

TOWN *of*
NORTH YARMOUTH, MAINE

ANNUAL REPORT
FISCAL YEAR 2015
July 1, 2014—June 30, 2015



START HERE

We all love this town. For some it is heritage and history that ties them to North Yarmouth. For others it is the warmth of belonging to a small community that has drawn them here. For still others, it is the solitude of rural life—one that defies the isolation found in places of similar character, tying us geographically to the major areas of commerce and governance in the state.

When we love something, we naturally do not want it to change. But we all take differing views on the matter. Change can be seen as a negative outcome of growth, a positive force toward a better future, or something in between. But what is undeniable about change is this: It is inevitable.

North Yarmouth is not immune. So the question that we need to answer as a town is, how do we stay connected to those things we love about North Yarmouth while dealing with the forces that may alter the very things we hold dear?

Earlier this year, a group of residents representing an array of local committees gathered to discuss that connection. The objective from the outset was to find a way to not only increase connections between the disparate committees, but also to encourage and increase the connectivity of the residents with North Yarmouth's natural and commercial amenities, the town's rich history, and one another. The group sought to unify the town in some way so that its own identity would be a driving force behind that inevitable change.

What the group determined was that a town brand—something that could be both visually representative and thematically shared—would assist this effort. So, with the support of the Board of Selectmen and various town committees, the group set to work. Below is the outcome of that process, meant to both help define the town brand and instruct on how best to apply it.

Why do we need a town brand?

As the Town of North Yarmouth grows and changes, a town brand will assist town government, committees and local organizations to identify and distinguish North Yarmouth as a unique community in the region. The town brand reflects the personality of the people, the natural assets, the local businesses, and the venerable history. The town brand embodies North Yarmouth's core values. It is the overarching message of the community and should be applied as visibly as possible across all materials, events, and any communications inside and outside the community.

What is our brand?

There are three core principles prevalent in the town of North Yarmouth: community, history, and commerce. Our brand is a reflection of these principles. The concept is simple: **Start Here**. The Town of North Yarmouth has a tremendous amount to offer residents and neighboring communities alike.

By highlighting our assets—parks, river access, scenic roads, historic sites, civic engagement, entrepreneurial spirit—we present a broader view of North Yarmouth and encourage activity and commerce in our town.

We want people to access our town assets and Start Here: bike rides, trail walks, group runs, river paddling, skiing. We want businesses to Start Here: to establish commercial enterprises in a town filled with entrepreneurs and businesses of all sizes. We want families to Start Here: to join a community that honors green space and supports great local services and schools. *Start Here is about a town that is looking into the future while honoring the past and highlighting what we have in the present.* Start Here is about building a local identity with a broad appeal beyond our town borders.

What now?

Throughout this Town Report, you will see various committees and their approaches to utilizing, incorporating, and promoting the town brand. Over the next year as we tackle issues ranging from economic development to trail maintenance, the brand will become a prominent fixture throughout North Yarmouth and across the town's communications. The more it is seen and used, the more it will become a part of the direction of the town, helping frame a future we can all embrace.

—Brian Sites, Parks & Recreation Committee

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CHELLIE PINGREE
CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES
1ST DISTRICT, MAINE

Dear Friends,

I hope this letter finds you and your family well. It's an honor to represent you in Congress. Thank you for the chance to update you on my work there and in Maine.

Like many here at home, I find the current partisan environment in Washington and Congress to be very frustrating. Attempts to take away people's health care, weaken environmental protections, and stoke controversy have been put ahead of more meaningful work to create jobs, help people through tough times, and give our children a better future.

Still, I have tried to find opportunities to work on issues where my colleagues across the aisle and I can find agreement. As a member of the minority party, I'm very proud that these efforts have earned several legislative victories that benefit the people of our state.

One of the most significant was passage of a Farm Bill containing many reforms I introduced to help the kind of small, diversified, family farms that we have here in Maine. These included more funding to help these farms meet the growing demand for healthy local food, as well as better insurance to fit their needs and helping SNAP recipients use benefits at farmers markets.

Another bill I introduced was signed into law, initiating a study of the York River to see if it is a good candidate for the federal Wild and Scenic Rivers program. The classification would help protect this important natural resource while potentially bringing more visitors to the area and an increased amount of federal investment for its conservation. As a member of the House Appropriations Committee, I've worked to secure other investments for the state as well, including \$20 million to replace a crumbling, unhealthy and outdated tribal school in Washington County.

But not all the work I do is from Washington. My offices in Portland and Waterville assist hundreds of constituents every year who have issues with federal agencies and programs—veterans benefits, Social Security, and passports among them. If you have a problem where I might be of assistance, I encourage you to call (207) 774-5019. My staff and I welcome the opportunity to serve you.

Again, it's a pleasure to represent you in Congress. Please keep in touch.

Best wishes,

Chellie Pingree
Member of Congress



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127th Legislature
Senate of Maine
Senate District 24

Senator Stan Gerzofsky

Dear Residents of North Yarmouth,

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your State Senator during the 127th Maine State Legislature. I appreciate the faith you have placed in me, and I promise to continue working hard to represent you in Augusta.

This year I am pleased once again to be serving on the Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee. This committee is charged with reviewing legislation and policy that will improve our justice system. Key to our success will be our ability to work across the aisle so we can address the pressing needs around the state.

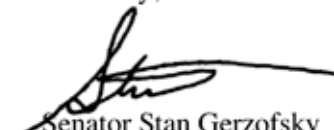
I am also pleased to be serving on the Government Oversight Committee. The mission of this committee is to oversee program evaluation and government accountability matters in State government. The Committee seeks to ensure that public funds are expended for intended purposes, and that programs and activities are effectively, efficiently and economically managed.

This session, the Legislature worked together on many issues, including passing a bipartisan budget that tackles rising property taxes, provides an income tax cut that will help working Mainers keep more of their hard earned dollars, all while investing in education and job training programs to build Maine's economy.

I welcome your opinion and feedback as your Maine Legislature does its work. I am deeply proud to represent the people of North Yarmouth, and welcome your ideas, concerns, and questions. You may reach me at home at (207) 373-1328, in Augusta at (207) 287-1515, and by email at stan1340@aol.com. In addition, I encourage you to drop by my office hours the fourth Saturday of every month from 10:00-noon at Bow Street Market in Freeport. It is a great opportunity for me to hear from my constituents.

Once again, thank you for giving me the opportunity to represent our district in this great state, and more importantly, to serve you. Please know that I will work hard for our community.

Sincerely,


Senator Stan Gerzofsky
Senate District 24





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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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July 2015

Dear Friends and Neighbors of North Yarmouth,

As a newly elected representative for our district, I wanted to start the 127th legislative session by giving you some updates of where things are to this point. I send a weekly update with any relevant news with where we are in bills, committee information and other items important to our district. If you would like to receive these updates, please email me at Paul.Chace@legislature.maine.gov.

After swearing in on December 3rd, we got right to work talking about committee assignments and prospective bills to help achieve the goals for a better State of Maine. I have been assigned to the taxation committee, and after several months of work, we essentially derived income tax savings for our residents, maintained 2 more years of current revenue sharing to help offset some of your property taxes, and created what I believe is a more realistic estate tax that conforms to the federal guidelines. Much of the taxation committee time was looking at proposals to change the way we look at taxes and how they are distributed to tax payers such as private, business and tourism sources. It was not lost on anyone that other major factors that need to be worked on are schooling expenses, property tax and business stimulating ideas. Paramount to all of this is our ability to keep our folks from moving away, both young and retirees. We have to become competitive at keeping our citizens healthy, happy, and in Maine.

Overall, it is incumbent upon all of us in the legislature to stay informed and listen carefully to our neighbors and partners. I want to be sure that you hear what is going on, and you should please reach out to me with any thoughts and concerns for our district. I am honored and humbled to be at your service.

Sincerely,

Paul Chace
State Representative



District 46 Durham, North Yarmouth and Pownal (part)

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Appointed Town Officials

Elected Officials and Representatives



Familiar faces at the Town Office— top to bottom rows: Rosemary Roy, Debbie Allen Grover, Caitlin Anderson, Melissa Henes, Gregory Payson, Clark Baston.

Town Manager

Report, Pages 9–10
Rosemary E. Roy

Town Clerk, Office Manager, Deputy Treasurer, Deputy Tax Collector

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Deborah Allen Grover

Tax Assessor

Report, Page 22
Nancy G. Pinette, Vision
Government Solutions

Public Works Foreman

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Clark M. Baston

Fire Rescue Chief

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Gregory Payson

Rep. to ecomaine

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Richard W. Brobst

Health Officer

Anita Anderson

General Assistance

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Opportunity Alliance



Board of Selectmen/Overseers of Poor

Report, Page 10
Alex Carr, 2017; Mark Girard, 2017, Paul Napolitano, 2015; Steven Palmer,
Chair, 2016, Clark Whittier, 2016 (resigned).



Ryan Keith,
Code Enforcement Officer



Dick Brobst, rep.
to ecomaine



Earle Edwards,
Facilities
Management

Budget Committee

Report, Page 17
Thaddeus Day, Chair, 2016
Brian Sites, Vice Chair, 2015
Jeff Shorey, 2015
David Holman, 2016
Ande Smith, 2016
Pam Ames, 2017
Kevin Desmond, 2017

Cemetery Commission

Report, Page 20
Joy Malloy, Chair, 2019
Richard Baston, 2015
David Hyde, 2016
Clark Baston, 2017
Mark Heath, 2018

MSAD 51 Directors

Report, Pages 23–24
James Moulton, 2015
Virginia Dwyer, 2016
Martha Leggat, 2017

Yarmouth Water District Trustee

Report, Page 28
Stephen Gorden, 2015

Commissions, Boards, and Committees

Board of Assessment Review

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

Communications Committee

Report, Page 21
Rob Wood, *Chair*
Darla Hamlin
Katie Murphy
Donna Palmer
Kathy Whittier

Community Rec. & Ed. Advisory Board

Melissa Fowler, 2016
Johnna Mulligan, 2016

Economic Development & Sustainability Committee

Report, Page 19
Audrey Lones, *Chair*
Matt Ahlberg
Pat Gilligan
Amy Horstmann
Sarah Greene Hopkins
Susanne Lee
Katie Murphy
Carol Ellison, Alt
Anne Graham, Alt

Events Committee

Report, Page 29
Jason Raven, *Chair*
Brenda Bacall,
Jessica Dyer
Jim Faunce
Darla Hamlin
Donna Stein

Flag Committee

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Darla Hamlin, *Chair*
Ken Filliter, 2015
Sarah Gutzler, 2015
Diane Burnell 2015
Vacancy
Vacancy

Foreclosure Committee

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

Joint Standing Committee

Pam Ames, 2015
Clark Whittier, 2015
Paul Napolitano, 2015

Prince Memorial Library Advisory Board

Report, Page 32-34
Kendra Rafford, 2015
Trudy Dibner, 2015

North Yarmouth Historical Society

Report, Page 30-31
Katie Murphy, *President*
Charles Bacall, *Treasurer*
Laurie Wood, *Secretary*
Eric Austin
Richard Baston
Sandra Green
Dixie Hayes
Mark Heath
Joy Malloy
Lincoln J. Merrill Jr.
Vacancy

Planning Board

Report, Page 18
Peter Lindsay, *Chair*, 2015
Steve Morrison, 2017
Gary Dilisio, 2017
Ande Smith, 2016
Thomas Hinman, 2015
Katryn Gabrielson, Alt., 2015
Paul Turina, Alt, 2016

Parks and Recreation Committee

Report, Page 36
David Holman, 2015
Heidi Shaw Alpern, 2016
Brian Sites 2016
Rick Smart 2015
Scott Kerr, 2015

School Fund Trustees

Report, Page 27
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 22*
Harold Hibbard, 2017
Kevin Oliver, 2015
Clifford Small, 2016

Wescustogo Hall Committee

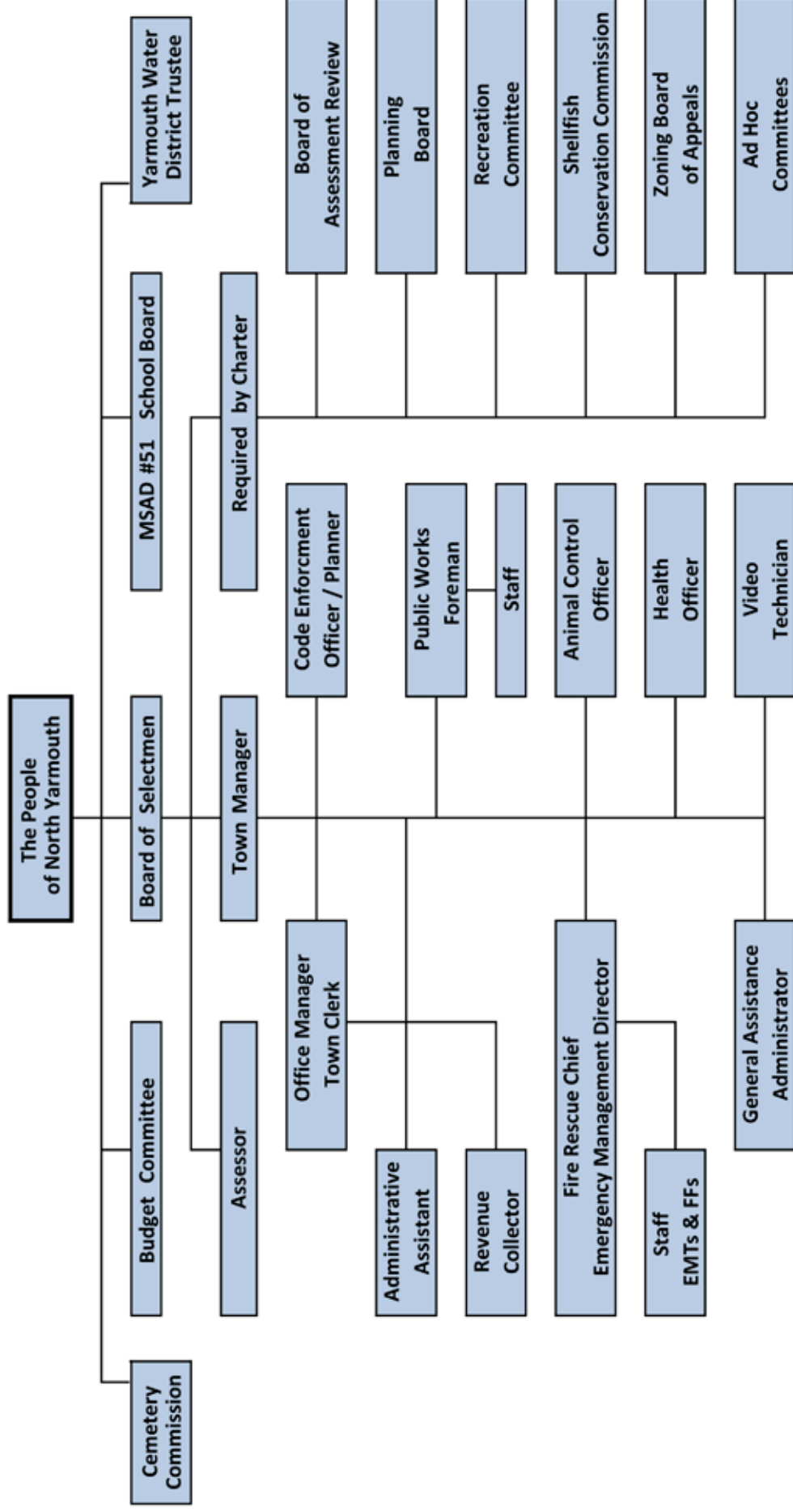
Clark Baston, 2015
Blaine Barter, 2015
Lincoln J. Merrill Jr., 2015

Zoning Board of Appeals

Michael Traister, *Chair*, 2016
Nancy French, 2016
Peter Lacy, 2016
Robert Davis, Alternate, 2015
Vacancy, Alternate, 2017

North Yarmouth Town Government Flow Chart

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REPORTS for Fiscal Year 2015

Town Statistics

July 1, 2014–
June 30, 2015

Births.....27
Deaths.....22
Marriages 17
Permits
for Disposition.....9

Town
Population: 3,500+

Area:
21.41 square miles

Voter Registration as of June 30, 2015

Party Affiliation

Democrat	976
Green Independent.....	111
Republican	925
Unenrolled	1,058
TOTAL	
Registered Voters.....	3,070

Board of Selectmen FY2015 Annual Report

To the Residents of North Yarmouth,

This year, after months of thorough research, the Board of Selectmen voted to recommend that the town pursue comprehensive economic growth strategies—the Village Center Redevelopment project. The project includes:

- Renovation of Memorial School into a new municipal and community campus
- Sale of the existing town office parcel to finance the renovation
- Creation of a municipal sewage system to enable Village Center development

This process has afforded us the extraordinary opportunity to:

- achieve one of the goals of the 2003 Comprehensive Plan
- increase the tax base
- provide a modern community space
- meet the needs of the municipal office
- provide for our community well into the future

To refresh memories, this is what the Plan said:

There should be a thriving Village Center, with community facilities, such as Wescustogo Grange Hall, the Village Green, the Town Office and Memorial School, all interconnected to adjacent village neighborhoods by sidewalks.

The Village Center Redevelopment proposal (Question 1) will be sent to voters on November 3, 2015.

We know that change often comes with difficulty; encountering resistance—even anger. At one of the meetings held last winter, a citizen spoke of his hesitance to embrace the proposal for this reason alone—his fear of change. He is probably not alone in this. But change, as the cliché goes, is inevitable and we either manage our course or are buffeted by uncontrolled forces or even worse, inertia.

This project reflects a new energy, a new vision that has animated the town in recent months. We are also pleased to see that other indications of progress can be found in other areas of town life.

For example:

- The planned redevelopment of the Walnut Hill Commons by former resident David Perkins.
- Planning Board has approved plans for a bakery at the site of the former Vacationland Video.
- A new town brand was created this year called North Yarmouth – Start Here.
- We approved the Knight's Pond/Blueberry Hill project at Town Meeting adding expanded year-round recreational opportunities.
- The refreshing vitality of the new town manager, along with her new staff, new code enforcement officer, and our new fire rescue chief.
- The Economic Development and Sustainability Committee has energetic and creative new members who are working on various economic development strategies, including the Cumberland County Tourbook project.
- The Parks and Recreation Committee is working enthusiastically to promote and improve the many recreational opportunities within our town.
- The town website — in the midst of a total redesign that will make it more user-friendly.

Again this year, the Select Board has been challenged, yet excited to be part of the evolution of our town. We are nearing an important milestone in this exhaustive process, begun so long ago. We continue to believe that the deliberate slow pace that we chose will enable the town to make wise decisions about its future.

On a personal note, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to serve as the Chairman of the Board for the last three years. For all of you who have helped me, who have taken the time to provide your thoughts or your labor to help me fulfill that job, I thank you.

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



Select Board members at a public hearing on March 18, 2015 at North Yarmouth Memorial School.

Town Manager *FY2015 Annual Report*

Dear Citizens of North Yarmouth,

It has been both an honor and pleasure to serve the citizens of North Yarmouth this past year. This completes my twenty-fourth year in municipal government, and having only experienced a Town Manager form of government in a single community brought forth several challenges and sometimes overwhelming conquests. Having the opportunity to get to know and appreciate this wonderful community nestled in this bustling region of southern Maine has been a very rewarding experience.

The staff here in North Yarmouth is exceptional. In every area of service, staff provides very high levels of work ethics maintaining exceptional community service, dedication, and teamwork. This year we had what I consider an unusual amount of staff turnover between retirements and career moves. With the expectation that this may have been a more difficult time than usual, I was very pleased with how smoothly and quickly new staff adapted to their surroundings and responsibilities.

One July 1, 2014, the Town officially took sole ownership of the North Yarmouth Memorial School. The townspeople voted at the Annual Town Meeting to appropriate additional funds for purposes of allowing possible community use of the facility for approximately six months. In getting to know the many assets of government I met with directors of the Cumberland–North Yarmouth Recreation Department and discovered their need for additional facility space for community programs. From this point forward, with the support of the Board of Selectmen and the assistance of staff, NYMS is not only used for recreational programs but for many adult and youth programs as well. In April of this year, at the Annual Town Meeting, townspeople once again appropriated funds for the use and operation of the NYMS facility.

As you can see by the cover of this year's report, the Town of North Yarmouth has adopted a brand. More and more businesses, towns, schools, and organizations are working toward creating a special image (or icon) that can become an easy and quick way to retrieve or identify something of value. Brian Sites, Chair of the Parks and Recreation Committee, with the support of several stakeholders, management, and town officials, took the necessary steps and made this a reality for North Yarmouth, thanks to the expertise of town resident and designer Cindy Guernsey of Guernsey Graphics.

For a good portion of this year we have been working on updating the Town website. We have contracted with Virtual Town Halls & Schools to create a new look and provide swift access to Town information. It is expected to be launched this fall. Once launched, I would love to receive feedback from residents on its look and use. Simply send me any email or feel free to give me a call.

Further exploration finds that yet another significant asset to the Town of North Yarmouth is in its abundance of delightful recreational parks. The Parks & Recreation Committee received approval this year to begin the design for new park signs to be constructed that will incorporate the Start Here brand. In conjunction with town parks, in the coming year North Yarmouth will acquire co-ownership with Cumberland of the property known as Knight's Pond and Blueberry Hill, increasing the value of North Yarmouth and expanding the recreational options for the community. Funds used to purchase this property will not be obtained from new tax dollars but from funds set aside in previous budgets and retained in the town's Future Land Reserves.

Since the turn of the century, one of the most prevalent catchwords for not only Maine communities but the entire United States, driven by economic conditions, is the now very familiar phrase "Economic Development." Towns and cities all over the state of Maine, victims of many revenue sharing reductions both in municipal and education levels, have been very successful in their consideration and planning economic development. Doing so helps to ease the tax

burden to the property taxpayer through the establishment of controlled economic development. For the past two years the Board of Selectmen has diligently continued efforts to deliver the citizens of North Yarmouth a comprehensive plan for economic tax relief growth. The proposed plan has been presented to the community, and the Board awaits authority from residents to continue forward with the proposed economic development plan of the Village Center. If the decision is made to go forward, future approvals by residents will be needed to finalize any plan completions and funding of the project stages. Come November, please go to the polls and let your voice be heard on this important Town matter.

I had the pleasure of serving on the Strategic Planning Committee for MSAD #51 this year whose charge was to develop the core goals and objectives within those goals to provide the best possible educational experience for all students in the district. The core goals are: Goal I—Engage, Empower, Inspire; Goal II—Every Child, Every Classroom, Everyday; Goal III—Investment in Our Team; IV: Community Partnerships. To read more about the Strategic Plan and the details surrounding these goals you can go to www.msad51.org or pick up a flier at town and school facilities, the Prince Memorial Library, or local businesses. The committee will continue its efforts in the ensuing year, monitoring the program and providing updates to the community.

This brings me to what I feel is one of North Yarmouth's greatest assets: BRAVO to the many resident volunteers who serve on our many town boards and committees. These individuals donated an incredible amount of time and dedication every year and have provided vital support to the community, Board of Selectmen, staff, and myself. Thank you, each and every one of you, for all that you do for the Town of North Yarmouth! We couldn't do it without you.

I would like to thank the Board of Selectmen for its support and guidance throughout the year. I am looking forward to the year ahead. A special thank you to my Department Head team: Debbie Grover, Clark Baston, Greg Payson, and Ryan Keith, whose loyalty and support this past year goes beyond measure. And I cannot forget to thank the citizens of North Yarmouth for your warm hospitalities.

I anticipate the year ahead to be both positive and energetic with new, routine, and unexpected accomplishments. My biweekly Town Manager's report is available on the website to keep residents up to date on management activities. For all the latest Town news, please check out the town website, Facebook, or sign up for the biweekly electronic news from Reminders from Town Hall.

In closing, please know that my door is open. If you have any questions or concerns regarding town activities you can reach me at 207-829-3705 Ext. 28 or manager@northyarmouth.org. Enjoy your day!

Respectfully submitted,
ROSEMARY E. ROY
Town Manager

Office Manager FY2015 Annual Report

Once again it's time to look back on a year that has passed. Fiscal Year 2015 has been full of hard work, great challenges, and new faces.

I would like to welcome following new faces to our North Yarmouth Team: Rosemary Roy, Town Manager; Ryan Keith, Code Enforcement Officer; Greg Payson, Fire Rescue Chief; Melissa Henes and Stacey Ruby, Administrative Support Coordinators; David Whittier and John Berry, Public Works Department.

Training, training, and more training was the theme within the office this past year as new employees were brought up to speed on the requirements of their positions and existing employees developed more efficient training programs and recordkeeping that are compliant with the state and federal regulatory agencies. This year for the first time all town employees received training together in CPR, AED, and fire extinguishers. Training for employees is a continuous process because most of our procedures are controlled through state and federal agencies. Laws and regulations are constantly changing. In addition, as government employees we are mandated to go to training every year on items like motor vehicle registrations, hunting and fishing licenses, freedom of access laws, elections, drug testing, and other topics.

We had a super turnout for our November general election: 71% of our registered voters cast ballots. A note of appreciation and thanks to A.H. Grover, Inc., for setting up their electronic message boards in two locations for the November election to remind residents of the polling location. The June local election had only a 14% voter turnout. I would like to sincerely thank the Church of Latter Day Saints (247 Walnut Hill Rd.) 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 residents of North Yarmouth and its town clerk twice a year to be sure elections run smoothly. Lots and lots of time and energy go into every election and each volunteer makes a long day pass quickly. Thanks to Dick Brobst, Kathy Beem, Emma Call, Jeanne Chadbourne, Liza Chandler, Heather Giandrea, Darla Hamlin, Margie and Turner Hansel, Stacy Holden, Sheryl Jameson, Dick and Nancy Lowell, Ann Seitz, Brian Sites, Steven Smith, Becky Tiedemann, Gail Turner, Ginny VanDyke, and Rob Wood. I also want to thank our Public Works Department crew and to Earle Edwards. They pack up everything needed for Election Day, move into the church, and set up ... then tear all down, pack up, and bring everything back to the Town Office for each and every election!

Our Annual Cleanup Day in May was a huge success thanks to the combined efforts of our Public Works crew, Pine Tree Waste, Goodwill Industries of New England, and several volunteers—Mark and Marlee Baston, Keith Brooks, Ray Hanlon, and Mike Roof.

Thank you to the Cumberland/North Yarmouth Moonlite SnoSkimmers Club for the donation of several gift cards to assist those in need in our community. AND thank you to all who donated to the "Keep North Yarmouth Warm" fund. Donations provided assistance to two families in need.

I look forward to serving the residents of North Yarmouth for another 365 days. It's sure to pass quickly as the Town moves forward into the world of economic development in the Village Center.

Respectfully submitted,
DEBBIE ALLEN GROVER
Town Clerk—Office Manager



HOW TO get all the latest about local events and issues:

1 Visit **northyarmouth.org** for much more information about YOUR town!

2 Subscribe to our electronic biweekly newsletter, **Reminders from Town Hall**

3 "Like" North Yarmouth, Maine on Facebook.

4 Watch for the **northyarmouth.org website makeover**, launching in late 2015! **MORE** user friendly for the site visitor (and for those behind the scenes keeping everything up to date).

NEW this year! We've switched over to using **INFORME** for our online tax payment services, saving the payer 0.5% on online payments.

"To improve is to change; to be perfect is to change often."

—Winston S. Churchill

General Assistance Expenditures

July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015

Housing\$1,096.00

Emergency Shelter.....\$0.00

Electricity\$119.00

Heating Fuel.....\$390.35

Health Related \$0.00

Food \$0.00

Other \$0.00

Total..... \$1,605.35

Total Applications
Processed: 10

Number of
People Served: 16

Other Assistance—
“Community Connections:” 17

North Yarmouth General Assistance Hours:

- **Tuesdays, 1:00–2:00 PM**
(April 1–Oct. 31)
- **Tuesdays, 2:00–3:00 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 2015 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. When you talk with the administrator, you will be given information about the best time to meet and what you should bring with you. If you have scheduled appointment but cannot make it, please call and 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 schedule for the first available time. If this is an emergency, please let us know at that time. *(Note: The Town of North Yarmouth General Assistance will also assist in connecting residents with LiHEAP and other community programs as available.)*

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 income coming into your household even if you are NOT applying for everyone in your household)
- Proof of ALL your bills (even if you did not pay them in the last 30 days)
- If you are a returning client, bring 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 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

Public Works Department

FY2015 Annual Report

I would like to thank the citizens of our town for their patience and understanding during the winter of 2014–2015: Another year of cold temps and deep snow. However, even with the tough winter conditions this year, things were relatively trouble free.

Mailboxes are a sore subject for many. Contrary to popular belief, the plow drivers do not like to knock them down. Many times when a box goes down, it's not from a direct hit from the plow; rather, the weight of the plowed snow does the damage. We can all help to reduce damage by making mailboxes visible and keeping them in good repair. We highly recommend installing reflectors on boxes and posts and making sure the box's post is high. Consider boxes that swing on chains can be pulled up in the winter, and mounted as far back as possible. Shovel 'em out and keep 'em plowed.

A white mail box with no markings, mounted on a short post, close to the pavement edge, and uncleared from past storms is asking to be slaughtered in a wind-driven snowstorm at 3 AM. Give us a chance; please take care of your mailbox.

Our major road projects of the season:

- Sligo Road—drainage, hot mix asphalt, leveling course, and a finish of “high performance rubberized chip seal,” chosen due to the higher traffic volume on Sligo. This process and product was new for us in North Yarmouth. It survived the plow this winter and should last for many years. It looks promising for higher traffic volume road projects in the future.

- Milliken Road—drainage, culvert replacements, hot mix asphalt, leveling course with a single chip seal finish.

- Long Hill Road—single chip seal. Town Farm and Milliken Road also received an asphalt fog seal. This helps to temporarily smooth the coarse surface of the chip seal until traffic and the winter plow can work things into place.

Our town parks and open spaces need your help. If you see anyone vandalizing, littering, or taking other inappropriate actions, please call and report these senseless acts!

Thanks go to everyone who has helped public works this year, from reporting road kill (before it smells), accepting ditching materials close to the job site, and allowing heavy equipment to park on private property overnight. *This all helps make our job easier.*

Thanks to North Corner Auto and Performance Workshop LLC for its supply of used motor oil. Remember that the Public Works Department always accepts waste oil.

Thanks to area contractors who are always willing to go the extra mile and help out. **Special thanks to A.H. Grover, Inc.** for inviting the public works crew to a mandatory gravel pit safety training at no charge.

Special thanks to our dedicated Public Works crew: Sherwood White, Dave Whitter, John Berry, Phil Wentworth, and Harold Baston. A special thanks goes to Robert Geyer, who retired from groundskeeping. Bob set the bar very high in keeping our cemeteries and parks looking good. Thanks, Bob, for all you did.

Respectfully submitted,
CLARK BASTON
Public Works Foreman



As always, if you have a question or need to report a problem with a road, please feel free to contact us:

email:
noyrmhgw@maine.rr.com

Phone:
207-829-3274

Public Works Facility
40 Parsonage Road
North Yarmouth

Summer Hours:
May 1–Sept. 30,
Mon–Thurs.
6:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Winter Hours:
Oct. 1–April 30
Mon–Thurs.
7:00 AM–4:00 PM
Friday
7:00 AM–1:00 PM

North Yarmouth Burning Permits Information



Burning Permits are obtained from

- wardensreport.com
(no charge)
- <https://www13.informet.ca/burnpermit/public/index.html>
(\$7.00 each)

Permits are issued only on the day of the burn and only on Fire Class Days 1 or 2—NOT on Class 3, 4, or 5 days.

Don't have internet access?
Pick up your permit in person at:

North Yarmouth
Town Office
Mon.
8 AM – 6 PM
Tues. – Thurs.
8 AM – 5 PM

North Yarmouth
Fire Rescue Station
Mon. – Fri.
9 AM – 5 PM

**North Yarmouth
Fire Rescue**
463 Walnut Hill Rd.
North Yarmouth
829-3025

Fire Rescue Department FY2015 Annual Report

In FY2015 North Yarmouth Fire Rescue responded to 304 calls for service. These responses included but are not limited to building fires, woods fires, motor vehicle crashes, motor vehicle fires, emergency medical calls, mutual-aid assistance, and assisting the Sheriff's Department with traffic control.

North Yarmouth Fire Rescue currently is made up of 42 devoted men and women—firefighters and emergency medical technicians, ranging in license levels of Basic EMT to Medical Director (licensed physician). The North Yarmouth Fire Rescue team puts in countless hours completing mandatory state and federal training requirements throughout the year by attending training academies as well as our own in-house training to keep skills sharp and be prepared for that next call.

Over the course of this year six firefighters completed the in-house FF-I and FF-2 programs. To achieve this accomplishment staff typically met twice weekly with numerous full day Saturdays sessions, for a total of 275 hours of instruction and an additional 50–60 hours of study time. Our in-house Basic Pump Operator course resulted in four certifications. The department is currently in the process of completing an Emergency Vehicle Operator's course, which will train our firefighters in proper driving techniques of emergency vehicles. Collectively, the department put in over 2,650 hours attending in-house trainings and meetings.

I am looking forward to assisting the community with public education and business life safety inspections. These are big priorities for us and we will focus this coming year on North Yarmouth businesses. First and foremost, these inspections provide life safety for our citizens; and they give firefighters the ability to learn the layout of a building and key locations of life-saving features within the structure.



On March 3, 2015 North Yarmouth Fire Rescue was certified as a HeartSafe Community at the gold status. North Yarmouth Fire Rescue was able to achieve this through the efforts in providing lifesaving devices to the community as well as the commitments the town has made between North Yarmouth Fire Rescue and the Town of Yarmouth.

A few safety tips:

- Change your batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors twice a year, in the spring and the fall, when you change your clocks for daylight savings.
- Have your chimneys cleaned and inspected a minimum of once a year.
- Make sure your house number is visible from the roadway. Numbers should be four+ inches in size, facing the road.
- Please also give plenty of room to any emergency vehicle on the roadway by pulling over if you can. If an emergency vehicle is behind you while responding to an incident, pull to the right and stop. This allows the emergency vehicle to pass in a safe manner for both you and the responder.

In closing, I would personally like to thank the citizens of North Yarmouth for their continued support. We could not effectively do our job without your support. We invite you to “Like” us at North Yarmouth Fire Rescue on Facebook. This will keep you up to date with Fire Rescue Department events, community events, and safety information. Please feel free to contact us at any time with your questions or concerns.

Respectfully submitted,
GREGORY A. PAYSON
Chief



Our North Yarmouth Fire Rescue Interns Phyllis Mazzaglia and Else Bannerman with Chief Payson in a photo taken at the Live In Training Academy in August 2015.

Safety Training



In April 2015 our town employees took part in safety workshops. There was instruction in CPR (photo above and at lower right), in the operation of AEDs (right, automated external defibrillators), and in the use of fire extinguishers (photo upper right).





CUMBERLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

- Kevin J. Joyce
SHERIFF
- Naldo S. Gagnon
CHIEF DEPUTY

36 COUNTY WAY, PORTLAND, MAINE 04102 (207)774-1444 – FAX (207)828-2373

July 14, 2015

Dear Citizens of North Yarmouth,

The Cumberland County Sheriff's Office continues to be committed to providing the most efficient, professional, and community-oriented law enforcement services possible to the nearly 4000 residents and quaint businesses of North Yarmouth.

During the last year, we saw an overall decrease in the number of calls for service for your area of 13.9%. However, the number of fraud cases increased in 2014. I encourage each citizen to become very aware that there are people out there who what to separate you from your hard earned money in many ways.

We are in the final phase of the CALEA (Commission of Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies) process, which has been in progress for nearly three years. The accreditation process requires us to take a close look at the way "we do business", to analyze it, and determine if we are utilizing best practices in law enforcement. Once completed, we will be one of just a hand full of agencies in Maine that have achieved this prestigious and discerning honor. As a member of the CALEA network we show through hard work and partnership the value we place on the level of services that we provide to the citizens of Cumberland County.

It is an honor serving as your Sheriff and I thank you for your support. Please remember that my door is always open. I value customer service, and I value your suggestions and input.

Best Regards,

Kevin J. Joyce, Sheriff

North Yarmouth Statistics for FY2015: July 1, 2014—June 30, 2015

CALLS FOR SERVICE: 841

911 Cell Hang Up.....	6 +78 (cell)	Criminal Trespass.....	5	Litter/Pollution/Public Health.....	2	VIN Number Inspection.....	2
911 Misdial.....	12	Custodial Interference.....	2	Mental Health Event.....	7	VIPS Detail/Event.....	3
Abandoned Vehicle.....	2	Death Unattended/Attended.....	4	Official Misconduct.....	1	Walk-in Paperwork.....	1
Accident w/ Property Damage.....	49	Debris in Road.....	2	Missing / Lost Person.....	7	Wanted Person.....	1
Accident, w/ Personal Injury.....	9	Message Delivery.....	2	Noise Complaint.....	2	Weapons Offense.....	7
Agency Assistance.....	25	Depriving Owner of Vehicle.....	1	Operating Under Influence.....	2	Welfare Check.....	11
Alarm.....	81	Disabled Vehicle.....	14	Parking Problem.....	1		
Animal Euthanize.....	10	Disturbance.....	5	Property Check.....	75		
Animal Problem.....	15	Domestic Violence.....	3	Runaway Juvenile.....	4		
Assault - Simple.....	1	Domestic Assault.....	1	Sex Offender Registry Verification.....	25		
Attempt to Locate.....	34	Domestic Verbal Argument.....	2	Speed Complaint.....	9		
Theft, Non-sufficient Funds.....	1	Evidence Technician Work Order.....	1	Suicide.....	1		
Bail Check.....	1	Equipment Problem.....	2	Suspicious Person/Circumstance.....	32		
Bomb Threat or Attack.....	1	Escort.....	2	Theft.....	8		
Burglary.....	7	Fireworks.....	4	Theft-Vehicle.....	2		
Concealed Firearms Request.....	38	Found Property.....	3	Threatening.....	3		
Child Abuse or Neglect.....	1	Fraud.....	25	Traffic Detail.....	8		
Citizen Assist.....	40	Harassment.....	8	Traffic Hazard.....	12		
Citizen Dispute.....	1	Information Report.....	13	Traffic Violation.....	53		
Community Policing.....	1	Inspection Permit.....	3	Underage Drinking.....	1		
Court Service.....	22	Intoxicated Person.....	1	Vehicle off Road - No Damage.....	14		
Criminal Mischief.....	6	Juvenile Problem.....	2				

CITATIONS: 14

OUI (ALCOHOL).....	2
Furn Liq/Place	
for Minor to Consume.....	1
FT Produce Proof of Insurance.....	1
Following Too Close.....	1
Improper Passing.....	1
Seatbelts, 18 and Over.....	1
FT Maintain Control M/V.....	1
29A-OAS.....	1
Trespass by Motor Vehicle.....	1
Traf in Prison Contraband.....	1
Criminal Mischief.....	1
Theft by Deception.....	1
Unlawful Poss of Sched Drug.....	1

Budget Committee

FY2015 Annual Report

This year's Budget Committee for period ending June 30, 2015 worked well together ensuring our purpose as an elected body. The Town's Budget Committee is responsible to review, comment, and vote on budgets proposed by the Board of Selectmen. In this capacity, the Budget Committee is acting as the "eyes and ears" of the community. See North Yarmouth Budget Committee Guidelines and Procedures on our town website for more information about our purpose.

This was our first year working with Town Manager Rosemary Roy, which had its bumps when we started outlining procedures for reviewing expense items. She and the selectmen embarked on reassigning account numbers to identify revenue and expense accounts, making comparisons to last fiscal year line items difficult. Fortunately, Rosemary made the transition palatable and responded to all our requests for information.

Of the hot topics facing our Budget Committee meetings this year and every year are how much the town should spend on paving roads, what roads should be paved, and what materials should be used. Recommendations generally come from the Public Works department, and residents of the Town are encouraged to give their input during the budgeting process, which begins shortly and ends with Town Meeting.

Another challenge for the Town in the coming year will be codifying a procedure for funding the Capital Reserves with our existing Capital Improvement Plan and allowing for emerging future needs.

As an elected body, we are encouraged that at our June Town meeting, our proposed budget basically passed as recommended with the support of our constituents. I was lucky enough to be selected as Chair of the committee last fall and worked with thoughtful members: David Holman, Ande Smith, Pam Ames (our Secretary/Historian), Kevin Desmond, Jeff Shorey, and Brian Sites. Jeff and Brian have termed out; Sandra Falsey is starting with us in the new fiscal year. We have a vacancy that needs filling before our new budgeting process starts this fall; please contact us or the Board of Selectman about your interest.

The Budget Committee would like to thank all persons who assisted us with our work and review. Our Town staff and elected body work hard to deliver a cost-effective government. Please continue to provide your feedback as we look forward to the next year of budget challenges, including any funding of the Village Center Redevelopment proposals.

Respectfully submitted,

THAD DAY

Chair, Budget Committee

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

Bi-weekly meetings for 4 months only.

Contact the Town Office to volunteer!

Get involved!

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



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.

Planning Board FY2015 Annual Report

This past year, the Planning Board welcomed our new town Code Enforcement Officer Ryan Keith. Ryan brought a lot of building and town experience to this position, has worked closely with the Board throughout the year, and has helped applicants hone their proposals to meet the town ordinances. I would like to personally thank Ryan for all his dedicated work and efforts during his first year as Code Enforcement Officer.

The Planning Board started the year by reviewing examples of Contract Zoning Ordinances from neighboring communities. The Board members had legal counsel review a draft ordinance, conducted a public hearing, and, after much discussion, made a recommendation to the Board of Selectmen for a new ordinance. After the Board of Selectmen reviewed and endorsed the recommendation, the new Contract Zoning Ordinance was approved at town meeting in the spring.

In the past year, a number of site plan reviews and minor subdivision proposals came before the Board. We approved a minor subdivision that primarily is located in neighboring Pownal and that was approved by that town's Planning Board. A small portion of the subdivision is located in North Yarmouth, triggering the requirement that our Planning Board also review the plan.

After review and comments from the public, the Board also approved two site plans

for residential houses that are located within 500 feet of a protected waterway. In both cases, the Board determined that the new houses met the ordinance requirements and would not negatively affect the protected waterways.

The Board approved three other site plan reviews this past year, including a new horse barn, the expansion of one business, and the change of use of another business.

The Board began and currently is continuing reviews of two minor subdivision proposals.

I want to thank John Carpenter and Paul Turina, who have stepped down from the Board, for their years of service to the town. Both brought important expertise and insights as we reviewed proposals over many meetings.

I also am very pleased that Katryn Gabrielson joined the Planning Board early last year, and she has already contributed immensely to our discussions and decision-making processes. Thanks to all the Board members for volunteering their time this past year. It has been a pleasure working with each of you.

Respectfully submitted,

PETER V. LINDSAY

Chair, North Yarmouth Planning Board

Economic Development and Sustainability

FY2015 Annual Report

When we reflect back on the past year, three themes come to mind: **change**, **cooperation**, and **collaboration**. North Yarmouth has recognized that change is inevitable and that we must take action to manage it so we can maintain those qualities that make us unique and enhance our quality of life. In order to do so, we cannot operate in a vacuum locally or regionally. We must cooperate within by leveraging the human capital of the community and work toward a common goal. We must cooperate with others by taking advantage of resources available outside of the community.

The Economic Development and Sustainability Committee (EDSC) will use the Start Here town brand to promote our economic development efforts with the intention of generating excitement about and recognition of the positive characteristics North Yarmouth has to offer.

In February 2015, the EDSC resumed its work with the addition of 6 new members and liaisons from both the Board of Selectmen and the Planning Board. The membership now has representatives from a broad part of the community: long established residents and recent arrivals with backgrounds in finance, marketing, teaching, art, engineering, and architecture.

The work of the committee had been on hold during 2014 while the Board of Selectmen gathered more engineering information about the condition of North Yarmouth Memorial School and its septic system. The selectmen also had a detailed economic analysis conducted by the planning consulting firm, Planning Decisions, Inc., of the commercial potential of the town owned properties and the town center. This information led to the Selectmen's proposal

regarding the Village Center Redevelopment Plan. The Selectmen then gave the EDSC a new charge in February 2015, and the EDSC then established the following goals:

- Promote the North Yarmouth community values defined by the Vision for the Year 2020 contained in the 2004 Comprehensive Plan.
- Support current North Yarmouth businesses to build awareness and grow annual sales.
- Target and attract new North Yarmouth businesses to deliver incremental economic benefit while addressing the needs and values of our multigenerational community.
- Work with the Board of Selectmen to define a North Yarmouth TIF district.
- Ensure the sustainability and resilience of the North Yarmouth economy.
- Increase the town's tax base.

During the first six months of 2015 the committee worked on the following items:

- Learning about resources available outside the community. We hosted presentations from the Greater Portland Council of Government (GPCOG) and Growsmart Maine.
- Collaborating with other town committees to guide development of the "Start Here" North Yarmouth brand. The Start Here logo will be used to promote the economic and recreational activities that make North Yarmouth a unique place to live, work, and play.
- Attending the Village Center Redevelopment public meetings and hearings held by the Board of Selectmen in March 2015. The committee became familiar with the thoughts and concerns of the public regarding the project.
- Identified the elements needed for a promotional video of the town.

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If you'd like to join the EDSC and/or have skills to offer, please contact the Town Office!

The EDSC is working to

- Promote a climate that increases job opportunities and economic well-being.
- Support economic growth that works well with our character and natural resources.
- Encourage economic growth to expand the tax base.

North Yarmouth Cemeteries

Cemetery Commission FY2015 Annual Report

On Veteran's Day, November 11, 2014, the Cemetery Commission hosted a very special rededication ceremony in Walnut Hill Cemetery for Revolutionary War patriot Captain Winthrop Baston. Winthrop's monument had lain shattered on the ground for several years, and this year the Commission was finally able to obtain a replacement monument from the Veterans Administration. Since then we have also been able to receive veterans monuments for two Civil War veterans whose graves have never been marked as such: Army Sergeant Leander S. Frost and Edward S. Gooding. We are still working to gather the records needed to provide a Veterans Monument for Luther S. Baker, a WWI veteran.



Above: Debbie Grover with Winthrop descendents Richard Baston and Clark Baston. Below: monuments to be installed.



This year 13 lots were sold and 19 interments took place within Walnut Hill and Pine Grove Cemeteries. The old fence from the front of Pine Grove Cemetery was removed last summer and replaced with new white vinyl fencing.

The Commission completed the project of replacing all bronze veteran flag holders this past Memorial Day. This does not mean we are done purchasing the flag holders; we will still need to keep an inventory for future burials of veterans. Currently, there are 195 veterans laid to rest in Walnut Hill Cemetery and 60 veterans laid to rest in Pine Grove Cemetery. One veteran lies at rest in Bowie Cemetery.

The Commission would like to extend a sincere thank you to Bob Geyer, who retired in the fall of 2014. Bob diligently took care of all three cemeteries. Thank you also to the Public Works crew who assist with the mowing and trimming of all three cemeteries.

A project for the upcoming fiscal year is the development of new ranges within 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 not allowed 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 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

Communications Committee

FY2015 Annual Report

The Communication subcommittee is appointed by the Board of Selectmen to “provide expertise and consultation to the Board of Selectmen and Town Manager to more effectively inform North Yarmouth citizens of town events and issues, and will continue to build on and improve the town brand.”

During the past year the committee has addressed the following projects:

- Clarification of town communication policies
- Improvement of the town’s website
- Suggested improvements for telecasting town meetings

- Production of the biweekly “Reminders from Town Office” e-mail newsletter
- Support of the adoption of a town brand and marketing procedures
- Production of a town newsletter summarizing the Town Report

The committee meets on the morning of the third Friday of the month. Public attendance is welcome. The 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
northyarmouth.org

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In the coming year some of the initiatives the EDSC will work on are:

- Develop informational material to help the community understand the details of the Village Center Redevelopment Proposal and answer any questions in support of the referendum vote on November 3, 2015.
- Coordinate with other town committees and organizations to promote and integrate the use of the Start Here brand.
- Produce the town promotional video sponsored by the Cumberland County government office. EDSC is coordinating this project with other town committees and organizations. The video will demonstrate that North Yarmouth is one of the best places to live and work in Maine based on its strong sense of history, rural outdoor lifestyle, easy access to major job centers, four-season outdoor activities, and a strong,

caring community. This video will be posted on the Cumberland County website, the North Yarmouth website, and other media outlets to publicize North Yarmouth and promote the Start Here brand.

- Continue to build a relationship with the North Yarmouth Business Association and work with town businesses to leverage the town brand to increase economic opportunities for local businesses.
- Explore the availability of private, state, and federal grants
- Support the BOS in the identification of a TIF district

The EDSC encourages community members to contact us with any questions, comments, or suggestions.

Respectfully Submitted,

AUDREY LONES

Chair, EDSC



North Yarmouth tax assessment information, exemption and abatement applications, and tax maps can be found at northyarmouth.org.

Property record cards are available online at www.vgsi.com.

Assessors FY2015 Annual Report

As the North Yarmouth Assessor, it is my duty to maintain fair and equitable tax assessments while adhering to Maine state laws. I work on behalf of all the property owners of North Yarmouth at the discretion of the Board of Selectmen.

If you should have questions or concerns, feel free to contact me via email or telephone. I am in the office on the third Monday of each month. Please call ahead to schedule an appointment.

The assessment ratio is 100%. We filed 27 abatements and there were no appeals to the

Board of Assessors. I inspected 67 building permit applications this fall. These were issued between April 1, 2014 and March 31, 2015.

The assessment date is April 1 of each year. This means that ownership and values are based on what is current as of April 1. The owner of record on April 1 is who will receive the bill. Also, all applications (Homestead, Veterans, Tree Growth, etc.) are due by the same date.

Respectfully submitted,
NANCY G. PINETTE, CMA
North Yarmouth Tax Assessor

CLAMMING

CALL before digging for the latest state closure info:

**1-800-232-4733
207-624-7727**

Shellfish Conservation Committee Members

- Jimmy Morrill, Yarmouth
- Harold Hibbard III, North Yarmouth
- Landis Hudson, Yarmouth
- Kevin Oliver, North Yarmouth
- Clifford Small, North Yarmouth

Dept. of Marine Resources
Denis Marc-Nault

Harbormaster
Robert Byron

Marine Patrol Wardens
Kevin Pedersen
Lee Ruby

Yarmouth-North Yarmouth Shellfish Conservation Commission FY2015 Annual Report

A report for the Shellfish Conservation Commission was not submitted for this year.

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

Department of Marine Resources Shellfish Program website: http://www.maine.gov/dmr/rm/public_health/

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 RESIDENT RECREATIONAL (peck) SHELLFISH LICENSE

Beginning on April 20, the Yarmouth Town Clerk will issue resident recreational licenses to Yarmouth and North Yarmouth residents. Licenses are effective May 1. There will be no limit to the amount of residential licenses issued. Yarmouth or North Yarmouth senior citizens (65+) are entitled to a free Recreational Clam License.

Obtain a license from the Yarmouth Town Clerk, 200 Main St., Yarmouth, 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 license. For more info: www.yarmouth.me.us

An MSAD#51 Update

Maine School Administrative District #51 Cumberland ~ North Yarmouth



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

July 25, 2015

Dear Citizens of North Yarmouth,

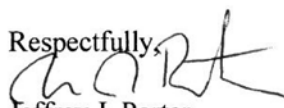
The 2014-15 school year is now only a memory, but it proved to be a successful and vibrant experience for our students, staff, and entire school community.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my initial year as superintendent of MSAD #51. The warm welcome I received from so many members of our school community has made my transition to the district seamless. Here are some highlights from the 2014-15 school year:

- A three-year Strategic Plan was adopted that encompasses four goals, twelve objectives, and twenty-three action steps to be taken in moving the school district forward during the years 2015-18, thanks to the Board of Directors, Strategic Planning Committee, and Leadership Team for their hard work and support in developing this plan
- The following Strategic Goals were adopted by the Board of Directors:
 - Engage. Empower. Inspire.
 - Every Child, Every Classroom, Every Day
 - Investment in Our Team
 - Community Partnerships
- A “Community Dialogue” event held in November 2014 was attended by 120 stakeholders to help define the future direction of the school district
- The Superintendent’s Entry Plan meetings were held with nearly 700 stakeholders, who weighed in regarding the district’s current and future status
- The closure of the North Yarmouth Memorial School was finalized with 4th and 5th graders successfully moving to GMS in August 2014, transitioning that facility to encompass grades 4-8
- The 2015-16 fiscal budget was approved by voters in June 2015, calling for a 3.6% increase on the heels of a state subsidy reduction totaling \$642,000
- Greely High School staff completed graduation standards for all GHS content areas in preparation for the school’s transition to proficiency-based education
- The teacher and principal evaluation initial stakeholder group began its work in order to meet the state mandate of a fully functioning evaluation system by 2016-17
- A Development and Community Resources Office was initiated in November 2014 that has yielded a development plan, emphasis on public relations, and greater connections with area businesses
- The district-wide Energy project with Siemens Industry was completed, including the implementation of energy-efficient measures and the conversion to natural gas for all district facilities
- Other major facility upgrades during the year include completion of the GMS classroom addition, new bleachers at GHS, replacement of the reader board sign on Main Street, new playground at GMS, Greely pool repairs, and refinished GHS gym floor

- Advances made in the area of STEM education, including the middle school STEM curriculum, 48 girls attending the UMaine STEM Conference, GHS students attending UNUM's Tech Night, MIW STEM Family Night, and the VEX Robotics competition
- State championships in Girls Cross Country, Girls Swimming, Girls Basketball, Girls Tennis, and Boys Baseball were all won by our talented student athletes and their coaches, along with several individual student athletic recognitions that include the Gatorade Award, Miss Maine Basketball, and Western B Goaltender of the Year
- This year marked the inaugural year of the Unified Basketball program, a combined team of special needs and regular education student athletes
- The advent of the *Ranger Connection*, a district newsletter sent out electronically each month and once annually to all households in both Cumberland and North Yarmouth
- GHS theatrical productions "Anything Goes" and "When The Lights Were Out" were enjoyed by many, along with "Sleepy Trudy" at GMS
- Various musical performances graced the ears of our school community over the year, with students receiving accolades at regional and state music events, including the All-Eastern Music Festival
- Individual student honors earned in many areas, including National History Day contest, Ford Automotive Challenge, and New York Times essay contest
- Student exchanges and homestays with Namioka, Japan and Barr, France helped our students to experience global connections
- GHS awarded an honorary diploma to 90-year-old WW II veteran Philip Roy, a D-Day survivor, who symbolizes the legendary "Ranger" tradition
- The district expanded collaborative efforts with other districts in areas of budget, payroll, and accounting, generating additional revenue for the district
- The special education department was merged with other student support services to create the office of Instructional Support
- The district continues to make headway on recommendations from the *Opuda Report*, including re-designing special education programming that best meets the needs of identified students
- A new position of pathways specialist was realized through the budget process to serve students with unique learning needs in grades 7-12
- Continued technology upgrades, including the purchase of new student chromebooks, firewall, switches, and wireless access points
- The PTO, Foundation 51, Arts Alliance, and Athletic Booster organizations continued to enhance the educational experience for all students, especially through fundraising efforts
- Special thanks to the PTO for their very successful "Fill a Bus, Fill a Belly" campaign that helped support 94 families through the community food pantry
- A joint meeting between the Board of Directors, Cumberland Town Council, and North Yarmouth Board of Selectmen was held in September 2014 to enhance communication and collaboration between these three governing boards
- We are proud to announce these recognitions received by the district in 2014-15:
 - MSAD #51 named the 5th best school district in Maine (Niche.com)
 - MIW, GMS 4-5, and GMS 6-8 all placed in top 5 schools in Maine (Niche.com)
 - GHS named the 97th best high school in the United States (Newsweek)
 - GHS one of only 547 schools in the United States that made the most growth on Advanced Placement exams in the last year

I wish to thank all students, staff, parents, and community members for their support and commitment to the ideals of our high-performing school district. I look forward to the promises of the 2015-16 year.

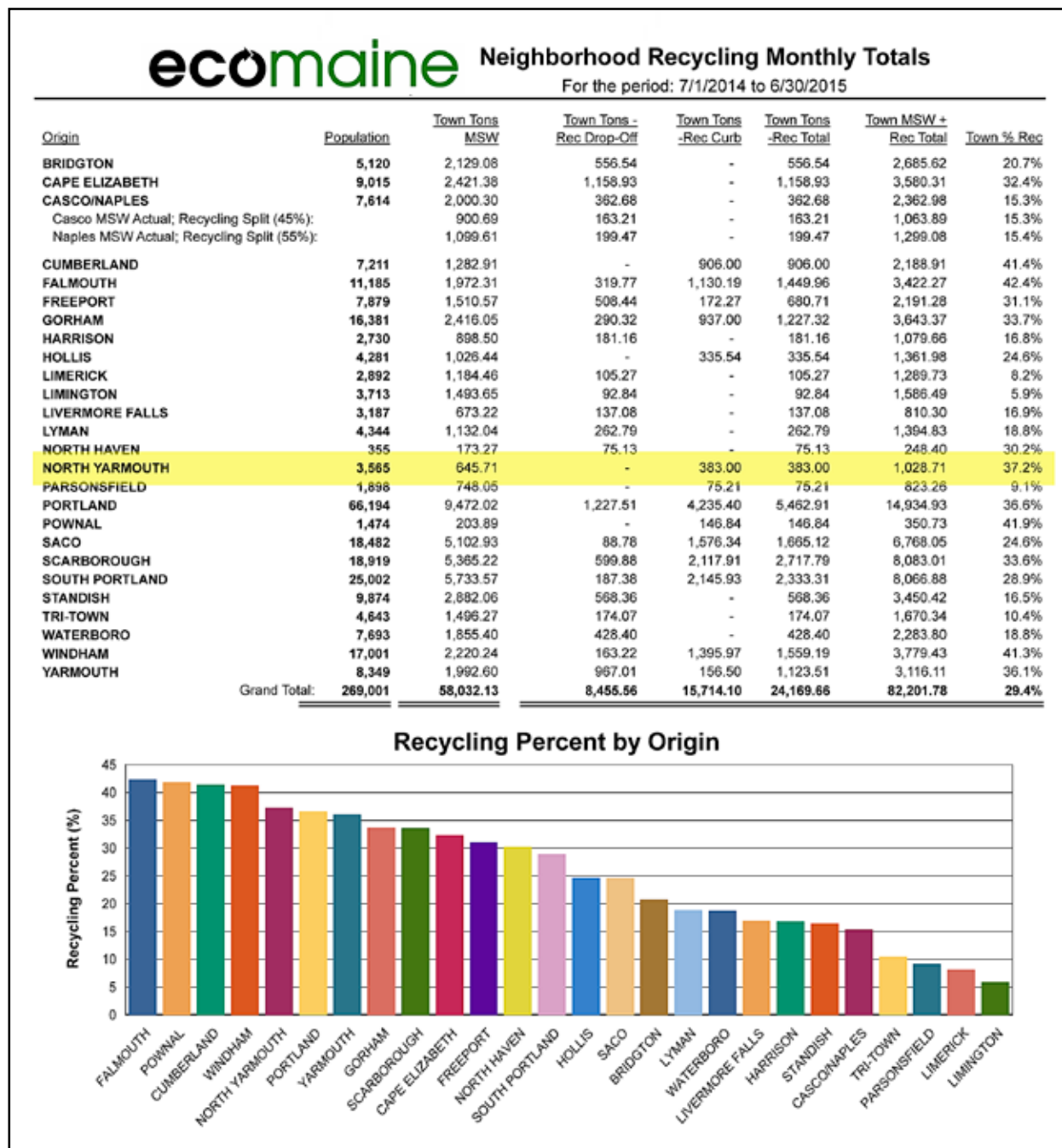
Respectfully,

 Jeffrey J. Porter
 Superintendent of Schools

Recycling/Solid Waste Report FY2015 Annual Report

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 put that recycling in an orange bag. It is a win for the town and the community member.

Over the last five years North Yarmouth has continued to grow its total solid waste amounts while reducing the percentage of recycling. We are now sixth in Cumberland County for percentage of waste recycled—see chart below. We urge all residents to help the town economize by stepping up recycling efforts and reducing solid waste.

Respectfully submitted, **ROB WOOD**



Flag Committee FY2015 Annual Report



Call or write any committee member to

- Join the growing list of sponsors
- Join the committee
- Obtain a star

Flag Committee Members/ contact info:

Diane Burnell
829-3137
dburnell@maine.rr.com

Alex Currie
489-9282
macroline@hotmail.com

Ken Filliter
829-3027
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Darla Hamlin
221-3113
darla@maine.rr.com

Support for the North Yarmouth Flag Committee remained strong this season. Added to the Honor Roll were seven new honorees. A couple of the sponsors recognized a family member's birthday, while others sponsored a flag in honor of a family member who is or was in the Service. Besides the town's website, the honor roll is viewable at the town office, in a glass case at Memorial School, and in the display case located on the bottle redemption shed at the Fire Station.

Over 100 flags are currently flying along Routes 9 and 115.

In appreciation for their help, the Committee donated \$150 to the Keep North Yarmouth Warm Fund in honor of Boy Scout Troop 58. Boy Scout Troop 92 received a check for \$150 in appreciation for their help as well. We also donated a Maine State flag to the North Yarmouth Memorial Park Corporation for the Veterans Memorial Park.

As of June 30, we had funds of \$4,343.77 on hand.

We continued to raise 6' x 8' flags in honor of each branch of the service as well as a 6' x 8' American and POW flag on the Village Green. Special thanks to Ken Filliter and the members of the North Yarmouth Memorial Park Corporation for managing this project. Following Flag Day, the Flag Committee donated these flags to the North Yarmouth Memorial Park Corporation, who will ensure that they are flying all the time in honor of all service men and women.

Special thanks to Barb Hauke and Tom Low upon their retirement from the Committee. Having served since our inception in 2007, they were highly instrumental in our success.

Although we lost two valuable members of the committee, we are happy to report that we have two new members: Ken Filliter

and Alex Currie. Ken and Alex are directly responsible for the care and maintenance of the flags. Report any flag issue to the town office and they will contact either Ken or Alex for a resolution. You may also contact either of them directly.

Due to inclement weather, the raising of the flags in May was in jeopardy of postponement. However, the Fire Company, a separate entity from North Yarmouth Fire Rescue, came to our rescue and in quick order had all of our flags flying before Memorial Day. Our thanks for a job well done!

Volunteers are the lifeblood of our committee. One secret to our success is the efforts by Gail Strattard to support our troops. Your renewal dollars help us replace worn, torn or faded flags, but you may not know what happens to all of those flags that are tattered and torn. Gail removes the stars and places each in a small bag with a tag that reads, "I am a part of our American Flag. I have flown over the Town of North Yarmouth, Maine. I can no longer fly. The sun and winds have caused me to become tattered and torn. Please carry me as a reminder that your service to our Country is not forgotten." A local American Legion Post or Boy Scout Troop accepts the rest of the flag for proper disposal.

In the past, it was difficult to maintain the Honor Roll posters due to the high cost of printing. We are happy to report that we have found a lower cost solution enabling us to post new honor rolls more regularly. We will also have an improved page on the Town's new website soon. Watch for *Reminders from Town Hall* for more information.

Respectfully submitted,

DARLA HAMLIN

Flag Committee Member

School Fund Trustees

209th Annual Report, FY2015

A meeting of the School Fund was called to order by President Earle Edwards on January 15, 2015 at 7 PM at the Edwards's home. Present were Clark Baston, Richard Baston, Linc Merrill, Nelson Smith, Earle Edwards, Blaine Barter, Kenneth Allen, and Joel Fuller.

The Secretary/Treasurer reports were given by Nelson Smith and approved by the membership. The continued poor return of our investments were discussed. It was also mentioned that tightening government regulations were making it difficult for us to operate. Key Bank is requiring us to get a tax number. Joel Fuller made a motion, Blaine Barter seconded, that President Edwards and Sec/Treas Smith meet with the town manager and pursue returning to a more structured status with the Town. (Passed)

Blaine Barter made a motion, Joel Fuller seconded that we give two \$200 grants this year. (Passed)

It was mentioned that we needed a new member and Dixie Hayes's name was brought forward. She was approved. (She has agreed to serve.)

Elections were held, with Earle Edwards elected president and Nelson Smith as Secretary/Treasurer.

On Feb. 10, 2015 Earle Edwards and Nelson Smith met with Town Manager Rosemary Roy and talked about the future of the North Yarmouth School Fund. It was agreed that the town manager present the changes to the Board of Selectmen. (This has been done and approved.)

On May 19, 2015 President Edwards and Secretary/Treasurer Smith met and went over the applications. Each application was given a number and Edwards drew numbers to select our winners. Selected to receive scholarships were Lydia Dahlgren of 1140 North Road and Jacquelynn Bedign of 9 Hidden Brook Drive.

Greely Guidance was notified of our selection.

Respectfully submitted,

NELSON SMITH

Sec/Treas



*Lydia Dahlgren,
GHS 2014*



*Jacquelynn Bedign,
GHS 2014*

Yarmouth Water District FY2015 Annual Report



Robert N. MacKinnon, Jr.
Superintendent

William L. Reinsborough
Chairman, Board of Trustees

2014 ADDITIONS

32 New water services

4 fire hydrants

4,130' 10" and 8" ductile iron pipe

Added to the above additions, the District also cleaned and relined approximately 3,800 feet of 10" water main on West Elm Street in Yarmouth. This project effectively renews the life span of this pipeline another 60 to 70 years. The project was selected by the State for funding under the State Revolving Loan Program and as a result, the interest rate for the bond issue is extremely low, 0.10 % for the twenty year life of the bond.

Water Production for 2014 was 262,915,000 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. Metered revenue was down 2.3% as a result and the District will be raising its rates in mid 2015.

The District is pleased to announce that the Wellhead Protection Program announced last year, is in full swing. The District was awarded a \$10,000 grant by the State Drinking Water Program to help implement the program. At the time of this report, the District had facilitated the replacement of seven residential oil tanks and the pumping of eight septic systems. The District had also collaborated with the Cumberland County Soil and Water Conservation District to develop an educational outreach program for the North Yarmouth and Yarmouth Schools. Designed for middle school students, the goal of the program was for students to understand the source of their drinking water and the need to protect it. CCSWCD conducted a total of fifteen class room sessions between the two school systems and the feedback has been extremely positive, with teachers already asking about next year's sessions.

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. Unfortunately there have been several recent incidents regarding improper use of the properties. We would ask your assistance by reporting any such activity or incident to the Sheriff's Department and District. Your cooperation and proper use of the property will insure its continued use by the public.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT MACKINNON

Superintendent, Yarmouth Water District

Events Committee FY2015 Annual Report

When 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.

But this is about 2014, not 2013, and I want to talk instead 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 2014 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



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Animal Clinic
Hansel's Orchard
Law Offices of
Thaddeus V. Day, PLLC
North Yarmouth
Business Association
North Yarmouth Variety
Patriot Insurance
Company
Pat's Pizza Old Port
Peak Dental Health
Restorative & Aesthetic
Dental Associates -
Leighton Philbrick, DMD, MAGD
Sheeboo, Inc.
Soft Trac, LLC

North Yarmouth Historical Society

FY 2015 Annual Report

Just as in FY 2014, North Yarmouth Historical Society is in limbo, awaiting the resolution of plans for the Village Center. And as we wait, our work and storage problems mount.

It's not a point of pride to report that all is not well with NYHS. But in fact, that is the reality.

For the residents who are unaware of the Historical Society's challenges or haven't paid us a visit to our archives during our monthly public hours (*first Saturday of each month, 9-noon*), I thought I would provide a visual tour of our headquarters to demonstrate our challenges.



NYHS: How to find us.

We're located in North Yarmouth's Fire Rescue building. *Why?* Because years ago, when the building housed North Yarmouth's town office, NYHS was given work space there to help organize our town's historic records. We also joined the town's effort to build a fireproof vault for town records. When the town office moved to its current quarters, we did not. (*There was no room in the new building for us then; there certainly is not now.*)

So, NYHS shares space at 463 Walnut Hill Road with North Yarmouth's Fire Rescue Department, the Cumberland County Sheriff's satellite station, and living quarters for two Fire Rescue interns.

Behind a locked door in the Fire Rescue station, our headquarters awaits the researcher or volunteer (*right*). In a 5' x 8' entryway, we've squeezed two filing cabinets, supplies, and some recent acquisitions. Opposite, a 4' x 8' former cleaning closet houses our computer and more files.



NYHS workroom: Maxed out for space.

Inside our workroom volunteers are slowly working to acquisition dozens of items (although we don't know where most of the material will fit). Another project—updating the documentation of our town's older homes—continues. We are grateful to our stalwart volunteers for the work they do in a challenging space!



NYHS vault: at the limits of our space.



Vault storage for our objects. Awaiting some future display space.



Boxes of artifacts found on the site of an old Walnut Hill home, stored in boxes in the eaves of the Town Office attic space.

Back in the 1980s, the Town and NYHS were extremely forward-thinking when we installed a fireproof vault for historic records. But now, more than 30 years later, the vault is far too small for NYHS and town records, objects, and maps.



Attic in the Fire Rescue building.

When we ran out of space in the vault, we went up into a small attic area above our workroom. There we found some space to store dozens of boxes of unaccessioned collections and of artifacts.

When we ran out of space in the Fire Rescue attic, we found some room to

squeeze into the Town Office attic. But now that is at a limit.

On a related matter, the Town Office's vault space—which stores town vital records, including priceless books dating back to the 1600s—has no more room. We are deeply concerned about the safe housing of these records, which include the early town and vital records of Harpswell, Cumberland, Freeport, Pownal, Yarmouth, and Chebeague Island, towns that were originally part of North Yarmouth.

North Yarmouth Historical Society is a private organization, but we obviously exist because of—and we are intertwined with—the town. What happens with the town's future plans affects us directly.

Our Fire Rescue neighbors badly need NYHS's space and we would gladly move out—but we have no place to go, and no ability to plan for relocation, expansion, and fundraising until residents decide on the future of our town center. When we know the town's direction, we will know ours.

We are greatly dependent on the decision made at the ballot box on November 3, 2015. ***For that reason we urge all residents to go to the polls and vote!***

I'm grateful to and proud of our faithful Board of Directors and to our membership for your generosity, support ... and your **patience**. THANK YOU.

Respectfully submitted,

KATIE MURPHY

President, North Yarmouth Historical Society

northyarmouthhistorical.org



Railing rescued from the old Methodist Church on West Pownal Road, stored in the attic of Town Office.

Prince Memorial Library

FY 2013/2014 Annual Report

Youth Programming

The 2014 Summer Reading Program, Fizz, Boom, Read, ran for the period June 10 through August 27. A total of 287 children and young adults registered for the program, and they recorded 148,690 minutes of reading during the period. More than 700 people visited the library on the day of the program kick-off event, and activities included face painting, kites, make your own lip balm, decorating tote bags, Chalk on the Walk and Lego activities. It was also the first day on the job for Youth Services Librarian Lauren Isele, and she performed well under pressure.

Programming during Fizz, Boom, Read included three “Simple Science” programs for grades K-5, with a total of 100 attendees who enjoyed making salt dough, doing math science games, experimenting with coke and mentos, and building cork boats. A concert by musician Buster B and a show by magician Dana Perkins were well attended, as was the Finale Ice Cream Party, with music provided by Duncan Perry, the Banjo Man.

Special thanks go out to all the community members young and old who volunteered their time and energy during a very successful 2014 Summer Reading Program Kick-Off event. The Friends of Prince Memorial Library provided the financial assistance that allowed the library to offer all of the Summer Reading Program’s special events. Their generosity and support are gratefully appreciated.

June 2014 heralded the creation of the PML Teen Advisory Board, which is made up of around 20 teens tasked with programming for their peers. Meeting weekly, the board ate pizza, played games, and planned the inaugural Teen Summer Writing Contest, which was judged by a group consisting of Mary Hinman and Dina Lattanzi of MSAD #51, students Hannah Perfetti and Siana Emery, and local authors Maria Padian and Jennifer Gooch Hummer. The Teen Writing Party in August had the contest winners reading aloud from their works and the authors discussing their craft. The Advisory Board helped plan the 2015 Teen Summer Reading Program and organized the monthly Teen Writers Group. Teen volunteers provided over 50 hours of volunteer service in the library during the summer of 2014.

Throughout the year, 3,324 children visited the library for Toddler Time, Preschool Playhouse, Baby and Me, and other youth programs. Lauren began offering Afterschool Wednesdays Crafts & Games, Lego Club, and Minecraft, all of which have proved popular. In the three months leading up to the 2015 Summer Reading Program Kickoff, Lauren visited with 2,298 young readers in the schools and area daycares and nurseries to promote the program.

Adult Programming

The popular Saturday morning Music and Muffins concerts featured such performers as Eleanor Hunter, Scott Thurston and Sarah Cummings, Gregoire Pearce, Boghat, Connor Garvey, and Carolyn Currie. The library hosted a number of talks featuring authors, including Jim Nichols, Jason C. Anthony, Michael Paterniti, Dave Holman, Paul Betit, Frank O. Smith, Jim Thatcher, and poets Marcia Brown and Natalie Murray. The Cumberland Historical Society held many of its Lecture Series offerings at the library. Peter McKenney spoke on the history and current activities of the Cumberland Cemetery Association, Ron Romano presented on stonecutter Bartlett Adams, Carmel Croce discussed growing up on Munjoy Hill in Portland, Thomas Bennett presented on his father’s letters home during World War II, and Jerry Wiles gave a talk on Joshua Chamberlain. In addition, Joel Fuller gave a presentation on the history of West Cumberland, Chet Blanchard discussed his book *The Spirit of Capt. Reuben Blanchard*, and Clark Whittier presented on gardening.

The library partnered with the Maine Humanities Council in offering “Let’s Talk About It,” a program centering on five books with a common theme. Joseph Conforti, Professor Emeritus of American and New England Studies at the University of Southern Maine, facilitated five sessions where 26 attendees discussed books centered on New England. The library’s ongoing afternoon and evening book groups have a total of 76 members, and Reference Librarian Elizabeth Tarasevich facilitated book discussions with the two groups 20 times over ten months.

Adult Services

Reference Librarian Elizabeth Tarasevich offers reference and reader services, facilitates the library's book groups, and provides Internet training. Elizabeth conducted 518 sessions teaching basic computer and Internet skills and how to download audiobooks and e-books. She proctored 37 exams and wrote 12 library columns for *The Notes*.

The Prince Room, the library's original facility, provides valuable community meeting space 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.

Passport Services

Staff members Carolyn Currie, Pam Copenhagen, Arabella Eldredge, Kelly Greenlee, and Andrea Peabbles 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 553 passport applications during FY2014-15, an increase of 152 applications over the previous year, resulting in \$14,120 in revenue and \$1,589 in expenses, for a net gain of \$12,531.

Statistics

Prince Memorial Library ended FY2014 with 6,488 patrons, an increase of 451 patrons, or 7.47%, from FY2013. Cumberland residents, town employees and individuals employed in Cumberland comprise 70.44% of cardholders, while North Yarmouth residents make up 28.39% of the total. MSAD #51 employees, nonresidents, and institutional borrowers account for the remaining patrons.

The library registered 51,002 visits during the year, an average of 199 for each day it was open to the public. Total circulation of items in the library's catalog plus digital materials (i.e., audiobooks and ebooks) downloaded from the Maine Infonet Download Library and Prince Memorial Library's digital reference ebrary catalog was 85,561, a 4.39% increase from the previous year's circulation total of 81,962. Circulation of catalogued library materials increased 4.9%, while digital usage decreased 3.42%. In addition to catalogued materials, the library loans paperback books and school

summer reading list books, but does not maintain statistics on their usage.

Cumberland residents borrowed 57,069 catalogued materials, or 70.69% of catalogued materials circulated, while North Yarmouth residents circulated 20,850 materials, or 25.83% of the total. July was the month with the highest total circulation, followed by August and June. December and November had the lowest circulation totals for the year. The highest circulating material categories were children's books, adult fiction, and DVDs. The library's collection of books, videos, and audiotapes now totals 52,629. The library subscribes to four newspapers and approximately 90 magazines.

Digital Maine Repository

In September 2014, Prince Memorial Library began contributing items to the Digital Maine Repository, a partnership of the Maine State Library and other institutions to share historical content through the Digital Public Library of America. Prince Memorial Library has digitally published a dozen volumes, including such titles as *Locating the Old Houses of Cumberland*, *North Yarmouth 1771 Taxpayers & 1790 Heads of Families*, *Cumberland Congregational Church History and Vital Records*, *Cumberland Overseers of the Poor Documents 1821-1915*, *List of Students 1896*, and *Early Days of the Cumberland Fire Department*, and made them available for download on the Digital Maine Repository. The library has also scanned and uploaded nearly two dozen issues of the *Greely Institute Star*, the *Catalogue and Circular of Greely Institute*, the *Greely Scroll*, the *Greely Annual* and the *Greely Institute Shield*. Scanning and contributing items to the Digital Maine Repository makes them more widely available and is an effective preservation strategy for rare items.

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, 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 Lu and Denny Gallaudet Charitable Gift Account at Schwab Charitable Fund, 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.

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 Reference Librarian Elizabeth Tarasevich, Youth Services Librarian Lauren Isele, circulation aides Pam Copenhagen, Carolyn Currie, Arabella Eldredge, Kelly Greenlee, Andrea Peabbles and Sally Somes, and page Bella Bennett, 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



Flags on the Village Green: Veterans Day, 2014

TOWN OF NORTH YARMOUTH OUTSTANDING TAX LIST *as of June 30, 2015*

Outstanding Real Estate Taxes

Acct #	Name	Balance Due (w/interest)	Acct #	Name	Balance Due (w/interest)
REAL ESTATE TAXES • FY 2015					
345	ANDERSON, RICHARD	67.79	704	SPRAGUE, DAPHNE	8,654.79
467	ANDERSON, VIRGINIA E	3,572.69	1526	ST. PIERRE, PATRICIA P.	3,801.35
132	BLANCHARD, ANN C.	1,410.63	1603	TOMPKINS, SETH A.	333.71 *
693	BRIMIGION, DANE S.	2,640.29	269	VARRELL, LINDA S. CORMIER, PAUL J.	621.74 *
61	BROWN, ANNE	2,556.25	926	WALNUT HILL HEIGHTS, COMMUNITY WELL C/O TIM KEENE 146.43 *	
33	BROWN, IAN A.	3,454.91	1573	WILLIAMS, PATRICK J.	1,549.88
1577	BROWN, JAMES	5,963.96	1718	WILD TURKEY COMPANY LLC	1,398.63
580	CARRIER, JOHN A.	1,237.82 *	1721	WILD TURKEY COMPANY LLC	1,549.55
272	CLEMENT, AMY S. & DOUGLAS R.	3,073.39	1722	WILD TURKEY COMPANY LLC	1,606.15
1345	CLUKEY, ARTHUR W.	1,863.39 *	364	WOODWARD, STEPHEN G.	1,396.92
1346	CLUKEY, HEIRS OF JAMES	2,424.20	429	WOODWARD, STEPHEN G.	1,884.01
89	COFFIN, NANCY C. PERS REP. FOR COFFIN, PHILIP C.	1,004.18 *	1190	WOODWARD, STEPHEN G.	2,674.59
337	CYR, MARY E.	2,177.14 *	1194	WOODWARD, STEPHEN G.	1,813.66
573	DEMERS, BRIGITTE HELEN	3,574.96	1195	WOODWARD, STEPHEN G.	2,672.88
1712	DENNISON, JASON	128.37 *	REAL ESTATE TAXES • FY 2014		
1560	DESAI, ALISA C.	748.27 *	345	ANDERSON, RICHARD	120.29
1352	DOROTHY MEEHAN TRUST MEEHAN, STEPHEN R.	1,686.04 *	693	BRIMIGION, DANE S.	933.50 *
1850	EDGERLY-GADDIS, DENISE J.	110.62 *	61	BROWN, ANNE	2,241.87
1627	ECTEAU, JR., JACK R.	3,403.46	33	BROWN, IAN A.	3,423.99
143	GLADSTONE, MATTHEW C.	2,914.37	1345	CLUKEY, ARTHUR W.	1,855.53 *
1830	J&A DEVELOPMENT INC	1,730.89	1346	CLUKEY, HEIRS OF JAMES CLUKEY, C/O ARTHUR	2408.21
1262	LH HOUSING, LLC	2,291.42 *	573	DEMERS, BRIGITTE HELEN	1832.57
1730	LONG POND LLC	154.09 *	1627	ECTEAU JR., JACK R.	1790.40
1729	LONG POND LLC	154.09 *	1830	J&A DEVELOPMENT INC	486.90
1726	LONG POND LLC	136.56 *	48	MALLOY, JOSEPH	945.70
1723	LONG POND LLC	136.56 *	759	MCGUFFEY, SUZANNE G. HEIRS OF	3,729.80
819	MACMAHON J MARY MACMAHON, DAVID M.	26.82 *	1177	MCGUFFEY, SUZANNE G. WOODWARD, STEPHEN G.	4,448.37
48	MALLOY, JOSEPH	2,108.64	1166	MILES, JR, ROBERT W.	28.98 *
388	MARK INVESTMENTS, LLC	65.09 *	830	MOORE, BRYAN G. MOORE ELAINE G.	1,478.05
759	MCGUFFEY, SUZANNE G.	6,181.77	1415	MORRISON, JEFFREY W. MORRISON, AUDREY T.	1,340.16
1177	MCGUFFEY, SUZANNE G.	4,199.23	1709	MORRISON, JEFFREY W.	1,310.45
1166	MILES, JR, ROBERT W.	107.24 *	96	NOSEWORTHY, CHARLENE STARR	2,416.66
582	MILES, MARY F.	93.93 *	328	PECK, MARIE H.	3,659.85
830	MOORE, BRYAN G.	4,974.40	212	REGAN, GEORGE K.	88.07 *
1415	MORRISON, JEFFREY W.	1,252.86	1086	ROBERTS, PAULA J.	3,112.55
1709	MORRISON, JEFFREY W.	1,218.55	902	SANBORN, DONALD D.	4,243.70 *
1144	MOYNIHAN, SCOTT A. MOYNIHAN, KIMBERLY A.	606.15 *	704	SPRAGUE, DAPHNE	4,726.23
96	NOSEWORTHY, CHARLENE STARR	2,261.27	364	WOODWARD, STEPHEN G. WOODWARD, DOREEN	1,492.13
1673	O-TAY O-TAY, LLC	1,182.45 *	1195	WOODWARD, STEPHEN G.	2,838.17
328	PECK, MARIE H.	3,439.48	1194	WOODWARD, STEPHEN G. MCGUFFEY, SUZANNE G.	1,931.77
19	POLKEY, LINDA M.	1,932.00 *	REAL ESTATE TAXES • FY 2013		
725	RAY, MALCOLM E. RAY, DIANE M.	34.74 *	345	ANDERSON, RICHARD	88.04
212	REGAN, GEORGE K.	3,588.69	33	BROWN, IAN A.	182.64 *
1337	RICH, JOSEPH	37.83 *	96	NOSEWORTHY, CHARLENE STARR	362.20 *
1086	ROBERTS, PAULA J.	2,799.79			
98	ROBINSON, KEVIN M.	2,501.38 *			
902	SANBORN, DONALD D.	4,286.69 *			
211	SCIPIONE, PAMELA	4,027.73			
785	SIMMONS, PATRICK E.	21.19			

* Signifies payments made after June 30, 2015

TOWN OF NORTH YARMOUTH OUTSTANDING TAX LIST *as of June 30, 2015*

Outstanding Personal Property Taxes

Acct #	Name	Balance Due (w/interest)	Acct #	Name	Balance Due (w/interest)
PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES • FY 2015			PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES • FY 2014		
100030...	AT&T MOBILITY	128.19	100900...	BLAIS COMMUNICATIONS INC	34.37
101570...	BRIMIGIAN DANE	155.18	101570...	BRIMIGIAN DANE	159.34*
100380...	BRUCE CROCKETT	130.28	101090...	CURTIS PROPERTIES MAINTENANCE	51.56
101090...	CURTIS PROPERTIES MAINTENANCE	47.91	101030...	ROYAL RIVER SURVEY	106.56*
100790...	ERIC BOWDOIN	212.26	101400...	STONES CAFÉ & BAKERY	73.08
100760...	FOWLER TREE CARE	34.65	100830...	JEFFREY VERRILL CONTRACTING SV	77.34
101030...	ROYAL RIVER SURVEY	99.03	PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES • FY 2013		
101400...	STONE'S CAFE & BAKERY	61.39	53.....	MARLIN LEASING	405.69
100830...	JEFFREY VERRILL CONTRACTING SV	71.87	69.....	WILLIAM SCOTSMAN, INC.	16.87*
* Signifies payments made after June 30, 2015					



Workhorse trucks service our roads.



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Management's Discussion and Analysis

Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2014

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 30, 2014. This is the Town's eleventh 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.

2014 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Total assets of the Town of North Yarmouth exceeded its liabilities by \$25,840,006. The governmental activities statement shows a decrease in net position of \$250,085 for the fiscal year. This decrease is due primarily to the cost of depreciation.

The ending fund balance for all governmental funds is \$3,383,083.

The ending fund balance for the general fund is \$2,789,503 which is a decrease of \$59,972 over the previous year. Of this balance, \$24,013 is designated to on-going projects, \$951 is in nonspendable form, \$6,015 is restricted for animal control, \$250,000 is set aside for next year's budget, and \$1,221,624 is reserved for specific purposes as shown in Statement 3 of these financial statements. This leaves an unassigned balance of \$1,286,900. 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.**



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GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The government-wide financial statements provide a broad overview of the Town of North Yarmouth's finances. Financial information is presented in two statements - *Statement of Net Position* and *Statement of Activities*.

The *Statement of Net Position* presents information about the Town's assets and liabilities with the difference between the two reported as *Net Position*. Over time, changes in Net Position (increases or decreases) may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the Town is improving or deteriorating. North Yarmouth's fiscal 2014 *Statement of Net Position* does reflect a value assigned to infrastructure which provides a more accurate indication of the Town's financial position. The *Statement of Activities* presents information about how the Town's Net Position has changed during the fiscal year. All changes in Net Position are reported as soon as the underlying change or event occurs, regardless of the timing of the related cash flows. This means that revenues and expenses are reported in this statement even if the related cash movement does not occur until future fiscal periods (e.g., uncollected taxes and accounts payable).

In the government-wide financial statements, the Town's basic services are reported as *Governmental Activities* as they are principally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, rather than recovering all, or a significant portion of their costs through user fees and charges. Governmental activities include general administration, public safety (law enforcement, fire protection), public works (roads, solid waste disposal), debt service, and capital planning expenses.

FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The Town of North Yarmouth, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

Governmental funds are used to report most of the Town's basic operational services. Operating expenses and revenues are recorded and the cumulative leftover balance of these activities, which is available for spending in subsequent years, is reported here. These funds are reported using an accounting method called modified accrual, which measures cash and all other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash. The governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view of the Town's general government operations and the basic services it provides. Governmental fund information can help to determine what financial resources are available in the near future to finance the Town's activities.



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Statement of Net Position Information

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

Table 1
Comparative Statement of Net Position
For the Years Ended June 30, 2014 & 2013

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Current & Other Assets	\$ 3,722,603	\$ 3,225,573
Capital Assets, Net	<u>22,505,382</u>	<u>23,402,173</u>
Total Assets	26,227,985	26,627,746
Long-term Debt Outstanding	172,894	269,416
Other Liabilities	<u>215,085</u>	<u>269,412</u>
Total Liabilities	387,979	538,828
Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>9,832</u>	<u>8,659</u>
Net Position		
Net Investment in Capital Assets	23,330,259	23,129,429
Restricted for Special Revenues	11,765	10,921
Unrestricted	<u>3,488,150</u>	<u>2,939,909</u>
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 25,830,174</u>	<u>\$ 26,080,259</u>



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Table 2
Comparative Changes in Net Position – Governmental Activities
Year Ended June 30, 2014

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Revenues		
Program Revenues:		
Charges for Services	\$ 914,288	\$ 340,494
Operating Grants and Contributions	183,877	295,666
General Revenues:		
Property Taxes	6,838,078	6,673,733
Excise Taxes	725,959	688,814
Intergovernmental	256,711	321,070
Investment Earnings	17,405	13,202
Loss from Wescustogo Hall Fire	<u>(234,434)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Revenues	8,701,884	8,332,979
Expenses		
General Government	423,571	440,945
Public Safety and Services	301,223	365,984
Public Works and Sanitation	1,342,477	1,511,578
Fixed Expenses and Operations	364,717	272,470
Solid Waste and Public Facilities	355,789	363,551
Cultural and Recreational	185,989	213,931
Education	5,595,923	5,492,347
Debt Service	6,084	7,800
Capital Investment	255,364	261,630
For Designated Purposes	<u>120,832</u>	<u>89,691</u>
Total Expenses	<u>8,951,969</u>	<u>9,019,927</u>
Decrease in Net Position	<u>\$ (250,085)</u>	<u>\$ (686,948)</u>



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Chart A (below) provides a graphic depiction of the program revenues by source.

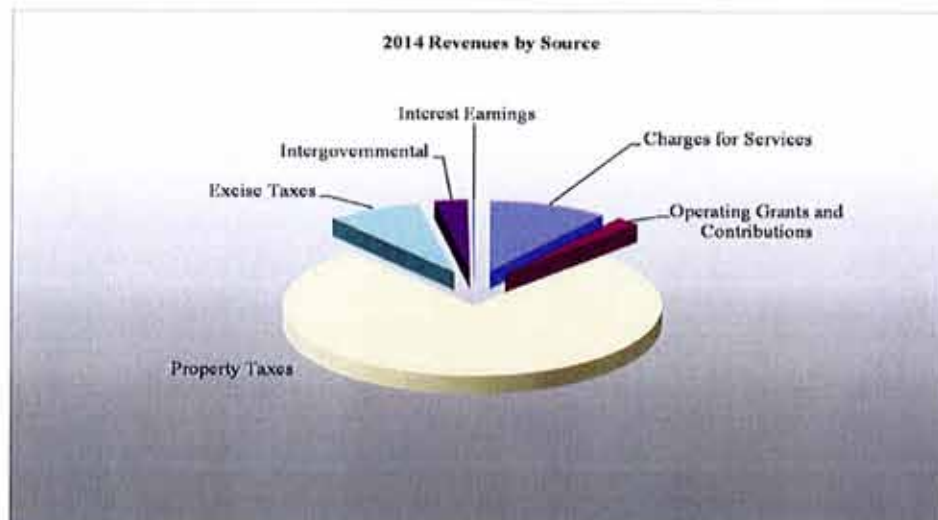


Chart A – 2014 Revenues by Source

Chart B (below) provides a graphic depiction of expenditures by function.

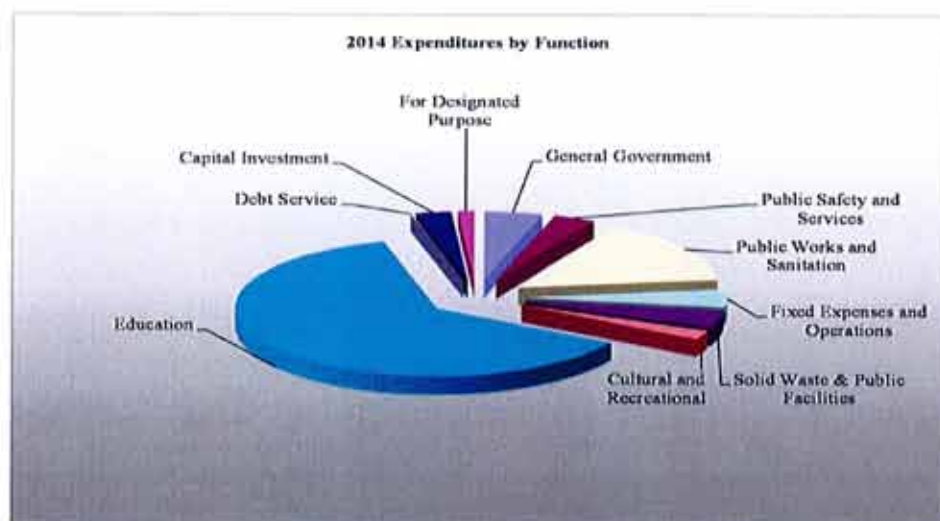


Chart B – 2014 Expenditures by Function

TOWN OF NORTH YARMOUTH, MAINE
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2014

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
ASSETS:	
Cash/Investments	\$ 3,429,408
Receivables:	
Taxes	3,954
Liens	186,812
Accounts	101,478
Prepaid Expenses	951
Capital Assets:	
Land	889,771
Other Capital Assets, Net of Depreciation	21,615,611
Total Capital Assets	<u>22,505,382</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>26,227,985</u>
LIABILITIES:	
Accounts Payable	43,199
Accrued Liabilities	45,040
Performance Bond Refundable	60,000
Security Deposits	150
Accrued Compensated Absences	30,782
Accrued Interest Payable	2,229
Due to Other Funds	33,685
Long-term Liabilities:	
Due within One Year	96,521
Due in More Than One Year	76,373
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>387,979</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS:	
Prepaid Property Taxes	9,832
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS	<u>9,832</u>
NET POSITION:	
Net Investment in Capital Assets	22,330,259
Restricted for:	
Special Revenues	11,765
Unrestricted	3,488,150
TOTAL NET POSITION	<u><u>\$ 25,830,174</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

TOWN OF NORTH YARMOUTH, MAINE
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE -
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND - BUDGETARY BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014

	Original and Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
REVENUES:			
Taxes:			
Property	\$ 6,785,050	\$ 6,838,078	\$ 53,028
Change in Deferred Property Tax Revenues	-	(32,219)	(32,219)
Excise	647,600	725,959	78,359
	<u>7,432,650</u>	<u>7,531,818</u>	<u>99,168</u>
Intergovernmental:			
State Revenue Sharing	150,000	171,390	21,390
State Homestead Reimbursement	84,439	83,292	(1,147)
Veterans Exemption	2,000	2,029	29
Tree Growth	1,100	1,369	269
Highway Block Grant	38,700	29,116	(9,584)
General Assistance	3,500	2,435	(1,065)
BETE Reimbursement	1,298	1,086	(212)
	<u>281,037</u>	<u>290,717</u>	<u>9,680</u>
Miscellaneous:			
Interest	13,000	17,405	4,405
Impact Fees	10,000	10,000	-
Clerk/Permit Fees	23,725	37,755	14,030
Dog Licenses	1,200	1,173	(27)
Dog Fines	-	2,505	2,505
Rescue Fees	37,500	36,628	(872)
Rental Fees - House	14,400	12,100	(2,300)
Rental Fees - Cell Tower	27,500	33,865	6,365
Franchise Fees	29,000	28,756	(244)
Public Works/Solid Waste Fees	106,700	119,118	12,418
Planning/Zoning Board Fees	1,200	800	(400)
Sale of Tax Acquired Property	-	2,472	2,472
Other	5,050	31,858	26,808
	<u>269,275</u>	<u>334,435</u>	<u>65,160</u>
TOTAL REVENUES	7,982,962	8,156,970	174,008

TOWN OF NORTH YARMOUTH, MAINE
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE -
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND - BUDGETARY BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014

	Original and Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
EXPENDITURES:			
General Government	\$ 616,745	\$ 429,079	\$ 187,666
Public Safety and Services	335,901	240,211	95,690
Public Works and Sanitation	686,767	597,072	89,695
Solid Waste	254,932	242,138	12,794
Public Facilities	90,420	102,626	(12,206)
Public Lands and Recreation	197,391	185,389	12,002
Education	5,595,923	5,595,923	-
Debt Service	104,832	103,704	1,128
Fixed Charges	348,576	364,717	(16,141)
Capital Investment	82,983	86,441	(3,458)
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	8,314,470	7,947,300	367,170
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	(331,508)	209,670	541,178
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):			
Budgeted Use of Unassigned Fund Balance	150,000	-	(150,000)
Budgeted Use of Ambulance Fee Reserve	48,858	-	(48,858)
Budgeted Use of Cable & Technology Fee Reserves	9,000	-	(9,000)
Loan Proceeds	155,000	-	(155,000)
Carry Forward from 2013	29,630	-	(29,630)
Operating Transfers to Special Revenues	(60,980)	(60,980)	-
	331,508	(60,980)	(392,488)
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	\$ -	148,690	\$ 148,690
RECONCILIATION TO GAAP BASIS:			
Budgeted Transfers, Intergovernmental, and Interest Income to Reserves		125,547	
Transfers In		24,990	
Expenses from Reserves		(359,199)	
		(208,662)	
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES		\$ (59,972)	

See notes to the required supplementary information.

TOWN OF NORTH YARMOUTH, MAINE
STATEMENT OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014

	Appropriation Balances Forward	Appropriations	Transfers and Other Credits	Total Available	Expenditures	Balances		
						Overdrawn	Lapsed	Unexpended
								Carried Forward
GENERAL GOVERNMENT								
Central Office	\$ 1,800	\$ 253,525	\$ -	\$ 255,325	\$ 243,829	\$ -	\$ 11,496	\$ -
Selectmen	-	3,688	-	3,688	4,688	1,000	-	-
Legal	-	32,520	-	32,520	34,470	1,950	-	-
Elections & Moderator	-	12,500	-	12,500	4,576	-	7,924	-
Web Page & TV	-	10,460	-	10,460	13,281	2,821	-	-
Contingency	-	15,000	-	15,000	9,648	-	5,352	-
Assessing	5,000	38,170	-	43,170	34,227	4,600	-	13,543
Planning Board	-	10,100	-	10,100	2,028	-	8,072	-
Code Enforcement	-	75,682	-	75,682	76,110	428	-	-
Economic Development	-	152,000	-	152,000	6,222	-	145,778	-
Charter Commission	6,300	-	-	6,300	-	-	6,300	-
	<u>13,100</u>	<u>603,645</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>616,745</u>	<u>429,079</u>	<u>10,799</u>	<u>184,922</u>	<u>13,543</u>
PUBLIC SAFETY AND SERVICES								
Fire Protection	-	246,953	-	246,953	168,229	-	78,724	-
Rescue Services	-	49,210	-	49,210	49,861	651	-	-
Health Officer	-	423	-	423	330	-	93	-
Animal Control	-	5,500	-	5,500	2,735	-	2,765	-
Street Lights	-	2,965	-	2,965	2,829	-	136	-
General Assistance	-	20,350	-	20,350	7,477	-	12,873	-
Property Tax Assistance	-	1,750	-	1,750	-	-	1,750	-
Agency Bequests	-	8,750	-	8,750	8,750	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>335,901</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>335,901</u>	<u>240,211</u>	<u>651</u>	<u>96,341</u>	<u>-</u>

TOWN OF NORTH YARMOUTH, MAINE
STATEMENT OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014

	Appropriation Balances Forward	Appropriations	Transfers and Other Credits	Total Available	Expenditures	Balances			
						Overdrawn	Unexpended	Carried Forward	
PUBLIC WORKS AND SANITATION									
Public Works	\$ -	\$ 291,927	\$ -	\$ 291,927	\$ 264,068	\$ -	\$ 27,859	\$ -	
Roads	3,000	345,515	-	348,515	277,095	-	71,420	-	
Winter Plowing	-	46,325	-	46,325	55,909	9,584	-	-	
	3,000	683,767	-	686,767	597,072	9,584	99,279	-	
SOLID WASTE									
Solid Waste Disposal and Recycling	-	228,567	-	228,567	224,186	-	4,381	-	
Hazardous Waste Cleanup/Bag Purchases	-	24,200	-	24,200	15,915	-	8,285	-	
Old Landfill	1,865	300	-	2,165	2,037	-	128	-	
	1,865	253,067	-	254,932	242,138	-	12,794	-	
PUBLIC FACILITIES									
Janitorial Services	-	18,925	-	18,925	11,337	-	7,588	-	
Fire Station	-	23,380	-	23,380	22,035	-	1,345	-	
Public Works Garage	-	6,280	-	6,280	7,559	1,279	-	-	
Town Office	1,195	14,140	-	15,335	18,230	2,895	-	-	
Sharp House	-	1,000	-	1,000	2,203	1,203	-	-	
Insurance	-	25,500	-	25,500	41,121	15,621	-	-	
Salt Shed	-	-	-	-	141	141	-	-	
	1,195	89,225	-	90,420	102,626	21,139	8,933	-	

TOWN OF NORTH YARMOUTH, MAINE
STATEMENT OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014

	Appropriation Balances Forward	Appropriations	Transfers and Other Credits	Total Available	Expenditures	Balances		
						Overdrawn	Lapsed	Carried Forward
PUBLIC LANDS AND RECREATION								
Parks	\$ 10,470	\$ 19,655	\$ -	\$ 30,125	\$ 15,583	\$ -	\$ 4,072	\$ 10,470
Library	-	149,946	-	149,946	149,946	-	-	-
Shellfish	-	2,000	-	2,000	2,000	-	-	-
Snowmobile	-	800	-	800	1,185	385	-	-
Legal	-	-	-	-	2,071	2,071	-	-
Cemeteries	-	14,520	-	14,520	14,604	84	-	-
	<u>10,470</u>	<u>186,921</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>197,391</u>	<u>185,389</u>	<u>2,540</u>	<u>4,072</u>	<u>10,470</u>
EDUCATION								
Maine School Administrative District #4	-	5,595,923	-	5,595,923	5,595,923	-	-	-
DEBT SERVICE								
	-	104,832	-	104,832	103,704	-	1,128	-
FIXED CHARGES								
County Tax	-	273,023	-	273,023	273,023	-	-	-
Overlay	-	75,553	-	75,553	91,694	16,141	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>348,576</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>348,576</u>	<u>364,717</u>	<u>16,141</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
CAPITAL INVESTMENTS								
Fire Truck Reserve	-	58,333	-	58,333	58,333	-	-	-
Fire Station Repairs	-	10,500	-	10,500	11,198	698	-	-
Lawnmower	-	10,750	-	10,750	11,603	853	-	-
Revaluation Reserve	-	-	-	-	1,907	1,907	-	-
Sharp House Reserve	-	3,400	-	3,400	3,400	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>82,983</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>82,983</u>	<u>86,441</u>	<u>3,458</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$ 29,630</u>	<u>\$ 8,284,840</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 8,314,470</u>	<u>\$ 7,947,300</u>	<u>\$ 64,312</u>	<u>\$ 407,469</u>	<u>\$ 24,013</u>



Town of North Yarmouth
**Annual Town Meeting
Minutes**

Fiscal Year July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016

To: Clark Baston, a resident in the Town of North Yarmouth, County of Cumberland, and 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 11th day of April A.D. 2015, at nine (9) o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act upon Articles 1 through 29 as set out below, to wit:

ARTICLE 1. To elect a Moderator by written ballot to preside over said meeting.

Nominations were taken. Gary Wood was nominated and elected and sworn in as Moderator.

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to adopt the Maine Moderator's Manual as prepared by the Maine Municipal Association as the parliamentary procedure at Town Meeting for the ensuing year, or see what action the Town will take.

Gary Wood gave an overview of the Town Meeting's procedures. The Moderator asked for a motion to allow the following non-residents to speak at this meeting.

It was moved and seconded to allow non-residents to speak at this meeting. Discussion: None. Motion passed.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$385,340.00** for **Municipal Administration**, or see what action the Town will take.

Municipal Administration	FY15 Budget	FY16Request	Difference	Percent
Wages/Allowances/Training	\$ 213,441.00	\$ 210,071.00	\$ (3,370.00)	- 2%
Operating Expenses	\$ 76,500.00	\$ 59,008.00	\$ (17,492.00)	-23%
Contracted / Professional Services	\$ 64,870.00	\$ 54,785.00	\$ (10,085.00)	-16%
Buildings & Grounds	\$ 32,394.00	\$ 31,474.00	\$ (920.00)	- 3%
Supplies/Maintenance/Repairs	\$ 24,092.00	\$ 26,724.00	\$ 2,632.00	+11%
Communications Committee	\$ -	\$ 3,278.00	\$ 3,278.00	+100%
TOTAL	\$411,297.00	\$385,340.00	\$ (25,957.00)	-6.31%

Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.

It was moved and seconded to approve Article 3, as written. Discussion: None. Article 3 passed as written.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$111,158** for the operation and public use of the North Yarmouth Memorial School, or see what action the Town will take.

NYMS Public Use	FY15 Budget	FY16 Request	Difference	Percent
TOTAL	\$ 56,250	\$ 111,158	\$ 54,908	+ 98%

Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.

It was moved and seconded to approve Article 4, as written. Discussion: None. Article 4 passed as written.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$171,224.00 for **Community Services**, or see what action the Town will take.

Community Services	FY15 Budget	FY16 Request	Difference	Percent
Planning & Development	\$152,031.00	\$ 140,926.00	\$ (11,105.00)	-7.3%
Parks & Recreation	\$ 9,225.00	\$ 9,850.00	\$ 625.00	+ 7%
General Assistance	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 7,688.00	\$ (7,312.00)	- 49%
Social Service Agencies	\$ 8,800.00	\$ 8,800.00	\$ 0.00	-----
Cemetery Operations	\$ 780.00	\$ 3,960.00	\$ 3,180.00	+ 408%
TOTAL	\$ 185,836.00	\$ 171,224.00	\$ (14,612.00)	- 7.86%

Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.

It was moved and seconded to approve Article 5, as written. Discussion: None. Article 5 passed as written.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$333,026.00 for **Public Safety**, or see what action the Town will take.

Public Safety	FY15 Budget	FY16 Request	Difference	Percent
Wages/Allowances/Training	\$119,565.00	\$178,035.00	\$ 58,470.00	+ 49%
Physicals	\$2,000.00	\$6,993.00	\$4,993.00	+ 250%
Dues/Membership/Licenses	\$1,500.00	\$3,986.00	\$2,486.00	+ 166%
Operating Expenses	\$50,876.00	\$41,600.00	\$(9,276.00)	- 18%
Contracted / Professional Services	\$ 17,170.00	\$ 17,350.00	\$180.00	+ 1%
Operating Supplies	\$ 16,200.00	\$ 25,997.00	\$9,797.00	+ 60%
Sub-total /Fire Rescue Dept.	\$ 207,311.00	\$ 243,961.00	\$36,650.00	+ 18%
Dispatch Service	\$23,215.00	\$23,186.00	\$(29.00)	- .12%
Animal Control Services	\$ 16,579.00	\$ 13,644.00	\$(2,935.00)	- 18%
Health Officer	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$ ---	
Hydrants	\$53,200.00	\$49,200.00	\$(4,000.00)	- 8%
Street Lighting Operational	\$2,435.00	\$2,635.00	\$200.00	+ 8%
Speed Monitor	\$4,810.00	\$ ---	\$(4,810.00)	- 100%
TOTAL	\$307,950.00	\$ 333,026.00	\$25,076.00	+ 8%

Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.

It was moved and seconded to approve Article 6, as written. Discussion: It was explained that the town had recently received a notice from the Yarmouth Water District and that water costs have been projected at a higher rate. The Town Manager has recommended that the cost of hydrants be increased by \$4,300.00 for a total budget expense of \$53,500.00. A motion was made by **Selectman Girard and seconded by Selectman Palmer to amend Article 6 by increasing the article by \$4,300.00 for a total Public Safety budget of \$337,326.00.** Discussion: None. Article 6 passed as amended.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$686,097.00 for **Public Works**, or see what action the Town will take.

Public Works	FY15 Budget	FY16 Request	Difference	Percent
Wages/ Allowances	\$171,640.00	\$178,390.00	\$6,750.00	+ 4%
Operational Expenses	\$ 157,668.00	\$164,268.00	\$6,600.00	+ 4%

Roadway Maintenance	\$ 324,565.00	\$240,000.00	\$(64,065.00)	- 20%
TOTAL	\$ 653,873.00	\$582,658.00	\$(71,215.00)	-11%

Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.

It was moved and seconded to approve Article 7, as written. Discussion: None. Article 7 passed as written.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$192,170.00 for **Solid Waste/Recycling**, or see what action the Town will take.

Solid Waste/Recycling	FY 15 Budget	FY 16 Request	Difference	Percent
MSW Disposal	\$63,500.00	\$63,500.00	\$-	
Recyclables Collection	\$63,845.00	\$63,845.00	\$-	
MSW Collection Surcharge	\$1,800.00	\$1,000.00	\$(800.00)	- 44%
Ecomaine Tonnage	\$45,825.00	\$45,825.00	\$-	
Ecomaine Assessment	\$-	\$-	\$-	
PAYT Disposal Bags	\$12,400.00	\$12,400.00	\$-	
HHW Collection / Clean Up Day	\$10,000.00	\$5,600.00	\$(4,400.00)	- 44%
Compost & Recycling Bins	\$-	\$-	\$-	
TOTAL	\$ 197,370.00	\$ 192,170.00	\$(5,200.00)	- 3%

Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.

It was moved and seconded to approve Article 8, as written. Discussion: None. Article 8 passed as written.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$192,170.00 for **Fixed Expenses**, or see what action the Town will take.

Fixed Expenses	FY 15 Budget	FY 16 Request	Difference	Percent
Debt Service	\$ 100,596.00	\$66,880.00	\$(33,716.00)	- 34%
Municipal Insurance	\$ 29,950.00	\$31,100.00	\$1,150.00	+ 4%
Employee Benefits	\$220,717.00	\$221,960.00	\$(751.30)	- .34%
Shared Services NY/Cumberland	\$ 179,835.00	\$ 155,981.00	\$(23,854.00)	- 13%
County Taxes	\$ 279,732.00	\$ 293,370.00	\$13,638.00	+ 5%
TOTAL	\$ 810,830.00	\$ 769,291.00	\$(43,533.30)	- 5.4%

Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.

Selectman Carr moved and Selectman Girard seconded to approve Article 9, as written. Discussion:

Selectman Carr moved and Selectman Palmer seconded to amend Article 9 from \$192,170.00 to \$769,291.00. Discussion: Marnie Diffin asked about the legality of amending the motion regarding county taxes as this is something that is an amount that must be paid and that placing it as a warrant article, it implies that it can the amount can be voted to be changed by the residents.

Marnie Diffin moved and it was seconded to amend the amended motion by reducing the total amount by \$ 293,370.00.

Selectman Palmer stated that County taxes must be paid. Jeff Shorey, Sligo Rd stated that in the past, county taxes and the town's school share have not been listed in the warrants. They were part of the assessment and he recommended that the warrants be prepared as in the past.

Norman Smith asked about the voting procedure regarding amending and amended motion. Selectman Palmer stated that it can be set-up either way, but as accounting practice, they need to be paid. Town Manager Roy stated that neither procedure for listing county taxes is illegal. But, regardless, residents must pay them. Jeff Toorish stated that the comments being articulated are more related to the quality of the warrant preparation. Thaddeus Day, Hallowell Rd indicated that residents should vote no on amending the amendment.

Motion to amend the amended motion by \$ 293,370.00 failed.

A resident asked what shared services are and why there is a decrease. Selectman Palmer indicated that the reduction is due to increases in revenue from the Recreation Department programs. Linc Merrill asked about the Insurance line item and if it is sufficient. Town Manager Roy indicated that she anticipates that this will be at or nearly that increased amount given that the MMA assesses the rates with surrounding communities rather than solely.

Article 9 passed as first amended to read \$769,291.00.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$51,810** for **FY16 Capital Project** described as the relocation of the portable classroom located on the NYMS property to the Public Works town property as a building addition for the purposes of creating a lunch room, office space, storage area, and storm housing, or see what action the Town will take.

Capital Projects	FY 15 Budget	FY 16 Request	Difference	Percent
TOTAL	\$ 86,275.00	\$ 51,810.00	\$ (34,475.00)	-40%

Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.

Selectman Girard moved and Selectman Napolitano seconded to approve Article 10, as written. Discussion: None. Article 10 passed as written.

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$55,000** for the **Public Works / Fire Rescue Departmental Equipment Reserve**, or see what action the Town will take.

Capital Reserves	FY 15 Budget	FY 16 Request	Difference	Percent
Sub-Total	\$ 68,793.00	\$ 55,000.00	\$ (13,793.00)	-20%

Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.

Selectman Napolitano moved and Selectman Girard seconded to approve Article 11, as written. Discussion: A resident from Summit Terrace asked what the current amount in reserve is currently and what the plans are. Selectman Palmer stated that the current amount is \$924,754. Selectman Girard stated that in discussion is an ambulance purchase along with some other requests. The Fire Chief gave an estimated amount for the ambulance. Selectman Palmer commented on the need for keeping the reserve amount for future planning for these departments and gave a general list of projected purchases. He also outlined the CIP reserve process looking out to 5 year planning based on resident approve at the Town Meeting 2 years ago. Jeff Toorish asked if the ambulance price is all inclusive of equipment. The Fire Chief indicated that the quotes did not include a monitor.

Dixie Hayes, New Gloucester Rd. stated that while having this amount listed is fine, in the past, and her preference is to have an itemized list of purchases so that residents can debate if they should be purchased. Selectman Girard stated that striking a balance by combining the accounts and plan for 3-5 years was to keep the public informed and is a more efficient and accurate reflection of what the needs are. The discussion of specific items and the pros and cons would be on Board of Selectmen agendas for the public to hear the details and comment on.

Marnie Diffin commented on the process and that Selectman Girard's comments are correct. But, she commented on the need for clarity on the definitions and urged caution on the current process taking place. Nelson Smith, Ledge Rd. indicated that a purchase could pass with a 3-2 vote at a Selectmen's meeting and prefers the process with specific items listed on the warrant for discussion at Town Meeting. Jim Moulton, Mill Rd. stated that listing the individual items on the warrant was a clearer, accurate process and outlined his reasons as to why.

David Kennedy, North Rd. asked that the process be reconsidered in the future for town discussion. Selectman Girard commented that the line item reserve can be ineffective given the changes in needs as they come up. Dave Holman, Sligo Rd. and a member of the Budget Committee supports this item but also believes that specific line items as in the past should be listed, yet allow town flexibility. This will be a continued discussion on improving this process at the Budget Committee level.

Selectman Palmer cited an example of a potential equipment discussion and the change in the town's needs to clarify the suggested process. Nelson Smith agreed but that the vote should come back to Town Meeting as residents should do their homework to prepare and debate. He also commented on the process for placing funds in the reserve accounts.

Town Manager Roy stated that in recent years, towns have left the final purchase up to the Selectmen and Town staff as pricing and needs change. Steve Gorden stated that this discussion is more about process and should continue but that this warrant item should be voted on. **Article 11 passed as written.**

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will establish a **Contingency Reserve** for the purposes of unanticipated and or emergency expenses, or see what action the Town will take.

Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.

Explanation: The purpose in establishing this reserve is to eliminate the need to raise and appropriate contingency funds each year and establish a fund that when not used, will hold the funds so that they are available for future when necessary.

Selectman Palmer moved and Selectman Girard seconded to approve Article 12, as written.

Discussion: Marnie Diffin asked for a definition of contingency and why this article is listed as Article 13 requests an appropriation. Selectman Girard outlined the changes and that it is more a housekeeping item within the budget and is for unforeseen expenses. A resident asked about the difference between a capital and contingency reserve. Another resident asked if the Article 12 vote fails, then the assumption would be that Article 13 is null in void. Selectman Palmer stated that there has always been a contingency fund but that placing it as a separate account which could be used for an unexpected expense across any warrant category.

Linc Merrill asked where legal fees and insurance deductibles are located in the budget. Town Manager Roy stated that they are under Administration, under Contracted Services and under Fixed Expenses. Jeff Toorish commented on the contingency versus capital account funding. Selectman Girard stated that contingency is for the unknowns and unanticipated expenses. Thaddeus Day, Hallowell Rd and Chair of the Budget Committee stated that they recommend this. He reminded the residents that they are looking for members for the Budget Committee. **Article 12 passed as written.**

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$10,000** for the **Contingency Reserves**, or see what action the Town will take.

Capital Reserves	FY 15 Budget	FY 16 Request	Difference	Percent
Sub-Total	\$ 0.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	+100%

Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.

Selectman Palmer moved and Selectman Girard seconded to approve Article 13, as written. Discussion: None. Article 13 passed as written.

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will establish a **Municipal Facilities Reserve** for the purposes of needed major repairs and or fixture replacements to town facilities, or see what action the Town will take.

Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.

Selectman Napolitano moved and Selectman Girard seconded to approve Article 14, as written. Article 14 passed as written. Discussion: None.

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will consolidate, transfer and repurpose the following reserve accounts and remaining project balances totaling **\$49,385** to the **Municipal Facilities Reserve** for the purposes of needed major repairs and or fixture replacements for town facilities, or see what action the Town will take.

Account	Current Balance
Replacement Systems	\$ 33,203
Sharp House	\$ 15,220
HVAC and Town Air System	\$ 962
TOTAL	\$ 49,385

Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.

Selectman Napolitano moved and Selectman Girard seconded to approve Article 15, as written. Discussion: Nelson Smith, Ledge Rd asked about the systems replacement and where they would be located. Town Manager Roy indicated that this is what is remaining for work that has been done. This purpose is to merge and to establish a single account and bring the items together and plan ahead for projects. Nelson stated that while merging the accounts is fine, residents will not be voting on particular projects. Selectman Girard reiterated the need for combining the accounts to streamline the process. **Article 15 passed as written.**

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will establish a **Parks & Recreation Reserve** for the purposes of projects and preservation of all Town parks and recreational activities, or see what action the Town will take.

Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.

Selectman Carr moved and Selectman Girard seconded the motion to approve Article 16, as written. Discussion: None. Article 16 passed as written.

Selectman Palmer thanked the newly formed Parks & Recreation Committee for their energy and work. Brian Sites encouraged people to join the group.

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will consolidate and transfer the following reserve accounts and remaining project balances totaling **\$29,100** to the **Parks & Recreation Reserve** for the purposes of projects and preservation of all Town parks and recreational activities, or see what action the Town will take.

Account	Current Balance
Walkways and Bikeways	\$ 6,437
*Irrigation System	\$ 10,000
Recreation	\$ 12,663
TOTAL	\$ 29,100

Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.

Selectman Carr moved and Selectman Palmer seconded the motion to approve Article 17, as written.

Discussion: Marnie Diffin asked for clarification of the asterisk notation. Selectman Palmer stated that it is intended to preserve the original purpose of this item funding and for transparency. Gary Wood stated that should this item be amended, this item could remain in this account for this purpose. Town Manager Roy stated that this is to consolidate the account but the purpose of this project would remain. There was a discussion on whether or not amending this motion by removing the asterisk is necessary. Gary stated that amending the article is not necessary as the asterisk outlines the information for clarity and asked if the Selectmen accept that if approved this amount would be part of this reserve account.

Audrey Lones, Baston Rd. asked if the irrigation is for Old Town House Park. Selectman Carr stated that the Parks & Recreation Committee will be discussing this and agrees with striking the asterisk and putting the amount in this reserve account. **Article 17 passed as written.**

Gary Wood, moderator acknowledged State Representative Paul Chase and State Senator Stan Gerzofsky and they made a few remarks and reminded residents that they want to hear from them.

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will amend the name of the Cable TV Technology Reserve to the **Technology & Communications Reserves** and to also amend its purpose to include repairs, replacements, and advances in technology equipment and communication abilities for all Town departments and services, or see what action the Town will take.

Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.

Selectman Girard moved and Selectman Napolitano seconded the motion to approve Article 18, as written. Discussion: None. Article 18 passed as written.

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to accept and apply the following **non-property tax revenues** to reduce the total amount authorized to be raised by taxation.

Revenues	FY 15 Budget	FY 16 Request	Difference
Clerk Fees	\$ 25,800	\$ 27,700	\$ 1,900
Code Enforcement	\$ 22,000	\$ 49,300	\$ 27,300
Planning	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,100	\$ 100
Peer Review	\$ -	\$ 2,000	\$ -
Ambulance Fees	\$ 42,500	\$ 42,500	\$ -
Cable TV Franchise Fees	\$ 29,000	\$ 29,000	\$ -
Cell Tower Rental	\$ 27,500	\$ 37,000	\$ 9,500
Insurance Claims	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ (1,000)
Auto Excise	\$ 650,000	\$ 710,000	\$ 60,000
MISC Revenues	\$ 200	\$ 2,200	\$ 2,000
Solid Waste / Recycling	\$ 106,500	\$ 108,600	\$ 2,100
General Assistance	\$ 5,000	\$ 2,500	\$ (2,500)
Local Road Assistance	\$ 28,700	\$ 26,876	\$ (1,824)
Revenue Sharing	\$ 156,000	\$ 173,524	\$ 17,524
Snow Club Reimbursement	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ -
Rental Fees	\$ 13,200	\$ 12,000	\$ (1,200)
Interest/Fees	\$ 13,000	\$ 14,500	\$ 1,500
BETE Reimbursement	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ -
Homestead Exemption	\$ 93,579	\$ 93,759	\$ 180
Tree Growth Exemption	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,566	\$ 566
Veteran's Exemption	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,029	\$ 29
Property&Casualty Pool	\$ -	\$ 1,998	\$ 1,998
Cable Reserve Transfer	\$ 16,100	\$ -	\$ (16,100)
Impact Reserve Transfer	\$ 12,000	\$ -	\$ (12,000)
Rescue Reserve Transfer	\$ 30,000	\$ -	\$ (30,000)

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Conservation Reserve Transfer	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ (1,000)
MISC /Capital Reserve Transfer	\$ 25,125	\$ -	\$ (25,125)
TOTALS	\$ 1,304,204	\$ 1,340,152	\$ 33,948

And further to see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen and Treasurer to accept any additional revenues or funds that may be used to reduce the amount required to be raised by taxation, or see what action the Town will take.

Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.

Gary Wood stated that there will need to be an amendment to this Article for \$2,000 for the Peer Review line item.

Selectman Napolitano moved and Selectman Palmer seconded the motion to approve Article 19, as written.

Selectman Palmer moved and Selectman Napolitano seconded to amend the motion from the Difference column to carryover \$2,000 from the Peer Review line for a total of \$35,948. Discussion: Woody Brewer expressed his frustration for the poor preparation of the Town Meeting Warrant. Selectman Girard apologized for the errors. David Smith thanked the Selectmen for all of their efforts and work. Marnie Diffin commented on the word "and" in the article wording and it may create confusion. Gary Wood reread the item and asked for a motion again for clarification.

Selectman Napolitano moved and Selectman Palmer seconded to approve Article 19, as written.

Selectman Girard moved and Selectman Palmer seconded to amend the motion from the Difference column to carryover \$2,000 from the Peer Review line for a total of \$35,948. Discussion: Pam Ames asked about the total amount and that this motion is to clarify the total in the difference column. **The amendment to the article passed.**

Anne Graham asked if Revenue Sharing changes has been factored in and should it be maintained or increased, can it be accepted and will this be factored in to lower property taxes. Selectman Palmer stated that there understanding at present, is that the amount will be higher. Selectman Girard stated that this is the best information they have to date. Should there be an increase but the funds arrive late, it would be placed in Undesignated Funds and applied for the next fiscal year.

Town Manager Roy stated that property tax information should be completed by July-August and should there be an increase in revenue sharing, it could be applied. Linc Merrill asked if some items (such as excise tax revenue) are optimistic or a reflection on past items. Selectman Palmer stated that it is a reflection on recent trends. Selectman Girard offered some additional comments regarding some of the line items. Scott Kerr, New Gloucester Rd asked what would happen should there be no revenue sharing. Selectman Palmer stated that there would likely need to be a special Town Meeting to discuss what steps to take for this deficit.

Article 19, as amended, passed.

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate an estimated **\$16,687** for overlay for the purposes of granting tax abatements or see what action the Town will take.

Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.

Selectman Palmer moved and Selectman Napolitano seconded to approve Article 20, as written. Discussion: Marnie Diffin asked for clarification as to whether or not it is legal to appropriate an overlay as only the Assessor can establish this based on State law. Gary Wood suggested that they consider it as legal, and request the Town Manager get legal advice from MMA.

Town Manager Roy stated that the wording of this article is taken from MMA's suggested wording and Selectman Girard reminded people that the word "estimated" is included and that the Assessor will determine the rate. Marnie Diffin stated that she disagreed with this and it is a false representation and that the town cannot tell the Assessor what amount to set. There was a discussion on the process.

David Kennedy asked for clarification on an overlay and that if it is illegal, it is not enforceable. Town Manager Roy explained what an overlay is and its purpose. Selectman Girard indicated that in areas of the warrants that are new, efforts have been made to inform the public of the purpose for additional clarification.

Article 20 passed as written.

ARTICLE 21: Shall the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to transfer from the town's undesignated general fund an amount not to exceed **\$150,000** for the purpose of reducing the total amount authorized to be raised by taxation for the fiscal year 2016, or see what action the Town will take.

Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.

Selectman Napolitano moved and Selectman Girard seconded to approve Article 21, as written. Discussion: None. Article 21 passed as written.

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will vote to exceed the maximum property tax levy limit (LD1) established by State law in the event that the municipal budget approved 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, or see what action the Town will take. (By State Law, the vote on this article must be by written ballot)

Note: *This article only requires action if the town budget exceeds the tax levy limit establish by State law. It is not projected that the town's budget will exceed tax levy limits established by State law.*

Selectman Girard moved and Selectman Napolitano seconded to approve Article 22, as written. Discussion: Selectman Girard stated that they do not expect to exceed the LD1 limit, but should, through the revaluation process then this vote would eliminate the need to call a special Town Meeting for this purpose. This vote is in the unlikely event this should happen.

It was asked what the State law amount is. Selectman Girard stated that the town is currently under the \$900,000 limit. Dave Holman requested that the Moderator would allow more time for public comment just before a vote. Gary Wood apologized and encouraged anyone to call out to him to speak. Jeff Toorish asked if this is a one-time vote. Selectman Girard stated that it is only for the proposed fiscal year and each subsequent fiscal year the Selectmen would have to request a vote. Jeff Shorey, Sligo Rd. asked if there were to be no revenue sharing and a bond vote for new public buildings would that make the town exceed the LDI limit. Selectman Girard stated that no revenue sharing could, but bonding likely would not. This vote is only to allow exceeding the limit but not authorize a specific amount.

Secret Ballot vote: 92- yes 17- no. Article 22 passed as written.

ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen enter into a purchase and sale agreement with The Trust for Public Land to acquire the property located in the town of North Yarmouth known as Knight's Pond and Blueberry Hill, Map 7, Lot 52, for a sum not to exceed **\$100,000** with such terms and conditions the Board of Selectmen deem appropriate, said funds to be used shall be from the town's Future Land Reserve, or see what action the Town will take.

Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.

Selectman Carr moved and Selectman Girard seconded to approve Article 23, as written. Discussion:

Harry Nelson, Walnut Hill Rd gave an overview of the parcel and the amount is the town's share and a great opportunity for the town. There has been a lot of private donations, and state funding. He supports this item.

Dave Holman encouraged people to vote for this and encouraged conservation. Keith Thompson stated that the town will be benefiting by its investment. Anne Graham supports this item but asked what will happen given that the Lands for Maine's Future funds is being held by the Governor.

Alan Stearns of the Royal River Trust gave an update on the process and believe they will get the funds, but are working on contingencies. Selectman Girard stated that The Trust for Public Land will be the purchaser and the town is working directly with them. Should the trust not get the state funding, the town will not lose the funds.

Audrey Lones, Baston Rd. supports this project and is a perfect use of the town's Future Land Reserve. Selectman Palmer stated that there will be some shared maintenance costs in the future with Cumberland and the Joint Standing Committee will be working together on this. The amount in fiscal year 2017 would be around \$5,000. **Article 23 passed as written.**

ARTICLE 24: Shall the ordinance entitled "Town of North Yarmouth, Maine Land Use Ordinance" Article 1. General Provisions be amended to add Section 1-8., Contract Zoning (Attachment A) as described and presented?

Planning Board recommends approval.

Note: An attested copy of Attachment A 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 Selectman Girard seconded to approve Article 24, as written. Discussion: Peter stated that this item is being recommended to be added as area communities have this ordinance which was reviewed and allows flexibility for the town for a developer. This simply permits a process, which is an extensive one. This does not change the existing ordinance rules and processes. **Article 24 passed as written.**

ARTICLE 25:

- 1) To see if the Town will vote to make all taxes assessed for the Town's 2016 fiscal year, July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016, due in two (2) installments, with the first half (1/2) of the total amount assessed due and payable on **October 1, 2015**, and the remaining half (1/2) due on **April 1, 2016**; and to charge **interest** at the rate of seven percent (**7.00%**) per year computed on a daily basis on any portion of the installment due that remains outstanding as of October 2, 2015 or April 2, 2016, and
- 2) To see if the Town will permit the Tax Collector or her designee to waive unintentional tax interest payment shortages in an amount not to exceed \$5.00; and
- 3) 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 approval.

Selectman Girard moved and Selectman Palmer seconded to approve Article 25, as written. Discussion: Linc Merrill commented on #2 in the article and that in the past, # 1 and # 3 were voted on separately. Selectman Girard commented on the occasional incidence on the timing of a resident's bank

delivery, #2 was added for this. Jeff Shorey asked how often this happens. Debbie Grover, Town Clerk and Town Manager Roy stated that it was a nominal amount. **Article 25 passed as written.**

ARTICLE 26: 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 approval.

Selectman Napolitano moved and Selectman Palmer seconded to approve Article 26, as written. Discussion: None. Article 26 passed as written.

ARTICLE 27: 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 undesignated 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 approval.

Selectman Palmer moved and Selectman Napolitano seconded to approve Article 27, as written. Discussion: None. Article 27 passed as written.

ARTICLE 28: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Manager 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, 2015 until June 30, 2016. These expenditures may be reflected outside of the Town's approved budget.

Board of Selectmen recommends approval.

Selectman Napolitano moved and Selectman Girard seconded to approve Article 28, as written. Discussion: None. Article 28 passed as written.

ARTICLE 29: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the transfer of all unexpended balances to the Undesignated Fund Balance and to authorize any overdrafts that may occur in Town operations during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015 to be taken from Undesignated Fund Balance.

Board of Selectmen recommends approval.

Selectman Carr moved and Selectman Girard seconded to approve Article 29, as written. Discussion: None. Article 29 passed as written.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 12:00pm.

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 Manager.....	829-3705 Ext. 28
Town Office Fax.....	829-3743
Code Enforcement Officer.....	829-3705
Public Works Department.....	829-3274
Cumberland County Sheriff	
Non-emergency.....	1-800-482-7479
Maine State Police	657-3030
North Yarmouth Fire Rescue	
Non-Emergency.....	829-3025
Yarmouth Water District.....	846-5821
	1-800-482-0730
Animal Control Officer	829-6391
Cumberland Recreation Dept.	829-2208
MSAD #51 Superintendent's Office	829-4800
Prince Memorial Library	829-2215
Health Officer	829-3705

North Yarmouth Town Office Hours

Monday	8 AM–6 PM
Tuesday–Thursday	8 AM–5 PM
Friday.....	CLOSED

Monthly Meeting Schedule *(subject to change, watch local papers)*

Board of Selectmen	1st and 3rd Tuesday
Planning Board.....	2nd Tuesday
Economic Development Committee	2nd Wednesday
Parks & Recreation Committee	1st Wednesday
Communications Committee.....	3rd Friday
Budget Committee.....	Meets as needed
Events Committee.....	Meets as needed
Flag Committee	Meets as needed

For times and locations please check the website calendar
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