



# Connections

Town of North Yarmouth Maine

## Notes from the Select Board

### Town Charter Open Comment Period Oct. 10 - Dec. 10

Guiding documents are always a work in progress and the Town Charter is no exception. Residents have commented on the need to update some of the Town Charter's provisions, but before launching a full Charter Commission, the Select Board has opted to have a 60-day open comment period starting October 10th to allow all residents time to review the Charter and submit suggested updates. The current charter can be found on the Town website [northyarmouth.org](http://northyarmouth.org)

Submissions can be made online using the Town website or in-person at the Town Office. Only residents of North Yarmouth can make and submit comments.

Once the comment period ends, the Select Board will review the comments and determine if amendments are necessary (and, if so, whether the Charter can be amended at Town Meeting), or if a Charter Commission is warranted.

### TIF Workshop

Over the summer, the Select Board created a series of forums to discuss the town's Tax Increment Financing (TIF) district. The goal of these forums was to get residents up to speed on the TIF (what it is, how it works, and where we are in the TIF lifecycle) as well as gain insights from other towns and experts on how they are using and implementing TIF. Tuesday, October 19th, 5:30pm-7:00pm, the Select Board will have a workshop to discuss next steps and policy goals for the TIF.

### Senior Housing Forums

On Saturday, September 11th, the Select Board held its first in a series of community forums to discuss the needs around senior housing in North Yarmouth. Senior housing is a big topic with many practical, policy, and political implications, therefore the Select Board will be conducting two more forums in November

in conjunction with the Planning Board, the Economic Development and Sustainability Committee, and Living Well in North Yarmouth. The dates and times will be available on the Town website.

### Communications

Like our guiding documents, better communications is always a work in progress. It is the goal of this Select Board to be transparent, truthful, and timely in all of its communications with residents. The relaunch of this newsletter is a step in that direction.

While it is nearly impossible to touch every resident with every communication piece, we will strive to incorporate as many outlets as possible, from mailings, to signage, to social media.

We have increased the number of informational signposts from 4 to 10 throughout town that will display pertinent information about upcoming elections, special events, and season-specific notices.

In addition, the Town Office recently added a new service called **TextMyGov**. This service uses the regular messaging app on any smartphone, the smart texting technology allows the citizen to ask questions and get immediate responses, find links to information on the agency's website, address problems, report any issues and upload photos.

Town of North Yarmouth **TextMyGov**

**Access town information with a simple text message!**

Try it today,  
Text **Hi** to: **207.407.9200**



View terms and privacy policy info at [textmygov.com/opt-in-terms-conditions](http://textmygov.com/opt-in-terms-conditions). Msg & Data rates apply. Msg frequency varies.





The North Yarmouth Fire Company is planning to begin building their new Fire Museum on the Village Green. This building will be used to house our antique fire engine and other historical items.

This will allow the Fire Company to preserve and display our history for the citizens of the Town of North Yarmouth to learn from and to enjoy.

We are seeking donations and contributions from local businesses and individuals to support this project and all will be greatly appreciated.

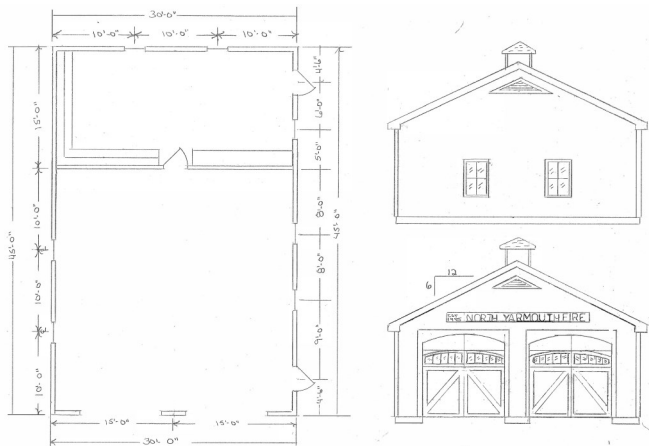
To thank you, the Fire Company will erect a plaque, listing the names of all our generous donors.  
We know we cannot reach our goal of preserving the history of the North Yarmouth Fire Department without your support.



Chief Gregory Payson  
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President David Hyde  
Email: [stupup1956@gmail.com](mailto:stupup1956@gmail.com)

Vice President: Tuner Hansel  
Email: [thansel@maine.rr.com](mailto:thansel@maine.rr.com)



**With the completion of this museum and the relocation of the Old Town House, North Yarmouth history will be on full display in the Village Center.**



## Old Town House is truly moving into the future!

Back in 2012, North Yarmouth Historical Society, wanting greater visibility for Old Town House, offered to move the building from its isolated location on Memorial Highway to a new location ... somewhere in the Village Center. But while NYHS was mulling the possibilities of a new site, Westcustogo Hall tragically burned to the ground on August 29, 2013.

From crisis comes opportunity, and from this tragedy came two wonderful outcomes: A brand-new Wescustogo Hall and Community Center, built on the site of the former North Yarmouth Memorial School; and a "centerpiece" location for Old Town House—on the Village Green where the old Wescustogo once stood.



This move/restore/renew/reopen project also gives NYHS's Archives—bursting at the seams in a small vault in the Fire Station—a new home at Old Town House in spacious, below-ground level storage.

Fundraising for the project began quietly in the midst of the pandemic. In less than nine months several generous and far-thinking donors showed their support by contributing a combined \$518,000+, announced at a groundbreaking ceremony on Monday, September 20! Still to be raised is \$235,000, and the hope is to achieve this goal by spring, 2022.

From structural details to fundraising strategy to administration, dedicated volunteers have supplied time and expertise to make this project happen. This is community support at its best

northymouthhistorical.org, is the place to find out a lot more about the project, see a great video about Old Town House's past, present and future, find out how things are progressing, and how you can take part. All contributions needed!

**Katie Murphy,  
Historical Society**



**CURBSIDE PICKUP ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
(Trash & Recycling)

Check the Town website [www.northyarmouth.org](http://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?

Call Casella Waste Systems at (207) 883-9777

**VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED!**



For the following committees:

- Events Committee
- Flag Committee
- NY School Fund Committee
- Recycling Committee (alternate members)
- Shellfish Commission (Yarmouth & No. Yarmouth)
- Zoning Board of Appeals

If you are interested please complete an application and email it to [cheryl@northyarmouth.org](mailto:cheryl@northyarmouth.org)

**2022 Dog Licenses Available October 15th**



Dog Licensing Fees:

- \$6 per year for spayed/neutered dogs
- \$11 per year for dogs not spayed/neutered.

Register online at [https://apps1.web.maine.gov/cgi-bin/online/dog\\_license/index.pl](https://apps1.web.maine.gov/cgi-bin/online/dog_license/index.pl) or visit the Town Office during office hours.

**FACE  
COVERINGS  
ARE  
REQUIRED**



Thank you for your  
cooperation

The Town of North Yarmouth is requiring face masks indoors, regardless of vaccination status, in accordance with U.S. and Maine CDC guidelines. Please wear a mask when visiting all Town facilities.

**ELECTION DAY**

State Referendum Election

Tuesday, November 2, 2021

Polls open 7:00AM to 8:00PM

Wescustogo Hall & North Yarmouth Community Center

**ABSENTEE BALLOTS**

Absentee Ballots are available at the Town Office 30 days prior to the election. Here are the options you have to vote by Absentee Ballot:

- 1) Vote in person at the Town Office (10 Village Square RD) during office hours.
- 2) Contact the Town Clerk's Office at (207) 829-3705 to request a ballot by mail. Telephone requests must be made by the voter only.
- 3) Complete a request form and bring it or mail it to the Town Office.
- 4) Online request service. <https://apps.web.maine.gov/cgi-bin/online/AbsenteeBallot/index.pl>

Returning your Absentee Ballot:

- 1) Use the secure drop box located in the Town Office parking lot. (We check the drop box several times per day).
- 2) Bring into the Town Office.
- 3) Mail to Town Clerk's Office, 10 Village Square RD, North Yarmouth, ME 04097.

**All Absentee Ballots must be returned by 8:00PM on November 2, 2021 to be counted.**







## Hope Garden Planting

**SMASH THE  
STIGMA!**



**Tuesday October 12th 5-8PM**

**Yellow Tulip Project**

**Wescustogo Hall & North Yarmouth Community Center**

Hosted by the Cumberland/North Yarmouth  
Mental Health Committee



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NORTH YARMOUTH



North Yarmouth ME 04097

Resident

PRSRT  
US Postage  
PAID  
Permit #55  
North Yarmouth  
Maine 04097  
ECRWSS

Town of North Yarmouth  
10 Village Square Road  
North Yarmouth, ME 04097

### HOURS OF OPERATION

Town Office  
Monday 8am - 6pm  
Tuesday - Thursday  
8am - 5pm  
(207) 829-3705  
Public Works Department  
Monday - Thursday  
8am - 4pm  
(207) 829-3274  
Fire Rescue Department  
Monday - Friday  
8am-5pm  
(207) 829-3025  
Community Center  
Monday - Friday  
8:30am-5pm  
(207) 829-5555