



# Special Town Meeting

## Saturday, September 30, 2023

Starting at 9AM in Wescustogo Hall & North Yarmouth Community Center  
[120 Memorial Highway]

### ENGINE 51 Replacement

#### Overview

At the September 30 Special Town Meeting, voters will be asked to approve a \$750,000 bond to purchase a new firetruck to replace Engine 51. This is a change from an initial plan to ask voters for a \$1 Million bond for a new engine to be built and delivered in 2 years. This apparatus is in stock and would be available in 8 weeks. Voters will also be asked to approve spending \$180,000 of TIF funds to go towards the purchase to lower the amount to be borrowed from \$750,000 to \$570,000.

#### Why is it important to have a truck like Engine 51?

Engine 51 is a 2004 Pierce / International Rescue Pumper. This unit is vital to our operation as it is both a backup attack Engine and also the department’s only Heavy Rescue truck. It is the primary engine for all motor vehicle accidents as it carries all of the Heavy Rescue gear including the Jaws of Life, rescue air bags, and assorted rescue tools and extrication equipment. It is the secondary engine for fire calls and carries additional firefighting equipment.

#### Why do we need to replace the current engine?

The lifespan of these engines is approximately 20 years, and the current engine is in its 19th year. It has been evaluated by three different fire apparatus repair companies. Current repair issues include major body rusting, water tank leaks, and pump issues among others. Repair estimates range from \$192,314 to \$242,314.

#### What is the engine available for purchase?

Engine 51 will be replaced with a program Custom Cab Class A Rescue Pumper. It has seating for up to 5 members (the current engine seats 2), a 1,000-gallon water tank, 30-gallon Class A foam tank, and a 1500GPM pump. It will be set up to carry all of the equipment that is on the current Engine 51 and it has improved safety features.

#### Why are we asking to order the truck now?

**Cost:** By purchasing the program truck now instead of ordering a truck later, North Yarmouth saves \$250,000 on the purchase price of an ordered truck and between \$192,314 and \$242,314 on repairs.

**Timing:** The program truck is available now.

**Planning:** Buying the truck now allows the town to better prepare and work on the Capital Improvement Plan for upcoming needs and purchases.

#### Funding Sources

If voters approve using TIF funds to lower the borrowed amount to \$570,000, staff recommend a five-year borrowing term based on the significant difference in finance charges.

<u>Debt Amount</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Payment</u>	<u>Total Finance Charge</u>	<u>Tax Rate Increase</u>
\$570,000	5-year	\$133,844	\$ 99,473	.22 cents
\$750,000	10-year	\$101,253	\$262,534	.17 cents



### NOTICE of SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

**Saturday September 30, 2023 at 9AM**

Westcustogo Hall & Community Center  
[120 Memorial Highway, North Yarmouth, ME]

PURPOSE: To vote on the purchase of a new Metro Star E-One Pumper to replace Engine 51

The Voter Registrar will be available at 8:30AM for voter registration and check-in.

\*You must be a registered voter and present at the Special Town Meeting to vote.



**Open this flyer to read about the details for this Special Town Meeting.**

### Real Estate & Personal Property Taxes Due Monday September 18, 2023



\*Tax Bill Copies Are Available Online.

Payment Options are:

- 1) Online <https://epayment.informe.org/payportonline/welcome>
- 2) Mail to Tax Collector,  
10 Village Square Road, North Yarmouth, ME 04097.
- 3) Use the drop box at the Town Office, available 24/7 in the front parking area.
- 4) Make a payment in the Town Office during regular office hours.



North Yarmouth ME 04097

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**HOURS OF OPERATION**

Town Office  
Monday 8am - 6pm  
Tuesday - Thursday  
8am - 5pm  
(207) 829-3705  
Public Works Department  
Monday - Thursday  
6am - 4pm  
(207) 829-3274  
Fire Rescue Department  
Monday - Friday  
8am - 5pm  
(207) 829-3025  
Community Center  
Monday - Friday  
8:30am - 5pm  
(207) 829-5555

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10 Village Square Road  
North Yarmouth, ME 04097