

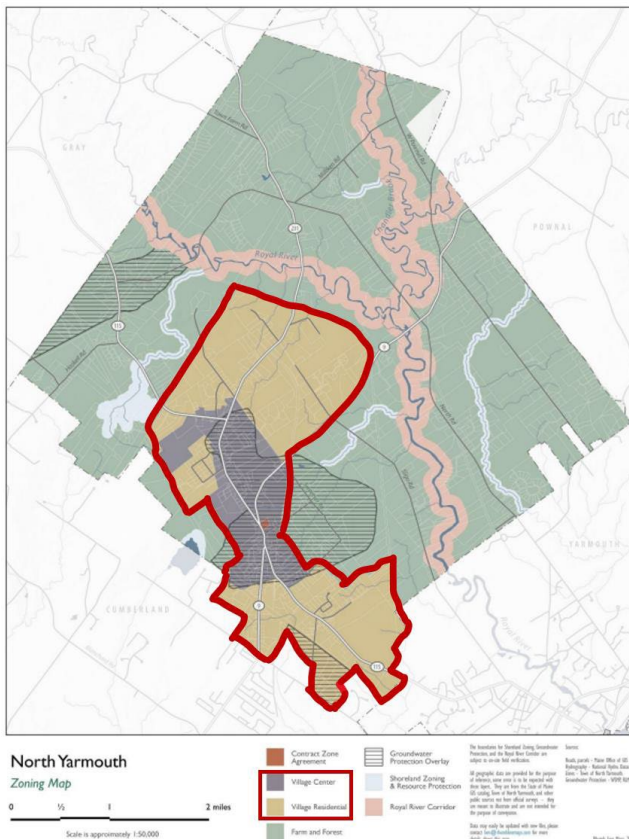
Referendum Election Guide

Tuesday, March 15, 2022

What is this about? A Citizens Initiative Referendum was submitted to the Select Board requesting a secret ballot vote to amend the Land Use Ordinance (LUO).

What is the Land Use Ordinance? The Land Use Ordinance, as defined by the State is an ordinance “adopted by the municipal legislative body [Town Meeting] (and) controls, directs or delineates allowable uses of land and the standards for those uses.”

Where are the districts the referendum refers to? There are three districts in North Yarmouth: Farm and Forest, Village Residential, and Village Center. The zoning district map is shown below, with the Village Residential zone in yellow and the Village Center zone in grey, collectively outlined in red.



The current language is:

a. In the Village Center District and Village Residential District, the residential growth limitations shall be lifted to allow for the issuance of an unlimited number of building permits for residential dwelling units.

The proposed language is:

a. In the Village Center District and Village Residential District, combined, issuance of building permits for residential dwelling units shall not exceed 15 dwelling units per year. No single person, entity, corporation or developer may apply for more than 6 new dwelling permits per year.

What does a YES vote mean? If the proposal passes, the combined permits issued in the Village Center and Village Residential Zones, would be limited to 15 new permits for residential dwellings annually (calendar year) equal to the cap in the Farm and Forest District for a total of 30 new dwelling units per year town wide. It would also limit the number of new dwelling permits issued to any person/entity to 6 per calendar year.

What does a NO vote mean? If the proposal does not pass, the language would stay the same and the Farm and Forest District would remain capped at 15 new permits per calendar year and unlimited permits would continue to be allowed in the Village Center and Village Residential districts. This has been in effect since 2007.

Want to find out more? The North Yarmouth Select Board will host a forum on Tuesday, March 1, 2022, at the Wescustogo Hall & North Yarmouth Community Center from 5pm to 6pm. You may watch this event on Spectrum Channel 1301 or livestream at www.townhallstreams.com. You will also be able to view the forum on demand later. You may also visit the Code Enforcement Office or call (207)829-3705, option #1 or email codesoffice@northyarmouth.org.

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120 MEMORIAL HIGHWAY

ABSENTEE BALLOTS AVAILABLE
FEBRUARY 14, 2022

LAST DAY TO REQUEST AN ABSENTEE
BALLOT IS MARCH 10, 2022

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State of Maine

Town of North Yarmouth Official Ballot

Referendum Election, March 15, 2022

Instruction to the Voters: Fill in the oval next to your YES or NO choice like this:

To have your vote count, do not erase or cross out your choice. If you make a mistake, ask for a new ballot.

Question: Citizen Initiative

Shall an ordinance entitled "Town of North Yarmouth Land Use Ordinance" be amended as follows:

Yes

No

Change the North Yarmouth Land Use Ordinance, Section 3.3 Building/Land Use Permits, section E. Residential Growth Limitation (Cap), section I, Calendar Year 2007 and beyond the following shall apply; paragraph a. – to reinstate a building permit cap to apply to all areas of the town.

Replace the current language of paragraph a.

a. In the **Village Center District and Village Residential District**, the residential growth limitation shall be lifted to allow for the issuance of an unlimited number of building permits for residential dwellings units.

Replace with

a. In the **Village Center District and Village Residential District**, combined issuance of building permits for residential dwelling units shall not exceed 15 dwelling units per year. No single person, entity, corporation, or developer may apply for more than 6 new dwelling permits per year.