



Connections

Town of North Yarmouth Maine

Baston Park - A Work in Progress



The story of Baston Park began in 2002, when Rosalyn and Dick Baston donated land alongside the Royal River to the town of North Yarmouth to create a park that would give residents access to the river. The family envisioned the park as a restful place for townspeople and their children.

Over the years, the park became overgrown with saplings, weeds and invasive honeysuckle. Worse, the riverbank soil had shifted. That created a blockage that created a pond and restricted clear access to the river. To repair it, dredging would be necessary.

In 2019, a group of people - all concerned with the renovation of the park - came together. Town officials, the Royal River Conservation Trust, volunteers and the North Yarmouth Public Works Dept. agreed that the park could be reclaimed from the wild and renovated to be what Mr. and Mrs. Baston envisioned.

The goal: Reclaim the land from the wild and improve the park to include a handicapped-accessible boat launch

and family recreation area. A \$5000 donation from the Royal River Conservation Trust enabled the town to hire Sevee and Maher Engineers to help plan the project and obtain DEP approvals, necessary to dredging the river.

Budget support from the town enabled the project to continue. In late summer 2020, the Public Works Dept., led by the Bastons' son, Clark, cleared out large quantities of the undergrowth and invasives. They even seeded new grass.

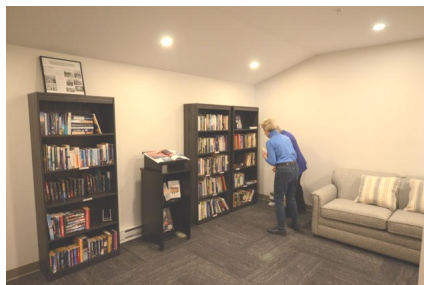
In late October, soil samples were taken and sent for testing. When this is complete, the results will become part of the application for approval by the DEP.

Volunteers Al Ahlers and Steve Palmer think the approval will arrive over the winter, allowing the dredging project to begin as soon as possible in 2021.

Donna Palmer, Volunteer

Books, Books, and more Books !

Your little library, located at the North Yarmouth Community Center is well stocked with a fun selection of novels, memoirs, historical reads and other genre. Folks have been more than generous in helping to supply the room with "good reads". In fact, we don't have enough shelving available to get all the books out, so please come see what we have and help yourself to a book or two!



We have a wonderful collection of children's literature, from picture books to Young Adult books. In fact, we would hold our collection up against any local source, if not in quantity, certainly in quality. Anyone can visit the little library during the Community Center's hours of operation. Monday- Friday, 8am- 4:30pm or call ahead to

see if you can stop by. Please wear a mask and practice social distancing to keep everyone safe. We cannot take in any more books at this time as we are full up!

Jeanne Chadbourne, Volunteer and Lisa Thompson, Community Center Director

Share the Road

Advisory bicycle lanes (ABL's) provide a new way to share the road. You will find these lanes installed in two locations in the Village Center: Pea Lane and The Lane.

This is how they work:

Drivers share a wide travel lane with oncoming vehicles. Each side of the road has an advisory lane marked by a dashed line. People can walk and bicycle in this lane.

Drivers move into the advisory lane when space is needed to pass an oncoming vehicle. But first, motorists must yield to people who are already walking and bicycling in the lane.

If a person is already in the lane, the driver must



PEA LANE

travel behind that person until it is safe to move back into the wide travel lane.

ABL's are suitable for low volume, low speed neighborhood streets. They improve walkability and mobility for people of all ages, provide opportunities to walk for health, and provide access to daily amenities and businesses.

These are others in the changes that North Yarmouth is making to improve road safety for all who use them.

Vanessa Farr, North Yarmouth's Economic Consultant

First Greeter Program

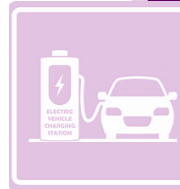
New
to
Town?

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

Have Questions?
Contact the Living With North Yarmouth
Commission for a Free Consultation

EV Chargers Now Available



We are pleased to announce that two Electric Vehicle Chargers have been installed at the Wescustogo Hall and North Yarmouth Community Center! If you have an EV and wish to use them, please do! These chargers are 100% solar-powered. They are located at the back of the building.

No Curbside Collection on Thanksgiving Day - it will be collected Friday

North Yarmouth Historical Society

Buy Local, Get Historic

The 2020 holidays are upon us, the pandemic is keeping us at home. What could be a better time for getting to know your own backyard? North Yarmouth Historical Society has some great suggestions gift giving 2020.

Visit the Town Office to pick up three unique town histories. Each book is packed with information and photos that give a wonderful

perspective on the history of our fast-growing town.

Grab a slice of history and settle in for a good read. Great gifts for your favorite friend, student, neighbor, or plow guy!

Join Up and Enjoy

Get to know our town and its history by joining North Yarmouth Historical Society! Membership entitles you to an automatic subscription to the Gazette, our historical publication and updates about events, activities, and programs.

Go to: northyarmouthhistorical.org for more information.

Want to go further? Thanks—we need your enthusiasm and expertise! There's plenty to do: data entry, planning programs, clipping news articles, researching and writing about North Yarmouth history, photographing, website and social media, and ... just plain talking history. Lots to do and lots to know and all are welcome!

Katie Murphy, President



NOVEMBER	2020
Thursday 26 No Collections	Friday 27 Collection if you regular day is THURSDAY

INDOOR WALKING TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS 11 AM-12 PM

Reservations are required!

Wescustogo Hall & North Yarmouth Community Center

Please call or email Lisa

829-5555 (leave a message)

email: ltompson@northyarmouth.org

to reserve your space.

Masks are required

No boots or outdoor shoes.

Please bring sneakers to change into when you arrive.

Boston Post Cane Presented to Marion Goff

The Boston Post Cane is a New England tradition that dates back to 1909. This was the year that the Boston Post newspaper gave gold-headed and ebony canes to approximately 431 towns as part of a publicity stunt. The canes were to be given to the town's oldest resident. North Yarmouth still carries on this tradition.



Marion Goff was presented with the Boston Post Cane on a beautiful day last September at the age of 96. Marion and her late husband Vernon moved to North Yarmouth in the early 1950's, raising their three children here in town. The Goff family owned and operated the well known Goff's Hardware on Main Street in Yarmouth. Marion is still lives on her own and is active in her community.



TOWN OF NORTH YARMOUTH WINTER PARKING BAN Effective Immediately

Parking of vehicles on any town road during a snowstorm in such a manner as to interfere with the plowing of the road will result in the vehicle being towed at the owner's expense.

North Yarmouth Road Commissioner

A large, stylized illustration of Santa Claus's face and upper body, wearing his red suit and white beard.

**WESCUSTOGO HALL & NORTH YARMOUTH
COMMUNITY CENTER**

Letters from Santa!

NOVEMBER 30-DECEMBER 17, 2020

Hey Kids... did you know we have a direct connection to the NORTHPOLE? You can mail your letters to SANTA right at the Community Center! Just look for the GREEN mailbox at our GYM entrance (by the little book nook), and we will see that Santa gets it! You may also MAIL your letter to us at

"Letters From Santa"
10 Village Square Road - North Yarmouth, ME 04097
Santa will reply to all letters that are received by December 18.
All letters must have the child's (ren) name and mailing address.
The program is free to Cumberland and North Yarmouth residents.
FMI call 829-5555

Select Board Nomination Papers Available

Nomination papers for a term ending on June 30, 2022, will be available on December 14th at the Town Clerk's office. 25 signatures of North Yarmouth registered voters. Papers must be returned to the Clerk by January 21, 2021. to be on Voting will take place at Special Town Meeting on March 23, 2021. FMI - Call (207) 829-3705 Option #3 or email townclerk@northyarmouth.org

A graphic with the words "SLOW ME DOWN" in large, bold, yellow letters. The word "ME" is replaced by a yellow outline of the state of Maine.

Speeding is our Maine problem.

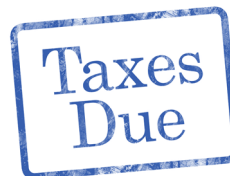
TAKE ACTION AT:
www.bikemaine.org

**THANK YOU FOR VOTING
NORTH YARMOUTH!**

ELECTION 2020

- 3642 Registered Voters
- 2995 Votes Cast
- 1985 of those votes were by Absentee Ballots
- 82% Voter participation

The official seal of the Town of North Yarmouth, featuring a tree and the text "TOWN OF NORTH YARMOUTH" and "INCORPORATED 1896".



2nd Quarter Real Estate & Personal Property Taxes are due Tuesday, December 15th.
Payment options are:

- 1) Mail payments to Tax Collector, Town of North Yarmouth, 10 Village Square Road, North Yarmouth, ME 04097.
- 2) Bring the payment to the Town Office.
- 3) Use the drop box located outside at the Town Office.
- 4) Pay online at: <https://epayment.informe.org/payportonline/welcome>

Town Office

Open to Public (walk-ins)
Monday - Thursday
8:00 am to 1:00 pm

By Appointment Only
Mondays 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Tuesday thru Thursday
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm
(207) 829-3705 Option #2

*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.*

NOTICE

Face coverings required.
Please keep 6 ft apart.



Non-medical masks, bandanas, scarves,
and cloth can be used.



**Municipal Services
Closed for the Holidays**

- * **November 25 & 26**
- * **Dec. 23 - Closing at 12 noon**
- * **December 24**
- * **December 31**

**EVENTS COMMITTEE PRESENTS
ANNUAL HOLIDAY
TREE LIGHTING
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6 • 6:00 PM
WESCUSTOGO HALL & COMMUNITY CENTER**

This is an outdoor event.
Santa will be there to say hello and light the tree.
Masks and Social Distancing are required.
Due to current COVID-19 conditions this event may be canceled.
Special thanks to the **Walnut Hill Garden Club** for their support!



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