



Connections

Town of North Yarmouth Maine

Discovering Town Parks During the Time of Covid

I arrived in North Yarmouth during summer 1994... but not until summer 2020 did I discover that the town is filled with magical and lush town parks. What were you doing for those 26 years, you may ask...

During the pandemic, I learned of a group of North Yarmouth folks who were walking together in town parks several days a week...I was curious, so, one day, I jumped in. And was I surprised at what I learned!

Chandler Brook Preserve can be a little walk around a field - you may see a couple of horses - or you may take a hidden trail and find a sandy beach along the edge of Chandler Brook - if you keep walking you may come upon an old structure that was used as storage shed for farm equipment in the old days.

Chandler Brook Preserve is loaded with treasures to discover!

I had walked at Old Town House Park with a friend...we walked around a field; our walk was pleasant - we saw milkweed growing and had a lovely time.

This winter, I walked at OTHP with my walking group and it was a very different experience...we walked for a long time from a field to a beautiful path through the woods to another section of Chandler Brook to a barely discernible trail to another field. This walk was truly one magical exploration after another.

Another friend recently took me to Baston Park and I didn't recognize it. Many years ago, I'd attended a dedication ceremony honoring Richard and Roslyn

Baston here. When I went again this fall, I saw the immense labors of some of North Yarmouth's most committed residents working alongside the North Yarmouth Public Works Dept. The park has been cleared of invasive bittersweet and it is pristine; a perfect place for a quiet picnic!

Very soon, I will walk the Sam Ristich Trail, right in the Village Center! I've done the beginning of it, but there is much more... I remember going to a talk many years ago by Sam Ristich about mushrooms!

I have enjoyed winter walks in many of our town parks navigating snow, ice, streams...pondering what footwear is best for today? It's also been fun to find some of the greens (princess pine and winterberry, for instance) that, as a girl, I used to gather with my mother to make wreaths.

Now, as the days grow longer and the sun is warmer, my walking friends are beginning to tell me what we will see on our spring walks...the bobolinks, the warblers and the

grackles will be here, we'll see kites in the sky, find strangely beautiful mushrooms and, my personal favorite - the wild flowers will bloom.

In the summer, hopefully the picnic tables will return from the pandemic-required warehouse.

Town parks have helped my friends and me stay in social contact safely and helped us maintain our emotional health.

Ann Dillon, Living Well in North Yarmouth Committee



First Greeter

The First Greeter Program, under the auspices of The Living Well in North Yarmouth Committee, made its first First Greeter contact in 2017. Since then, 162 new residents have been contacted - 62 since January 1, 2020.

First Greeter activity slowed in early 2020 (even pre-Covid), but in November, Tracey Cox, from the Code Enforcement Office, supplied us with a list of over 200 recent property transfers. With the help of Deb Grover, we determined that up to 40 new residents made North Yarmouth their new home between May 2020 and October 2020.



Many of the new residents live in the village center, but just as many were sprinkled through other parts of town.

Cheryl Trenoweth, from the town office, pulled together the contents for 40 new Greeter bags, quickly assembled by LWN members and delivered by the Greeters.

Response from new residents was positive and some new relationships were created -electronically and Covid safe. The First Greeter program is now awaiting transfer deed information for November - December 2020.

If you are a new resident and have not yet been "Greeted" (and would like to be, or just have any questions), please contact Gay Peterson at firstgreeter@northyarmouth.org along with your name, address, contact information, and when you arrived in town. Hopefully, you will find a First Greeter bag on your door-step soon.

And Welcome!!

Gay Peterson, Living Well in North Yarmouth

Code Enforcement Office

Updated Tax Maps

The Code Enforcement and Assessing departments have been working very hard to clean up and correct the tax maps. They are estimated to be online by this spring.

Planning Board Members

There is an alternate member position available, if you are interested in joining this committee, please contact the town office.

Business Registrations Form

All businesses (home occupations as well) are required to complete a Business Registration form and submit them to the Code Enforcement department.

Permit Reminder

Building/land use, electrical, & plumbing permits are available online. They can be filled out online and then emailed to our office for processing.

Ryan Keith, Code Enforcement Officer
codeoffice@northyarmouth.org

Assessor's Office

2021 Business Personal Property Tax

All businesses are required to provide the Assessor with a true and perfect detailed list of all the business assets located at your place of business as of April 1, 2021. The State of Maine law provides that the personal property associated with a business is subject to property taxation. The tax is assessed annually in accordance with the requirements set forth in Title 36 of the Maine Revised Statutes, sections 601 & 706A.

- Requests for the business personal property tax forms will be mailed by the first week of March.
- **Filing deadline is April 15**
- An extension request can be submitted in writing (via email or mailed)

Tax Relief Reminders

Maine Homestead Property Tax Exemption of \$25,000

This exemption is a FREE tax relief program offered by the State of Maine to any homeowner who owns and has lived in their primary residence continuously for 12 months prior to the application.

- **Filing deadline is April 1**

Maine Veterans Property Tax Exemption

If you are a Maine resident and a veteran who served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces, you may be eligible for a limited exemption from property tax on real estate or personal property. You qualify for an exemption if:

- You are a paraplegic.
- You are receiving a total disability pension from the U.S. Government OR
- You served in the U.S. Armed Forces during a recognized war period or other recognized service period or you received an Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal; and you will be at least 62 years old on April 1.
- **Filing deadline is April 1**

Renee Lachapelle, Assessor
assessor@northyarmouth.org

Assessing or Code Enforcement Questions?

Need to Schedule an Appointment?

Contact Tracey at (207) 829-3705 selection option #1 or email tc Cox@northyarmouth.org

Ordinances, forms and applications are available on our department pages on the Town's website
www.northyarmouth.org

PILLO HOCKEY

For MSAD#51 Children
Pre-K thru Grade 4

Saturday Mornings April 3 thru May 8

Wescustogo Hall & North Yarmouth Community Center

Pillo Hockey is like street hockey, but is played with large
"Q-tip" like sticks and a big ball instead of a puck.

Registration Starts March 1st

Cost: \$35 per child, includes a T-shirt.



FMI—(207) 829-5555

lthompson@northyarmouth.org

Volunteer Coaches Needed

Town Office Hours

We strongly encourage residents to take advantage of our online services or utilize our drop-box/mail-in services. Details are available at www.northyarmouth.org.

**WE'RE
OPEN.**

By appointment only.

(207) 829-3705 Option #2

Monday 8am to 6pm,

Tuesday thru Thursday 8am to 5pm

ELECTION DAY

Special Municipal Election (aka Special Town Meeting)
March 23, 2021 to fill Select Board vacancy.

Polls open 7:00am to 8:00pm

Wescustogo Hall & Community Center

ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Absentee Ballots will be available February 22, 2021 at the Town Clerk's Office. Call to request your absentee ballot now or download an application from our website www.northyarmouth.org and mail to the Town Office or use the Town Office Dropbox.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Saturday, April 24, 2021

9:00 am

Wescustogo Hall & Community Center

Annual Town meeting is when members of the community come together to legislate policy and budgets for the next fiscal year. You must be a registered voter in North Yarmouth to vote. Check our website www.northyarmouth.org for details.

Join this Dynamic Committee

EDSC Charge: The committee will, in conjunction with the Select Board, develop and promote a sustainable and ongoing process, supported by the community, that will strengthen the local economy, utilizing resources and strategies that will meet the current and future needs of North Yarmouth.

Have you ever thought that you'd like to get involved in a town committee? Are you someone who:

- **Wants to use your skills and talents**
- **Works well on committees**
- **Would like to meet others in our community**
- **Likes to make a difference**

I invite you to apply to the Economic Development and Sustainability Committee (EDSC).

Zoom Meetings—When: Fourth Thursday of each month, 6:30 to 8:30pm.

CURBSIDE PICKUP ANNOUNCEMENTS (Trash & Recycling) Check Our Website www.northyarmouth.org



When Casella Waste Systems notifies the Town Office of a delay or change in their pickup schedule, a notice is posted on the Town website, social media sites (Facebook, Instagram & Twitter), and Spectrum Cable Channel 1301.

Questions or concerns? Casella Waste Systems at (207) 883-9777



3rd Quarter Real Estate & Personal Property Taxes Due March 15th.

Payment Options are;

- 1) Mail to Tax Collector, 10 Village Square Road, North Yarmouth, ME 04097.
- 2) Use the drop box at the Town Office.
- 3) Online <https://epayment.informe.org/payportonline/welcome>
- 4) Make an appointment call (207) 829-3705.



North Yarmouth Fire Rescue would like to thank Patriot Insurance and Linc Merrill for the generous donation of \$2000.00 for the purchase of 102 Smoke and 60 Carbon Monoxide Detectors. In 2015 the department started a Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detector campaign. The department will come to any residence to ensure that your Smoke and CO Detectors are in working order. We will also provide Smoke and CO Detectors to those in need. This generous donation allows us to keep this program going. If you would like us to complete a free inspection call the station at 207-829-3025 or email firechief@northyarmouth.org.



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