

Reminders from Town Hall

News & Information for the Residents of North Yarmouth

GROWTH IN A SMALL TOWN

If you have driven through the center of town during the past few months, you are probably wondering about all the construction activity in the field on Memorial Highway (Route 9) across from the fire station. For many decades, due to the generosity of the Smith family, that field has been used for public parking during Fun Day and many other community events held at the village green, fire station, and Wescustogo Hall. Earlier this year the field was sold to Construction Aggregate Inc., which is owned by Ben Grover, a resident of North Yarmouth.

In April 2019, the Planning Board approved the plans for the development of that field and surrounding land as the Meadowbrook Neighborhood Subdivision, which is comprised of 20 house lots and 3 commercial lots. Site work immediately began to install a road, electrical service, and public water lines to each lot and storm water drainage systems. A separate home construction company has begun site work, construction, and marketing home building packages for the 20 house lots. Since the approval of the Meadowbrook Subdivision, proposals for buildings on two of the commercial lots that are sited directly on Memorial Highway were also presented to and approved by the Planning Board.



AMERICAN PUBLIC WORKS ASSOCIATION'S
2019 SNOW CONFERENCE PHOTO CONTEST
WINNER

This photo will be featured in the September issue
of the APWA Magazine.

Six townhouse rental apartments will be built on one lot and a one-story commercial office building will be built on the other. Plans for the third commercial lot will also require Planning Board approval prior to construction.

This development in the Village Center is in keeping with the vision of the town's Comprehensive Plan that was approved at a special Town Meeting in October 2018. At that same meeting, changes to some of the Land Use Ordinance were approved as well. Those changes were proposed to facilitate the town's goals to:

- Encourage and drive denser development in the Village Center and Village Residential zones.
- Attract additional small business development in the Village Center.
- Facilitate the availability of a wider variety of housing options in town.
- continue to protect the rural character of the town by shielding the Farm and Forest District from the impact of housing sprawl.

The Planning Board will continue to review the Land Use Ordinance and propose changes that allow North Yarmouth to control growth, fulfill the goals of the Comprehensive Plan, and support the Economic Development and Sustainability Committee's work to attract small businesses to North Yarmouth.

Audrey Lones and Chris Cabot, Planning Board

A MESSAGE FROM THE SELECT BOARD

A BIG thank you to Jennifer Speirs for her 18 months of active duty as Chair of the North Yarmouth Select Board (SB). She is still serving as a member and deserves a “great job well done.” Thank you, Jen.

As you are likely aware, we have the same members for the coming fiscal year as last year, with Steve Morrison, Vice Chair; Anne Graham; Jim Moulton; Jennifer; and myself. This group works well together and will continue to do so on your behalf.

We recently held a retreat to discuss ideas for potential Board goals for the coming year.

- Assessing: Hiring an assessing firm that will strengthen the Town’s services and procedures to be equitable.
- Public Safety: Do we need police/sheriff services and can that be affordable?

- Governance: Would a Town Council form of government be more beneficial? This process would take several years for determination
- Communication and Integration: Include and use committee information into the Select Board and management of the town to provide a cohesive, integrated approach to the needs and solutions.
- Wescustogo Hall and Community Center: Develop a management plan and process.
- It is our job as members of the Select Board to serve the needs of the citizens of North Yarmouth to the best of our ability.

To properly address the last item, we need your thoughts, so please contact us, attend our meetings, write letters, email, call, etc., etc., but know, as I like to say, “We are from the government and are here to help...”

Bill Whitten, Chair



Esther Mitchell, holder of the Boston Post Cane, and her escort celebrate her 98th birthday in style.

NEW TAX DUE DATES!

Real Estate & Personal Property Taxes are due quarterly on

**September 15, 2019
December 15, 2019
March 15, 2020
June 15, 2020**

Payments can be made online, mailed or brought to the Town Office.

Vehicle Registration Reminders: To Register, You Will Need

For New Registrations:

- Registrant must be present for a first time registration.
- If using plates from previous vehicle – copy of previous registration or plate number
- Bill of sale
- Application for title or existing title if private party sale
- Current odometer reading
- Valid proof of insurance

For Re-Registration:

- Most recent registration
- Current odometer reading
- Valid proof of insurance - digital copies are accepted

For Boat - ATV - Snowmobile:

- Most recent registration or registration number

FRIENDS OF WESCUSTOGO

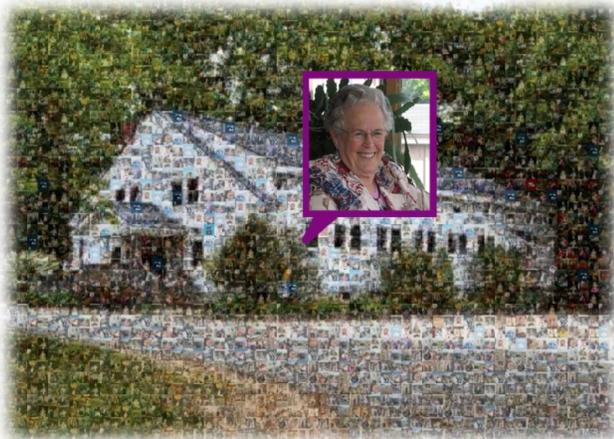


If you have not already done so, we recommend that you read “The North Yarmouth Gazette” Vol. XII, No 2, published by the North Yarmouth Historical Society, it explains in vivid detail how Wescustogo became the heart of our small town. If you are a long-time resident, you probably recognize many of the family names and events inside its covers and smile in remembrance of all the good times you had. If you are just moving into town, you have a lot to look forward to!

In just a few short months, North Yarmouth will be the proud owner of a premier community center that will be unmatched within our local area. Featured will be multigenerational recreational programs, town functions, public use events, MSAD programs, and gym functions, and more!

In June 2018 the Select Board formed a committee to implement and manage a fundraising campaign for the Wescustogo Hall & Community Center facility. We began organizing and chose to identify ourselves as the “Friends of Wescustogo” (FOW). Visit our webpage at <https://www.northyarmouth.org/friends-wescustogo> or LIKE us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/wescustogo/>. Don't forget to SHARE!

We have two opportunities for you to become a benefactor while leaving a legacy for future generations. Help us create a mosaic art display of the former Wescustogo Hall or sponsor an engraved barn board for paneling the lobby walls of the new



Wescustogo Hall. **The deadline is extended to August 30, but do not wait because space is limited!** Order today at <https://www.northyarmouth.org/friends-wescustogo/pages/donation-options>

Upcoming FOW events include a Benefit Golf Tournament (featuring a new automobile as the Hole-in-One prize) in late September and a Silent Auction (with a secret, historical surprise) in early November. More details to be announced.

Want to learn more? Write to us at fow@northyarmouth.org.

SAVE THE DATE!
Saturday, October 5th
for this Double Feature

3rd Annual Benefit Breakfast 7am-10am
&
3rd Annual Kite Festival 11am-4pm

Start your morning off at the Benefit Breakfast with pancakes (blueberry, chocolate chip & plain), scrambled eggs, sausage, and home fries at the Fire Rescue station.

All proceeds go to benefit the Neuroendocrine Tumor Research Foundation (netfr.org) and NET Cancer Awareness.



Then you can mosey over to Old Town House Park as the Living Well in North Yarmouth committee host the popular Kite Festival. Fly your own kite along with the professional kite flyers . Candy drop ~ Radio-Controlled Planes & Race Cars ~ Music and Much More. Fun for the entire family. No rain date.

SOCIAL LIGHTS

August 18:

- **Concert on the Green**
Flight 317, 7:30 pm

September 7:

- **5th Annual Henryfest Music Festival**
Skyline Farm, Saturday, 12-7 pm

September 8:

- **Museum New Exhibit Opening**, Skyline Farm
Sundays, 1-4 pm, or by appointment

September 14:

- **Fire Rescue Department Bean Supper**
Fire Rescue Station, Saturday, 5 pm
- **Concert on the Green**
Community Band, 6:30pm

September 15:

- **6th Annual 5K Trail Run/Walk**
Skyline Farm, Sunday, 10 am;
- **20th Anniversary Ice Cream Social**
Skyline Farm, 1 pm

October 5:

- **3rd Annual NET Benefit Breakfast**
Fire Rescue Station, Saturday, 7-10 am;
- **3rd Annual Kite Festival**
Old Town House Park, 11 am-4 pm

October 7:

- **Fire Rescue Open House**
Fire Rescue Station, Monday, 5-7 pm

October 20:

- **Soup & Cider Pressing Day**
Skyline Farm, Sunday, noon-3 pm

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