



Reminders from Town Hall



February 23, 2018

Town News



Nomination Papers for the **June 12, 2018 Municipal Election** will be available **Monday, March 5, 2018**. Nomination papers require a minimum of twenty-five (25) signatures of registered voters but no more than seventy five (75). The deadline to submit nomination papers to the Town Clerk is Thursday, April 12, 2018 before the close of business 5pm.

Open Elected Positions are as follows:

- One seat for Select Board for a 1 year term.
- One seat for Select Board for a 3 year term.
- One seat for MSAD#51 Board of Directors for a 3 year term.
- One seat for Cemetery Commissioner for a 5 year term.
- One seat for Yarmouth Water District Trustee for a 3 year term.
- Three seats for Budget Committee for a 3 year term.

Wescustogo Hall & Community Center Forums Design Presentation & Community Dialogue

Forum Dates & Times:

- March 10th at 10 a.m.
- March 15th at 7 p.m.

All Forums are held at the former Memorial School located at 120 Memorial Highway.



Need a ride? Members of the [Living Well in North Yarmouth Committee](#) will provide transportation to and from the Forum. Contact Ginny at (207) 829-3848 to arrange for a ride.

Want to know more? [Click Here](#)



- 2-26-2018 Budget Committee Meeting 12:30pm
- 2-26-2018 Select Board Budget Meeting 6pm
- [2-27-2018 Keeping It Simple 7pm](#)
- [2-28-2018 Keeping It Simple 8am](#)
- 2-28-2018 Comprehensive Plan Committee 6:30pm
- 3-1-2018 Wescustogo Building & Design @NYMS 7pm
- 3-2-2018 Budget Committee 12:30pm
- 3-2-2018 Communications Advisory Committee 7:30am
- 3-5-2018 Budget Comm. & Select Board 6pm
- 3-6-2018 Select Board 7pm
- 3-7-2018 Comprehensive Plan Committee 6:30pm
- 3-7-2018 Parks & Recreation @ NYMS 7pm
- 3-8-2018 Wescustogo Building & Design @ NYMS 7pm



Introducing...

Keeping It Simple

“Keeping It Simple” is a new opportunity for citizens to engage in conversation with one or two of your town leaders in a comfortable, relaxed setting.

Talk about town issues you are interested in. Share your ideas. Contribute to finding solutions.

Members of the Select Board are looking forward to meeting with you.

Below is the “Keeping It Simple” schedule:

- Every 4th Tuesday of the month from 7 pm to 8 pm. (February 27th)
- Every 4th Wednesday of the month from 8 am to 9 am (February 28th)
- Every other 4th Saturday of the month from 10 am to 11 am.

“Keeping It Simple” is held in the Town Office Meeting Room ~ Refreshments will be served.



LOOKING for your photos!

Debbie is currently building a photo gallery on the Town website [honoring our past and present local Veterans](#). If you, a family member or a friend is a Veteran living in North Yarmouth please Email your photos (in uniform and plain cloths) along with the branch of service served and time period to townclerk@northyarmouth.org or bring your photos to the Town Office and Debbie will scan photos and return the originals immediately.



REMINDER

The half year payment for real estate taxes is due **Monday, April 2, 2018.**
Interest Begins 4/3/2018.



2018 ROAD POSTINGS - HEAVY LOADS LIMITED

EFFECTIVE February 26, 2018

23,000 LBS. REGISTERED VEHICLE WEIGHT

The following roads are closed, unless FROZEN SOLID, to all vehicles or combination of vehicles: The road is considered “frozen solid” ONLY when the air temperature is 32°F or below and no water is showing in the cracks of the road. Both conditions must be met.

Baston Road
Delwin Drive
Henry Road
Lufkin Road
Mountfort Road
Royal Road
Steeple Chase Road
Thunder Road

Bayberry Drive
Doughty Road
Lawrence Road
Mill Road
Pea Lane
Sligo Road
Sweetser Road
Town Farm Road
West Pownal Road

Deer Run Road
Haskell Road
Long Hill Road
Milliken Road
Prince Well Road
Smithwood Drive
The Lane
Wescustogo Lane

POSTINGS WILL BE LIFTED NO LATER THAN MAY 1, 2018

Exemptions: Emergency Vehicles; Public Utilities; Municipal Vehicles; Home Heating Fuel Delivery Trucks; Bulk Milk/Bulk Feed Trucks with a MDOT Exemption Certificate; any Vehicle or combination of vehicles registered for a gross weight in excess of 23,000 lbs and traveling WITH OUT A LOAD, other than tools or equipment necessary for the proper operation of the vehicles. This exemption does not apply to special mobile equipment. A scale ticket must accompany any vehicle showing weight of vehicle and load is said to be 23,000 lbs or under.

For emergency situations, permits will be issued. To apply for a permit please contact Public Works Director 829-3274 or Town Manager 829-370.

TAX ASSESSMENT information

All assessments are fixed for the upcoming tax year by April 1st of each year. In North Yarmouth, as for most municipalities, the fiscal year begins July 1st and ends June 30th. The tax bills that are issued in August cover the July 1st through June 30th period. The Town bills semi-annually with the 1st half due in first week of October and the 2nd half due in first week of April.

The April 1st date is significant for a number of reasons.

- Ownership of real estate is fixed as of April 1st each year.
- Property values are set as of April 1st of each year meaning that the condition of any improvements are set as of April 1st. Buildings that are under construction are taxed based on the completion as of April 1st. Conversely, any buildings that are demolished, removed, or damaged after April 1st are taxed as of the condition as of April 1st.
- Exemption applications must be received in the Assessor's office prior to April 1st in order to be applicable for the upcoming fiscal year.
 - a. **Homestead Exemption** is for residents that have owned their homestead for 12 months prior to the year of application. The homestead exemption currently amounts to a \$20,000.00 reduction in property value (*\$325.40 tax savings per homestead last billing cycle*).
 - b. **Veteran's Exemption** is for a veteran who served during a federally recognized war period and is 62 years or older; or, is receiving 100% disability as a Veteran; or, became 100% disabled while in the service. Currently, the veteran's exemption amounts to a \$6,000.00 reduction in assessed value (*\$97.62 tax savings*).
 - c. **Blind Exemption** is an exemption available for property owners determined to be legally blind which is currently a \$4,000.00 reduction in value (*\$75.20 tax savings*).

If property is sold after April 1st, the property tax is the responsibility of the owner as of April 1st for the fiscal year. Although taxes are normally prorated at the time of closing with both the buyer and seller required to pay their respective share of the tax, it is important to make sure that the tax bill is forwarded to the new owner and that the entire tax has been paid for the applicable tax year. If the tax is not paid in full, a tax lien may be placed on the property in the name of the owner of record as of April 1st which may have a negative effect on the credit rating of the seller, and if not paid in full, could lead to foreclosure.

Any person that is eligible or may be eligible for exemptions may obtain an application at the Town Office or through the Town Website. Taxpayers having questions may contact the Assessor, Robert Konczal at 829-3705 ext. 209 or by email at assessor@northyarmouth.org



Why does the old owner's name appear on my tax bill?

The statutory assessment date in Maine is April 1st. The Assessor's Office must retain this ownership information for the entire fiscal year that follows. If you purchased your property after April 1st, the previous owner's name remains on the tax bill. Every effort is made to forward tax bills to the new owner. However, if you have not received a tax bill by September 15th you should contact the Tax Collector's Office at 207-829-3705.

Why won't the Town send my tax bill directly to my bank or mortgage company?

The Assessor's billing address information is used by all Town departments for official notification of zoning changes, appeals and other items of significance to property owners. In addition, since mortgages are regularly bought and sold, this would increase the chance for a bill being sent to the incorrect party, delaying payment and incurring interest charges. If your property taxes are held in escrow, simply send a copy of the bill to the mortgage company when you receive it, retaining a copy for your records.

I applied for an exemption on my property, but it didn't show up on my bill. Why is that?

Any application for exemption must be received by April 1st for the upcoming fiscal year. If you filed after April 1st, the exemption will not be applied until the following fiscal year.

All proceeds go to the reconstruction of Wescustogo Hall!



For \$20.00 receive a reprint of the 75th Anniversary Cook Book published originally in 1949 by the Wescustogo Grange, No. 27

**Available Now
At the
Town Office**

Funds raised to go toward the new Wescustogo Hall
Sponsored by the Wescustogo Building & Design Committee

Copies available at the Town Office or mail a check for \$23 (cookbook and postage) made payable to the Town of North Yarmouth to 10 Village Square Road, North Yarmouth, ME 04097 and a copy will be mailed to you.

Community News

**MAINE
DEMS**

Democratic Caucus: Sunday, **March 4th** starting at 1pm in rooms 12 & 13 at the Memorial School. Registrar of Voters will be available for new voter registrations from 12:30pm to 1:30pm.



\$5.00 each

**Garbage to Garden Buckets
Available at the Town Office**

Use a bucket to collect your scrap food items and transport them to the Garbage to Garden Kiosk Located in the parking lot at the Fire Rescue Station (463 Walnut Hill Road)



Acceptable Items Include:

- Vegetables, fruit, citrus, bread
- Cooked & raw food
- Pits, peels, shells, bones & seeds
- Meat, dairy & bread
- Coffee grounds, filters and tea bags (without the staple)
- Clean, non-glossy paper
- Napkins, food-soiled paper products, wax paper, muffin liners
- Hair & laundry lint)

For more information about [Garbage to Garden](http://garbagetogarden.org) log on to their website at garbagetogarden.org

Whats the best part of your job?
 Are Cop shows accurate? *How do you do a DNA test?*
 What do inmates eat? *How does a polygraph work?*
 Why blue lights? *What's it cost to run a jail?*
 Why do Cops have all those things on their belts? *Do Cops really like donuts?*
 Is jail really like what you see on TV? *What goes on in a jail all day?*
 Whats the worst part of your job? *Do inmates really have stores and make booze in jail?*
How do you remember all those laws?
Do you have repeat customers in your job?

The Cumberland County Sheriff's Office
Citizens Police Academy
 Tuesday evenings
March 13 - May 8, 2018
6:30pm - 8:00pm
 Call (207) 774-1444 ext 2228 FMI
 Sign up at: www.cumberlandso.org/264/Citizens-Police-Academy
 Free and open to Cumberland County Residents

The Cumberland County Sheriff's Office is holding a **Citizen's Police Academy** on Tuesday evenings from March 13 to May 8, 2018.

The Academy gives attendees a firsthand look at what law enforcement and correctional professionals do every day. It is an opportunity to open the door to communication between us and our community.

We welcome members of your town office to join us to get a better idea of how we work together. As well, we ask that you post this informational for your community to access, so that they can join us too.

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Hello,

The time has arrived....we are now accepting applications for MCE's new Cultivator Food, Beverage and Agriculture Accelerator program!

Please feel free to forward this email far and wide to your networks in the food, beverage and agriculture industry!

WANTED:

Food, Beverage and Agriculture producers looking to Scale-up

The application process for the Cultivator program is now **OPEN!** [Click here](#) to learn more about this special opportunity!

Do you know of any great companies – or are you a food, beverage or agriculture producer who:

- has a proven value-added product & scalable business model
- has achieved annual revenue of \$500k+
- is looking to grow and scale to the next level

MCE's Cultivator accelerator will support the growth of 10 Maine food, beverage or agriculture companies over a 12-month period by providing hands-on strategic assessments and planning sessions, tailored professional resources and access to interactive business forums focused on overcoming the specific strategic challenges participant companies face as they attempt to grow and scale.

If you have a company in mind – or own one yourself – that is ready and rearing to grow to the next level, [apply now](#) to the [Cultivator](#) program. Contact Sue Hanson, Program Manager at shanson@mced.biz with any additional questions. **Application deadline is March 18, 2018.**

Thanks for helping to spread the word. Once the cohort has been selected, we will be looking to engage entrepreneur mentors and interested investors as well. If you're interested in getting involved, please let me know.

Sue Hanson
 Program Manager
 Maine Center for Entrepreneurs
 63 Federal St, Portland, ME 04101
 (207) 841-6098



Mornings With Friends

March 14, 2018 10:00-11:30

NOTE CHANGE OF DATE TO SECOND WEDNESDAY IN MARCH

Congregational Church of Cumberland, 282 Main Street



Squirrel Tales in Maine

Learn about the fascinating world of one of the most ubiquitous wildlife species in Maine. Dr. Noah Perlut, professor of biology at the University of New England, will discuss the findings of “Project Squirrel”, a student-staffed research program on UNE’s Biddeford campus which explores the movement patterns and survival of the eastern gray squirrel.

Free and Open to the Public * Coffee, Tea & Goodies

FMI: Deborah.gray48@gmail.com or AIPCumberland.org 207-829-2205

For Rides, call 829-3367

SAFE KIDS MAINE

BENEFIT DINNER AND SILENT AUCTION



Saturday
March 10, 2018
5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Rachel's on the Green
60 Val Halla Road
Cumberland, ME

Homemade Dinner and Dessert • Live Music • Silent Auction

Proceeds benefits Safe Kids Maine, dedicated to helping keep Maine children safe!



Safe Kids Maine is a program of the Tall Pine Safety Resource Center, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

Donation:

\$10 for adults

\$6 children ages 3 – 12

Free for age 3 and under

\$25 per family

Cash and Debit/Credit Cards accepted.

Tickets available at the door or online at www.SafeKidsMaine.org

Please join us for a Potluck dinner and silent auction to benefit Safe Kids Maine, who work here in Maine to prevent injury to children with outreach and education.

Safe Kids Worldwide is a non-profit organization working to help families and communities keep kids safe from injuries. Most people are surprised to learn that preventable injuries are the #1 killer of kids in the United States. Throughout the world, almost one million children die of an injury each year, and almost every one of those tragedies is preventable.

Tickets are \$10 per adult, \$6 per child (3-12) or \$25 per family. Children 3 and under are free. Tickets can be purchased at the door, or directly through the [Safe Kids Maine website](http://SafeKidsMaine.org).



Congratulations!

Greely Athletics!

Girls Hockey Team on their Class A State Championship.
Boys & Girls Indoor Track teams for their Class B State Championship wins.

6th Annual Comedy Night & Silent Auction for GHS Lacrosse

Wednesday, March 14th at Rachel's 6 – 8:30pm

by Greely High School Boys and Girls Lacrosse Boosters

NOTE- THIS IS AN ADULT ONLY EVENT

- 6-7pm: Happy Hour with Cash Bar and Silent Auction
- 7-7:30pm: Buffet Dinner
- 7:30-8:30pm: Comedy Show with Dan Crohn

Dan Crohn has been performing stand-up comedy in and around Boston for years. His jokes can be heard on XM Radio and he has been a guest on the popular podcast WTF with Marc Maron.

Here is the link to purchase tickets: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/6th-annual-comedy-night-and-silent-auction-for-greely-high-school-lacrosse-tickets-41924913545>

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