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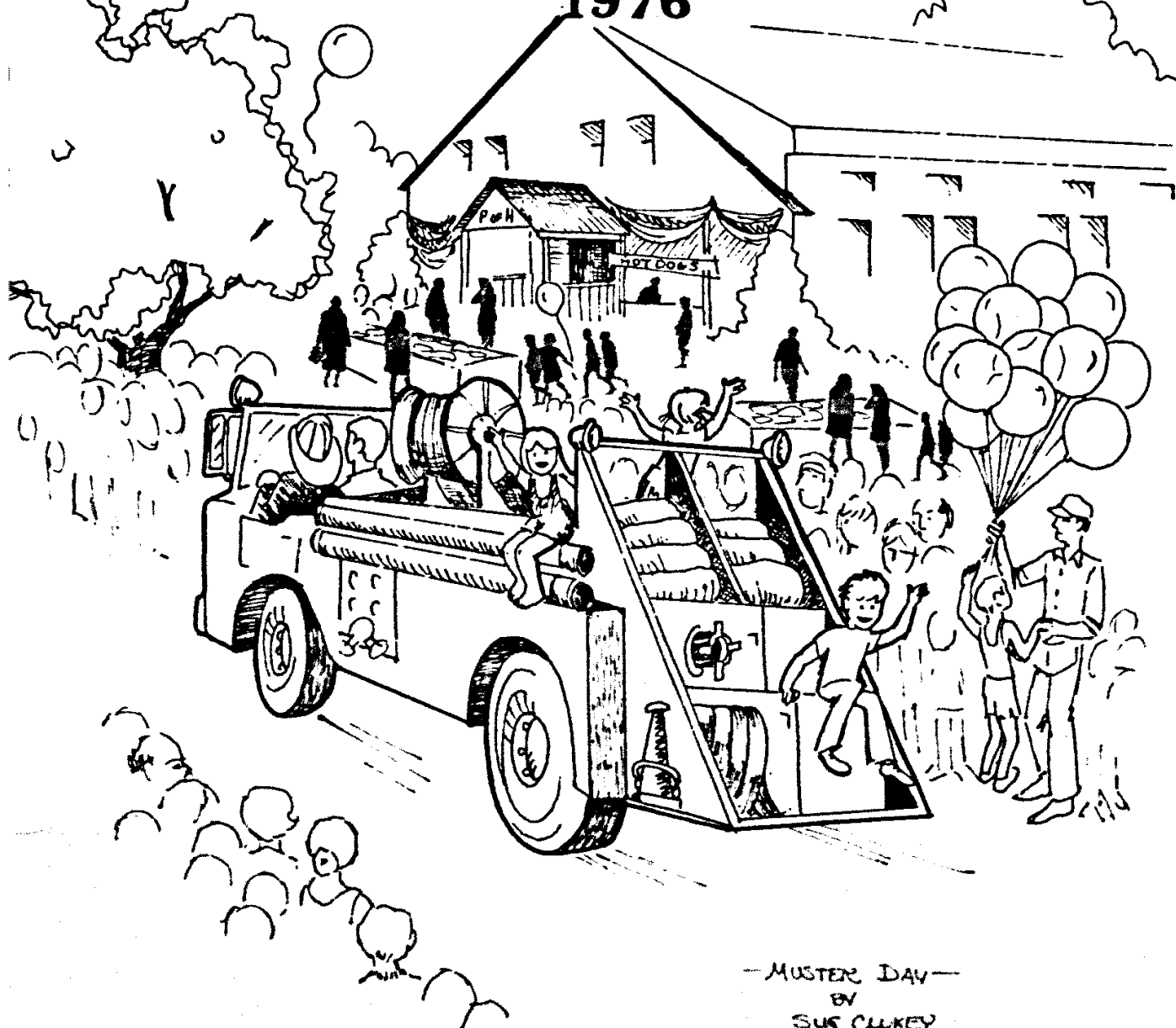
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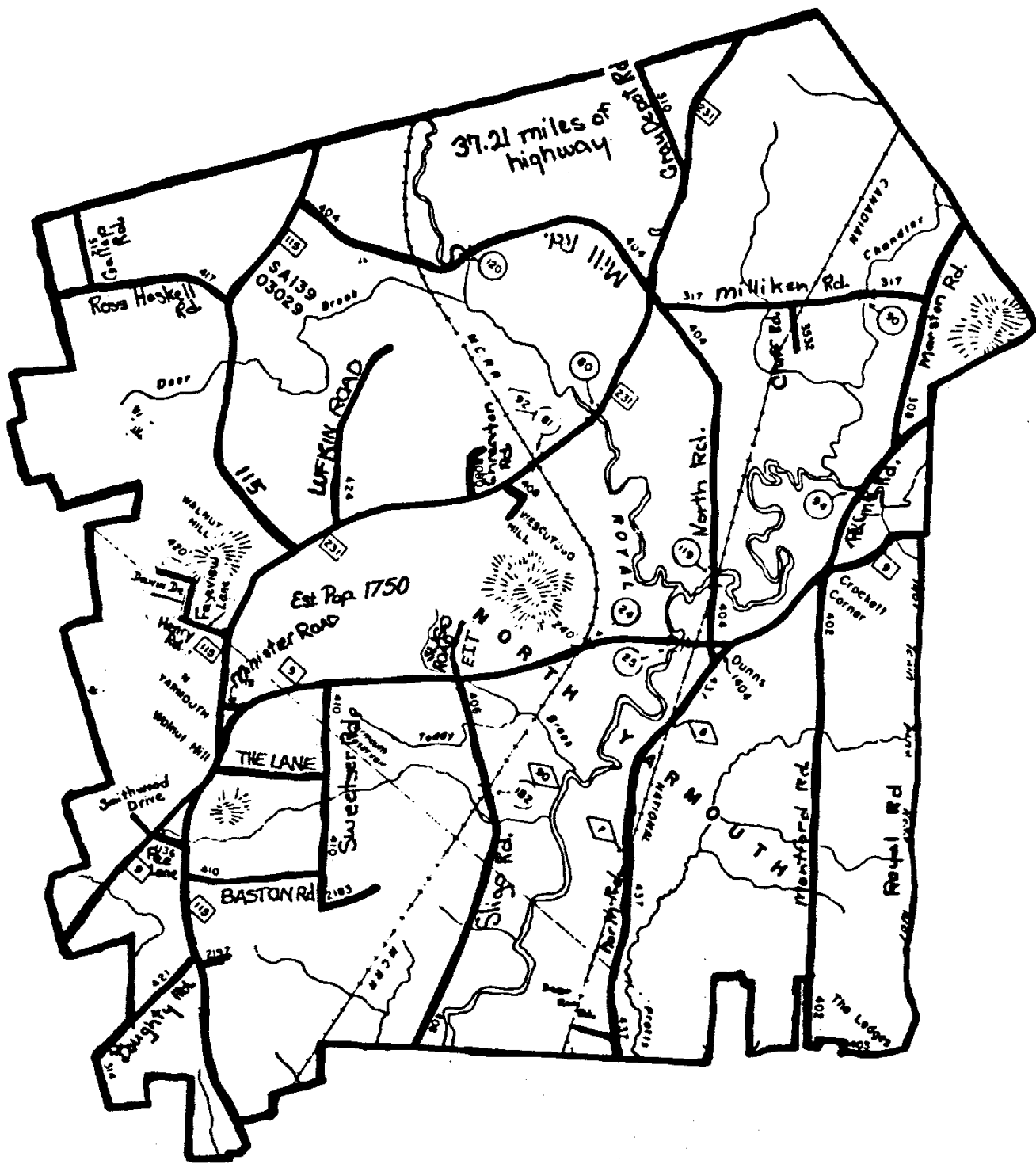
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# NORTH YARMOUTH MAINE ANNUAL REPORT 1976



—MUSTER DAY—  
BY  
SUE CULKEY



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**ANNUAL REPORT**

**of the**

**MUNICIPAL OFFICERS**

**for**

**Year Ending December 31, 1976**

**NORTH YARMOUTH**

**MAINE**

**Seavey Printers, Inc. Portland, Maine**

**ANNUAL REPORT OF  
TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1976**

**ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS—1976**

**Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor**

CARL T. TIEDEMANN, Chairman, 1977  
WILLIAM E. PRIEST, 1978                      LINCOLN J. MERRILL, 1979

**Assessors**

WILLIAM E. PRIEST, 1977                      GRANVILLE BARROWS, 1978  
LINCOLN J. MERRILL, Chairman, 1979

**Treasurer**

NORMAN L. SMITH, 1977

**Town Clerk**

NORMAN L. SMITH, 1977

**Directors, S.A.D. 51**

WILLIAM VERRILL, 1977                      ELSIE MOREAU, 1978  
PAMELA AMES, 1979

**Road Commissioner**

HERMAN SMITH, 1977

**Cemetery Commission**

FOREST DOUGHTY, Chairman                      JAMES HAYWARD  
RICHARD BASTON, Secretary                      CLAYTON BARTER  
JOHN AMES

**Water District Trustees:**

RANDALL VERRILL                      VERNON GOFF  
JOHN F. GAMAGE

## APPOINTED TOWN OFFICIALS—1976

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**Registrar of Voters**

ANNA M. SMITH

**Welfare Director**

M. SANDRA GROVER

**Health Officer**

JOHN SLOAT

**Tax Collector**

NORMAN L. SMITH

**Building Inspector**

SIDNEY SMITH

CLAYTON BARTER, Alternate

**Plumbing Inspector**

SIDNEY SMITH

WILLIAM WILLARD, Alternate

**Electrical Inspector**

DENNY LANDRY

CLAYTON BARTER, Alternate

**Dog Warden**

ROBERT J. COYLE

**Civil Defense Director**

ROBERT HAZELTON

**Constables**

NORMAN L. SMITH

ROBERT J. COYLE

**Fire Chief**

CHESTER BLACKSTONE

DENNIS CURTIS, Ward

RANDALL VERRILL, Ward

**Tree Warden**

WILLIAM YOUNG

**TOWN COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS, ETC.**

**Planning Board**

ROBERT ANDERSON, Chairman, 1981

DAVID BOYNTON, 1980

GERRY WHITING, 1979

RICHARD BASTON, 1978

WILLIAM DEXTER, 1977

DAVID NORMAN, Alternate, 1981

JANE AYERS, Alternate, 1980

**Conservation Commission**

JOHN AMES II, 1981

ROSALYN BASTON, 1980

EDWARD VOGELER, Chairman, 1979

GARY WILSON, 1978

CEDRIC BRACKETT, 1977

ADRIAN MARDIN, Alternate

JOHN SCHNUPP, Alternate

**Appeals Board**

DONALD SMITH, 1981

JOHN AMES, 1980

DONALD THURSTON, 1979

RODNEY MEGQUIRE, 1978

LARRY DAVIS, Chairman, 1977

KENNETH ALLEN, Alternate, 1980

**Shellfish Conservation Commission**

RICHARD BASTON, 1979

JOEL FULLER, 1978

JOSEPH HAMILL, 1977

**Budget Committee**

ROSALYN BASTON, 1979	RODNEY MEGQUIRE, 1979
TERRY PILLSBURY, 1979	JOHN QUATTICCI, 1979
ALWIN GROVER, Chairman, 1978	ROBERT ANDERSON, 1978
HENRIETTA JONES, 1978	KATHY WHITTIER, 1978
CLAYTON BARTER, 1977	JOHN AMES II, 1977
JUDITH WILSON, 1977	AL SWANSON, 1977

**Recreation Committee**

SCOTT SEAVER, 1978	BRUCE HAMLIN, 1979
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**School Fund Trustees**

EARLE EDWARDS, Chairman	
JOHN QUATTICCI	HAROLD FREEMAN
WESLEY MILLS	RICHARD BASTON
NORMAN SMITH	KENNETH ALLEN
WARREN BARTER	MAURICE HAYES II



**NORTH YARMOUTH FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**January 1977**

**Active Firemen**

- |                              |                          |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. John Ames II              | 18. William Jones        |
| 2. Blaine Barter             | 19. Richard Lowell       |
| 3. Clayton Barter            | 20. Norman Magoon        |
| 4. Warren Barter             | 21. Lincoln Merrill, Jr. |
| 5. Richard Baston            | 22. Scott Merrill        |
| 6. Chester Blackstone, Chief | 23. Terry Pillsbury      |
| 7. Timothy Blackstone        | 24. Robert Powers        |
| 8. Richard Brobst            | 25. Herman Smith         |
| 9. Richard Cleaves           | 26. Norman Smith         |
| 10. Dennis Curtis            | 27. Sidney Smith         |
| 11. Larry Davis              | 28. Harold Stoddard      |
| 12. Robert Geyer             | 29. David Tompson        |
| 13. Vernon Goff, Jr.         | 30. John Tompson         |
| 14. Alwin Grover             | 31. Randall Verrill      |
| 15. Dean Hayward             | 32. William Verrill      |
| 16. James Hayward            | 33. John Woodcock        |
| 17. Robert Hazelton          |                          |

**Auxiliary**

- |                        |                        |
|------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Clark Baston        | 5. Stanley Howard, Jr. |
| 2. Richard Brobst, Jr. | 6. Daniel Merrill      |
| 3. Phillip Burrell     | 7. Robert Wentworth    |
| 4. Thomas Hanson       | 8. Patrick Willard     |

**HISTORICAL SOCIETY BOARD OF DIRECTORS—1976**

Nellie Leighton, President  
John Ames I, Vice President  
Shirley Fountain, Secretary  
Pamela Ames, Secretary  
Edith Atkins, Treasurer  
Linda Wentworth  
John Ames II  
Marjorie Leighton  
Philip Knight  
Elizabeth Woodward, Alternate

**Town House Preservation Committee**

John Ames I  
Richard Baston  
Ursula Baier  
Nellie Leighton

**Civil Defense**

Lincoln Merrill, Jr.  
Scott Merrill  
Daniel Merrill  
Robert Powers  
Phillip Burrell  
Thomas Hanson  
Richard Brobst, Jr.  
Steven Brobst  
Robert Wentworth  
David Lawrence  
Blaine Barter  
Larry Davis  
Robert Hazelton, Director

**State Representative**

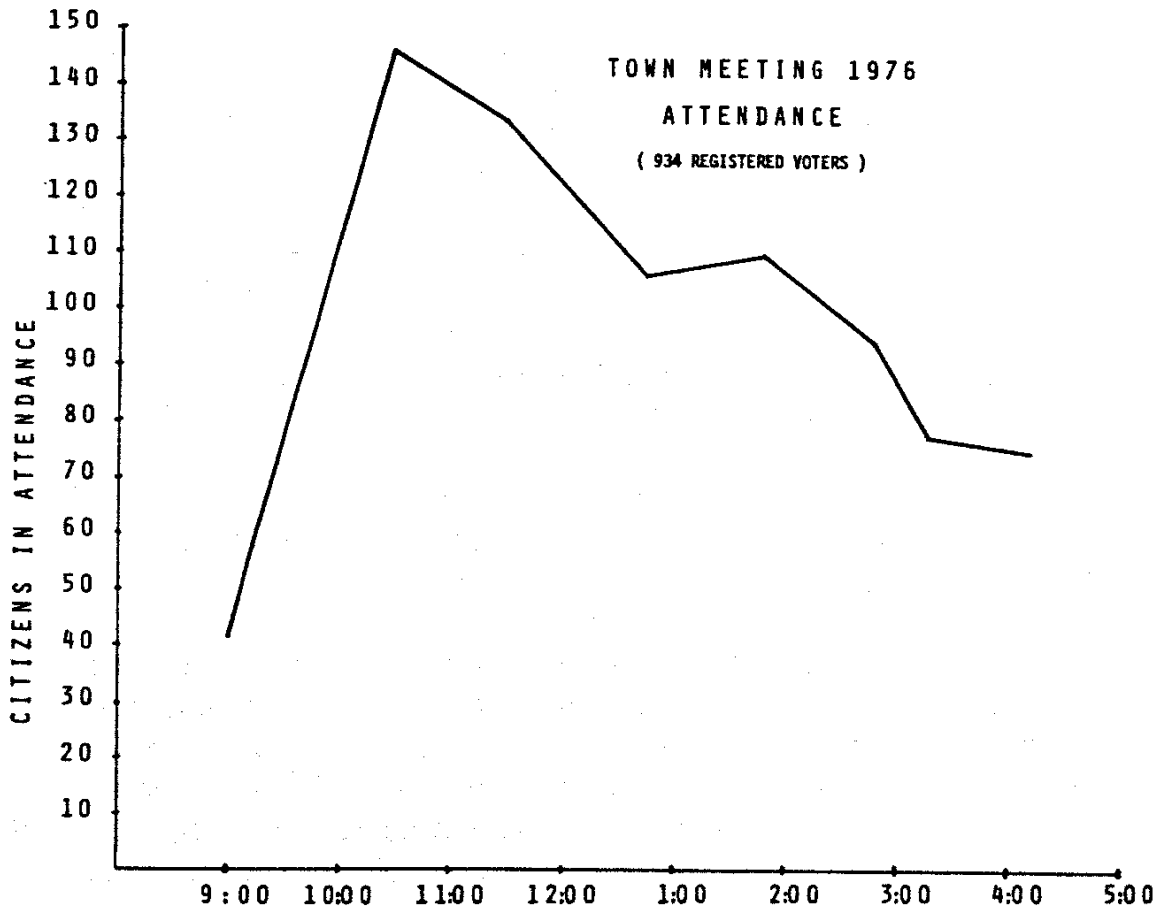
**PATRICK T. JACKSON**  
40 Main Street  
Yarmouth, Maine 846-5472

**State Senator**

**DAVID G. HUBER**  
43 Blackstrap Road  
Falmouth, Maine 797-4454

**Superintendent of Schools**

**MORTON E. HAMLIN**  
829-5557



**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
FOR THE YEAR 1976**

The United States Bicentennial Year was a good one for our town. Perhaps most importantly a new school literally grew from the ashes of our Memorial School destroyed in the fall of '75. Students even now, 15 months later, are using the front half of the new facilities.

The Town Meeting form of government, used by North Yarmouth since its inception in 1733, is slowly becoming less and less effective because people do not participate. At last year's Annual Meeting most decisions were made by approximately 10% of the town. Even at the high point barely 20% were in attendance. The Town Meeting to work efficiently must have a greater portion of its citizens participate than we have seen recently. Please attend this year's meeting on March 12, 1977. It will be entertaining and educational.

Two ordinances will be voted on Friday, March 11th at the Town Hall. The first is designed to replace our present Flood Insurance Program with a new ordinance that meets updated Federal requirements. The other concerns itself with CATV (Cable Television). Your Board of Selectmen is investigating the possibility of making CATV available to some more densely populated sections of town. This article, if passed, will allow the investigation to go to the bidding process, thereby establishing costs and desirability. We urge your acceptance of both warrant articles as they will have no cost to the town but will help certain citizens improve (perhaps) their own life.

We also urge careful consideration of the Fire Department request for a new truck. There are some fire insurance requirements that cannot be met with our present equipment.

The town faces another decision on what directions the highway department should go. Right now we own plows, sanders and miscellaneous equipment (plus the grader) but no trucks on which to hang our equipment. Every time we change vehicles it costs us upwards of a thousand dollars. With our present Road Commissioner not running for another term, it would be a good time to either acquire some trucks and establish our own

department or sell what we now own and contract out all our highway work. The highway department study committee will be reporting in article #22 at town meeting.

Another area that must be addressed soon if we are to retain our very pleasant rural way of life is zoning. Without a plan to control how and where the town grows we will be subject to the desires of developers not the townspeople. Zoning does not have to be the restrictive bureaucratic tool many see it as. It can be as open and easy as the town wants.

The chair at the Cumberland Civic Center donated by National Distributors to the Town of North Yarmouth was dedicated to Rev. Gladys York.

On behalf of the citizens of North Yarmouth we would like to give a special word of thanks to our road commissioner of 19 years, Mr. Herman Smith. We wish him good luck in good health for the years ahead.

In conclusion your board would like to thank every citizen who participated in town government last year by serving on boards, committees or other functions.

**CARL T. TIEDEMANN**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Board of Assessors will be in session at the Town Office on Saturday, March 26, 1977 from 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. and Friday, April 1, 1977 from 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. to receive lists of taxable property, real and personal, veteran's exemptions, etc.

**LINCOLN J. MERRILL  
WILLIAM E. PRIEST  
GRANVILLE BARROWS**  
Assessors of North Yarmouth

Veterans eligible for exemption from local taxation may obtain applications at the Town Office.

**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS  
1976**

This year has shown the same pattern of continued steady growth in North Yarmouth that has existed for the last few years. There were 21 new homes this year and over 50 alterations done to existing houses.

We have started preliminary work on preparing for a revaluation which we hope to complete by tax year 1978. We can still use several people to do our in-the-field survey work. This is a paying job and volunteers will be gratefully accepted.

The State valuation for North Yarmouth jumped this year by almost \$5,000,000, which may very well mean a substantial increase in our school costs this year. Your assessors attempted to appeal the valuation but were unsuccessful despite having specific points which we felt were valid showing our reasons for believing that our State valuation was too high.

If the Uniform Property Act is not repealed by the current legislature, or by referendum, the town assessors may be forced by the state to raise the assessed value of land to the point that major land holdings in town will be sold to developers for sub-division. This, of course, will change the basic character of the town. If you approve or disapprove of this anticipated change in your town, we would suggest you call your legislator, Pat Jackson, Yarmouth, or David Huber, Falmouth to express your views.

Respectfully,  
LINCOLN MERRILL, Chairman  
WILLIAM PRIEST  
GRANVILLE BARROWS

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

December 31, 1976

**TAX COLLECTIONS:**

1976 Taxes	\$254,087.10	
1975 Taxes	13,918.98	
1974 Taxes	8.97	
1969 & Prior Taxes	23.60	
Supplemental Taxes	1,539.44	
1975 Tax Liens	1,186.20	
1974 Tax Liens	1,578.17	
1973 Tax Liens	203.05	
1972 Tax Liens	186.38	
1970 Tax Liens	146.63	
1969 & Prior Tax Liens	48.40	
Tax Title Property	597.90	
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		\$273,524.82
Interest and Costs on Taxes and Liens		1,201.08
Gain on Sale of Tax Title Property		2,402.10
1976 Excise Taxes		32,578.59
1977 Excise Taxes		6,017.11
North Yarmouth School Fund		750.00
<b>RECEIVED FROM STATE OF MAINE:</b>		
1976 State Revenue Sharing	11,329.32	
1975-76 Revenue Loss	2,889.83	
Fire Protection	30.00	
Snow Removal	3,591.00	
State Aid Refund	660.24	
Snowmobiles	732.00	
District Court	25.00	
Shade Tree Program	400.00	
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		19,657.39
<b>OTHER RECEIPTS:</b>		
Federal Revenue Sharing	25,302.84	
Interest on Revenue Sharing Invested	570.07	

U.S. Government Antirecession		
Fiscal Assistance	599.00	
Regional Transportation for		
Poor Program	33.10	
Refund Poor	52.00	
Town of Pownal Dump	2,400.00	
Septic Waste—Charles Gillespie	165.00	
Herman Smith—Tar	353.29	
Clayton Copp—Tire	10.00	
Herman Smith—Fuel Refund	71.33	
Bruce Hamlin—Culvert	158.40	
Fred Kinney—Culvert	286.90	
Harold Stewart—Culvert	178.50	
David Boynton—Culvert	128.52	
Carl Tiedemann—Refund	1.00	
Appeal Hearings	50.00	
S.A.D. #51 School Rent		
Municipal Building	1,800.00	
Refund Phone	15.48	
Interest on General Fund		
Cash Invested	798.49	
Sale of Furniture	50.00	
Sale Old Town Hall	1.00	
Conservation Commission	310.00	
Maine Association of Conservation		
Commission	100.00	
North Yarmouth Conservation		
Commission	20.00	
Canal National Bank—		
Temporary Loans	120,000.00	
Sidney Smith Plumbing Fees	1,641.00	
		155,095.92
Sale of Cemetery Lots		110.00
<b>PERPETUAL CARE FUND:</b>		
Oland Knight Jr.	150.00	
Albert J. Childs	50.00	
Lottie A. Jewett	100.00	



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Charles H. Benoit	50.00	
William H. & Iva P. Willard	150.00	
Della G. de Merchant	50.00	
		550.00
Interest on Perpetual Care Funds		2,146.89
Total Receipts		\$494,033.90
Cash Balance at December 31, 1975		70,177.22
Total Cash Available		\$564,211.12
Paid Selectmen's Warrants		473,627.99
Cash Balance at December 31, 1976		\$ 90,583.13
Balance in Checking Account at December 31, 1976	\$ 26,642.84	
Invested Canal National Bank Golden Passbook #14236	11,111.13	
Invested Canal National Bank Golden Passbook #14292	6,184.00	
Invested Canal National Bank Golden Passbook #15386	15,000.00	
Invested Canal National Bank Golden Passbook #15388	1,127.16	
Invested Canal National Bank Certificate Passbook #5218	5,518.00	
Invested Canal National Bank Certificate Passbook #15383	25,000.00	
		\$ 90,583.13

**REPORT OF TOWN CLERK****For Year Ending December 31, 1976****DEATHS RECORDED****Occurring in North Yarmouth (4)**

Jan. 26, 1976, Joseph D. Napolitano, age 53, Recording No. 118.  
 May 6, 1976, Chester R. Verrill, age 79, Recording No. 122.  
 July 24, 1976, Eugene N. Tibbetts, age 71, Recording No. 123.  
 July 30, 1976, John P. Hart, age 79, Recording No. 124.

**Occurring Out of Town (6)**

Jan. 7, 1976, Melina Elba Collins, age 60, Cumberland Center, Recording No. 117.  
 Feb. 8, 1976, Mildred Emily Knight, age 69, Portland, Recording No. 119.  
 Mar. 16, 1976, Fred S. Liberty, age 90, Lewiston, Recording No. 120.  
 Mar. 20, 1976, Michael F. Morrison, age 22, Pownal, Recording No. 121.  
 Aug. 29, 1976, Irvin H. Richards, age 64, Portland, Recording No. 125.  
 Oct. 30, 1976, Philip A. Sawyer, age 69, Portland, Recording No. 126.

Births Recorded (29) Recording Nos. 166 to 194

Marriages Recorded (14) Recording Nos. 57 to 71

U.C.C. Contracts Recorded (69) Recording Nos. 1157 to 1225

Dogs Licensed: Total 309 plus 5 kennels, males 165, spayed females 118, females 26.

Hunting and Fishing Licenses issued: Junior Hunting, 36, Combination 121, Hunting 141, Fishing 108, Servicemen 1, Archery 6, Pheasant Stamps 15.

Copies of Birth Certificates Issued	23
Copies of Death Certificates Issued	12
Burial Permits Issued	4

Respectfully submitted,  
**NORMAN L. SMITH**  
 Clerk

**BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT**

Permits were issued to the following in 1976:

Bachelder & Chipman, Inc. ....	House, Lufkin Road
Robert Anderson .....	Potato Storage, Route 9
Dorothy Estabrook .....	House, Sligo Road
York & Dewitt .....	Alteration, Payne Road
W. C. Preble .....	House & Garage, Fayeview
Bachelder & Chipman .....	House, Lufkin Road
Dennis Lyford .....	Alteration, Greely Rd. Ext.
Highland Homes .....	House, Sligo Road
John Gordon .....	Alteration, Route 115
David Norman .....	Alteration, Mountfort Road
M & S Builders .....	House, Mill Road
David Knight .....	House & Garage, Ledge Road
Stanley Brown .....	House, Route 115
William E. Priest .....	Addition, Greely Road
Vernon Bornhiemer .....	Alteration, Route 115
Rodney Megquire .....	Shed, Route 115
Alwin Grover .....	Alteration, Route 115
Four Seasons .....	Shed & Porch, Route 9
Maurice Doyon .....	Sun Porch, Route 115
Joseph G. Chase .....	Dance Hall, Route 115
Steven Smith .....	House, Lufkin Road
Stanley Thims, Jr. ....	House & Garage, Route 231
Glen Vincent .....	House, Pea Lane
Ralph Roberts .....	Garage, Delwin Drive
Gladys D. York .....	House, Route 115
Reynold Pellerin .....	Garage, Mill Road
Gerald Bernard .....	House & Garage, Royal Road
Marvin Tanck .....	House, Route 9
SAD 51 .....	School, Route 9
Rodney Benn .....	House, Sligo Rd. Ext.
Carolyn Bean .....	Alteration, North Road
Ronald Hamlin .....	House, Route 231
Crossroads Equ. Co. ....	Alteration, Lane Road
Sidney Smith .....	Alteration, Route 115

Elizabeth Stowell	Alteration, Route 9
David Merrill	Garage, Sligo Road
Norman Oliver	Garage, Royal Road
Frances B. Turmelle	House & Garage, Route 115
Gerald Smith	House, Donald Avenue
Roger Beverage	Alteration, North Road
Kevin Hughes	House, Royal Road
Ernest Libby	Greenhouse, Sligo Road
Dixie Searway	House & Garage, Lufkin Road
Roger Hooper	Barn, Sligo Road
Gordon Corbett	Addition, Route 9 & 115
Elwood Gerry	Barn Addition, Route 9
Oscar Gagnon	Porch, Mill Road
Ronald Burgess	Swimming Pool, Sligo Road
Dwight Edgerly	Storage Barn, W. Pownal Road
William Verrill	Storage Barn, Baston Road
Rodney Megquire	Alteration, Route 115
Richard Maddox	Breezeway & Garage, Lane Road
Francis Mullen	Alteration, North Road
Clifton Murphy	Barn Addition, Route 9
Nelson DeNayell	Barn, W. Pownal Road
Stanley Brown	House, Baston Road
Stanley Brown	House, Baston Road
Joseph Lavigne	Alteration, Route 115
Quentin McConnell	House, Route 9
Jeffrey Robinson	House, North Road
R. Cashman	Alteration, Route 115
Seedex	Well House, Walnut Hill Hgts.
Richard Robinson	Storage Garage, Route 231
Dr. Caven	Alteration, Route 115
Jack Fecteau	Swimming Pool, W. Pownal Road
Clifford Vining	Storage, Sligo Road
Thomas Golding	House, Garage, Shop, Baston Road
Wayne Decker	House, Edna Lane
Joe Hamill	Addition, Royal Road
Ronald Burgess	Addition, Sligo Road
Richard Baston	Alteration, Route 115

Respectfully submitted,  
**SIDNEY SMITH**  
 Building Inspector

**REPORT OF THE PLUMBING INSPECTOR**

Number of Permits Issued in 1976:

Internal Plumbing—36

External (Sewage Disposal)—32

Total Number of Permits Issued—68

Total Number of Permit Approvals Issued—58

Total Number of Approvals Pending—10

Respectfully submitted,  
SIDNEY SMITH  
Plumbing Inspector

**CEMETERY REPORT—1976**

The Cemetery Commission held two meetings during the year '76. Forest Doughty served as Chairman. Clayton Barter was superintendent of the three town cemeteries.

The Commissioners ask the townspeople to keep a watchful lookout for any vandalism that may occur in any of the cemeteries and report it to the superintendent.

Also the Commission reminds the public again this year; USING MOTORIZED VEHICLES SUCH AS SNOWMOBILES OR MOTOR BIKES IS FORBIDDEN ON CEMETERY PROPERTY.

Respectfully submitted,  
RICHARD M. BASTON  
Clerk

**CEMETERIES****Sale of Lots and Perpetual Care**

Oland Knight, Jr.	\$ 180.00	
Albert Childs	60.00	
Lottie A. Jewett	120.00	
Charles Benoit	60.00	
William & Iva Willard	180.00	
Della G. deMerchant	60.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 660.00

**Interest on Savings Accounts withdrawn by**

Town Treasurer

Portland Savings Bank, Walnut Hill	\$ 1,020.32	
Portland Savings Bank, Pine Grove	285.88	
Portland Savings Bank, Bowie	6.37	
Maine Savings Bank, Walnut Hill	724.84	
Maine Savings Bank, Pine Grove	109.48	
	<hr/>	\$ 2,146.89

Town Appropriation	\$ 100.00	
Balance forward from 1975	1,305.21	
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Total		\$ 3,552.10
Paid Selectmen's Warrants		2,513.53
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Balance, December 31, 1976		\$ 1,038.57

**CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS****Walnut Hill Cemetery—Maine Savings Bank**

Balance of funds listed in 1975 Annual Report	\$11,836.00
New funds added in 1976	
Oland Knight, Jr.	150.00
Albert Childs	50.00
Lottie A. Jewett	100.00

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Charles Benoit	50.00
Della G. deMerchant	50.00
Savings Bank Certificate No. L7620	10,300.00
Investment Account Book No. 909246	1,936.00

**Walnut Hill Cemetery—Portland Savings Bank**

Balance of funds listed in 1975 Annual Report	\$13,082.00
New funds added in 1976	None
Dividend Account No. 404072	12,850.00
Investment Account Book No. 500866	232.00

**Pine Grove Cemetery—Maine Savings Bank**

Balance of funds listed in 1975 Annual Report	\$ 1,869.00
New funds added in 1976	
William H. & Iva P. Willard	150.00
Savings Bank Certificate No. L7621	1,050.00
Investment Account No. 909247	969.00

**Pine Grove Cemetery—Portland Savings Bank**

Balance of funds listed in 1975 Annual Report	\$ 3,728.00
New funds added in 1976	None
Dividend Account No. 404071	3,700.00
Investment Account Book No. 500867	28.00

**Bowie Cemetery—Portland Savings Bank**

1/1/76	Interest	Interest	12/31/76
Balance	Accrued	Withdrawn	Balance
\$118.72	\$ 6.37	\$ 6.37	\$118.72

**General Funds**

	1/1/76	Interest		12/31/76
	Balance	Accrued	New	Balance
Pine Grove Cemetery	\$ 329.95	\$ 17.69	\$ 30.00	\$ 377.64
Walnut Hill Cemetery	2,882.48	156.29	80.00	3,098.77
W.H.C. Int. Withdrawn		20.00		

### **REPORT OF CIVIL DEFENSE**

This year was pretty much of a routine year with our bi-weekly training and usual paperwork that pertains to the office. One unusual note was that this year the North Yarmouth Civil Defense had the chance to put its bi-weekly training and numerous personnel to work in official capacity. With the approach of Hurricane Belle in August, this office was officially activated for the first time in many years. Even though we did not receive the full force of the storm, the Civil Defense was prepared for the worst.

Again this year our request for manpower was filled by the young men of this community and they all deserve a vote of thanks for the work they did when help was needed.

Our long needed cabinets arrived in December and have been installed, being put into immediate use and we thank the taxpayers for them.

Next year we look forward to a complete reorganization of this office and more training, so that we may better serve this community should the need arise.

Respectfully submitted,  
ROBERT C. HAZELTON, Director  
North Yarmouth Civil Defense

### **CONSERVATION COMMISSION 1976 ANNUAL REPORT**

Edward Vogeler was elected Chairman of the Commission.

William Young was asked to be the Town Tree Warden. Bill is a graduate of the University of Maine specializing in plant and soil technology and is a licensed Arboriculturist.

Thirty-five shade trees were planted through the Shade Tree Planting Program. The Commission regretted having to notify a number of applicants their applications for trees had been rejected by the state forester. Letters explaining the reason for same and refunding money were sent to each.



A \$100 mini-grant from McDonald Hamburgers was given to our Conservation Commission to be used only for tree planting.

If any of the new trees do not leaf out in the spring, please contact a member of the Commission - trees are guaranteed for one year.

The Commission is sponsoring an article to see if the town will raise \$1,000 for a Shade Tree Planting Program for 1977, 'Sentinels of Tomorrow.' This would be a town-wide program with the state picking up what it will pay for in qualified areas and the town paying for the balance. Each applicant would be required to pay a fee per tree and only two trees per applicant. The State of Maine guidelines will be followed in regards to planting of trees. The trees must be planted on the street side of residence, approximately 50 feet apart to allow for proper growth over the years, not planted under overhead wires, not planted in an overtree'd area, and not in a road salt run-off area. It will also be necessary to water trees frequently if there should be a lack of rain. The Conservation Commission will receive bids from area nurseries and trees will be guaranteed for one year except for vandalism, mechanical damage or stolen. Trees will be planted, staked, fertilized, 10 feet or over in height and 1½ to 2 inches minimum. This will be on a first come-first served basis until available money is expended.

Adrian Marden and John Schnupp are serving the Commission as Associate members.

A little over a year ago your Conservation Commission instigated the idea of the Conservation Commissions (towns) along the Royal River working together to preserve the river in its present very delightful condition and hopefully even improve its water conditions. We have advanced to the point of incorporating a group of people interested in working toward these goals. We are now in the process of assembling all available information on the river. This information includes technical data as well as suggestions about how people would like to see the river developed in coming years. If you have any thoughts on this, please communicate with Edward Vogeler, President of the Royal River Drainage Basin Association and Chairman of the North Yarmouth Conservation Commission.

This effort is also in close association with the Federal 208 Water Improvement Program.

**“The Conservation Commission establishes at the town level a government agency to identify conservation problems, to lay the issues before the people, to organize public support and then to take the initiative to solve the problem. We don’t need to strive for huge gains. We can improve the quality of our environment in baby steps as well as giant steps.” (Written by former Sec. of Dept. of Interior, Stewart L. Udall.)**

**Respectfully submitted,  
ROSALYN I. BASTON  
Clerk**

**REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT**

During the year, January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976 your Department answered 140 calls.

Fire 29                      Rescue 73                      Still Alarms 38  
8 of these were out of town.

Our expenses were as follows:

General Maintenance	\$ 2,249.58	
Dispatcher	2,058.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 4,307.58
Appropriation	\$ 4,350.00	
Amount Spent	4,307.58	
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Balance		\$ 42.42

Appropriation for payment of Firemen and Rescue Personnel:

	\$ 500.00	
Amount Spent	92.70	
	<hr/>	\$ 407.30
Balance		
Hose Fund as reported in 1976	\$ 2.60	
Appropriated	600.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 602.60
Amount Spent		600.00
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Balance		\$ 2.60

Fire & Rescue Training:

Appropriated	\$ 300.00	
Amount Spent	338.00	
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Overdraft		\$ 38.00

Funds of the Fire Department expended for  
the good of the town and community:

\$ 2,940.50

I wish to thank the townspeople and the Fire Departments of surrounding towns for their prompt help during the year.

Respectfully submitted,  
CHESTER BLACKSTONE

Fire permits will be issued by Chief Blackstone and Assistant Chief Curtis.

For Fire or Rescue call 829-5212

### REPORT OF THE HEALTH OFFICER

To date the following diseases have been reported:

Measles	5
Chicken Pox	7
Dog Bites	7
Hepatitis Infection	3
Septic Sore Throat	11

Respectfully submitted,  
JOHN M. SLOAT  
Health Officer

### REPORT OF THE ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR

The following permits were issued in 1976:

New Homes	23
Upgrading services	9
Commercial	1

New Services	2
Additions	3

Respectfully submitted,  
PAUL D. LANDRY  
Electrical Inspector

### **REPORT OF THE DOG WARDEN, TOWN CONSTABLE**

Dogs running at large	23
Unlicensed dogs (compounded)	12
Dogs running after deer	2
Court warnings issued	7

Respectfully submitted,  
ROBERT J. COYLE  
Constable

### **REPORT OF THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

The year just passed has been a momentous one for us, culminating in the transfer of ownership of the Old Town House to the Historical Society.

A great deal of soul-searching preceded the decision of the Board of Directors to rise to the challenge to save our oldest public building from the bulldozer. We would not have dared to undertake such a costly, on-going project without the many signed pledges of support. Only a very few of the citizens approached refused to pledge money or labor, as able. The moral support implicit in their pledges also played its part in the transfer of property and responsibility. Former residents as well as people living in adjacent towns also pledged their support.

It is not enough to save an old landmark from destruction. We feel it must be brought back to the point where it is no longer a blight but rather a useful and attractive place. To this end we urge the participation of organizations as well as individuals. The garden club is already actively

involved. Anyone desiring more information should contact a member of the Town House Committee, as follows:

John Ames 829-5417  
Richard Baston 829-3789  
Ursula Baier 829-3628  
Nellie Leighton 829-5428

Our annual August Old Home Day, this year in combination with the Firemen's Muster, was a resounding success, financially as well as otherwise. I want to extend my sincere thanks to all the hard-working people who helped to make it so.

A crash course in our local history got under way immediately following Christmas, headed up by Ursula Baier. We have many new members eager to learn who lived in their houses before them and what life was like for them here in "the old days". This involves deed research, genealogy, town records, architectural clues and artifacts, memory searching and recording. These are all areas of immediate concern to us as conservators of local history. The more people who learn the necessary research techniques the faster our files will be built up. This is all very time consuming work. Anyone having any spare time and who can type, file, interview and record, transcribe tapes, photograph or sketch is urged to make it known.

August found us involved in the Landmarks Tour of Ancient North Yarmouth featuring homes and churches of the early settlers. Anyone who has not seen the combined map and capsule history prepared for this tour would find it well worth the price of half a dollar, despite a few minor errors. We are fortunate to have this illustrated compilation of facts available for our use without having to bear the cost of printing. Maps on sale at Ames Store or from Ursula Baier.

Now that we are getting so much publicity, people remember us when they clean out their attics preparatory to selling or razing. I gladly accept everything offered which throws light on the lives of the people who were here before us, looking ahead to the time when we will be able to set up educational displays.

Regular monthly meetings, held on the third Wednesday every month at

7:30 in the Firemen's Room, are open to all who wish to attend. The program committee has big plans for us.

Respectfully submitted,  
NELLIE LEIGHTON  
President

### **REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD—1976**

During the past year several small subdivisions came before the Board for review. All were minor subdivisions as defined in the subdivision guidelines now in use by the Board; i.e., not more than four lots. This is not indicative of the growth North Yarmouth has experienced in recent years and will likely see in the next several years, as most building is occurring on scattered lots throughout the town. This trend is most evident in the records of the Building Inspector.

As a special project the Planning Board has been attempting to develop the basis for property mapping for the town. As part of this project aerial photos of the town were purchased. These are stored at the Municipal Building and all are welcome to come in and see them. Throughout the fall and winter we have been meeting with residents to map property lines on the photos. Each member of the Board has a section of the town assigned to him and it is hoped that by this spring we will have most parcels laid out on the photos. We are using monies appropriated to have a private firm prepare base maps from the photos which the selectmen can utilize in updating the tax records of the town. To date, work has progressed slower than originally anticipated, but we are persevering.

The Planning Board meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month. Those who wish to meet with the Board should contact the chairman.

Respectfully submitted,  
GERRY H. WHITING

### **REPORT OF THE RECREATION COMMITTEE**

During the past year the two committee members attended meetings and helped guide the Cumberland Recreation Department in its programs which also serve North Yarmouth. We feel that continued support of this program is essential to the youth of this town. There is now a full time recreation director and his programming abilities serve not only school-age children, but all adults and senior citizens will soon be included in recreational activities.

In 1977 we hope to work closely with the Cumberland Director and SAD 51 for use of our new school facility. We thank the town for its support in 1976 and urge that it be continued in 1977.

Respectfully submitted,  
SCOTT SEAVER  
BRUCE HAMLIN

### **REPORT OF ROAD COMMISSIONER**

This past year has been a busy year for the Highway Department. After some of the spring work was done, we started to use the Revenue Sharing money.

We widened, paved, and cut back the bank at the intersection of Doughty Road and Route 115, where there have been several accidents in the past.

We also rebuilt about 1,500 feet of the Lufkin Road (Mabel Kennedy Road) and ditched and widened the rest of it to the top of the hill. Some gravel has been hauled in, but it needs more.

A four foot culvert was replaced on the Royal Road with two three foot culverts, forty feet long. The culvert that was replaced was completely gone, and by changing the course of the water and more culverts, we are hoping to cut down on the amount of water going over the road during heavy rains. We also built about 400 feet more on the Royal Road from the end of the tar.

Mrs. Woodward informed us that they were planning to live at their farm



this winter, so we had a special Town Meeting to gain approval of using \$2,000.00 of the Revenue Sharing money to rebuild the road and put in culverts so it could be plowed. This road was 2,000 feet long. Then with Mrs. Woodward's permission we built a turn-around this side of her gate where the town road ends.

We skim coated the Doughty Road with mix and place which proved very satisfactory.

About ½ mile of Sligo Road was tarred and also we put the second coat of tar on the Royal Road which was built the year before. During this tarring we had a lot of problems in getting the roads swept, which was very expensive for the town.

Raising a total amount in one sum last year for the Highway Department worked out very well because it gave us the privilege of spending the money where it was needed the most and could be used according to the weather.

Last November we had about \$1,000.00 left in the road account, then we were hit with heavy rains and had to use the most of this money trying to smooth up the dirt road. Usually at this time of year the roads would have been frozen.

I want to thank all the people that have worked with me during my nineteen years as Road Commissioner, also all private contractors which helped me on a moment's notice.

Respectfully submitted,  
HERMAN SMITH  
Road Commissioner

### **REPORT OF THE CUMBERLAND-NORTH YARMOUTH SENIOR CITIZENS**

The Cumberland-North Yarmouth Senior Citizen group enjoyed a very pleasant year, holding meetings each month of the year throughout.

We were fortunate to have the facilities of the North Yarmouth Congregational Church Community Room for nine of our gatherings. In

June we met at Deering Pavilion and in July and August we picnicked, in turn, at Bradbury Mountain State Park and Winslow Park.

For North Yarmouth Muster Day in August, our group joined with Wescustogo Grange in soliciting and selling baked foods. The contribution to the North Yarmouth Historical Society was \$110.00.

The average attendance at our meetings has been between thirty-five and forty. Everyone enjoys the morning card games, the bountiful dinners and the fine variety of afternoon programs.

Our secretary, Mrs. Minnie Cates, has remembered those who have been ill or shut in with cards. Flowers and gifts have been given to our hospitalized members. We sadly miss our two fine members, Mrs. Oland Knight and Mr. Victor Burnell.

Words cannot express the gratitude and appreciation we feel toward the ladies of both towns for the lovely dinners that they have served to us this past year. We are also very grateful to the North Yarmouth Congregational Church members for giving us the use of the Community Room for our meetings.

Anyone who would like to join our friendly group is welcome. We meet on the fourth Thursday of each month at 10 A.M.

The Regional Transportation mini-bus is at the service of Cumberland-North Yarmouth Senior Citizens on Wednesdays of each week. Make reservations at least one or two days ahead. The number to call is 774-2666.

Respectfully submitted,  
LAURA S. FOUNTAIN  
President

**1976 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE  
SHELLFISH CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Upon the recommendation of a survey made by the Maritec Company of South Bristol and the advice of the Marine Biologist, the Shellfish Commission opened one flat that had been previously closed (closed again at this time) and closed a flat on Cousins Island.

A program for the control of Green Crab was tried in a couple of coves. This appeared to have worked well.

Upon the recommendation of the Marine Biologist, the Commission is studying a program to seed clam flats that have a good growth rate.

**Members of the Shellfish Conservation Commission for 1976:**

James S. Thorne, Chairman, Yarmouth  
Joseph Hamill, Vice-Chairman, North Yarmouth, Asst. Clam Warden  
Richard Baston, North Yarmouth  
Joel C. Fuller, North Yarmouth  
Charles E. Morrill, Yarmouth, Asst. Clam Warden  
Richard L. Morrill, Yarmouth, Clam Warden  
Glenn A. Estabrook, Yarmouth, Associate  
Clifford Meier, Yarmouth, Associate  
Martin Nappi, Yarmouth, Associate  
Brad Sterl, Marine Biologist (advisor)  
Robert H. Hack, Yarmouth

This Commission has more members from Yarmouth but each town has only one vote. In other words the two towns have to be in agreement upon all issues.

This Commission works very well together.

Respectfully submitted,  
**RICHARD M. BASTON**

## NORTH YARMOUTH WATER DISTRICT ANNUAL REPORT

1976 has been another year of progress for your water district. We have completed construction of 3,460 feet of new 12" water main starting at the Municipal building and extending up Route #115 and down Minister Road to the Memorial School. Installation of this water main makes it possible for sprinklers to be installed in the new school. This will enable the school district to obtain savings on its fire insurance cost far in excess of the cost for sprinkler charges.

Property owners with houses or buildings within 1,000 feet of a hydrant are reminded that they should contact their insurance agent as they are eligible for a rate reduction retroactive to the time when the new extension was placed in service, which was September 30, 1976.

### NORTH YARMOUTH WATER DISTRICT BALANCE SHEET December 31, 1976

#### ASSETS

Current Assets:

Cash-Checking Account	\$	649.98
Sun Savings—Savings		18,963.96
Sun Savings—F.H.A. Reserve		1,015.00
Accounts Receivable		457.56
		\$ 21,086.50

Fixed Assets:

Operating Property	\$	193,906.44
Less Reserve for Depreciation		-9,639.22
		184,267.22

Total Assets		\$205,353.72
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**LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND SURPLUS**

## Current Liabilities:

Accounts Payable—Water	\$ 700.00	
Accrued Interest & Sales Tax	1,087.70	
Notes Payable—Canal	78,420.00	
Customer Advances—Verrill, Smith	614.30	
		<u>\$ 80,822.00</u>

Long Term Bond—F.H.A.	95,000.00	
		<u>\$ 95,000.00</u>

Debt Retirement thru Surplus	5,880.00	
Contractural Appropriation of Income	1,015.00	
Surplus	22,636.72	
		<u>\$ 29,531.72</u>

Total Liabilities, Reserves and Surplus		<u>\$205,353.72</u>
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**NORTH YARMOUTH WATER DISTRICT  
INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENT 1976**

Operating Revenues		
Sale of Water	\$ 5,355.15	
Fire Protection	3,000.00	
		<u>\$ 8,355.15</u>
Total Revenues		

Operating Expenses		
Water Purchased	\$ 2,501.70	
Meter Reading	240.00	
Miscellaneous General Expense	13.75	
Depreciation	1,741.17	
		<u>4,496.62</u>
Total Operating Expense		
		<u>\$ 3,858.53</u>

<b>Administration Expenses</b>	
Officers & Trustees	\$ 150.00
Billing & Deposit Expense	150.00
Insurances	216.00
Audit Expense	136.00
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Total Administration Expense	652.00
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Gross Operating Income	\$ 3,206.53
<b>Other Income</b>	
Interest Received	580.50
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	\$ 3,787.03
<b>Other Expense</b>	
Interest Expense	171.23
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Net Income	\$ 3,615.80
<b>Cash Balance 12/31/75</b>	
Receipts 1976	\$ 3,456.74
	182,427.17
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Disbursements 1976	\$185,883.91
	185,233.93
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Balance 12/31/76	\$ 649.98
Check Book Balance 12/31/76	\$ 649.98

Respectfully submitted,  
**RANDALL VERRILL**  
**VERNON GOFF**  
**JOHN F. GAMAGE**  
Trustees

**171ST ANNUAL REPORT OF TRUSTEES  
OF NORTH YARMOUTH SCHOOL FUND**

In account with Norman Smith, Treasurer, January 1, 1976.

1/1/76 Total Resources:		
783 Shares, United Bancorp of Maine		\$7,830.00
On deposit, Maine Savings Bank		379.87
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		\$8,209.87
2/20/76 Regular cash dividend	\$ 180.09	
5/28/76 Regular cash dividend	180.09	
8/20/76 Regular cash dividend	180.09	
11/23/76 Regular cash dividend	180.09	
3/31/76 Interest, Maine Savings Bank	6.02	
6/30/76 Interest, Maine Savings Bank	8.29	
9/30/76 Interest, Maine Savings Bank	10.95	
12/31/76 Interest, Maine Savings Bank	12.37	
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		\$ 757.99
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		\$8,967.86
12/21/76 Paid Norman Smith, services	\$ 15.00	
Paid Town Treasurer	750.00	
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		\$ 765.00
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		\$8,202.86
12/31/76 Total Resources:		
783 Shares, United Bancorp of Maine		\$7,830.00
On deposit, Maine Savings Bank		372.86
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		\$8,202.86

1/25/76 Trustees voted to apply \$750.00 toward school costs for Town of North Yarmouth in 1976.

Respectfully submitted,  
NORMAN L. SMITH  
Treasurer

**WELFARE**

The general assistance caseload during the year 1976 rose to a total of seventeen cases, on which a total of \$2,367.24 was expended.

Fuel, food and rent payments were the most common expenditures.

The Town of North Yarmouth was not eligible for any reimbursement from the State, due to its low level of general assistance expenditures.

Case 1	\$ 553.25
Case 2	453.58
Case 3	323.75
Case 4	82.87
Case 5	68.29
Case 6	36.65
Case 7	24.01
Case 8	225.65
Case 9	172.10
Case 10	75.00
Case 11	50.00
Case 12	52.00
Case 13	31.03
Case 14	38.00
Case 15	71.62
Case 16	24.87
Case 17	84.57
Total	<u>\$2,367.24</u>

Respectfully submitted,  
**SANDRA GROVER**  
 Welfare Administrator



**TAX LIENS**  
**Year Ended December 31, 1976**

	Total	1975	1974	1973 & Prior
Allen, Milton A. Jr. & Betty	\$ 527.71	\$ 512.39	\$ 15.32	\$
Beck, Vernice	204.07	204.07		
Campbell, John Jr.	143.46	143.46 Bal.		
Curit, Dorothy	224.00	224.00		
Dobson, Louise H.	512.85	363.00	*149.85 Bal.	
Doyle, Stanley & Betty	314.28	*314.28 Bal.		
Dunn, Erma	122.91	122.91 Bal.		
Gallant, Robert A.	223.95	29.70		194.25
Gordon, Dean A.	419.10	419.10		
Lagasse, Theona	656.54	169.19	161.50	325.85
Littlefield, Everett & Phyroma	28.38	14.52	13.86	
Lowe, Yvonne	117.00	117.00 Bal.		
O'Leary, Philip	85.80	85.80		
Peaslee, Gary	405.11	405.11		
Seeley, Evelyn B.	103.20	52.80	50.40	
Sloat, John	1,152.81	374.21 Bal.	338.80 Bal.	439.80 Bal.
Sloat, Ronald	90.75	90.75		
Small, Clinton & Shirley	52.07	17.10 Bal.	*34.97	
Walker, William	6.80			6.80
Williams, Isabella	136.98	136.98		
Williams, Isabella & Raymond	9.24	9.24		
Williams, Isabella & Heirs of Malcolm	61.41	61.41 Bal.		
	<u>\$5,598.42</u>	<u>\$3,867.02</u>	<u>3764.70</u>	<u>\$966.70</u>

**UNCOLLECTED TAXES**  
**Years Prior to 1976**

Gallant, Robert A.	\$ 19.38	\$	\$ 19.38	\$
Ketchum, Roger & Easler, Roland	49.50	49.50		
Lagasse, Theona	105.28 Bal.			105.28
Smith, Barry & Jacqueline	8.60			8.60
	<u>\$182.76</u>	<u>\$ 49.50</u>	<u>\$ 19.38</u>	<u>\$113.88</u>

\*Paid after the close of books.

**RESIDENT 1976 UNCOLLECTED TAXES**  
**December 31, 1976**

	<b>Real Estate</b>
Allen, Betty A. & Milton A. Jr.	\$ 528.70
Beck, Vivian	210.80
Beggs, Joseph & Julie	450.50
Benoit, Charles Henry	Bal. 163.37
Brown, Alfred S.	474.64
*Burrell, Curtis	Bal. 55.44
Campbell, John Jr.	395.08
Chambers, Ella	112.88
Collins, Russell & Muriel	Bal. 222.60
Crichton, George	Bal. 95.00
Curit, Dorothy	238.00
Dobson, Louise H.	365.84
Dobson, Louise H.	8.16
Dobson, Richard	235.62
Dorr, Robert & Noraine	469.88
Doughty, Harland & Beatrice	325.72
*Doyle, Stanley & Betty	320.28
Dunn, Erma	160.48
Flanders, Lawrence & Shelia A.	343.40
Gaudet, Bernard	Bal. 489.70
Ginn, Donald	213.18
Gordon, Dean	Bal. 86.40
Hamill, Joseph	483.14
Hart, John & Harryette	409.70
Hascall, David & Kathleen	527.00
Lagasse, Theona	219.30
Legasse, Theona	174.42
Langlois, Joseph & Delina E.	379.44
LeBeau, Malcolm E.	304.64
Leighton, Nellie	Bal. 308.01
Lowe, Robert	Bal. 188.62
Lowe, Yvonne R.	443.36
Lowell, Barbara	Bal. 207.73
MacDonald, Douglas	193.80
*Martin, Henry	257.38
McGinley, Hugh & June	Bal. 296.24
McKown, Brenda M.	459.34
Meserve, Kenneth & Irene E.	501.50
Nason, Basil	309.40
Oliver, Arthur	457.98
Overlock, Ellen A. & Willie	Bal. 153.28

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Peaslee, Gary	418.20
Peaslee, Silas	413.44
Perkins, Helen	121.04
Picard, Irma	428.06
Reardon, Thomas & Aurora	Bal. 374.98
Reardon, Matthew & Mary E.	Bal. 215.06
*Ripley, Harry B. & Ruth	Bal. 6.00
Robinson, Richard	885.70
Robinson, Richard	12.24
Robinson, Richard Jr. & Lorraine	400.52
Rogers, Jay & Dorothy	316.20
Seedex, Inc.	Bal. 318.24
Skillin, Byron	Bal. 1,475.63
Sloat, Ronald	473.62
Sloat, Ronald	137.70
Soucie, Wallace & Norma	Bal. 290.50
Spinney, Eleanor	162.18
Stowell, Elizabeth	Bal. 182.83
Sweetser, Austin L.	46.92
Thompson, Donna	Bal. 360.38
Walker, Steven & Shirley	429.08
Whitney, Alton & Jo Ann	177.82
Williams, Isabella	141.10
Williams, Isabella	174.08
Williams, Isabella & Raymond	9.52
Wilson, Gary & Linda	Bal. 311.58

**NONRESIDENT 1976 UNCOLLECTED TAXES**  
**December 31, 1976**

Clukey, Heirs of Richard	164.56
Dobson, Clinton & Geneva	Bal. .65
Dow, Manley T. & Patricia	192.44
*Gagnon, Roger	14.96
Gallant, Robert	37.40
Gillespie, Lawrence & Theresa	545.70
Littlefield, Everett & Phyroma	14.96
M. & V. Builders	71.40
O'Leary, Philip F.	88.40
Seeley, Evelyn B.	25.16
Seeley, Evelyn B.	29.24
Small, Clinton W. & Shirley M.	37.74
*York, Forest L.	15.64
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	\$21,760.82

**AUDITOR'S REPORT**

**L. EVERETT OUTHOUSE**  
Public Accountant and Auditor  
Portland, Maine 04111

February 15, 1976

Board of Selectmen  
Town of North Yarmouth  
North Yarmouth, Maine

Gentlemen:

In accordance with your request we have audited the books and records of the Town of North Yarmouth for the municipal year ended December 31, 1976, as required by Title 30, Section 5253 of the Revised Statutes of 1964.

This examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards that pertain to governmental accounting and included all procedures which were considered necessary in the circumstances. Within the scope of the examination, the financial affairs of the town appear to have been administered in a proper and efficient manner.

The results of the audit are disclosed in the exhibits and schedules embodied in this report and fairly present the results of its operations for the municipal year ended December 31, 1976.

Respectfully submitted,

**L. EVERETT OUTHOUSE**

## COMMENTS

### **CASH:**

The cash balance, as noted in the Balance Sheet, was reconciled with the bank statement, and a written confirmation of the balance was made.

### **UNCOLLECTED TAXES:**

A percentage of the uncollected taxes, as shown on the collector's records at December 31, 1976, and unpaid tax liens, were verified by written confirmation with the taxpayers.

### **GENERAL:**

The procedure for keeping the municipal records of the town officers was examined, and found to be adequate, and in compliance with the General Laws of the State of Maine, as approved by the State Department of Audit.

### **SCOPE OF AUDIT:**

Records were checked to determine the accuracy of recording cash transactions. The system of internal control was reviewed as to the handling of cash and other matters of financial concern. External verifications, on a test basis, were utilized to determine the correctness of recorded Assets and Liabilities.

Receipts, vouchers and cancelled checks were examined for a selected period. Bond and insurance coverages were examined. Excise Tax collections for a selected period were verified with copies of the receipts retained by the Tax Collector. The Trust Fund Investments were physically verified.

We have examined the U. S. Government Revenue Sharing Funds for the year ended December 31, 1976 and the results are set forth in this report.

## EXHIBIT "B"

**Town of North Yarmouth**  
**BALANCE SHEETS COMPARED**  
**Years Ended**

<b>ASSETS</b>	<b>Dec. 31, 1976</b>	<b>Dec. 31, 1975</b>
Cash	\$ 90,583.13	\$ 70,177.22
Uncollected Taxes	21,943.58	19,187.53
Tax Liens	5,598.54	3,894.15
Tax Title Property	1,118.25	1,716.15
Deferred Debt: Town Debt	30,000.00	32,500.00
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Total Assets	149,243.50	127,475.05
Trust Funds Invested	34,660.13	33,846.15
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Total Assets and Trust Funds Invested	\$183,903.63	\$161,321.20
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Notes Payable	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 32,500.00
Reserve for Losses	1,463.01	1,463.01
Reserve for Federal Revenue Sharing	32,569.49	30,521.58
Surplus:		
Appropriated	9,329.61	(1,131.47)
Unappropriated	75,881.39	64,121.93
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Total Liabilities	149,243.50	127,475.05
Trust Funds Principal	34,660.13	33,846.15
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Total Liabilities, Surplus and Trust Funds Principal	\$183,903.63	\$161,321.20

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EXHIBIT "C"

**Town of North Yarmouth  
ANALYSIS OF SURPLUS  
Year Ended December 31, 1976**

Balance December 31, 1975 \$ 64,121.93

**CREDITS**

Current Year Appropriations		
Unexpended	\$ 48,574.31	
U.S. Gov't. Antirecession Fiscal Assist.	599.00	
State Revenue Loss 1975-76	2,889.83	
State Revenue Under estimated	1,294.22	
Gain on Sale of Tax Title Property	2,402.10	
	<hr/>	\$ 55,759.46
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		\$119,881.39

**CHARGES**

Transferred to General Appropriations	44,000.00
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Balance December 31, 1976	\$ 75,881.39

EXHIBIT "E"

Town of North Yarmouth  
**STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS**  
 Year Ended December 31, 1976

Account	Balance Forward	Appropriations	Cash Receipts	Other Credits	Total Available	Warrants Drawn	Other Charges	Balances Over-drawn	Balances Un-expended	Balance Forward
<b>ADMINISTRATION:</b>										
Town Officers	\$	\$ 8,195.00	\$	\$	\$ 8,195.00	\$ 8,450.00	\$	\$ 255.00	\$	\$
<b>FIXED EXPENSES AND OPERATIONS:</b>										
North Yarmouth Water Dist.		3,000.00			3,000.00	3,000.00				
Legal Fees		1,000.00	50.00		1,050.00	738.19			311.81	
Municipal Bldg. Expense		1,500.00	1,815.48		3,315.48	3,384.77		69.29		
Insurance Fund		3,500.00			3,500.00	3,545.00		45.00		
Interest on Town Debt		2,500.00	798.49		3,298.49	3,148.26			150.23	
Social Security—BC & BS		2,200.00			2,200.00	2,022.77			177.23	
Election Expense		1,000.00			1,000.00	880.54			119.46	
Annual: Audit & Clerical		2,200.00			2,200.00	2,178.55			21.45	
Travel Expense		100.00			100.00				100.00	
Clerical & Recorder		480.00			480.00	480.00				
Supplies & Records		700.00			700.00	792.37		92.37		
Hydrant Rental & Street Lights		700.00			700.00	882.80		182.80		
Excise & Real Estate										
Transfers		950.00			950.00	943.00			7.00	
Contingency Account		60.00	808.00		868.00	37.00			831.00	



**GENERAL GOVERNMENT:**

Interest & Cost—

Taxes & Liens		1,201.08		1,201.08			1,201.08
Supplemental Taxes		1,539.44		1,539.44			1,539.44
Abatements						977.97	977.97
Discounts						1,432.41	1,432.41
Excise Taxes		38,595.70		38,595.70			38,595.70

**PUBLIC SAFETY:**

Fire Protection		4,350.00	30.00	4,380.00	4,307.58		72.42
Payment—Fire & Rescue							
Personnel		500.00		500.00	470.30		29.70
Fire Dept. Hose Fund		600.00		600.00	600.00		
Fire & Rescue Training							
Courses		300.00		300.00	338.00		
Civil Defense Program		300.00		300.00	286.75	38.00	
Cemeteries	1,305.21	100.00	2,146.89	3,552.10	2,513.53		13.25
Memorial Park Association		50.00		50.00	37.00		13.00
Recreation Program		2,185.00		2,185.00	2,022.00		163.00
Support of Poor		2,000.00	85.10	2,085.10	2,367.24		
Town Dump & Septic Site			2,565.00	3,000.00	5,565.00	282.14	1,513.08
Expense of Dog Warden		200.00		200.00	149.00		51.00
Regional Transportation							
Program		200.00		200.00	200.00		
Holy Innocents Home							
Care Program		200.00		200.00	200.00		
WCBB Public Television		100.00		100.00	100.00		
P.R.O.P.		2,200.00		2,200.00	2,200.00		
Dental Health Program		319.00		319.00	297.00		22.00
Community Health Program		335.00		335.00	335.00		

Account	Balance Forward	Appropriations	Cash Receipts	Other Credits	Total Available	Warrants Drawn	Other Charges	Balances Over-drawn	Balances Un-expended	Balance Forward
<b>HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES:</b>										
Maintenance Town Roads		10,000.00	353.29		10,353.29	9,922.27			431.02	
Snow Roads		28,350.00	3,591.00		31,941.00	34,150.67		2,209.67		
Maintenance Town Equipment		7,400.00	81.33		7,481.33	7,483.30		1.97		
Bridges and Culverts		5,000.00	752.32		5,752.32	5,430.96			321.36	
Tarring Account		9,500.00	1.00		9,501.00	9,578.97		77.97		
Cutting Bushes		900.00			900.00	489.51			410.49	
State Aid Construction	(2,520.00)	3,780.00	660.24		1,920.24					1,920.24
F.R.S. Road Projects				9,000.00	9,000.00	9,010.00		10.00		
Road Sander				2,015.00	2,015.00	2,015.00				
<b>PUBLIC SERVICE:</b>										
Dead Elm Removal	83.32	910.00			993.32	266.75			726.57	
Council of Governments		650.00			650.00	627.00			23.00	
Maine Municipal Association		405.00			405.00	401.74			3.26	
North Yarmouth Historical Society		300.00			300.00	300.00				
North Yarmouth Conservation Comm.		200.00			200.00	59.20			140.80	
Shellfish Conservation		205.00		310.00	515.00	515.00				
North Yarmouth Right-way-to-Sea		25.00			25.00				25.00	
Planning Board Expense		200.00			200.00				200.00	
Prince Well Road Legal Expense				1,500.00	1,500.00		1,500.00			
North Yarmouth Gazette		200.00			200.00	200.00				
Shade Tree Program		1,000.00	830.00		1,830.00	1,635.50			194.50	
Partitioning Town Office Calculator		1,500.00			1,500.00	1,500.00				
		300.00			300.00	443.31		143.31		
Mapping and Revaluation				9,500.00	9,500.00	3,129.20				6,370.80

**EDUCATION:**

S.A.D. #51	199,878.00	199,878.00	200,242.04	364.04
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**DEBT AND INTEREST:**

Temporary Loans	120,000.00	120,000.00	120,000.00	
Municipal Building Note	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	
Distribution Account	1,641.00	1,641.00	1,663.00	22.00

**SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS:**

County Tax	10,466.00	10,466.00	10,446.00	20.00
Overlay	7,350.40	7,350.40		7,350.40

**TOTALS**

	<u>\$(1,131.47)</u>	<u>\$333,043.40</u>	<u>\$177,545.36</u>	<u>\$25,325.00</u>	<u>\$534,782.29</u>	<u>\$472,967.99</u>	<u>\$3,910.38</u>	<u>\$6,203.94</u>	<u>\$54,778.25</u>	<u>\$9,329.61</u>
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Appropriations Unexpended	\$54,778.25
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Appropriations Overdrawn	6,203.94
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Net Credit to Surplus	<u>\$48,574.31</u>
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## SCHEDULE 7

**Town of North Yarmouth  
REVENUE SHARING  
STATEMENT OF REVENUE, APPROPRIATIONS,  
EXPENDITURES AND BALANCE  
Year Ended December 31, 1976**

Available Funds, Beginning of Year		\$ 30,521.58
 <b>1976 Credits: Revenue Added to Fund</b>		
Received From U.S. Government	\$ 22,738.00	
Received From Canal National Bank Interest on Investments	3,134.91	
Unexpended 1976 Appropriation Added Back to Fund—Prince Well Road	1,500.00	
	27,372.91	
		\$ 57,894.49
 <b>Less 1976 Charges</b>		
Revenue Sharing Applied to 1976 Appropriations		
Town Dump and Septic Waste	\$ 3,000.00	
Road Projects	9,000.00	
Shellfish Conservation	310.00	
Prince Well Road	1,500.00	
Mapping and Revaluation	9,500.00	
Road Sander	2,015.00	
	25,325.00	
Balance at December 31, 1976		\$ 32,569.49
 NOTE: 1976 Appropriation Balance Unexpended Carried Forward to 1977		
Mapping and Revaluation \$6,370.80		6,370.80
		\$ 38,940.29



**TOWN WARRANT**

To: Norman L. Smith, a Constable in the Town of North Yarmouth, in the County of Cumberland.

**GREETINGS:**

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the voters of the Town of North Yarmouth, in said county, qualified by law to vote in town affairs to meet at the Town Office in said town, on Friday the 11th day of March A.D., 1977 at 1:00 o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on Articles numbered 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5.

And to notify and warn the voters to meet at the Wescustogo Grange Hall, in said town, on Saturday, the 12th day of March A.D., 1977, at 9:00 o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on articles numbered 6 thru 41, all of said articles being set out below, to wit:

Article 1: To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2: To elect all Town Officers necessary by secret ballot.

Art. 3: To see if the town will vote to adopt the ordinance entitled "Revised Federal Flood Insurance Program."

Art. 4: To see if the town will vote to adopt the ordinance entitled "Town of North Yarmouth CATV Ordinance."

Art. 5: Public opinion question: "Should a town zoning ordinance be prepared for consideration at the 1978 town meeting?"

**I. ADMINISTRATION**

Art. 6: To fix compensation for Town Administration and see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate for same.

	<b>Spent 1976</b>	<b>Request 1977</b>
Town Clerk	\$ 400.00	\$ 420.00
Tax Collector, Treasurer	3,200.00	3,360.00
Registrar of Voters	200.00	200.00
Constable	50.00	50.00
Dog Warden	100.00	100.00
Health Officer	100.00	100.00
Welfare Director	350.00	400.00
Fire Chief	400.00	420.00
Moderator	45.00	45.00
Civil Defense Director	50.00	50.00
Selectman	900.00	700.00
Selectman	750.00	700.00
Selectman	600.00	700.00
Chairman, Selectman	200.00	200.00
Assessor	300.00	400.00
Assessor	250.00	400.00
Assessor	200.00	400.00
Chairman, Assessor	100.00	100.00
	<u>\$8,195.00</u>	<u>\$8,745.00</u>

	Appropriated 1976	Balance + (—)	Request 1977
<b>II. PUBLIC SAFETY AND SERVICES</b>			
Art. 7: To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Fire and Rescue Department, or take any action thereon.	\$5,750.00	\$ 34.12	\$6,000.00
Art. 8: To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Civil Defense Program.	\$ 300.00	\$ 13.25	\$ 100.00
Art. 9: To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate for Public Service Accounts, or take any action thereon.			
	5,300.00		4,800.00
Welfare Program	2,000.00	(367.24)	2,500.00
Dump & Septic Disposal Sites	3,000.00	1,598.00	2,000.00
Care of Cemeteries	100.00	- 0 -	100.00
Dog Warden Expenses	200.00	51.00	200.00
	<u>\$5,300.00</u>	<u>\$1,281.76</u>	<u>\$4,800.00</u>
Art. 10: To hear and act upon the annual report of the Trustees of the North Yarmouth Water District.			
Art. 11: To hear and act upon the annual report of the North Yarmouth Cemetery Commission.			



	Appropriated 1976	Balance + (—)	Request 1977
Art.12: To see if the town will vote to make the position of Road Commissioner an appointed position beginning at 1978 town meeting. (Appointment to be made by Board of Selectmen.)			

### III. HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Art. 13: To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Town Highway Department, or take any action thereon.	\$62,093.32	(\$450.44)	\$65,000.00
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#### Spent 1976

Maint. Town Equipment	\$ 7,531.77
Maint. Town Roads	9,922.27
Snow Roads	34,150.65
Bridges & Culverts	5,382.78
Tarring	9,578.97
Cutting Brush	489.51
Dead Elm	266.75
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Total	\$67,322.70
Receipts	4,778.94
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Net	\$62,543.76

Art. 14: To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate for State Aid Construction (in addition to the amount regularly raised for care of ways, highways, and bridges) under provisions of Title 23, M.R.S.A. Sections 1101, 1103, 1104, or take any action thereon.	\$3,780.00	- 0 -	\$4,398.00
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	<b>Appropriated 1976</b>	<b>Request 1977</b>
<b>IV. FIXED EXPENSES AND OPERATIONS</b>		
Art. 15: To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate for fixed expenses and operations.	\$19,890.00	\$26,000.00
North Yarmouth Water District	3,000.00	4,000.00
Municipal Building Expenses	3,000.00	3,600.00
Interest on Town Debt	3,000.00	3,000.00
Insurance Fund	3,500.00	5,850.00
Social Security, BC/BS	2,200.00	2,400.00
Election Expenses, Notices	1,000.00	500.00
Travel Expenses	100.00	0.00
Excise Tax, Real Estate Trans.	950.00	1,050.00
Annual Audit, Report, Clerical	2,200.00	2,400.00
Supplies, Records	700.00	800.00
Clerical Expenses	480.00	480.00
Hydrant Rental, Street Lights	700.00	1,100.00
Contingency Account	700.00	1,000.00
Legal Contingencies	1,000.00	1,000.00
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	\$22,530.00	\$27,280.00
Estimated Receipts	2,640.00	1,280.00
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	\$19,890.00	\$26,000.00

Art. 16: To see what sum, if any,  
the town will vote to take from  
surplus to apply against this  
year's appropriations.

\$44,000.00

Appropriated 1976	Balance + (—)	Request 1977
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**V. NEW MONEY ITEMS**

Art. 17: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$44,500.00 for the purchase of a Class A, 1000 Gallon Pumper, Fire Truck, as requested by the Fire Department, and authorize the Selectmen to dispose of the current 1960 Chevrolet Tank Truck as they see fit, or take any action thereon.

Budget Com. Recommends

\$44,500.00  
(not to exceed)

Art. 18: To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate for S.A.D. 51 Project Mainstream, or take any action thereon.

Request

\$ 1,000.00

Budget Com. Recommends

\$ 1,000.00

Art. 19: To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate for Rescue Department Communication Radios.

Request

\$ 2,000.00

Budget Com. Recommends

\$ 2,000.00

Art. 20: To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the surfacing of 1100 feet of Edna Lane, or take any action thereon.

Art. 21: To see what sum of Federal Revenue Sharing Funds the town will vote to apply to the improvement of certain Town Roads, or take any action thereon.

Art. 22: To hear and act, if necessary, on the report and recommendations of the Town Highway Department Study Committee.

Art. 23: To see what sum in addition to that appropriated under article 13, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the purchase or installation of town equipment for use by town Highway Department, or take any action thereon.

Art. 24: To see what portion, if any, of snowmobile registration funds received by the town shall be returned to local skimobile clubs, or take any action thereon.

Art. 25: To see if the town will vote to reallocate the unused Federal Revenue Sharing funds appropriated under article 45 of the 1976 town meeting warrant for "Prince Well" road legal fees, or take any action thereon.

<b>VI. UNCLASSIFIED</b>	<b>Appropriated 1976</b>	<b>Balance + (—)</b>	<b>Request 1977</b>
Art. 26: To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate for support of Town Committees and Organizations, or take any action thereon.	\$3,150.00		\$3,550.00
Memorial Park Association	50.00		300.00
Recreation Committee	2,185.00		2,700.00
Conservation Commission	200.00		200.00
Shellfish Conservation	515.00		300.00
Planning Board	<u>200.00</u>		<u>50.00</u>
	<b>\$3,150.00</b>		<b>\$3,550.00</b>
Budget Com. Recommends			<b>\$ 850.00</b>
Art. 27: To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Shade Tree Program.	\$1,000.00	\$ 194.50	\$1,000.00
Art. 28: To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate for support of Community Health Services.	\$ 335.00	\$ 335.00	\$ 425.00
Art. 29: To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate for membership in Council of Governments (COG) and Maine Municipal Association (MMA), or take any action thereon.	\$1,055.00	\$ 26.26	\$1,085.00
	1976	1977	
COG	\$ 650.00	\$ 650.00	
MMA	405.00	435.00	
	<u>\$1,055.00</u>	<u>\$1,085.00</u>	
Budget Com. Recommends			<b>\$ 435.00</b>

## Annual Report

	Appropriated 1976	Balance + (—)	Request 1977
Art. 30: To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate for maintenance of North Yarmouth's Right of Way to the sea.	\$ 25.00		\$ 25.00
Art. 31: To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate for WCBB, Channel 10, Educational Television.	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Art. 32: To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate for Peoples Regional Opportunity Program. (PROP)	\$2,200.00	\$2,200.00	\$2,420.00
Budget Com. Recommends			Dismissal
Art. 32A: To see what sum if any the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the White Pine Blister Rust Control Program on 775 trees in the town. Amount requested \$150.00			
Art. 33: To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate for completion of tax mapping and revaluation, or take any action thereon.			\$4,000.00
Art. 33A: To see if the town will vote to allocate all federal anti-recessionary funds received under Title II of the Public Works Employment Act of 1976 to the payment of wages of municipal employees, or take any action thereon. This includes payments received from November 1976, January 1977, and payments due in April 1977, and July 1977.			

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	<b>Appropriated 1976</b>	<b>Balance + (—)</b>	<b>Request 1977</b>
<b>Art. 34:</b> To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to appropriate from the Federal Revenue Sharing Trust Fund and how such sum, shall be applied toward the financial affairs of the town, or take any action thereon.			

**Art. 34A:** To see if the town will vote to allow the selectmen to accept bids for the sale of approximately 1 acre of land on Route #9, which includes the town gravel pit, or take action thereon.

**Art. 35:** To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to negotiate the sale of a parcel of tax acquired property located on the Royal Road, or take any action thereon.

**Art. 36:** To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen and Treasurer to borrow funds to finance capital expenditure items voted at this town meeting, or take any action thereon.

**Art. 37:** To see if the town will vote to discount taxes or take any action thereon.

**Art. 38:** To see if the town will vote to charge interest at the rate of 8%, or take any action thereon.

**Art. 39:** To see if the town will vote to buy a Collector's and Treasurer's Bond for the ensuing year, or take any action thereon.

**Art. 40:** To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen and Treasurer to procure temporary loans in anticipation of taxes, for the purpose of paying obligations of the town, such loans to be paid during the current year from money raised by taxes during said municipal year.

**Art. 41: To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen and Treasurer to sign and deliver Quit-Claim Deeds on behalf of the town to any taxpayer to clear title to his property, on receipt of payments in full of all unpaid taxes on his property; but all other town tax acquired property shall not be sold to any third party until the town completes an inventory of such properties and ascertains its needs for future town use, or take any action thereon.**

**The Registrar of Voters hereby gives notice that she will be in session from 1:00 o'clock in the afternoon until eight o'clock in the evening Friday, the 11th day of March, 1977 and from nine o'clock in the forenoon until close, on Saturday the 12th day of March, 1977.**

**Given unto our hands at North Yarmouth, Maine this 14th day of February, 1977.**

**CARL T. TIEDEMANN  
WILLIAM E. PRIEST  
LINCOLN J. MERRILL**



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