



Reminders from Town Hall



March 13, 2020

Town News



Real Estate & Personal Property Taxes are due March 15, 2020

Payments can be made [online](#), mailed or brought to the Town Office.



We have a secure drop-box located in front of the Town Office to leave your payment.



Include a note in your envelope if you would like a receipt and we can email/mail one to you!



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Select Board
Thursday, March 17, 2020
7:00PM in the Town Office Meeting Room
RE: Charter Amendments
Parks and Recreation Ordinance



Monday, March 16, 2020

Town Office will be closed from 11:30am to 12:30pm to update staff on the Coronavirus Procedures



Monday, March 23, 2020

Municipal Offices and Facilities will open at 1pm so that staff may attend a training event.

CORONAVIRUS COVID-19



Public Health Advisory

The North Yarmouth Fire Rescue is aware of the current state of the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) and understands the concern around the spread of this virus. We are currently monitoring this situation as it progresses and in conjunction with Maine EMS, Maine EMA and the Maine CDC, will keep you all informed as we receive updates. In the meantime, below are best practices to control the spread of illness for all diseases:

What are some of the steps we can do personally?

- **Stay home when you are sick!** Staying home when ill prevents the spread of infections to others.
- **Use good respiratory etiquette and hand hygiene** in all community settings, including homes, childcare facilities, schools, workplaces and other places where people gather. Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue and put the used tissue in a waste basket. If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve, not your hands.
- **Wash your hands often and thoroughly** with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer (with at least 60-95% alcohol).
- **Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth:** Germs are often spread when a person touches something that is contaminated with germs and then touches his or her eyes, nose, or mouth.
- **Practice other good health habits:** Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces at home, work or school, especially when someone is ill. Get plenty of sleep, be physically active, manage your stress, drink plenty of fluids and eat nutritious food.

If you are experiencing or showing signs of fever, cough, shortness of breath or breathing difficulty, have travelled to China, or have been in contact with someone who may have been exposed to COVID-19, contact your doctor's office immediately and stay home to await further instruction.

Additional Information from the CDC

- [2019-NCOV-Fact Sheet](#)
- [Common Coronavirus vs. Novel Coronavirus Infographic](#)
- [Talking to children during infectious disease outbreaks](#)
- [2019 Coronavirus](#)
- [Sick with 2019 V-COV-fact sheet](#)
- [Hand Washing techniques](#)
- [211 Now Available to answer general questions about COVID-19](#)

****Take Advantage of Our Online and Mail in Services****



- [Applications and Forms](#)
- [ATV, Boat & Snowmobile Registrations](#)
- [Burning Permits](#)
- [Certified Copies of Birth, Death & Marriage Records](#)
- [Dog Licenses](#)
- [Assessing Exemptions](#)
- [Inland Fisheries & Wildlife Licenses](#) (hunting, fishing, trapping, etc.)
- [Real Estate & Personal Property Tax Collection](#) (We have a secure drop-box located in front of the Town Office. Leave a note in your envelope if you would like a receipt and we can email/mail one to you!)
- [Rescue Billing Collection](#)
- [Vehicle Registration](#)

Need to do business and you're not sure if you can complete it online or through the mail? Give us a call (see numbers below) or shoot us an [email](#)! We'd be happy to answer any questions you may have.

- [Administration and Finance](#) 829-3705
- [Clerk's Office](#) 829-3705
- [Codes and Assessing](#) 829-3705
- [Fire Rescue](#) 829-3025
- [Public Works](#) 829-3274
- [Wescustogo Hall & Community Center](#) 829-5555

Wescustogo Hall & Community Center



All Programs scheduled to take place at Wescustogo Hall & Community Center are postponed until further notice due to the COVID-19, or Coronavirus. Please stay tuned to our [website](#) and [facebook](#) page for further updates.



NOMINATION PAPERS FOR MUNICIPAL OFFICERS JUNE 9, 2020 ELECTION

Nomination Papers for the June 9, 2020 Municipal Election available **Monday, March 2, 2020**. Contact the Town Office for more information 829-3705.

Open Elected Positions are as follows:

- Two (2) seats for Select Board for a 3-year term.
- One (1) seat for MSAD#5I Board of Directors for a 3-year term.
- One (1) seat for Cemetery Commissioner for a 5-year term.
- Two (2) seats for Budget Committee for a 3-year term.



Up
Coming
Meetings

3-17-2020

- 5:30pm Select Board Workshop
- [7:00pm Select Board](#)

3-18-2020

- [7:00am Historical Society](#)
- [5:30pm Living Well in North Yarmouth Committee](#)

3-26-2020

- [7:00pm Economic Development & Sustainability Committee](#)

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 quarterly with the due dates of September 15th, December 15th, March 15th and June 15th.

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 is 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, Renee LaChapelle at 829-3705 ext. 209 or by email rlachapelle@cumberlandcounty.org



- **Saturday April 11th – Annual Town Meeting at WH&CC**
- **Thursday May 21st – MSAD#51 Budget Hearing at GHS**
- **Saturday, May 30th – Clean Up Day at the Public Works Facility**
- **Tuesday, June 9th – Election Day (state, town & school)**



Community News



Old Fair Items

Guess what next year is? In 2021, our Club will be celebrating the 150th Cumberland Fair! We need your help please. If you have, or know someone who might have any old fair photos, videos, posters, ribbons, trophies or any other fair items, we would love to hear from you

Please reach out to any member of the 150th Planning Committee below.

- [Linc Merrill](#) (837-1380)
- [Carolyn Small](#) (415-4589)
- [Debi Dugas](#) (233-9577)
- [Lyle Merrifield](#) (415-3001)
- [Tammy Sawyer](#) (272-6961)

Skyline Farm Carriage Museum's

current winter exhibit "200 Years of Runners & Wheels



Horse-drawn vehicles, including some from the 1820's. Photo by Pamela Ames

Celebrating Maine's Bicentennial" highlights vehicles used circa 1820 in Maine. It is rare that a museum would have one vehicle 200 years old or older; however, Skyline has many, including three four-wheeled Pleasure and Comfort Waggons (old spelling), a two-wheeled doctor's Riding Chair used in Cornish, Maine, and a Boston Chaise. Also featured are many early sleighs including the Rudyard Kipling rattan sleigh, early Albany & Portland styles, Rural Mail, Booby Hut, Hearses, Doctors, and a School Bus.

The museum, located at 95 The Lane, North Yarmouth, is open for public viewing on Sundays, from February 23–March 29, 1-4 p.m. or by appointment. Free admission: donations are appreciated. Dress warmly as the museum is not heated.

For more information, contact Greg Cuffey at 892-0188 or info@skylinefarm.org.

Skyline Farm is a nonprofit, all-volunteer organization.

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