

April 2022



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Town of North Yarmouth Maine

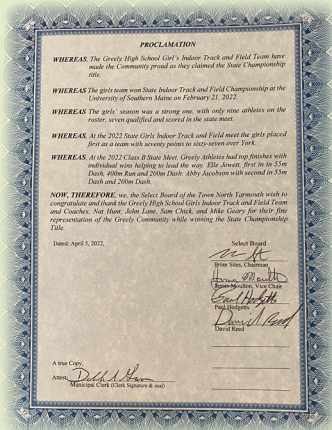
News from the Town Manager's Office

Dear North Yarmouth residents,

It has been a very busy two months since I started serving this community. During this time, I have prepared a draft budget for FY 23 with the assistance of staff and department heads. We have had several budget meetings with the Select Board and Budget Committee in preparation for the April 30, 2022 Annual Town Meeting.

On March 15, 2022, the Town voters approved a referendum to cap the issuance of building permits for residential dwelling units to no more than 15 per year in the Village Center District and Village Residential District and, to limit the number of dwelling permits to no more than 6 permits per year that a single person, entity, corporation, or developer may apply for. The Citizen Initiative attracted 36% of the total number of registered voters: with 791 voting in the affirmative and 533 voting in the negative.

The Select Board recognized the Greely High School Girl's Indoor Track and Field Team by issuing the following Proclamation.



GHS Girls Indoor Track & Field Team and Select Board Chair

My office door is always open. If you have a question, concern or just want to say "hello", please feel to visit me at the Town Office, call (207) 829-3705 ext. 207, or email me at manager@northyarmouth.org

I hope to meet many of you at the Ice Cream Social on Sunday May 1st!

Respectfully,

Diane Barnes

Town Manager

ICE CREAM SOCIAL RETURNS - MAY 1ST 2pm

Wescustogo Hall & North Yarmouth Community Center

More than just Ice Cream!

- Bluegrass Jam
- Faces by Gail
- Jack the Juggler



Suggested Donation \$2 per serving
Proceeds support community activities



Sponsored by the
Living Well in North Yarmouth Committee



Welcome, Becky!

Join us in welcoming the newest member of the #nyteam.

Hello, my name is Becky Jackman. I grew up and live in a neighboring town close to North Yarmouth.

I have worked for over 30 years in administration and finance and especially enjoy working with the public.

I love spending time with my family, especially my three grandchildren. In the summer we enjoy our camp together. In the winter, I can be found in The County snowmobiling with my husband and friends.

I love to quilt and read and explore Maine in my spare time.

I am excited to join the team here and to be a part of the community and I appreciate the warm welcome I have received from the residents and town staff so far!



Let's look back

Remembering and Sharing Stories from the Past

**2ND TUESDAYS (BEGINNING APRIL 12), 1:30 TO 2:30 P.M.
NO. YARMOUTH COMMUNITY CNTR COMMUNITY ROOM**

Remember when phones were actually dialed (or, better yet, when you shared a "party line"?). When Sunday dinner with family was a weekly event? When Elvis wore blue suede shoes?

Let's Look Back is a conversation about those times we remember in our early years, shared with people who remember them, too.

Facilitator Amy Hatch is eager to hear stories from people who were there, back when ... She is a licensed social worker and lives with her husband and son in Cumberland.



Prince Memorial Library

4th Quarter Real Estate & Personal Property Taxes Due June 15th

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 at the Town Office during office hours.

Community Clean-up Day

SATURDAY, JUNE 25TH - 8AM TO 1PM
BRING YOUR ITEMS TO THE
PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY - 40 PARSONAGE RD



This event has been created to divert usable goods and materials from the waste stream. Residents may drop off items that have some useful life in them as well as pick something up that might be of use. Although it is called a swap shop, residents do not need to drop an item off to take an item from the shop.

- Friday June 24th 3pm to 6pm
- Saturday June 25th 7:30am to 12:00pm

On the lawn at Wescustogo Hall & North Yarmouth Community Center.

Details for this event and a list of acceptable items are available at

northyarmouth.org/recycling-committee/pages/pop-swap-shop

This event sponsored by the Recycling Advisory Committee.



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DON'T BAG RECYCLABLES



It might be tempting to put recycling into a bag - to keep it dry in the rain or snow, for ease of bringing it to the curb, or to keep it all together, but... Bags aren't recyclable!

Keep items in your bin loose and empty!

The Clukey Murals 1976—2019

Students, parents, teachers, and visitors alike looked at the enormous murals painted on the walls of the new Memorial School in North Yarmouth with awe.

Created by North Yarmouth artist and art teacher, Sue Clukey, these murals represented Maine children's literature at its best.

They were the products of an innovative state program that allowed 1% of new school construction costs to be allocated for art. Following a disastrous fire that destroyed the original school in 1975, a new school was built on the same site. The faculty of the school commissioned Sue to create the murals that would delight the eye and inspire the children to read the books the pictures depicted. The ambitious project took a year to complete.



Thanks go to the authors and illustrators who graciously allowed the illustrations to be used in this way.

We have other local residents to thank for salvaging the murals. When the demolition of the school was being planned, Town Manager Rosemary Roy had the foresight to photograph it all. Local photographer/graphic artists Jenny and Dave "Stretch" Tuemmler of Stretch Studios took those images and edited them to the sizes you see here. Since the originals were much larger than life-size, the graphic reductions took great skill. Thanks to them, as well.

The images will be enjoyed by generations to come!

Donna Palmer, Living Well in North Yarmouth Committee

The Chandler Brook Preserve

Creation of a Shrubland Habitat

This year, the Parks and Recreation Committee has been working to create and maintain a shrubland habitat that welcomes small mammals (fox, raccoon and cottontails), as well as birds, butterflies and insects of many species to the Chandler Brook Preserve.

Located in the North Field, mowing of the habitat is scheduled so that nesting areas for the wildlife are preserved. This field can be rescued and thus, allowed to become habitat, rather than forest. Native shrubs, such as highbush blueberry, spirea and viburnum and alder are encouraged to grow in a shrubland habitat.

Last spring, milkweed, a native plant that attracts butterflies, was planted in the area. Additionally our Public Works team completed a selective mowing of the field, leaving shrub material uncut while opening up wildflower areas. This field restoration will continue over the upcoming years.

The designated area includes approximately 8 acres and provides ample area for breeding, nesting and foraging.

The existing path allows visitors distanced observation of the wildlife, as well as the wildflowers. Easy-to-use phone apps encourage visitors to identify the birds and plants. The field is located 10 -15 minutes from the parking area. It is easy to locate on the map that is provided.

Others expressed interest in this project and became involved. In the future, we would like to complete an inventory of the existing plants. This will help us determine additional plants to install. All are welcome to help, of course.

Contact: nyprc@northyarmouth.org.

The Parks and Recreation Committee hopes this area will become an educational opportunity - for birders, plant lovers and those who simply enjoy observing Mother Nature.

Steve Palmer, Parks and Recreation Committee

North Yarmouth Fire Company 2022 Fundraiser | Our Goal \$100,000

We are currently raising money to build a Fire Museum to house our 1960 Chevrolet Fire Truck and other fire related memorabilia to share with the town. It will be located off Route 9 beside the fire barn.

- ◆ The Chevrolet Fire Truck was our first new fire truck.
- ◆ A place to showcase the history of our department dating back to the 1940s.
- ◆ A home for artifacts, awards, and memorabilia that can be shared with the public.
- ◆ We are currently looking to raise approximately \$100,000
- ◆ We are gladly accepting any fire related or town related memorabilia that anyone would like to donate for display
- ◆ We are looking forward to this being an educational addition to the Village Green.
- ◆ Site work has begun

Please consider a donation – checks can be made out to the North Yarmouth Fire Company, 463 Walnut Hill Road, North Yarmouth, ME 04097. The North Yarmouth Fire Company is a 501(c)(3) and donations are tax deductible

For more information, please contact Chief Payson (207) 572-5828 or Fire Company President, David Hyde (207) 712-5573.





First Greeter Program

New to Town?



Have Questions?
Contact the Living Well in North Yarmouth
Committee for a First Greeter Visit

A First Greeter welcomes new neighbors by reaching out to meet them and to help them become acquainted with their new town.

Interested call 829-6230 or email
firstgreeter@northyarmouth.org



Child Care available during Annual Town Meeting for ages 5 years and older for parent who are attending Town Meeting.

Child Care is 8:30am to 1pm or the end of Town Meeting whichever comes first. Registration deadline **April 25th**, contact Lisa by email at lthompson@northyarmouth.org.

Thank you to Cumberland/North Yarmouth Recreation for providing this service.

ELECTIONS JUNE 14, 2022

Polls Open 7am to 8pm

Wescustogo Hall & North Yarmouth Community Center

- Maine State Primary
- MSAD#51 Referendums
- North Yarmouth Municipal Officers

Absentee ballots available May 16th.

Last day to request an absentee ballot is June 9th.



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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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