00	\$ 0.00	- \$152,000.00)
	Totals	\$120,183.35	\$275,952.00	\$229,590.00	-\$46,362.00	-16.80%
Sele	ectmen Recommend:	\$229,590.00)			
Bud	get Committee Recommends:	\$229,590.00				

Mark Girard moved and Steve Palmer seconded to approve Article 5 in the amount of \$229,590.00.

Mark Verill moved to amend Article 5 to reduce the recommended amount by \$100,000 to \$129,590. Jim Moulton seconded.

Mark Verrill stated that he would give the Board of Selectmen a failing grade for the planning efforts. He would like to see a vote on rebuilding Westcustogo Hall. There is an agreement between the Grange and the Town regarding replacement of the building in the event something happened. It is a legal, binding document. He stated that he believes that Memorial School should be put on the tax rolls and that the MMA insurance amount for the incident is not high enough. He would like to see an insurance adjuster work on behalf of the town. He believes that this is a good opportunity to build a new Westcustugo Hall.

Dave Holman, Sligo Rd, and Budget Committee member stated that his discussions on the committee stated that planning funds would actually help save money over time since it would require expert help for the Board of Selectmen.

Katie Murphy, Mountfort Rd, and Economic Development and Sustainability Committee member stated that the town has a lot of decisions to make and that the committee ran some figures regarding this work and that there is not a high impact to the mil rate per property.

Andy Walsh, Firefly Lane stated that all the decisions that the town needs to make is difficult to

calculate and requires expert help.

Richard Sweet, Carriage Hill Rd asked what the \$100,000 will be used for.

Mark Girard stated that the \$100k covers a number of activities such as developing natural gas agreements, feasibility of dev a waste system, comp plan work, appraisal of Memorial School and septic. Establish a TIF district. Concept plans for the new Westcustogo Hall.

Michael Traister stated that page 25 of the Warrant Article offers a breakdown of the \$100,000. Richard asked who will be getting the contracts. Mark Girard stated that they have not yet been determined. This figure is a budget number for the BOS to work with.

Richard Sweet would prefer that the town have more of a breakdown of the funds. Mark Girard stated that the Board of Selectmen does not see awarding this amount as a lump sum to one person or company.

Rick Plummer asked what would happen if this amount is not approved. Mark Girard stated that the Selectmen would have to make the best decision with the resources available.

Rick also asked about the \$150,000 vote on last year but not bonded. Mark stated that this funding was not put in place and by law was not carried over and was returned to the unassigned fund balance.

Peter Lindsay, Mountfort Road strongly supports this amount as the town is at a crossroads. There has been a lot of volunteer work on this but now at this point, expertise to move this along is necessary.

Steve Palmer stated that the Selectmen have been open about dealing with the issues and they are continuing to move the process along. He reminded people that Memorial School and its infrastructure is an asset that can be of great benefit to the town. The Board of Selectmen is working with the Grange on the Westcustogo issue to address the spirit of the agreement.

John Fulton, Royal Rd asked for more information on the expected timeline to reach an actual outcome.

Steve Palmer stated that if this is voted down, the Selectmen would have to do the best they can to get this done. Mark Girard stated that the fiscal year begins July 1 but preliminary work is being done. The first Selectmen workshop was recently held to start the discussion and create the timeline. If the town wants them to come up with options, they'll need expert help. He believes that it would be Fall for more defined concepts. The vote is not for a specific concept but to allow expertise to help the Selectmen to come up with recommendations to the town.

Paul Napolitano stated that they need professional help to work on this.

Norman Smith stated that the \$150,000 previously approved can be spent. He would like to see work done and be handled correctly.

There was motion to move the question. The motion to move the question was accepted.

The amended motion of \$129,590 fails.

The original motion of \$229,590 passed.

ARTICLE 6. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate and raise for each of the following PUBLIC SAFETY purposes, or take any action thereon:

Y PURPOSES	2012-13 Actual	2013-2014 Budget	2014-2015 Request	Dollar Difference 2014-15	Percent Difference 2014-15
eed Monitoring Device	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 4,810.00	\$ 4,810.00	4810.00%
icer	\$335.95	\$423.00	\$423.00	\$0.00	0.00%
ontrol	\$5,392.71	\$5,500.00	\$16,579.00	\$11,079.00	201.44%
y Management	\$ 129.64	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	0.00	0.00%
	\$2,747.99	\$2,965.00	\$2,435.00	- \$ 530.00	- 17.88%
Totals	\$8,606.29	\$8,888.00	\$24,247.00	\$ 15,359.0	0 172.81%
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Selectmen Recommend:\$24,247.00 Budget Committee Recommends: \$24,247.00

Clark Whittier moved and Mark Girard seconded to approve Article 6 in the amount of \$24,247.00.

Jim Moulton asked about the speed monitoring device. Clark Whittier stated that this device would be mounted on a pole and monitors and provides data on traffic, speeding to help with requests on making speed limit changes.

Gary Whiting, Mill Road commented on the speeding on his road and is pleased with this item.

Daniel Smith, Walnut Hill stated that it doesn't provide data to the driver.

Ann Graham asked if there have been conversations with the Sheriff's Department and any reports back from them.

Paul Napolitano stated that this is the purpose as it gives specific times (day/date) for data.

Mark Verrill asked about the size. Paul Napolitano stated that it is securely mounted and locked. Brian Sites also commented on the size. Conrad Lauzier asked who will collect the data.

Jim Moulton asked about the increase in animal control. Clark Whittier stated that the shared position and benefits etc have increased.

Alison Carr, Henry Road asked about Emergency Management item. Clark Whittier stated that now that there is a fulltime Fire Chief, this is part of his responsibility.

Paul Hodgetts asked if the speeding device will be a purchase and the maintenance.

Article 6 passed.

ARTICLE 7. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate and raise for each of the following FIRE & RESCUE purposes, or take any action thereon:

FIRE	E & RESCUE PURPOSES	2012-13 Actual	2013-2014 Budget	2014-2015 Request	Dollar Difference 2014-15	Percent Difference 2014-15
A.	Personnel & Benefits	\$108,802.61	\$135,538.00	\$152,938.00	\$17,400.00	12.84%
В.	Supplies & Software	\$19,328.73	\$19,155.00	\$19,670.00	\$ 515.00	2.69%
C.	Vehicles & Equipment	\$45,586.94	\$47,870.00	\$62,546.00	\$14,676.00	30.66%
D.	Contracted Services	\$83,646.00	\$87,800.00	\$88,315.00	\$ 515.00	0.59%
Ε.	Training, Dues & Insurances	\$3,955.38	\$5,800.00	\$6,950.00	\$ 1,150.00	19.83%
	Totals	\$261,319.66	\$296,163.00	\$330,419.00	\$34,256.00	11.57%

Selectmen Recommend:\$330,419.00 Budget Committee Recommends: \$330,419.00

Steve Palmer moved Paul Napolitano seconded to approve Article 7 in the amount of \$330,419.00.

Article 7 passed.

ARTICLE 8. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate and raise for each of the following PUBLIC ASSISTANCE purposes, or take any action thereon:

PUB	LIC ASSISTANCE PURPOSES	2012-13 Actual	2013-2014 Budget	2014-2015 Request	Dollar Difference 2014-15	Percent Difference 2014-15
Α.	General Assistance	\$8,457.48	\$20,350.00	\$15,000.00	-\$ 5,350.00	- 26.29%
В.	Home Health Visiting Nurses	\$1,300.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
C.	Regional Transportation	\$745.00	\$500.00	\$ 500.00	\$0.00	0.00%
D.	Opportunity Alliance	\$4,200.00	\$4,200.00	\$4,200.00	\$0.00	0.00%
E.	Southern Me. Area on Aging	\$1,640.00	\$1,640.00	\$1,750.00	\$110.00	6.71%
F.	VNA Home Health Hospice	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	0.00%
G.	Family Crisis Shelter	\$160.00	\$160.00	\$0.00	- \$160.00	- 100.00%
Н.	Life Flight of Maine	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	100.00%
Ι.	Property Tax Assistance	\$1,277.34	\$1,750.00	\$0.00	- \$1,750.00) -\$1,750.00%
	Totals	\$18,029.82	\$30,850.00	\$23,800.00	-\$7,050.00) -22.85%

Selectmen Recommend:\$23,800.00 Budget Committee Recommends: \$23,800.00

Darla Hamlin moved and Paul Napolitano seconded to approve Article 8 in the amount of \$23,800.00.

Katie Murphy, Mountfort Rd asked about the amount differences. Darla Hamlin stated that the need for assistance has decreased. Some of the organizations above did not submit requests. Clark Whittier stated that Property Tax Assistance that the State has vote that amount out.

Jeff Shorey, Sligo Rd, of the Budget Committee stated that they also review the amounts based on interactions with North Yarmouth residents.

Anne Graham stated that there is property tax assistance bill pending in the State Legislature. She asked if there are reserves in the event there is an increase in request. Clark Whittier stated that it would be paid by undesignated funds.

Article 8 passed.

<u>ARTICLE 9</u>. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate and raise for each of the following PUBLIC WORKS purposes, or take any action thereon:

PUBI	LIC WORKS PURPOSES	2012-13 ACTUAL	2013-2014 BUDGET	2014-2015 REQUEST	Dollar Difference 2014-15	Percent Difference 2014-15	
A.	PACTS *	\$593.00	\$0.00	\$600.00	\$ 600.00	600.00%	
В.	GPCOG **	\$ 3,565.00	\$0.00	\$ 3,565.00	\$ 3,565.00	3565.00%	
C.	Personnel & Benefits	\$227,346.15	\$236,452.00	\$232,722.00	-\$3,730.00	-1.58%	
D.	Equip Repairs, Purchase & Maint	\$57,115.80	\$55,475.00	\$58,053.00	\$2,578.00	4.65%	
E.	Road Maintenance & Repairs	\$284,599.11	\$345,515.00	\$325,675.00	-\$19,840.00	- 5.74%	
F.	Winter Road Plowing	\$43,736.18	\$46,325.00	\$40,250.00	-\$6,075.00	-13.11%	
	Totals	\$616,955.24	\$683,767.00	\$660,865.00	-\$22,902.00	-3.35%	

* PACTS: PORTLAND AREA COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

** GPCOG: GREATER PORTLAND COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Paul Napolitano moved and Mark Girard seconded to approve Article 9 in the amount of \$660,865.00.

Paul Napolitano stated that the Board of Selectmen has recommended high performance chip sealing for this road.

Dave Holman, Sligo Rd and Budget Committee member stated that the town is under-investing in the town's roads. Public Works should be given the flexibility to maintain them in the best method. He supports the Budget Committee amount given the long-term savings.

Brian Sites, of the Budget Committee supports the Budget Committee amount. He expressed concerns for bikers with chip sealing. The Selectmen's figure doesn't give a sufficient amount for an

Paul Napolitano stated that this amended vote was not for a specific project but rather an overall amount.

<u>ARTICLE 10</u>. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate and raise for each of the following PUBLIC FACILITIES purposes, or take any action thereon:

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	Totals	\$128.053.48	\$150,205.00	\$112,553.00 -	\$37.697.00	-25.10%
H.	Insurance	\$23,768.00	\$25,500.00	\$27,000.00	\$ 1,500.00	5.88%
G.	Sharp House	\$23,456.67	\$1,000.00	\$2,740.00	\$ 1,740.00	174.00%
F.	Memorial School-mothballing pro	j \$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	
E.	Wescustogo Hall	\$17,531.49	\$60,980.00	\$ 0.00 -	\$ 60,980.00	- 100.00%
D.	Town Office	\$12,565.08	\$14,140.00	\$15,465.00	\$ 1,325.00	9.37%
C.	Public Works Buildings	\$9,909.21	\$6,280.00	\$13,262.00	\$ 6,982.00	111.18%
В.	Fire Station	\$25,007.11	\$23,380.00	\$22,719.00	- \$661.00	- 2.83%
Α.	Janitorial Services	\$15,815.92	\$18,925.00	\$11,367.00	-\$7,558.00	- 39.94%
PUB	LIC FACILITIES PURPOSES	2012-13 ACTUAL	2013-2014 BUDGET	2014-2015 REQUEST	Dollar Difference 2014-15	Difference 2014-15

Selectmen Recommend:\$112,553.00 Budget Committee Recommends: \$112,553.00

Clark Whittier moved and Mark Girard seconded to approve Article 10 in the amount of \$112,553.00.

Andy Walsh asked about the Memorial School mothballing project amount. Clark Whittier stated that there will be no maintenance costs.

Jim Moulton commented on maintenance costs. He believes that mothballing the building is not a good idea as it will create additional costs down the line. Clark Whittier stated that the Board of Selectmen decision was based on the maintenance costs. It might be possible by Fall after work, and studies have been conducted, there would be a better sense of the building's viability and use. Mark Girard stated that if the boiler were to go down in the winter, it would cost an additional \$100,000 to replace, which may be wasted funds if the building goes up for sale or for some other use. He stated that should he be on the Selectmen after June, he will be pushing for a concrete timeline for this. Mothballing in the short term is the most effective way to proceed.

Rick Plummer, Fire Chief stated that he is opposed to boarding the school given the fire potential and lack of use.

Pam Ames, Gray Rd stated that a low maintenance use for the school is about \$100,000 and give that there is some amount budget, she suggested adding to it.

Pam Ames moved to amend the amount to \$148,803 to maintain it for 6 months (an increase of \$36,250). Thad Day seconded.

Mark Verrill, Walnut Hill Rd. believes that the school building would be better to be sold and be on the

additional smoothing coat on top of the chip sealing. The Budget Committee's recommendation allowed some flexibility and options.

Thad Day moved to amend Article 9 to \$710,865.00. Dave Holman seconded.

Thad Day stated that the town's audit indicated that while the town is in good financial shape, the road infrastructure is depleting and poorly maintained. This amount allows flexibility for Public Works.

Jim Moulton asked what the difference in price between chip sealing and asphalt. Marnie Diffin stated that difference is \$267,000 for asphalt and \$213,000 for chip sealing for Sligo Rd. Jim Moulton stated that given that amount he supports chip sealing. Paul Napolitano commented on the differences in chip sealing options. Mark Girard stated that this recommendation was a good compromise to address the various needs of the residents. He stated that he supported the lower figure to budget to a specific project and not simply a general amount available.

Cathy Dion asked if the Board of Selectmen agreed or disagreed with the town's audit commenting on the roads. Mark Girard stated that he believes that the comments were generalized and based on value figures rather than physical inspection.

Marnie Diffin stated that town auditing process legally requires assessed values of all town assets (building, roads and the like) and requires it to determine a depreciation amount over time. Town's generally don't do this. Clark Whittier reminded residents that not all the roads are maintained by the town, but by the State.

Wayne Miller stated that the chip sealing on Milliken Road has held up well and supports this.

Paul Hodgetts asked about the life of chip sealing. Paul Napolitano stated that it averages 8 years, does not cause tire damage etc and smoothes out even more over time. Wayne Miller stated that he understands that the chip sealed roads used less sand and salt which is a cost savings.

Steve Palmer stated that the Board of Selectmen is concerned about bike safety and that there has been a lot of research done including driving some roads in New Hampshire and speaking with NH Public Works. They provided them with information on the adjustments made to address bicyclists. It was also suggested to give a chip sealed road a year. This method reduces frost heaving. Based on this research he has more confidence in this option.

Andy Walsh believes that this is an important issue given the increase in asphalt costs over time. He believes that towns will have to go to chip sealing overtime. He is concerned about chip sealing on Sligo Road in particular for bikers. There are options to make it smoother for them and would be cost effective. He supports the Budget Committee's recommendation figure to address these options.

Richard Cole moved and Conrad Lauzier to move the question. The motion to move the question passed.

The amended motion passed by majority vote.

Article 9 in the amount of \$710,865.00 passed.

tax rolls and should be advertised now. Rick Plummer agreed with Mark.

Jim Moulton agreed with the Fire Chief regarding the school. There was a discussion on the 6 month option. Mark Girard stated that he believes that the BOS will have a viable plan in the Fall. He stated that the reality is to repurpose this building will be substantial change and to spend money to maintain the school is not a good use of money.

Dave Holman commented that the Budget Committee discussed the various options. Hearing the Fire Chief's concerns, mothballing would not be

Dixie Hayes asked about the exterior maintenance in the interim. Steve Palmer stated that they have budgeted for exterior maintenance regardless of the vote.

Mark Verrill asked if the Selectmen had given thought to putting the property for sale now to see about interest. Nelson Smith, Ledge Rd. stated that expertise is needed for this. There should be research done to assess the options. He does not want to see the building be given away as it has good bones. There are number of options for the town's use.

It was moved and seconded to move the question. The motion passed.

The amended motion passed.

Motion to approve Article 10 in the amount of \$148,803.

Article 10 in the amount of \$148,803 passed.

ARTICLE 11. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate and raise for each of the following PUBLIC LANDS & RECREATION purposes, or take any action thereon:

-	BLIC LANDS & REATION PURPOSES	2012-13 ACTUAL	2013-2014 BUDGET	2014-2015 REQUEST	Dollar Difference 2014-15	Percent Difference 2014-15
A.	Parks	\$18,008.26	\$18,655.00	\$20,724.00	\$2,069.00	11.09%
В.	Town Events	\$9,480.05	\$10,350.00	\$10,350.00	\$0.00	0.00%
C.	Royal River Conservation Trust	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
D.	Library & Recreation	\$181,629.00	\$149,946.00	\$177,285.00	\$27,339.00	18.23%
E.	Cemeteries	\$10,699.43	\$14,520.00	\$14,417.00	-\$103.00	0.71%
F.	Shellfish Conservation	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
G.	Snowmobile Clubs	\$834.12	\$800.00	\$1,000.00	\$200.00	25.00%
	Totals	\$223,650.86	\$197,271.00	\$226,776.00	29,505.00	14.96%

Selectmen Recommend:\$226,776.00 Budget Committee Recommends: \$226,776.00

Mark Girard moved and Steve Palmer seconded to approve Article 11 in the amount of \$226,776.00.

Katie Murphy asked about the Library/Recreation line item. Mark Girard stated that there are no fundamental changes in operations. The shared positions are no longer available and some changes in mechanical factors.

Article 11 passed.

<u>ARTICLE 12.</u> To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate and raise for each of the following SOLID WASTE & RECYCLING purposes, or take any action thereon:

SOLID WASTE & RECYCLING PURPOSES	2012-13 ACTUAL	2013-2014 BUDGET	2014-2015 REQUEST	Dollar Difference 2014-15	Percent Difference 2014-15
A. MSW & RecyclingB. Clean-Up,Bags & BinsC. Former Landfill	\$243,867.89 \$23,060.68 \$300.00	\$228,567.00 \$24,200.00 \$300.00	\$174,970.00 \$12,400.00 \$300.00	-\$53,597.00 -\$11,800.00 \$0.00	
Totals	\$267,228.57	\$253,067.00	\$187,670.00	-\$65,397.00	-25.84%

Selectmen Recommend:.....\$187.670.00

Budget Committee Recommends: \$197,670.00 Spring Clean up Day is included

Paul Napolitano moved and Clark Whittier seconded to approve Article 12 in the amount of \$187,670.00.

Mark Verrill moved to amend the amount to \$197,670.00. The motion was seconded.

Mark Verill stated that this is a minor benefit for the taxpayers that should remain. Jeff Shorey stated that he agreed with Mark and that this is a good way to help dispose properly.

Katie Murphy asked if the town get revenue from clean-up day. Paul Napolitano stated that there is some shared revenue with the haulers.

Mark Girard reminded the group that this is the 3rd item that the voters have chosen to increase.

Paul Hodgetts believes that it is important to have this activity and supports this.

Steve Palmer stated that the revenues from this are far less than the amount that is spent. This recommendation was a way to help reduce costs.

Pam Ames, Gray Rd. stated the ecomaine has paid the town long term debt and the savings from this is significant.

Cathy Dion stated that there are a significant number of people who make use of this day. Paul Napolitano reminded people stated that while ecomaine has eliminated their fee, it has created a fee for material they cannot sell.

Darla Hamlin stated that the town's recycling rates have gone down.

The amended motion passed

Motion to approve Article 12 in the amount of \$197,670.00.

Article 12 in the amount of \$197,670.00 passed.

ARTICLE 13. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate and raise for each of the following DEBT SERVICE purposes, or take any action thereon:

DEE	BT SERVICE PURPOSES	2012-13 ACTUAL	2013-2014 BUDGET	2014-2015 REQUEST	Dollar Difference 2014-15	Percent Difference 2014-15
A.	Principal	\$46,520.83	\$96,527.50	\$96,507.50	- \$20.00	- 0.02%
В.	Interest	\$4,607.58	\$5,304.00	\$4,088.00	-\$1,216.00	-22.93%
C.	Tax & Bond Anticipation Note	\$ 918.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$850.00	- \$2,150.00	-71.67%
	Totals	\$52,046.41	\$104,831.50	\$101,445.50	-\$3,386.00	-3.23%

Selectmen Recommend:\$101,445.50 Budget Committee Recommends: \$101,445.50

Steve Palmer moved and Paul Napolitano seconded to approve Article 13 in the amount of \$101,445.50.

Article 13 passed.

<u>ARTICLE 14.</u> To see what sum of money the town will vote to appropriate and raise for the following CAPITAL PURCHASE purposes, or take any action thereon:

CAPITAL PURCHASE PURPOSES	2012-13 ACTUAL	2013-2014 BUDGET	2014-2015 REQUEST	Dollar Difference 2014-15	Percent Difference 2014-15
 A. Truck Replacement B. Lawn Mower Replacement C. Fire Station Repairs D. Fire Rescue Equipment 	\$146,230.10 \$ 0.00 \$ 0.00 \$ 0.00	0.00 \$ 10,750.00 \$ 10,500.00 \$ 0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00 -\$ 10,750.00 -\$ 10,500.00 \$ 86,275.00	0.00%
Totals	\$146,230.10	\$21,250.00	\$86,275.00	\$ 65,025.00	306.00%

Selectmen Recommend:\$86,275.00 Budget Committee Recommends: \$86,275.00

Clark Whittier moved and Mark Girard seconded to approve Article 14 in the amount of \$86,275.00.

Article 14 passed.

<u>ARTICLE 15</u>. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate and raise for each of the following CAPITAL RESERVE ADDITION purposes, or take any action thereon:

	PITAL RESERVE DITION PURPOSES	2012-13 ACTUAL	2013-2014 BUDGET	2014-2015 REQUEST	Dollar Difference 2014-15	Percent Difference 2014-15
A.	Public Works Trucks & Equip	\$18,516.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$0.00	-0.00%
В.	Public Works Minor Items	\$3,385.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$0.00	-0.00%
C.	Fire & Rescue Vehicles	\$20,908.00	\$58,333.00	\$58,333.00	\$0.00	0.00%
D.	Fire & Rescue Minor Items	\$2,900.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$0.00	-0.00%
E.	Parks & Public Lands	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$0.00	-0.00%
F.	Capital Building Sys Repairs	\$30,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$0.00	-0.00%
G.	Town Office Air Conditioning Sys	\$185.00	\$0.00	\$.00	-\$0.00	-0.00%
Η.	Assessing	\$65,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$0.00	- 0.00%
I.	Irrigation System for OTHP	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$0.00	-0.00%
J.	Snow Blowing Equipment	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$0.00	-0.00%
K.	Sharp House	\$8,760.00	\$3,400.00	\$10,460.00	\$ 7,060.00	207.65%
L.	Cable & Technology Special Rev	\$19,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$0.00-	- 0.00%
	Totals	\$178,894.00	\$61,733.00	\$68,793.00	\$ 7,060.00	11.44%

Selectmen Recommend:\$68,793.00 Budget Committee Recommends: \$68,793.00

Mark Girard moved and Steve Palmer seconded to approve Article 15 in the amount of \$68,793.00.

Article 15 passed.

ARTICLE 16. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate from ANTICIPATED NON PROPERTY TAX REVENUES to reduce the property taxes for the fiscal year 2014-2015 as detailed below, or take any action thereon:

RE	VENUE TYPE	2012-2013 Actual	2013-2014 Budget	2014-2015 Request	Dollar Difference 2014-15	Percent Difference 2014-15
Α.	Copier, Faxes, Notary & Search Fees	\$ 880.93	\$1,325.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$175.00	13.21%
В.	Clerk Fees	\$556.00	\$655.00	\$655.00	\$0.00	0.00%
C.	State License Agent Fees	\$12,565.88	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
D.	Front Counter Permit Fees	\$ 399.26	\$1,745.00	\$2,745.00	\$ 1,000.00	57.31%
Ε.	Municipal Revenue Sharing	\$228,450.16	\$150,000.00	\$156,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	4.00%
F.	Supplies	\$1,235.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$ 0.00	0.00%
G.	Dog Licenses, Reserve Transfer	\$4,721.00	\$1,200.00	\$3,800.00	\$2,600.00	216.67%
Η.	Permit Fees (El, Pl, Bldg)	\$8,288.53	\$8,400.00	\$10,000.00	\$1,600.00	19.05%
Ι.	Building Impact Fees-New	\$8,734.30	\$10,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	20.00%
J.	Building Impact Fees-Old	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	12000.00%
K.	Other Land Use Fees	\$600.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	0.00%
L.	Planning Board Fees	\$5,893.70	\$1,200.00	\$1,000.00	-\$ 200.00	-16.67%
Μ.	Motor Vehicle Excise Collections	\$621,514.50	\$643,000.00	\$650,000.00	\$7,000.00	1.09%
N.	Boat Excise	\$5,355.00	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00	\$0.00	0.00%

О.	MSAD Reimbursement	\$2,172.54	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Ρ.	Rescue Fees- New	\$38,171.17	\$37,500.00	\$42,500.00	\$5,000.00	13.33%
Q.	Rescue Fees- Old	\$0.00	\$ 48,858.00	\$30,000.00	-\$18,858.00	- 38.60%
R.	Tax Exemptions	\$3,356.69	\$3,100.00	\$4,000.00	\$900.00	29.03%
S.	General Assistance Reimbursement	\$4,983.52	\$3,500.00	\$5,000.00	\$1,500.00	42.86%
Τ.	Cell Tower Rental	\$30,319.99	\$27,500.00	\$27,500.00	\$0.00	0.00%
U.	Cap. Res. Transfers	\$292,112.61	\$9,000.00	\$86,275.00	\$77,275.00	858.61%
V.	Public Works	\$664.76	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	0.00%
W.	Wescustogo Rental Income	\$8,377.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Χ.	Sharp House Rental Income	\$12,000.00	\$14,400.00	\$13,200.00	-\$1,200.00	-8.33%
Υ.	Taxes' Interest Income	\$14,024.42	\$13,000.00	\$13,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Ζ.	Rebates & Grants	\$8,028.00	\$1,750.00	\$1,000.00	- \$750.00	-42.86%
AA.	Cable TV Franchise Fees-New	\$29,129.29	\$29,000.00	\$29,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
AB.	Cable TV Franchise Fees-Old	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$16,100.00	\$16,100.00	16100.00%
AC.	PAYT Bag Sales	\$114,400.00	\$105,000.00	\$105,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
AD.	Compost Bins	\$446.75	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	0.00%
AE.	Waste Collection Fees	\$984.40	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	-\$1,000.00	-100.00%
AF.	Snowmobile Program	\$1,390.20	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
AG.	Conservation Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	1000.00%
AH.	Events Committee	\$13,626.70	\$10,350.00	\$10,350.00	\$0.00	0.00%
AI.	Local Road Assistance	\$38,736.00	\$38,700.00	\$28,700.00	-\$10,000.00	- 25.84%
AJ.	Loan Proceeds	\$100,000.00	\$155,000.00	\$0.00	-\$155,000.00	-100.00%

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\$1,612,118.80 \$1,335,483.00 \$1,282,625.00 -\$52,858.00 -3.96%

Selectmen Recommend:\$1,282,625.00 Budget Committee Recommends: \$1,282,625.00

Steve Palmer moved to amend the amount to \$1,305,750.00. Darla Hamlin seconded.

Marnie Diffin commented on Line AE and to add \$1,000 to it. She also commented on the reserves account. \$22,125 will be for ongoing maintenance from new capital reserves transfers.

The amended motion passed.

Motion to approve Article 16 in the amount of \$1,305,750.00.

Article 16 in the amount of \$1,305,750.00 passed.

ARTICLE 17: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate from the Unassigned Fund Balance to reduce property taxes for the fiscal year 2014-2015.

Selectmen Recommend:..... \$ 250,000.00 Budget Committee Recommends: \$ 250,000.00

(Note of Explanation: The Town's current Unassigned Fund Balance as of June 30, 2013 and after last year's Annual Town Meeting vote is \$ 1,224,194.00)

Paul Napolitano moved and Thaddeus Day seconded to approve Article 17 in the amount of \$ 250,000.00.

Brian Sites moved to amend the amount to increase it by \$74,125. Rick Plummer seconded.

Paul Napolitano stated that the residents have changed the budget already and doesn't believe this is the place to do this. Jeff Shorey stated that all the changes were discussed, made and recommended by the Budget Committee. Mark Girard stated that the process for determining the unassigned fund transfer was based on a BOS risk assessment conducted over several months. He is opposed to doing this as it is a short term solution. Brian Sites agreed with Mark but given that the number of changed items voted on today would impact the mil rate and the amount may not be spent. Mark Girard stated that the Selectmen's expectation was to budget for funds that would be spent and to keep a risk buffer. He doesn't support creating a budget and not spend it, this was the reason why they conducted a risk assessment. Darla Hamlin commented that the risk analysis done didn't include the school at that time. She supports keeping it at the Selectmen's recommended amount. Ande Smith, Deerbrook Farm, of the Budget Committee supported the budget but disagreed with some of the items. He believes that the town shouldn't shy away from the risk management work done by the BOS. Rick Plummer stated that the BOS has done a lot of work on the risk assessment and supports the BOS recommended amount.

The motion to amend the amount failed.

Article 17 at the amount of \$250,000.00 passed.

Cathy Dion reminded the group that the residents in general agree with the Selectmen but not this time.

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to increase the maximum property tax levy limit established by State law in the event that the municipal budget approved at this Town Meeting results in a tax commitment in excess of the property tax levy otherwise allowable, such that the increased maximum property tax levy hereby established will equal the amount committed.

(By State law, the vote on this article must be by written ballot)

Clark Whittier moved to withdraw Article 18 for a vote, as the budget is under the LD1 limit.

Michael Traister asked if the public wished to pass over Article 18 by consent.

Article 18 was passed over by consent.

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to accept certain State Funds as provided by the Maine State Legislature during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014 and any other funds provided by any other entity included but not limited to:

- A. Municipal Revenue Sharing
- B. Local Road Assistance

- C. Emergency Management Assistance
- D. Snowmobile Registration Money
- E. Tree Growth Reimbursement
- F. General Assistance Reimbursement
- G. Veteran's Exemption Reimbursement
- H. State Grant or Other Funds

Clark Whittier moved and Darla Hamlin seconded to approve Article 19.

Article 19 passed.

LAND USE & ORDINANCE ADOPTION SECTION

ARTICLE 20: Shall an ordinance entitled Town of North Yarmouth, Maine Land Use Ordinance, Amendment A be enacted, the text of which is attached at the end of this warrant.

An attested copy of Amendment A is posted with this warrant. Copies of the ordinance are available at the Town Office and on the Town Website <u>www.northyarmouth.org</u>

Peter Lindsay moved and Clark Whittier seconded to adopt Article 20.

Peter Lindsay, Mountfort Rd, and Chair of the Planning Board gave an outline of some of the proposed minor changes. These changes give more enforcement authority, but it is also a part of the larger appeal process.

Article 20 passed.

ARTICLE 21: Shall an ordinance entitled Town of North Yarmouth, Maine Land Use Ordinance, Amendment B be enacted, the text of which is attached at the end of this warrant.

An attested copy of Amendment B is posted with this warrant. Copies of the ordinance are available at the Town Office and on the Town Website www.northyarmouth.org

Peter Lindsay moved and Steve Palmer seconded to adopt Article 21.

Article 21 passed.

TOWN BUSINESS SECTION

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will vote to set the date that FY 2014-15 Real and Personal Property Taxes are due. The 1st half shall be due October 1st, 2014 and the 2nd half shall be due April 1st, 2015 and to charge interest at the rate of seven (7%) percent per annum for 2014-15 tax payments made after the respective due dates, or take any action thereon.

(Note of Explanation: Seven (7%) percent is the maximum allowed to be charged pursuant to *M.R.S.A.* Title 36, Section 505(4))

Board of Selectmen Recommends: Vote Affirmative as Printed

Mark Girard moved and Clark Whittier seconded to approve Article 22.

Article 22 passed.

ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to accept payment of real estate and personal property taxes not yet due or assessed pursuant to M.R.S.A. Title 36, Section 506-A. The Town does not apply interest on such collections.

Board of Selectmen Recommends: Vote Affirmative as Printed

Darla Hamlin moved and Paul Napolitano seconded to approve Article 23.

Article 23 passed.

ARTICLE 24: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the payment of tax abatements and applicable interest approved by the Town's Assessor from the property tax overlay account.

Board of Selectmen Recommends: Vote Affirmative as Printed

Clark Whittier moved and Steve Palmer seconded to approve Article 24.

Article 24 passed

ARTICLE 25: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen 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 left to the Town and to grant the Board of Selectmen the further authority to expend up to \$25,000 from unassigned funds, if necessary, to match the grant funding such sums of money as they deem necessary from these donations for their designated purposes. These expenditures may be reflected outside of the Town's approved budget.

Board of Selectmen Recommends: Vote Affirmative as Printed

Steve Palmer moved and Darla Hamlin seconded to approve Article 25.

Article 25 passed.

ARTICLE 26: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen or the Town Treasurer acting in concurrence with the Board of Selectmen, to accept and expend, on behalf of the Town, any Federal or State funds received in the form of grants during the period July 1, 2014 until June 30, 2015. These expenditures may be reflected outside of the Town's approved budget.

Board of Selectmen Recommends: Vote Affirmative as Printed

Paul Napolitano moved and Mark Girard seconded to approve Article 26.

Article 26 passed.

ARTICLE 27: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to carry forward account balances, customarily approved by the auditor, which occurred in the Town's operation during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014.

Board of Selectmen Recommends: Vote Affirmative as Printed

Mark Girard moved and Steve Palmer seconded to approve Article 27. Article 27 passed.

<u>ARTICLE 28</u>: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the transfer of all unexpended balances to the Unassigned Fund Balance and to authorize any overdrafts that may occur in Town operations during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014 to be taken from Unassigned Fund Balance.

Board of Selectmen Recommends: Vote Affirmative as Printed

Darla Hamlin moved and Paul Napolitano seconded to approve Article 28. Article 28 passed.

Paul Napolitano moved and Steve Palmer seconded to adjourn the Town Meeting.

The meeting ended at 1pm.

Given under our hands this 1st day of April, 2014 at North Yarmouth, Maine.

The Registrar of Voters gives notice that citizens will be able to register to vote April 12, 2014 from 8:30AM to close of meeting. *A true copy of the warrant,*

Attest: _____, Town Clerk

RETURN OF THE WARRANT

North Yarmouth, Maine April____, 2014

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, Ames Farm Center, Fire Station and Toddy Brook Café in said town, being public and conspicuous places in said town, on the _____day of April, 2014, being at least seven days before the meeting.

Clark Baston, Resident

North Yarmouth Handy Information

www.northyarmouth.org

• EMERGENCY FIRE AND RESCUE: 911

POISON CONTROL: 871-2381

- CUMBERLAND CO. SHERIFF: 911
- FOOD, SHELTER, CLOTHING & MORE: CALL 211

Town Office	829-3705
Town Office Fax	829-3743
Code Enforcement Officer	
Public Works Department	829-3274
Cumberland County Sheriff	
Non-emergency	1-800-482-7479
Maine State Police	
Fire/Rescue Non-Emergency Calls	829-3025
North Yarmouth Fire Station	
Yarmouth Water District	846-5821
	1-800-482-0730
Animal Control Officer	829-6391
Cumberland Recreation Dept	829-2208
MSAD #51 Superintendent's Office	
Prince Memorial Library	829-2215
Fire Chief	
Health Officer	829-3705

North Yarmouth Town Office Hours

Monday	8 AM-6 PM
Tuesday	
Wednesday	
Thursday	
Friday	
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Monthly Meeting Schedule (subject to change, watch local papers) Board of SelectmenIst and 3rd Tuesday Planning Board2nd Tuesday Zoning Board of Appeals.....4th Wednesday

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