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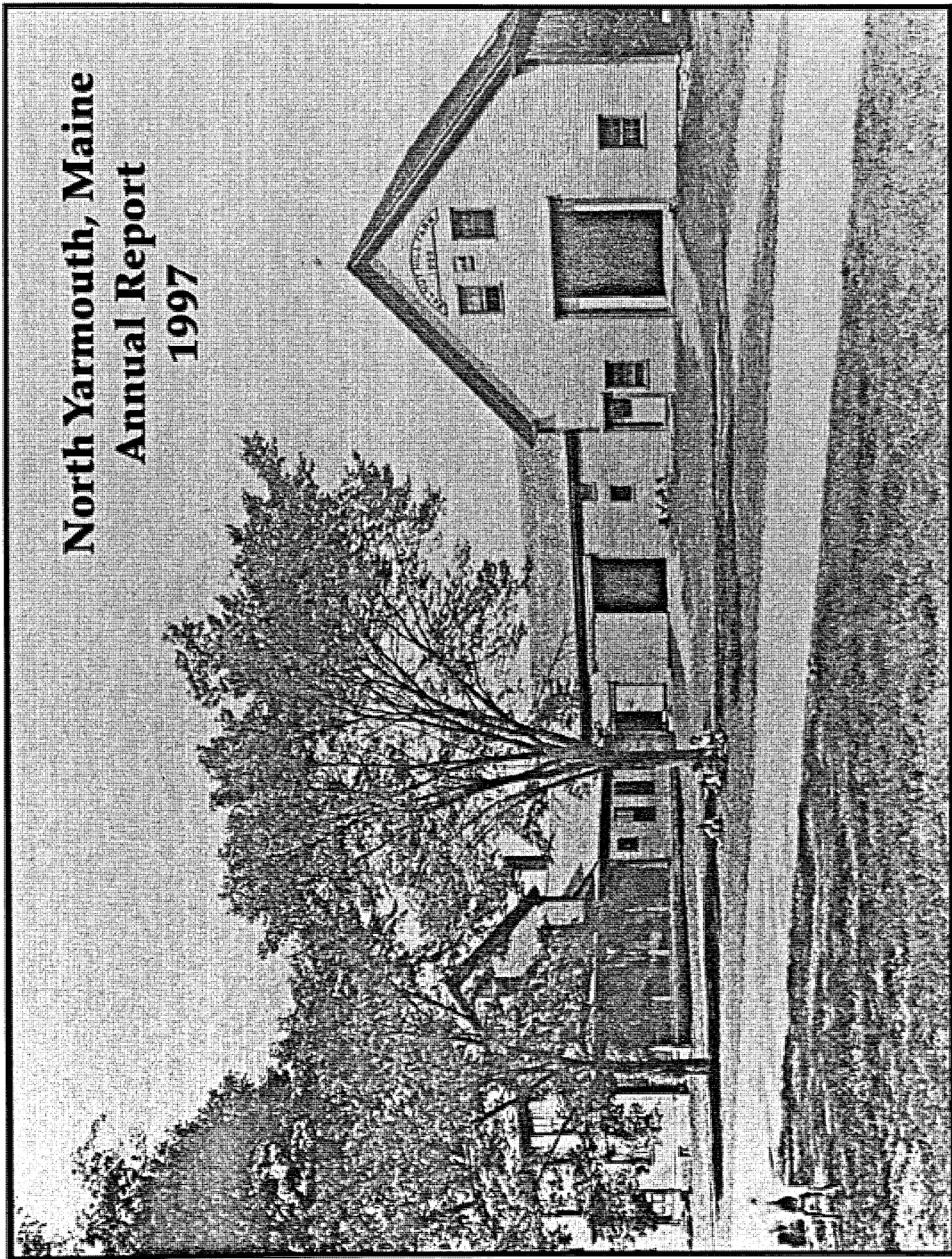
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**North Yarmouth, Maine
Annual Report
1997**



THE SAMUEL BACON/YORK FARM
Route 115, North Yarmouth, Maine

The earliest deeds and tax records for Walnut Hill Farm are obscure but all indications are that the main house was built c. 1780. High ground or hill tops were favored by the early settlers because a few more weeks of frost free weather was possible for the growing of crops. Records show that this area Walnut Hill was at one time covered with walnut trees.

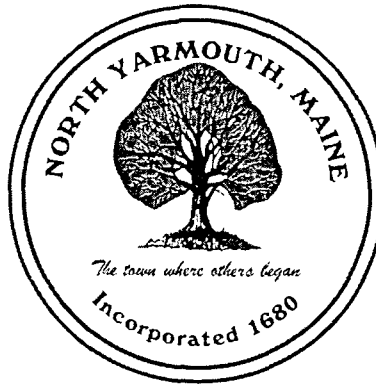
Samuel Bacon purchased this farm house in 1795 possibly because he had already accumulated many acres that abutted the property. He lived in the house with his wife Lucy Lufkin for only two years before his "death by a falling tree" occurred in 1797. Samuel Bacon, Jr. then became the owner when his brother and sisters signed away their rights for varying sums of money and land. Samuel Jr., like his father, was a cooper (maker of barrels and other wooden ware) and probably was responsible for most of the interior finishing of the house. Many early houses were completed over a period of years and may contain several styles of woodwork. This house has both Georgian and Federal period finish.

The six fireplaces are supported by a massive (10ft. by 13ft) chimney base with interior "apartment" (space). Originally used for food storage, this space was more recently used as a small, quiet study for composing sermons! It now contains the old post office desk. This desk was used in the old cooper shop when Henry York closed his store and moved the Walnut Hill Post Office to his farm which by that time was known as the York farm.

In 1813 the property had one of the highest evaluations in the area. The original barn was located on the west side of the house and by 1819 the property also contained the cooper shop and a slaughter house.

Many changes had taken place by the time this photo was taken (c. 1930). The farm had been remodeled in to a Victorian farmstead with porch, hooded front door and dark green trim. The barn shown (present barn) was also added possibly because the smaller original barn had burned. The beautiful elms were removed in the 1960's as were most other in town, having succumbed to Dutch Elm disease.

The present owners of this house are Ed & Joyce Gervais.



ELECTED OFFICIALS and REPRESENTATIVES

BOARD OF SELECTMAN: James B. Moulton, Chrmn., 1998
Donald W. Smith, 1998
Patricia K. Hamel, 1999
Clark H. Whittier, 1999
Richard W. Brobst, 2000

MODERATOR: Christopher Vaniotis

BUDGET COMMITTEE: Daniel Dwyer, Chrmn., 2000
Frank Coffin, 2000
Elsie Moreau, 2000
John Baldwin, 1998
R. James Malonson, 1998
Vernon Goff, Jr., 1998
Kevin Balvin, 1999
Rick Burton, 1999
William Hayes, 1999

CEMETERY COMMISSION: Richard Baston, Chrmn., 2000
David Hyde, 2002
Guy Lovell, 1998
Maurice Hayes, 1999
Clark Baston, 2001

S.A.D. #51 DIRECTORS: Reid Hayward, 2000
Jean Chadbourne, 1998
Frances Sweetser, 1999

WATER DISTRICT TRUSTEE:

Rosalyn I. Baston, 2000

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICIALS

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT: Scott W. Seaver
TOWN CLERK/TREASURER: Scott W. Seaver
DEPUTY TOWN CLERK/TREASURER: Deborah J. Thoits
TAX COLLECTOR: Scott W. Seaver
DEPUTY TAX COLLECTOR: Deborah J. Thoits
TAX ASSESSOR: John O'Donnell, III
CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER: Scott W. Seaver
CODE INSPECTOR: Stanford M. Brown
FIRE CHIEF: Richard M. Baston
DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY
PREPAREDNESS: Richard W. Brobst, Sr.
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER: Karen G. Brown
HEALTH OFFICER: Eileen Wyatt
GENERAL ASSISTANCE ADMINISTRATOR: Scott W. Seaver
REPRESENTATIVE TO REGIONAL
WASTE SYSTEMS, INC.: Scott W. Seaver
REPRESENTATIVE TO PRINCE
MEMORIAL LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD William T. Hayes

TOWN COMMISSIONS, BOARDS and COMMITTEES

PLANNING BOARD: Christopher Variotis, Chrmn., 2002
Kent Hilton, Jr., 1998
Priscilla Brobst, 1999
Ed Gervais, 2000
John Kennedy, 2001
Kathryn Dion, alternate
William Hayes, alternate

ZONING BOARD of APPEALS: Suzanne Quirk, Chrmn., 2000
Robert Wood, 2002
David Norman, 1998
John Carpenter, 1999
Fulton Brown, 2001
Diane Atwood, alternate
Alan Corrow, alternate

BOARD of ASSESSMENT REVIEW:	Craig Higgins, Chrmn. Eleanor Carolan George Moulton
SHELLFISH CONSERVATION COMMISSION:	Thomas Burgess Brian Tarbox Guy Watson John Woodcock Robert Sweetser, alternate
CABLE T.V. COMMISSION:	Scott Kerr Carl Tiedemann William Umberger
FUTURE LAND FUND COMMITTEE	David Perkins, Chairman Lincoln J. Merrill, Jr. Cheryl Hudson Reid Hayward James "Gil" Birney Rosalyn I. Baston Kenneth Allen Donald Smith John Kennedy
CONSERVATION COMMISSION	Carol Burgess, Co-Chrmn, 1998 Robert Houston, Co-Chrmn., 1999 Pam Gaudet, 1998 Lewis Holman, 2000 Sam Ristich, 1998 James Shavel, 1999 Dean Weaver, 1999 Dan Dorsky, Alt.
SCHOOL FUND TRUSTEES	Kenneth Allen Warren Barter Richard Baston Joel Fuller Earl Edwards Maurice Hayes Richard Lowell Nelson Smith Norman Smith

NORTH YARMOUTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY BOARD MEMBERS

Kenneth Allen
Liza Chandler
Mark Heath
Scott Scully

Ursula Baier
Joyce Gervais
Mary Holman

Rosalyn Baston
Sue Gerry
Suzanne Quirk
Dotty Stackpole

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS - S.A.D. #51

Robert G. Hasson, Jr. 829-4800

STATE REPRESENTATIVE - DISTRICT 42

Joseph B. Taylor

State Office

House of Representatives
Augusta, ME 04333-0002
(207)287-1400

Home

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Cumberland, ME 04021
(207)829-5751

STATE SENATOR - DISTRICT 26

Jeffrey H. Butland

State Office

Senate Chamber
Augusta, ME 04333
(207)287-1500

Home

P.O. Box 431
Cumberland, ME 04021
(207)829-5357

MONTHLY SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

(subject to change, watch for in Portland Papers)

Board of Selectmen	1st and 3rd Monday of each month
Planning Board	2nd Monday of each month
Zoning Board of Appeals	1st Wednesday of each month

MUNICIPAL TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

FIRE & RESCUE EMERGENCY CALLS.....	...829-5212
NON-EMERGENCY CALLS.....	.846-3333 OR 829-3025
POISON CONTROL CENTER.....	871-2381
CUMBERLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPT.....	1-800-482-7479 774-1444
MAINE STATE POLICE.....	.1-800-482-0730
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER - Karen Brown.....	.829-3060
PUBLIC WORKS DEPT.....	.829-3274
TOWN OFFICE.....	..829-3705 (Office Hours - Monday 8am to 6 pm, Tuesday-Friday 8am to 4:30pm)
CUMBERLAND RECREATION DEPT.....	.829-2208
S.A.D.#51, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS829-4800
FIRE CHIEF - Richard Baston.....	...829-3789
HEALTH OFFICER - Eileen Wyatt829-5238

TO THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND
RESIDENTS OF NORTH YARMOUTH:

I am pleased to present this Annual Report of the Town of North Yarmouth for the year 1997. Again this year, we hope that the format of this report is to your liking. Many positive comments were received after the 1996 reports were mailed out last year. Your office staff has tried to include as much information as possible to make this an interesting and informative report.

Anyone wishing to view a full copy of the Annual Audit may do so at the Municipal Office. A summary report is included at the end of this Annual Report.

It seems that I am always saying that the previous year has been a very busy one. Indeed, at the risk of being repetitive, I must say this again. The issues facing the Town are many and varied. As we approach 1998, the agendas for many of our volunteer boards and committees will be full. I want to thank all those who serve you in any capacity for their time, dedication and effort.

No review of the year just ended would be complete without a mention of how 1998 began. The storm that attacked Maine and the other New England states on January 6th can only be described as an event that drew every bit of compassion, training and readiness from our volunteers. Whether members of the Fire Department, the Public Works crew or simply those who came into our quickly organized shelter to offer their assistance, you all need to pat yourselves on the back. The Town will be hard pressed to find another occasion when so many worked together for so long, to help such a wide variety of our residents.

THANK YOU TO ALL.

My special thanks to the employees who support the activities that go on in your municipal office, and to the Board of Selectmen for their support over the past year.

The upcoming Town Meeting will mark two very substantial milestones for a couple of people who have served North Yarmouth over many years. Fire Chief Dick Baston has now served the North Yarmouth Fire Department for 50 full years. Dick has provided leadership as Chief since the late 1970's, and shows no sign of slowing down. Heartfelt thanks to a very dedicated, caring and compassionate individual.

20 years ago I became involved in the Town of North Yarmouth when elected to the position of Selectman. Instrumental in that involvement, and there at every turn that this position, and for that matter, every turn the Town of North Yarmouth has taken over those 20 years, has been Don Smith. Now Don has decided not to seek reelection as a Selectman. Not always in agreement, not always on the same path, the one thing that I can say is that Don Smith has been, and I suspect will remain, the Town of North Yarmouth's biggest fan and supporter. Don is one of a kind...he taught me the difference between being rich and being wealthy. Thank you, Don.....

Sincerely,

Scott W. Seaver
Administrative Assistant.

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RECYCLE EVERY DAY
It Makes a Difference.

NORTH YARMOUTH BOARD OF SELECTMEN
ANNUAL REPORT

1997 has been a year of challenges for your elected Board of Selectmen. Following up on last year's report, we are pleased to note the resolution of issues as listed below:

-Approval was gained in the Legislature to amend the Cumberland/North Yarmouth Town Line. Though very few properties were effected, 3 lots of a subdivision are now totally in one town or the other, and Greely Road is defined as being in Cumberland, while Doughty Road is totally in North Yarmouth.

-The 1997 Annual Meeting approved the transfer of ownership of the Wescutogo Grange Hall from the Grange Association to the Town. The hall continues to be used for rental functions, as well as by non-profit community groups. We are very pleased to keep this building under community control. It is a wonderful asset to the Town.

-The Future Land Committee has had a busy and eventful year, touring several properties and beginning to negotiate on a few. A report by that committee appears later in this Annual Report.

-E-911 Road and House numbering was planned and implemented. Members of the E-911 Committee walked every road in town, public and private, and measured and assigned numbers to every dwelling. We have been pleased with the understanding and cooperation shown by residents as this rather monumental task was undertaken. Special thanks to Dick Brobst, John Porter and Joel Fuller.

-A lawsuit regarding certain aspects of the Sweetsir Farm Subdivision in Yarmouth was decided in favor of the Town of North Yarmouth. An appeal of that decision was filed, and was heard before the Maine Supreme Court in early

1998 and both parties anxiously await the high court's decision.

-A study of available materials and possible uses of the so-called "Cassidy Pit" which abuts the Public Works property was conducted. The Board is pleased to bring forward a proposal to Town Meeting to purchase this property, both for its value for raw materials, and its importance as a recreational opportunity in the future.

-The Town replaced 2 Public Works vehicles in 1998. 1977 International plow truck was replaced and sold, and the 1995 Ford F-350 was replaced.

-Local Road Projects approved at the 1997 Annual meeting unfortunately were not approved by MDOT. The Town's vote to approve funding of those projects was later rescinded.

-The Board found it necessary to close the Milliken Road bridge over Chandler Brook. Inspections by state engineers convinced the Selectmen that this move was necessary. The Town has requested assistance from the State in repairing or replacing this structure in the future.

-HNTB Engineers were contracted to design improvements to Mountfort Road. The Selectmen are pleased to present an article at Annual Meeting that will rebuild and pave this dirt road.

-The Town voted to accept the gift of 10 acres of land along the Royal River from Bob and Elizabeth Nanovic. Plans are progressing for a picnic area and canoe launch facility.

Stepping into 1998, The Board of Selectmen needs to extend a huge THANK YOU to the volunteers who worked long hours and gave of themselves so freely during the "Ice Storm of 1998". No one could ever list all of the

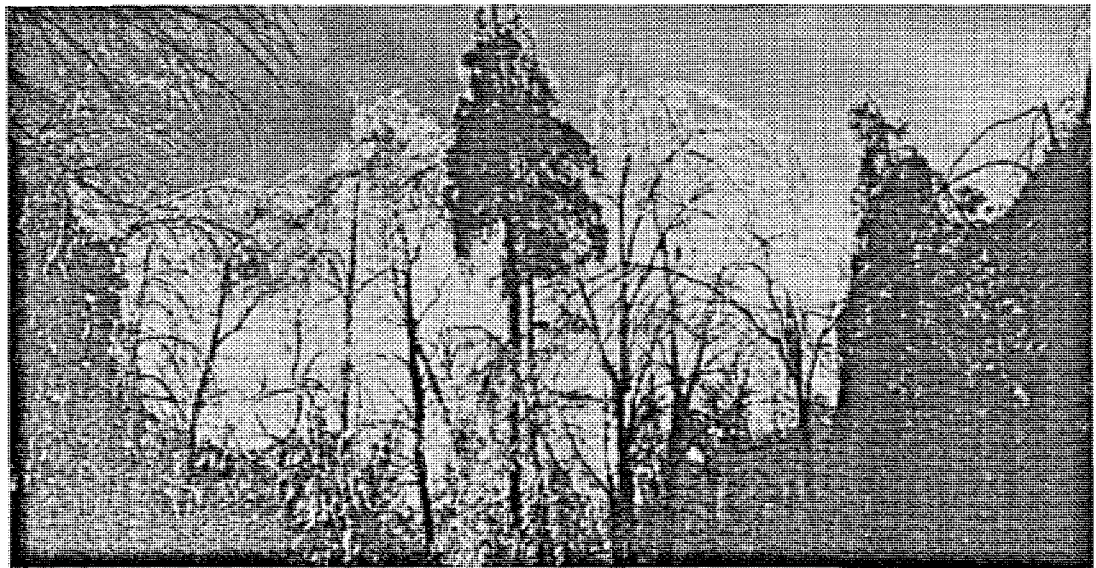
Wonderful people who helped during this time. some of you we don't even know. We would be remiss, however not to mention a few. Any of you who took advantage of the conveniences offered at the shelter will, we are sure, extend a great THANK YOU to Marie Lausier, Marlee Baston, Jean Goff and all of the volunteers who gave their time to cook, clean, check on the wellbeing of the elderly, deliver water to farms for animals, start generators, barricade fallen wires, check out electrical smells and carbon monoxide monitors. All these activities get taken for granted until we need help. The Town needed that help, and members of the community delivered it.

We look forward to a safe and positive 1998.

Respectfully,

Jim Moulton, Chairman
Board of Selectmen

The Ice Storm - January 1998



CAN YOU HELP ????

Occasionally vacancies occur on the Town's appointed boards, committees and commissions. If you would like to offer your time and talents, information sheets regarding each appointed position are available at the Town Office and will be available at Town Meeting.

Positions include:

- Planning Board
- Zoning Board of Appeals
- Conservation Commission
- Recreation Committee
- Board of Assessment Review
- Cable TV Commission
- Shellfish Conservation Committee
- Communications Committee
- Future Land Committee

Positions are not always available when you express interest, and it could be a while before you are contacted. Please be patient and an opportunity you are interested in may come up.

-People create a Community-

**MAINE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE
DISTRICT #51**

The 1997-1998 school year has been a great year for the school district. The focus of the district work continues to be on the improvement of our curriculum, assessment and instruction. A major focus has been to refine the outcomes and benchmarks. Copies of this work are available at the Superintendent's office. This district-wide improvement work is planned by the Design Team, whose members are instructional staff, community members, students and administrators.

This work continues to be our primary focus for the improvement of our schools. To this end, we have begun the next step in this process, the development of assessments to demonstrate what students have learned. We continue to encourage your active involvement in this ongoing process, so that our educational program will be reflective of the mission, values and goals of the community. We also welcome your participation in any of our volunteer and / or community outreach activities. Information regarding these activities may be received by contacting Bob Hasson (829-4800).

The District continues its involvement with the Casco Bay Educational Alliance (CBEA). The CBEA is comprised of the following school systems: Falmouth, Freeport, Gorham, Yarmouth, MSAD #51 and MSAD #62 (Pownal).

Through this alliance, we have had the opportunity to enhance learning opportunities for our students and staff.

The District Performance Indicators Committee, a group composed of parents, teachers, administrators and the Board of Directors, has been charged with developing accountability data to track across time. They have successfully developed and conducted parent and staff surveys. Results of these surveys are available at the Superintendent's office.

I value your input and encourage your involvement in our schools. Please feel free to contact me to let me know your thoughts. You can reach me at 829-4800. I look forward to hearing from you and I thank you for your continued support.

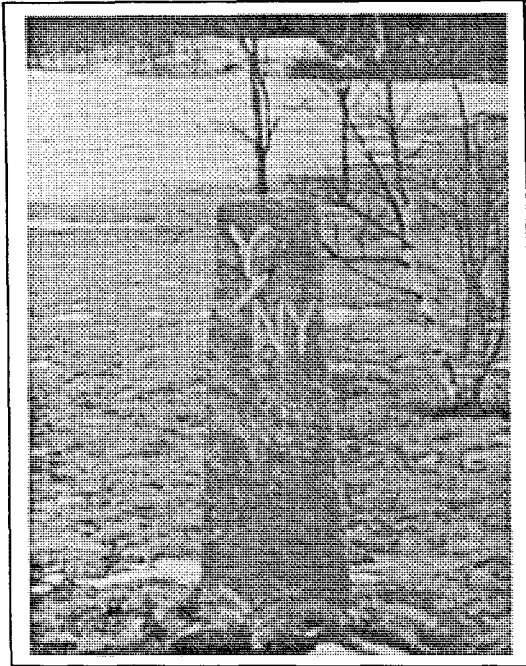
Respectfully,

Robert G. Hasson, Jr.
Superintendent

DISTRICT PHONE NUMBERS

Superintendent of Schools	829-4800
Greely High School	829-4805
Greely Jr. High School	829-4815
Mabel I. Wilson School	829-4825
No. Yarmouth Memorial	829-5555
Special Education	829-4835
Transportation	829-4837

Listen to local radio stations for Storm Day reports regarding school cancellations.



Town Line Monuments

In 1997 Don Smith continued the project of locating, repairing and straightening many of the monuments that mark over 75 corners of the Town's boundary. The stone at left is located on Walnut Hill Road (Rt. 115) at the Yarmouth line.



COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND SHERIFF'S OFFICE

On behalf of all the members of the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office, I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to you for the privilege of providing law enforcement services to the Town of North Yarmouth.

In the past year patrol deputies have done their best to provide the residents of North Yarmouth with professional and courteous service. The patrol deputies responded to 541 calls for service during 1997. The following statistics are a sampling of calls responded to:

Accidents	83
Alarms	47
Burglary	11
Criminal Mischief	16
Disturbance	14
Domestic Violence	11
Suspicious Persons	40
Theft	17
Speed Complaint	13

Sincerely,

Wesley W. Ridlon
Sheriff

CLEAN UP WEEKENDS

Clean up weekends will be held twice in 1998. The first weekend will be May 30-May 31. Containers will be located at the Public Works Facility on Parsonage Road and will be available for disposal of materials from 9am to 3 PM both days. The following materials may be brought to the facility on those days:

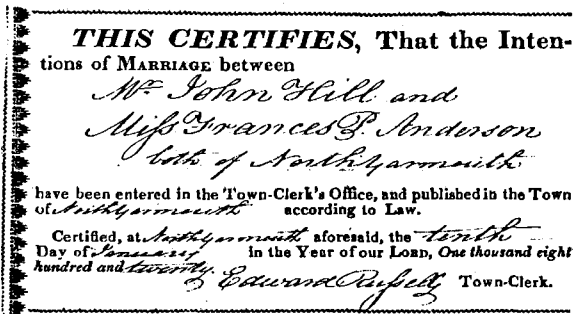
- Waste Oil (no gasoline or anti-freeze)
- Metal Goods (no engine blocks)
- Appliances (\$10.00 fee for freon)
- Construction Debris (wood, carpet, Sheetrock, shingles, etc.)
- Bulky Furniture

The following items will not be accepted:

Tires, concrete, brick, blocks, items over 10 feet long, household trash, paper goods, etc.

Watch for more info in May!
Volunteers, anyone?!?

NORTH YARMOUTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY



This beautifully preserved 1820 marriage certificate recently came to light as volunteer researcher Theona Blackstone worked through a box of old records in the vault room at Town Hall. Many more fascinating documents await the curious researcher.

In North Yarmouth, an Illustrated History, 1680-1980, we find this record of a quiet piece of early community life:

"At dusk, Mabel Skillin often took part in a tradition that has now vanished. Someone at the Lufkin house would sing a 'call' to her; she sang it to the Herrick farm on the Royall River; someone there sang it to the Isaac Johnson farm across Route 231 a mile away. The day closed with a circle of song."

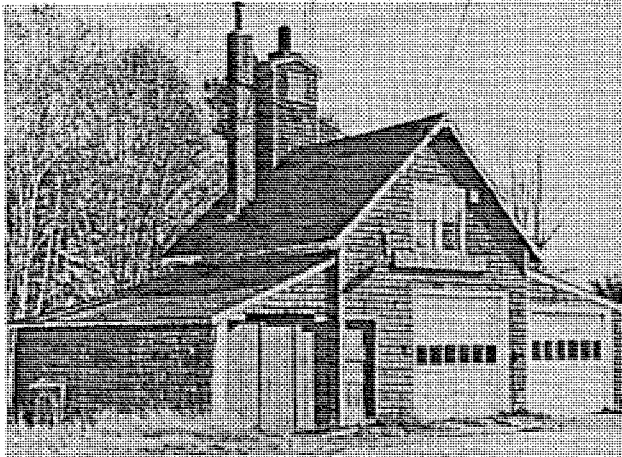
One can almost sense the stillness of the night, the true darkness of an evening with no electrified lights inside or out, and the deep reassurance that neighbors, even if a mile away or more, were there for you.

This passage truly resonates if the curious reader flips a couple of pages forward in the Illustrated History, and studies the 1871 map of North Yarmouth. Each one of these family farms is clearly located on the map, and two of those houses survive today. Maybe "ancient history" isn't so ancient.

The Illustrated History (for sale at Town Office for \$10.00) is chock full of fascinating records, photos and reminiscences. The book was put together several years ago by a dedicated group of Historical Society volunteers who spent hours digging up and verifying information. However, if you think the Historical Society is made up of a group of wizened researchers sitting in a dim room with magnifying glasses and quill pens, we invite you to take a closer look! Just as Mable Skillin kept a "circle of song" alive each evening, we keep our "circle of community" alive through the activities we pursue.

Our ongoing schedule of public education about our town's history continued in 1997. At our Annual Meeting, Ursula Baier spoke about the Ring/Baston family and their homestead on Walnut Hill Road. In April, member Don Smith planned a perambulation of part of North Yarmouth's border with a group of participants. In May, collector Carolyn Small spoke about local Maine dairies and showed us a carefully preserved group of old milk bottles. Senior citizens were hosted in June at an annual luncheon and reminisced about "North Yarmouth on the Home Front: WWII Memories." The Historical Society also co-hosted a potluck supper in late April with Friends of the Royal River and heard Peter Naiden speak about features in the landscape along the river.

The fall is a busy time for us. September's brilliant weather provides an annual backdrop for outdoor activities -- in 1997, we visited the late Ken Sowles's extensive carriage collection at Skyline Farm on The Lane, and picnicked under the trees. And, if you and your family haven't eaten our garden-fresh pita pocket sandwiches at Fun Day, or joined us at the old North Yarmouth Town House for our Cider Pressing Day in October, we invite you to come on by.



Here's a photo some residents may remember. This old firebarn, its midsection formerly a cider mill, stood on the present site of the Town Hall and Fire Station. Notice the vertical extension at the roof's peak - that was where the canvas fire hoses were hung to air and dry. (Photo courtesy of the Portland Newspapers)

Are all these events purely social? Not completely. In the midst of having a good time, there is always something valuable to learn. At the NYHS annual Holiday Celebration in December, Liza Chandler had a tough time tending the gingerbread cookies in the oven of the old wood cookstove. She and other volunteers had to stop often to talk with an endless stream of children who wanted to know all about how people used to cook on such a contraption "way back then." No matter what you do, there's always a bit of educating going on.

Our public presentations and gatherings are our most visible sign of activity. But we are equally active in the preservation of our town's

history through collections of town and business records, family papers, photographs and other ephemera. Volunteer researchers meet weekly in the vault room at the Town Office to work on this valuable storehouse of information. Published authors as well as local historical researchers and genealogists have made use of the records preserved through the careful efforts of the North Yarmouth Historical Society. And we're proud to say that it has been done through hours and hours of volunteer effort. Our goals for 1998 are many. We will continue our schedule of public presentations at the Town House on Route 9. Our calendar, which is mailed to each household in North Yarmouth, will be out by Town Meeting. We will be refurbishing the historical house markers for many of our older homes in town. And, recognizing that we could benefit from the oversight and direction of a professional, we hope to employ an experienced archivist to assist us with our collections for 1/2 day per week.

We can't do all this without your support, in spirit...and through your contributions. We are grateful to the almost 100 members of our town who are dues-paying members of our organization. Your support makes possible the preservation of our "circle of community." If you are not yet a member, we hope that you soon will be.

Finally, we want to thank the following volunteers who helped make everything run smoothly in 1997. These folks have helped out with many of our activities, both large and small, and we're indeed grateful. If you would like to join this list of active and involved neighbors, we welcome you to contribute an hour's worth of time or...as much as you'd like! Contact us for more information.

Many thanks to the following for your contributions of time and energy in 1997:

The Board of Directors of the North Yarmouth Historical Society: Ursula Baier, President; Joyce Gervais, Vice President; Liza Chandler, Secretary; Rosalyn Barter, Treasurer; Scott Scully, Mark Heath, Mary Holman, Sue Gerry, Ken Allen, Don Smith, Katie Murphy

NYHS Volunteers Extrodinaire: Joyce Gilbert, Theona Blackstone, Richard Gilbert, David Sprague, Ed Gervais, Kathryn Dion, Deborah Shumaker, Beth Westra, Amy Scannell, Jenny Tuemmler, Sabrina Warner, Winty Bryan, Regina Schaeffer, Rob Wood, Carolyn Small

Junior Members: David Holman, Ethan Sprague, Abby Wood, Matt Lindsay, Anders Wood, Cray Chandler, Eric Holman, Teal Bryan, Cristina Lindsay, and the kids at Dottie's Daycare.

Special Thanks to: The Walnut Hill Garden Club

Respectfully submitted,

Ursula Baier, President



This undated photograph of a lively group of North Yarmouth baton twirlers is part of a yet -to-be accessioned collection of papers and images donated to the North Yarmouth Historical Society by resident Shirley Fountain, one of the founders of the Wescustogo Grange. Shirley has since passed away. Wescutogo Hall, as it is now called, continues to be host to an increased variety of activities and promises to be an ongoing center for town activities. Do you have information about the people in this photo, or would you like to volunteer to help get these papers in order?

FUTURE LAND COMMITTEE

The Future Land Committee was formed by the Selectmen in the spring of 1996. The Selectmen directed the Committee to arrange gifts or purchases of land that would serve recreational and other public needs, with a special focus on public access to the Royal River.

This past year, our principal focus was on working on the donation by Robert and Elizabeth Nanovic of a 10 acre parcel of land which abuts the Royal River and Route 231. The Town now holds title to that beautiful parcel, which provides exceptional access to the Royal River.

The Future Land Committee also worked with the Selectmen on the proposed purchase of the Ken Cassidy gravel pit on Walnut Hill. The Committee supports the purchase proposed by the Selectmen, and we foresee great significant recreational potential for the land, given its proximity to the school, the Town Forest and the Town center.

We have also monitored the proposed development on the Anderson property, which abuts the Town Forest. The development is being proposed by Phil Cincotta. Mr. Cincotta has met with our Committee several times, and he has proposed gifting land along the old railroad right of way to the Town in return for the Town letting him build a road across a section of Town property. To this point, the Committee has not supported the proposals by Mr. Cincotta. While we believe that the railway right of way offers great recreational potential to the Town, we have adopted a "wait and see" posture on his proposals.

More recently, our committee has been working with Andrew Ring on an arrangement that would involve the Town receiving a donation of approximately 11 acres of land on the Royal River in exchange for the Town supporting Andrew Ring's request to the Maine Department of Transportation that his railway crossing become a public crossing. The 11 acre parcel is located on the North Road, near the Yarmouth line. The land is located on a bend in the Royal River, and it is exceptionally beautiful. At the Town Meeting, we will explain the results of our investigation into the ramifications of the railway crossing becoming a public crossing.

Our committee has also been investigating the possibility of purchasing additional land for parking near the old Town Hall on Route 9, as well as land that abuts the Royal River near Gillespie's. In light of the fact that Gillespie's land is likely to be sold, our committee would like the Town to authorize the Selectmen to spend up to \$25,000 on land and/or easements at Gillespie's. The Future Land Committee can then move quickly, with the Selectmen, to purchase land if the right land becomes available at the right price.

NORTH YARMOUTH FIRE AND RESCUE

The North Yarmouth Fire Deferment answered 54 calls in 1997.

- 5 Structure
- 21 Auto Accidents
- 2 Propane Leaks
- 23 Wires Down
- 2 Fuel Spills
- 5 Misc.
- 2 Vehicle Fires
- 10 Grass/Woods
- 2 Carbon Monoxide

Mutual Aid Received: 2

Mutual Aid Given:

- 2 Yarmouth
- 1 Cumberland
- 1 Gray
- 1 New Gloucester
- 1 Pownal

The North Yarmouth Rescue answered 161 calls in 1997.

- 172 Patients
- 120 Transports
- 51 Non-transports

Mutual Aid Received:

- 16 Yarmouth
- 9 Cumberland
- 2 Falmouth
- 1 Gray
- 1 Freeport,
- 3 Medstar
- 1 Medcu

The Fire Department is requesting a pumper to replace the 1960 Chevrolet Pumper, which was the first new truck purchased by the Town. The Truck Committee has been very active this past year gathering information for a new pumper to put before the 1998 Town Meeting.

During 1997 members of the Fire Department have attended various related training courses plus participating in our own on-going training programs.

The Fire Department meets every Monday evening at 7 PM. During the winter months (Oct. - April) a supper is served on the second Monday of the month. The Rescue meetings are held on the first and third Thursday evenings at 7PM. Anyone interested in attending either the Fire or Rescue meetings is most welcome.

The Rescue has increased its Membership by the addition of two new members. Rescue has one EMT Intermediate in the process of becoming the Units first Paramedic. This will be very Beneficial to the Unit as well as the citizens of North Yarmouth.

The Town Fire Wardens under the Maine Forestry Service issued 481 fire permits during 1997. A person must obtain a Fire Permit for any and all outdoor fires, year round.

Fire Permits may be obtained from:

Richard Baston 829-3789 Fire Warden
546 Walnut Hill RD

James Malonson 829-3548 Deputy
555 Walnut Hill RD

Clark Baston 829-4566 Deputy
282 Sweester RD

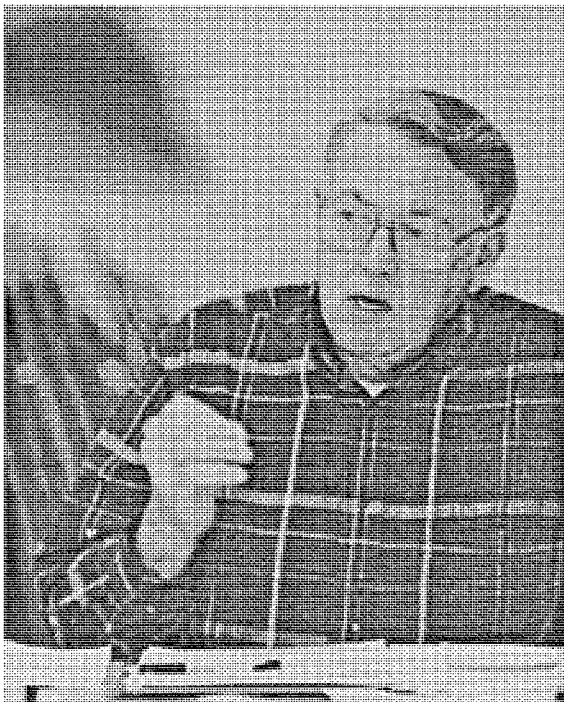
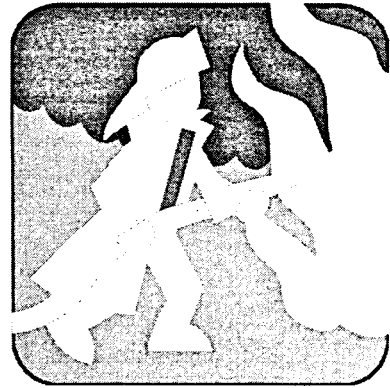
I wish to thank all the members of the Fire and Rescue Department for your dedication to the Department and your responsiveness to calls.

To Report an Emergency: **829-5212**

A Very Special THANK YOU to all the people, both members and friends of the Fire and Rescue Department who helped in so many ways during the recovery of the ICE STORM of JANUARY 1998.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard M. Baston
Fire Chief



*In Recognition of 50 Years of
Service to the North Yarmouth
Fire Company*

The North Yarmouth Board of Selectmen would like to congratulate Chief Richard M. Baston on having reached the milestone of 50 years of service to his community. Chief Baston is not only active within the Fire Department, but is presently a member of the Board of Directors and Vice President of the New England Fire Chiefs Association; a member of the Cumberland Farmer's Club; a Director of the 470 Railroad Club; a member of the North Yarmouth Congregational Church Men's Club and was instrumental in establishing the Coastal Mutual Aid Association.

Congratulations and a huge Thank You on behalf of the entire Community.

North Yarmouth Board of Selectmen

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

77 Calls were answered in 1997

Wild Animals - 15

7 Live & 8 Deceased Wild Animals

Submitted for Rabies Testing - 6

Rabies Positive: 2 Bats & 1 Raccoon

Deceased Domestic Canine - Owner Found

Stray Canines - 11 Canines to Shelter - 1

Stray Felines - 19 Felines to Shelter - 15

The rabies situation has seemed to be on the down side since last fall. Or perhaps it is just wishful thinking. This spring may be quite different. So please beware of the wild animals, and keep your pets well vaccinated against rabies. Remember if your pet has a wound of unknown origin it may need a booster immediately. If it is unvaccinated, euthanasia or a six month quarantine is advised.

As every year, I urge everyone to license their canines. Most importantly it is the law. I often go to great length to find a lost pet's home. The Maine License Tag insures a trip home instead of to the shelter. Doesn't your best friend deserve this?

I did want to mention that most of the felines that I take to the shelter are trapped feral felines, adults and kittens. If I can handle the feline I will try to locate a the owner or potential new owner. Feel free to call if you loose your feline. They sometimes show up miles away and months down the road.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Brown, A.C.O.

HEALTH OFFICER

As in last year's report, I re-emphasize the importance of immunizing your household pets against rabies. This year there have been confirmed cases of rabies in bats and raccoons in North Yarmouth. In neighboring towns, foxes, groundhogs, cats, skunks and a horse have been confirmed rabid. If your pet has been in a fight with an unknown animal, handle it with gloves and take it to the vet for examination.

For your good health careful hand washing with soap and water is the single most important preventive measure. Whether you are a food service or day care worker or a parent caring for your family, encourage everyone to wash their hands well before eating. Wash fruit and vegetables. Make certain everyone in the family washes their hands well before leaving the bathroom.

In the safe conduct of your kitchen, you should protect vegetables from raw meat juices in your refrigerator. consider the drip line and place meat lower or in a tray to prevent cross contamination of fresh vegetables. Make certain your refrigerator keeps perishables at below 45 degrees. If you have had a power outage consider discarding the products if the temperature in the refrigerator has risen to room temperature for over an hour.

Keep a safe home. Store toxins away from access to children and prevent your food products from contamination with these products. Look at your home with a fresh look at safe practices.

Inspections: 2 Caterers
 1 Sit Down Restaurant
 3 Take Out
 1 Case
 2 Inquiry

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen Wyatt, Health Officer

**TRUSTEES OF NORTH YARMOUTH SCHOOL FUND
192nd ANNUAL REPORT**

1/1/97	Total Resources	
	Key Bank CD @ 5.64% to mature 3/8/99	\$35,692.04
12/31/97	Yearly Interest	2,056.51
	Withdrawn for Grants and Services	(1,635.00)
12/31/97	KEY BANK CD BALANCE	\$36,113.55

1997 GRANTS

1. Gregory Brown	\$200.00
2. Debra Turmelle	\$200.00
3. Lindsay Tiedemann	\$200.00
4. Conrad Lausier	\$200.00
5. Charles Cromwell	\$200.00
6. Emily Branigan	\$200.00
7. Theodore Whiteside	\$200.00
8. Brian Strattard	\$200.00

Total Grants	\$1600.00
Norman Smith services and postage	<u>35.00</u>
	\$1635.00

12/31/97 Interest not Withdrawn - Net Gain 421.51

Total Interest for 1997 \$2056.51

12/31/97 Total Resources; Key Bank CD \$36,113.55

Respectfully submitted,

Norman L. Smith, Treasurer

20 applications for students grants were received in 1997. Guidelines for a student grant are as follows: The student must have been a student and resident of North Yarmouth their senior year and still be a North Yarmouth resident. To have graduated no more than six years ago.

Applications may be picked up at the Greely High School or the North Yarmouth Town Office and returned to the Town Office by May 15th.

NORTH YARMOUTH CEMETERY COMMISSION

The Cemetery Commission continues to maintain the three cemeteries in North Yarmouth - Bowie, Pine Grove and Walnut Hill. Debbie Thoits (at the Town Office 829-3705) serves as our Clerk of Cemeteries and is the person to contact for information relative to purchasing cemetery lots, perpetual care or cemetery burial records.

CEMETERY FEES

RESIDENT - lot and care	\$375.00
NON-RESIDENT - lot and care	\$525.00

We would like to thank Donald and Chris Stilkey for the wonderful job they do with grave site openings and monument foundations. We would also like to thank Travis Seaver for the endless summer hours he puts in mowing and trimming at the cemeteries.

Unfortunately, Walnut Hill Cemetery experienced vandalism during the summer of 1997. Specifically, an ATV being used in an inappropriate manor resulting in the destruction of grass beds in the oldest portion of the Cemetery. Also, theft of a large bronze planter. This is not only upsetting for the family members of the deceased, but very costly to the Town. Please, if you see or notice anything suspicious please contact the Cumberland County Sheriff at 774-1444.

We remind you that the use of snowmobiles, motor bikes, ATV's and the riding of horses within the cemeteries is prohibited.

Respectfully,

Richard M. Baston
Secretary

Cemeteries are closed during winter season. No planting of shrubs or bushes. Water is available at Walnut Hill Cemetery at the vault near Rt. 115.

NORTH YARMOUTH CEMETERY COMMISSION
1997 FINANCIAL REPORT

Invoices Paid	(2436.42)	
Labor Paid	(1606.15)	
Interest Income	2310.42	
Town Appropriation	1500.00	
Accounts Receivable	350.58	
Net Operations +/- (-)	118.43	
Pine Grove Cemetery General Fund Account		
Balance 12/31/96	3002.49	
Interest Earned	78.65	
Lot Sales	<u>500.00</u>	
Balance 12/31/97	3581.14	
Walnut Hill Cemetery General Fund Account		
Balance 12/31/96	8676.11	
Interest Earned	239.81	
Lot Sales	1750.00	
Transfer to Repair Sign	<u>(380.58)</u>	
Balance 12/31/97	10285.34	
Total General Fund Assets		13984.91
Cemetery Income Accounts Pine Grove		
Balance 12/31/96	3157.89	
Interest earned	142.05	
Interest Paid Out	<u>(142.05)</u>	
Balance 12/31/97	3157.89	
Walnut Hill Cemetery		
Balance 12/31/96	14344.61	
Interest earned	681.37	
Interest Paid Out	<u>(681.37)</u>	
Balance 12/31/97	14344.61	
Combined Account		
Balance 12/31/96	5595.60	
Interest and sales	<u>2625.83</u>	
Balance 12/31/97	8221.43	
Walnut Hill Account		
Balance 12/31/96	25084.04	
Interest Earned	1189.00	
Interest Paid Out	<u>(1189.00)</u>	
Balance 12/31/97	25084.04	
Total Perpetual Care Assets		50807.96
Total Assets		64972.87

REPORT OF THE CODE INSPECTOR

The following permits were issued in 1997:

90 Building Permits
 28 New Homes
 11 Sheds
 13 Garages
 21 Additions
 2 Barns
 1 Pole Barn
 4 Pools
 6 Decks
 1 Car Port
 3 Demolitions

35 Septic System Permits
 30 Internal Plumbing Permits
 70 Electrical Permits

Office hours for the Codes Inspector are
 8:00 AM to 12 Noon Monday, Tuesday,
 Thursday and Friday. Please give 24 hours
 notice for inspection requests.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stanford M. Brown
 Code Inspector

New Home Construction in North Yarmouth

1997	1996	1995	1994	1993	1992
28	33	46	35	31	21

Please remember that a building permit is
 required for any activity that is structural in
 nature.

PUBLIC WORKS AND SOLID WASTE

Your Public Works crew stayed very busy in 1997. Brush cutting, ditching and grading of roads takes a good deal of time during every summer.

The 1977 International was replaced with a 1997 International which was delivered mid summer. This truck is equipped for easy one-man operation. We also were able to replace the 1995 Ford 1-ton truck with a new Ford Pickup.

Looking toward 1998, paving projects are anticipated on Mill Road, Walnut Hill Heights and Bayberry Drive.

We also anticipate a major rebuilding project on Mountfort Road.

During winter storms, sand for your driveway is generally available at the Town Garage. We request that you limit your usage to 2-5 gallon pails.

I want to thank all travelers through North Yarmouth for their cooperation and patience during the recent winter storms. If you see unsafe road conditions, please feel free to contact the Town Garage at 829-3274, or the Town Office at 829-3705.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Lowell
Road Commissioner

Please do not plow snow across a public road. The ridges left by the plow can be very dangerous not only to travelling neighbors, but can cause serious damage to town equipment.

Household waste is collected at curbside every Thursday morning. You should have your trash at curbside by 6:30 am.

Collection is always on Thursdays, with the exception of Thanksgiving and other weeks when the Christmas or New Year holiday falls on Thursday. In those cases, collection is on Saturday.

Grass clippings, leaves and yard waste is prohibited from curbside collection. Recycling bins are located at the rear of the Municipal Building.

Please do not leave cardboard outside of the recycling bins. Cardboard is not a material that is collected for recycling in North Yarmouth. If you leave this material, it only adds to the cost of solid waste because we have to handle it again to load it onto trucks. Also please note that the dumpster at the Town Office is for office use only.

North Yarmouth continues to be one of the higher percentage recyclers in Cumberland County. Keep up the good work.

The Regional Waste Systems facility off outer Congress Street is your publically owned waste disposal facility. If you have a civic group, young or old, that would like tour the facility, it can be arranged by calling RWS at 773-6465.

Reuse, Reduce, Recycle
It Works and Saves.

TOWN OFFICE OPERATIONS

Activity in your Town Office continues to strain the space that is available. In the coming months, space will be at a premium and juggling will occur to provide more efficient work space for all involved. The following is a summary of operations for 1997:

Auto Registrations	
Residents	3149
Non Residents	909
Wildlife Licenses	
Hunting	121
Small Game	4
Jr. Hunting	14
Duck Stamp	21
Muzzleloading	33
Archery	19
Hunt. Dup.	16
Fishing	241
Bear Permit	8
Ext. Archery	7
Pheasant	13
Combination	186
Complimentary	9
Atlantic Salmon	2
Supersport	9
Recreational Vehicles	
Boats	380
Snowmobiles	425
ATV	90
Dog Licenses	308
Kennel Licenses	6

License your dog - It's the Law !!
And it will help to locate you in the event your pet gets separated from you for any reason.

The Office of the Town Clerk recorded many more vital statistics than in recent years in 1997. Certified copies of any of the records held in North Yarmouth are available. The following items were recorded last year:

	1997	1996	1995	1994
Marriages	27	24	35	18
Deaths	17	10	16	9
Births	46	34	39	38

The information that you provide when making out any vital statistic form is very important. Please make sure that you give your legal address as North Yarmouth, even if you have a post office box in another community.

Birth certificates are required in order to register your child for school and to apply for a social security number. Please call in advance so that we can make sure the record that you need is in our possession.

Marriage licenses are required prior to your wedding. There is a 3 working day waiting period, so please make sure that you give yourself plenty of time!

In order to register your car, you must show us proof of liability insurance. Your vehicle CANNOT be registered without this paperwork. Please do not ask us to violate state law - bring your insurance card with you.

You may register to vote at any time the Clerk's office is open, even on election day.

1998 TOWN MEETING
March 13th -- Elections
March 14th -- Town Meeting
Both at Wescustogo Hall

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
YARMOUTH/NORTH YARMOUTH
SHELL FISH CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

In 1997 we increased the number of commercial licenses to a total of eight, one of which was issued to a nonresident digger, as required by State law.

We have increased the number of recreational licenses to 200 from 150. Gratuity licenses are available to those 62 and over. In addition we have made available 25 three day licenses during the months of June, July and August at a cost of \$30.00. With the price of fresh clams being what they are this is well worth the expense, not to mention the fun your family can have digging in the mud. These will be available from the Yarmouth Town Clerk during working hours.

The committee is working hard to get increased enforcement on the flats this year in hopes of stemming the theft of clams by out of area diggers. This loss is estimated in the tens of thousands of dollars.

Take advantage of the rights we have to the shores of Yarmouth. Go clamming!

Respectfully submitted,

Guy D. Watson
Vice-Chairman

PRINCE MEMORIAL LIBRARY

1997, like 1996, was a year of change at Prince Memorial Library. It was also a year of unfulfilled expectations. Library director Beth Hoffer abruptly resigned her post in mid October. Carol Gagne was appointed interim director.

A search committee is presently screening a number of applicants. Eighteen applied for the position. The panel hopes to complete this process shortly.

Jan Hamilton has taken over as children's librarian following the departure of Meghan Rooks. Jeff Christiansen has been named reference librarian.

Usage of the library continues to grow. According to the latest information available Prince Memorial Library now has a total of 6218 patrons. Last year's totals showed 5684. An increase of 9.14 percent overall and a 10 percent increase of North Yarmouth patrons.

North Yarmouth's usage for the period increased from 1401 to 1546. The town's total usage (combined with Cumberland's) remained level at 25 percent.

Additional figures for North Yarmouth show the following: adult, 1996 - 973, 1997 - 1043; juvenile, 1196 - 425, 1997 - 467; young adult, 1996 - 23, 1997 - 107.

As part of the budget process Cumberland has requested a substantial hike in North Yarmouth's library appropriation. The cost would climb to \$70,408 from the present \$41,636 at 69 percent increase. The request represents an increase in the Town's participation rate from the present 23.4 percent to 30 percent.

The 30 percent assessment is based upon two factors: 1995 population figures compiled by the State Planning Office and an approximation of participants. The recreation and DARE programs are also being assessed at this higher level.

North Yarmouth's 1997 contribution (based on the 23.4 percentage) was \$41,636. Increasing the assessment to 30 percent would raise the total to \$70,408 based on a budget of \$234,694. If North Yarmouth paid 25 percent (the current usage rate) the cost would be \$58,674.

The Selectmen and Budget Committee continue to wrestle with this request and have scheduled a meeting with Cumberland to further discuss this concern.

Earlier predictions that the library would have Internet access by the end of 1997 have fallen short due to the unexpected personnel problem. This is expected to be remedied shortly.

Respectfully submitted,

William T. Hayes
Prince Memorial Library Advisory Board

REPORT OF THE NORTH YARMOUTH CONSERVATION COMMISSION

After many years of serving on the Conservation Commission, Lewis Homan stepped down in December. Thanks for the many years of hard work managing our forests and educating our kids! Speaking of kids, Pam Gaudet, our trusty secretary, is taking a maternity leave while raising her new daughter. Congratulations Pam! New Commission members appointed this past year are Dan Dorsky (secretary) and Amanda Bennet. Returning members are Candy Burgess and Bob Houston (Co-Chairs), Sam Ristich (Naturalist Extraordinaire), Jim Shavel (Town Forest Education Grants), and Dean Weaver (Forest Steward).

With no major subdivisions to review this past year, we have focused on developing an Open Space Plan for North Yarmouth and a trail system around the Town Forest on the North side of Route 9.

The purpose of the Open Space Plan is to analyze important natural resource themes expressed in the Town's Comprehensive Plan and using a Geographic Information System, map and overlay these themes to determine where the valuable resources of the Town are located. Themes that are or will be mapped include wildlife habitat, trails, wetlands, scenic views, important aquifers for public water supply, and existing agricultural/tree growth/open space.

The proposed trail system, our other project we focused on, would start at the North Yarmouth Memorial School, go through the adjacent Town land, around the Town Forest, and back to the school. This would provide 1.8 miles of trails for walking, jogging, cross-country skiing, mountain biking, and educational purposes. Maps of both the Open Space project and the proposed trail will be displayed at the Town Meeting.

There has been no cutting in the 3 tracts of the Town Forests this year. Ice damage from severe winter storms will be surveyed this Winter and Spring and appropriate action taken as deemed necessary. The tract closest to the Memorial school was used by Memorial and Greely Junior High School students this past year for educational purposes. Tom Hoerth and his Junior High School students did an excellent job on their forest stand inventory, description, and management plans. Nice job!

The Commission is also offering to fund study modules for SAD#51 teachers which will make use of the natural resources of the Town Forest for a hands-on learning experience. This is similar to the projects that have been funded for 2 previous years and includes matching funds from the State. Although proposals haven't been reviewed yet, we are looking forward to exciting and educational projects.

The Conservation Commission is always interested in hearing about citizens' concern for the environmental health of North Yarmouth. Please feel free to contact us with any of your concerns or questions in conservation related issues. We also urge you to attend our monthly meetings. Also, we presently have two opening for "alternate" members of the Conservation Commission. Please contact Bob or Candy if you are interested.

Respectfully submitted,
 Bob Houston & Candy Burgess
 Co-Chairman

Conservation Commission <u>Financial Report - 1997</u>	
Balance 12/31/96	15964.92
Interest Earned 1997	410.66
Reimbursement for 1996 Forestry Project	924.00
To Town - 1997 expenses	<u>(613.00)</u>
Balance 12/31/97	16686.58

REPORT OF THE NORTH YARMOUTH PLANNING BOARD

1997 was a relatively quiet year for the Planning Board. We processed a variety of site plan and small subdivision applications and also worked on the third "clustered" subdivision proposal brought before us since the Town approved cluster zoning. We also continued our review of the Town's Zoning Ordinance, but decided that there was no pressing need to bring any amendments before the Town Meeting in 1998.

Perhaps the most significant event for the Planning Board in 1997 was the decision of the Cumberland County Superior Court to uphold our conclusion that the Sweetsir Farm Subdivision is subject to review by the North Yarmouth Planning Board, even though the majority of the land and all of the lots are located in Yarmouth. We at the Planning Board felt strongly that North Yarmouth should be able to review the project's effects on roads and traffic in North Yarmouth, since the only access would be over Deer Run Road in our Town. The case is now on appeal in Maine Supreme Judicial Court.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christopher Vaniotis, Chairman
 North Yarmouth Planning Board

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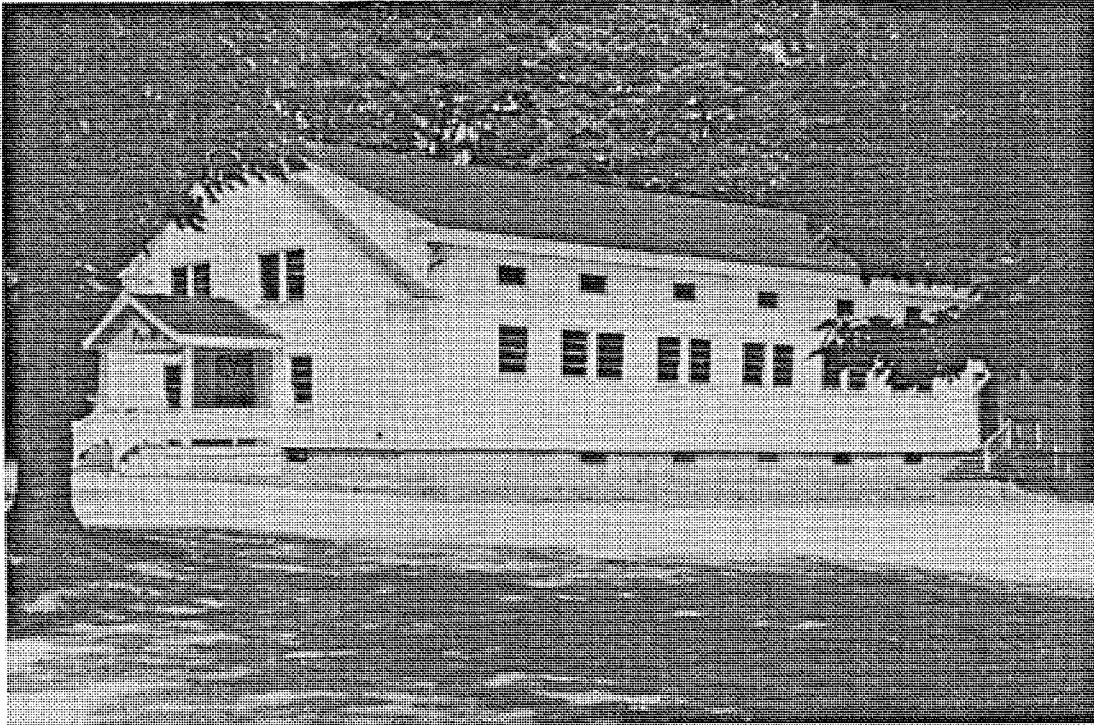
North Yarmouth comprises about 19 square miles.

North Yarmouth has a population of approximately 3000.

North Yarmouth has about 1100 dwelling units

North Yarmouth's school age population is about 24% of SAD #51.

North Yarmouth has a town charter unlike most small Maine towns.



Wescustogo (Grange) Hall, was transferred to the Town of North Yarmouth in May of 1997.
(Forecaster Photo)

WESCUSTOGO HALL

With acceptance of the former Grange Hall and other assets of the Wescustogo Grange Association transferred to the Town in May of 1997, it has been assured that the citizens of North Yarmouth will have a community building for large meetings, functions and activities to be held for years to come.

Renovation work began early last summer with the replacement of all of the nearly 70 windows in the building. This has helped incredibly with heating the building and with noise. The south side of the roof was replaced, with the north side to be done early in 1998. A new deck with handicapped access was also installed.

Electrical work has been done with more scheduled for this coming year. As this report is being written, a handicapped accessible bathroom is being constructed on the main floor of the hall.

While funds for normal operations of the building are provided through rental of the building, funds for further improvements to the building are being requested of the Annual Town Meeting. Wescustogo Hall is utilized by Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, Little League, Cumberland Recreation and other community groups.

Rentals have been very solid with hardly a weekend without at least one day of rental activity throughout the summer, fall and early winter.

Plans are being made for an interior work day in April of 1998. Groups that use the hall will be asked to help volunteers to repair walls, scrape, paint and make general improvements. An exterior work day will be planned in mid May. The Walnut Hill Garden Club has applied for a grant to place a memorial garden in the area to the front of the hall and parking area. As always, volunteers are always welcome!!

If you are interested in renting the hall for a special occasion or meeting, please contact Scott Seaver at the Municipal Office.

WESCUSTOGO HALL FINANCIAL REPORT

Beginning Balance 5/15/97	\$5,000.00
Income 5/15/97 to 12/31/97	7,259.86
Grange Assets deposited	44,411.20
Paid Out per Grange	(15,000.00)
Capitol Projects Paid out	(23,005.51)
Operating Expenses Paid	<u>(5,956.50)</u>
Balance 12/31/97	\$12,709.05

Operating Balance 5/15/97	\$5,000.00
Operating Income 1997	7,259.86
Operating Expenses	<u>(5,956.50)</u>
Operating Balance 12/31/97	\$6303.36

Net Operating Increase	
5/15/97 to 12/31/97	\$1,303.36

By virtue of the approval granted at Town Meeting, Wescustogo Hall operates as an "enterprise fund". It is anticipated that overall net operating increases throughout the year will cover operating costs.

The Wescustogo Hall oversight committee was established via stipulations approved by both the Grange Association and the Town Meeting approval. The committee meets to review policy regarding the use of the building and to review budgeted expenditures and income.

REPORT OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

The Budget committee held meetings during the last quarter of 1997 to review actual expenditures in relation to the 1997 municipal budget and tax commitment approved at the last annual town meeting. Meetings were also held during the first quarter of 1998 to review a municipal budget as proposed by the Board of Selectmen. This review process enables committee members to be informed of developments that may have financial implications for the town, and would thereby influence committee recommendation's for the 1998 proposed municipal budget.

The proposed 1998 municipal budget reviewed by the Budget Committee showed an increase in expenditures for most areas. The following are areas where this committee's recommendations differ from the budget as proposed by the Board of Selectmen.

FIRE/RESCUE - This committee's commendation of \$59,890 is \$1,000 more than this departments total proposed budget; it was discovered during the review process that the proposed Rescue Services line item of \$8,690 did not account for all the expenditures that would be required for a planned additional paramedic, so the committee increased this line item to \$9,690.

FUTURE LAND FUND - While This Committee recommends the proposed expenditure of \$25,000, the Budget committee would like to take this opportunity to encourage the Future Land Use Committee to seriously consider a cap for this fund; so that, the net effect of this funds activity does not exceed a predetermined amount (i.e. \$150,000).

ORGANIZATIONS - Because discussion's between our Board of Selectmen and Cumberland's Town Council on the proposed Cumberland Recreation and Prince Memorial Library increase's were not complete, this committee decided not to make it's recommendation for this department until the results of the above mentioned discussions were forthcoming.

CAPITOL INVESTMENT TRUST - This committee's recommendation of \$90,000 is double the proposed expenditure; there is currently approximately \$280,000 in this trust, the Selectmen are proposing in the 1998 budget to apply \$100,000 from this trust towards Capitol Projects. Given the scope of the Capitol Projects being proposed this year, which for the most part would be financed by bonds, the Budget Committee believes adequately funding this trust is imperative if the town wished to have the ability to decrease its future bond interest costs by tapping into this fund in the future to pay for this years, and future years, Capitol Projects.

While the annual town meeting gives North Yarmouth residents an important opportunity to review municipal budget issues, keep in mind that the municipal budget accounts for only a fraction of your tax rate - a tax rate which is primarily influenced by the MSAD #51 budget. The Budget Committee urges all North Yarmouth residents to extend their interest in the budget process beyond the municipal town meeting, and to attend the school budget workshops beginning in March.

The North Yarmouth Budget Committee

(This warrant is included for informational use only. The actual warrant posted prior to Town Meeting may include changes, deletions or additions.)

ANNUAL MEETING WARRANT

To: Marie Lausier, a resident in the Town of North Yarmouth, County of Cumberland, State of Maine.

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, Maine, qualified by law to vote in Town Affairs, to meet at the Wescustogo Hall, in said Town, on Friday the 13th day of March, 1998 at 8:00 in the morning, there and then to act on articles numbered 1 and 2.

AND to notify and warn the voters to meet at the Wescutogo Hall in said town on Saturday, the 14th day of March 1998 at 9:00 in the morning, there and then to act upon Articles 3 through ____, all of said articles being set out below, to wit:

Article 1: To Elect a moderator to preside over said meeting.

Article 2: To elect all town Officers by Secret Ballot.

Article 3: Shall an Ordinance entitled "Town of North Yarmouth Management of Tax-Liened Property Guidelines" be adopted, the text of which is laid out below.

TOWN OF NORTH YARMOUTH

Management of Tax-Liened Property Guidelines

Article 1. General

- 1.1 The purpose of this ordinance is to establish procedures/guidelines for the management, administration and disposition of real property acquired for non-payment of taxes by the Town of North Yarmouth in accordance with Title 36 MRSA Sections 942 and 943, as amended.

Article 2. Analysis of Potentially-Acquirable Property for Unacceptable Liabilities

- 2.1 Annually, thirty (30) days before Notices of Foreclosure are sent, an evaluation of those potential liabilities that might be assumed by the Town shall be conducted with special attention to situations involving hazardous waste, public safety problems, and landlord responsibilities so that waiver of foreclosure recommendations (that conforms to all laws) can be acted upon by the Treasurer with the consultation of the Selectmen.

Article 3. Management of Tax Acquired Property Pending Final Disposition

- 3.1 Following the foreclosure of the tax lien mortgage, the Treasurer by certified mail return-receipt, shall notify the last known owner of record that his or her right to redeem the property has expired. The notification shall advise the last known owner of record that the property will be disposed of in accordance with this ordinance, a copy of which shall be included with the notification.

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- 3.2 The Treasurer shall prepare a list of properties acquired and forward a copy to the Selectmen and the Foreclosure Committee. This committee shall conduct the following research:
- 3.2.1 Prepare a fact sheet on all properties identifying current use, assessed value, size, location, zoning, and other relevant data.
 - 3.2.2 Will review all properties. The Committee shall consist of one member from the Planning Board, one member from the Zoning Board of Appeals, one member from the Future Land Committee, and two Selectmen.
 - 3.2.3 Prepare a recommendation on each tax-acquired property for the Selectmen from the following options:
 - 3.2.3.A Retain the property for town purposes>
 - a. The property has or will have recreational value or economic value to the Town.
 - b. The property has or will have potential for public facility or additions to public facilities.
 - c. The property has or will have potential use for the inhabitants of North Yarmouth as determined by the Selectmen (i.e.: forest land, parkland, etc.)
 - 3.2.3.B Retain the property and lease it
 - 3.2.3.C Sell the property
 - 3.2.3.D Donate the property to some appropriate non-profit organization whose mission benefits North Yarmouth citizens in general.
 - 3.2.3.E Other uses
- 3.3 The responsibility for the management of tax-acquired property rests with the Selectmen. The Selectmen's decision regarding the action plan for the final disposition of property shall:
- 1. Determine whether the Town's best interest would be served by immediately disposing of the property (consider potential liability interest in owning the property)
 - 2. Determine and obtain, if necessary, a level of insurance required to protect the town's interest in the property and to protect the Town from liability.
 - 3. Determine if and when any occupants of tax acquired property shall be required to vacate the property.
 - 4. Determine whether a rental fee should be charged to any occupants of the property. A rental fee shall not be imposed unless the Town has acquired sufficient liability insurance.
 - 5. Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 6, Property to be Sold, the Selectmen shall determine any special conditions, if any, for property sales. (See 14 MRSA 8104-A)
- 3.4 In the event the taxpayer in possession or taxpayer lessee possession has ceased for 60 consecutive days, the Administrative Assistant shall obtain liability coverage for the property.

Article 4. Review of Tax Acquired Properties

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- 4.1 The Administrative Assistant may also recommend that the Town retain the property on a temporary basis if in his or her judgment, the immediate sale would cause the occupants to be placed on public assistance.
 - 4.2 The Administrative Assistant and Foreclosure Committee shall forward the recommendations to the Selectmen who shall make the final determination regarding property disposition.

Article 5. Repurchase of Tax Acquired Property

- 5.1 The party from whom the property was acquired may repurchase the property by paying all outstanding property taxes, including the total amount of all delinquent property taxes, plus the total taxes for the current tax year (and an estimated amount for the next year after commitment) plus accrued interest, lien costs and any other costs relating to the property including, but not limited to, insurance, noticing and other related costs. The Town may also require the payment of any other delinquent taxes or obligations due the Town (i.e.: personal property taxes).
- 5.2 The party from whom the property was acquired may, upon approval of the Selectmen, enter into a written agreement (see attachment) to make installment payments to satisfy the obligations set forth in section 5.1 above, pursuant to the conditions set forth in 33 MRSA Section 481-482, in exchange for a promise of the Town to give a municipal quit claim deed if all of the terms and conditions of the installment agreement are fulfilled by the obligor.

Article 6. Property to be Sold

- 6.1 If the Foreclosure committee and the Selectmen decide to sell property by advertised sale, the Selectmen shall establish a sale date. The Administrative Assistant shall cause to be published a notice of the sale of the tax-acquired property in a local newspaper. Said notice shall be published at least three (3) times with the last publication at least fourteen (14) days prior to the sale. The notice shall be posted within the Municipal Office and at least two other conspicuous places within North Yarmouth. The notice shall specify the time and date bids are due and the general terms of the bid. It shall also contain the following information for each piece of property:
 - A. Brief description of the property, i.e. land, building, mobile home etc.
 - B. Location of the property including Map and Lot numbers
 - C. Brief description of the conditions of the sale.
 - D. The minimum bid.
 - E. The required deposit
- 6.2 The Selectmen will determine the minimum bid for any tax acquired property. The minimum bid shall be at least, but not limited to, the total of all outstanding taxes, including estimated taxes for the current year if the conveyance is prior to commitment and the actual amount of taxes for the current year is not yet known, interest, lien costs, and any other actual costs, such as legal and insurance costs.
- 6.3 Bids shall be publicly opened and read on the date and at the time specified.
- 6.4 The Administrative Assistant shall review all bids and make recommendations to the Foreclosure Committee and the Board of Selectmen. The Selectmen shall determine the successful bidder.
- 6.5 The Administrative Assistant shall notify the successful bidder by certified mail

- 6.6 The Town of North Yarmouth reserves the right to reject any or all bids, accept any bid (not necessarily the highest) and waive any of the requirements of this policy should the Selectmen, in its sole determination, judge such actions to be in the best interest of the Town of North Yarmouth. Instances where this right may be invoked include but are not limited to determining if the town would benefit greater by a use proposed by a party other than the highest bidder.
- 6.7 Should the Selectmen reject all bids, the property may again be offered for public sale without notification to the prior owner.
- 6.8 The bid deposit of the successful bidder shall be retained as a credit towards the purchase price. All other deposits shall be returned to the bidders.
- 6.9 The Selectmen shall require payment in full from the successful bidder within thirty (30) days from the date the bids are opened. Should the bidder fail to pay the full price within thirty (30) days, the Town shall retain the bid deposit and title to the property. The Selectmen may offer the property to the next highest bidder who shall also have thirty (30) days to make payments in full.
- 6.10 Title to tax-acquired property shall be transferred only by means of a Municipal Quit Claim Deed.
- 6.11 The successful bidder shall be responsible for the removal of any and all occupants and contents of purchased tax acquired property.

Article 4: To see what sum, if any, the Town will vote to appropriate and raise in support of the following miscellaneous accounts, or take any action thereon.

	1997 Budget	Expended IN 1997	% Expended	1998 Request	+/- 1997 Budget	% +/- 1997 Budget
ORGANIZATIONS						
Planning Board	500	400	80.00%	500	0	0.0%
Cumberland Recreation	21888	21888	100.00%	26921	5033	23.0%
Prince Library	41636	41636	100.00%	64541	22905	55.0%
Dare	1100	1100	100.00%	1421	321	29.2%
Shellfish Conservation	2500	2500	100.00%	2500	0	0.0%
MMA	2286	2286	100.00%	2400	114	5.0%
GP Council of Governments	3600	3600	100.00%	3600	0	0.0%
	73510	73410	99.86%	101883	28373	38.6%

Budget Committee Recommends: Due ongoing discussions regarding Cumberland Recreation, Prince Library and Dare funding, the Budget Committee makes no recommendation at the time of printing of this report. A recommendation will be made at Town Meeting.

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to apply any funds received from the sale of publicly owned property to the Future Land Fund, or take any action thereon.

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen purchase approximately 22 acres, more or less, of the so-called Cassidy Pit (Formerly known as the Robinson Pit) from KRC Properties for the sum of \$50,000; and to authorize the Selectmen to enter into an agreement with KRC Properties or its assigns to allow KRC properties to excavate up to 215,000 cyd.s of material within a 5 year period from the date of sale; and to finance the purchase of the property with KRC Properties over a period of 5 years, or take any action thereon

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to accept a gift of approximately 11.5 acres from Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Ring to be named "Hewett Park," on the condition that the Town apply to the Department of Transportation for a public railroad crossing for a public easement, to be established. The construction, maintenance and insurance of the public crossing, and construction and maintenance of the public easement to be borne by the Rings or their successors and assigns, and the Selectmen are not required to complete this transaction if it turns out not to be in the best interests of the Town.

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to expend up to \$25,000 from the Future Land Fund for the purpose of purchasing land abutting the Old Town House Lot and or land or easements providing recreational and or easements from Gillespie Farms Inc., or take any action thereon.

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell a parcel of town property (Map 3, Lot 113) to Thadeus Day for the sum of \$2,000.00, or take any action thereon.

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to swap a parcel of land with Jeffrey McEwen (a portion of map 4, lot 235 and map 4, lot 214.1), or take any action thereon.

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to allow Phillip Cincotta to utilize and improve a portion of Town owned property (map 4, lot 214.1) to access his property located at Map 4 lot 177, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept a conditional/unconditional gift of land from Phillip Cincotta, with both the development of the Cincotta property and the acceptance of the gift of land to be delayed pending Planning Board approval, or take any action thereon.

Article 12: To set compensation for Town Administration and see what sum, if any, the Town will vote to appropriate and raise in support of same.

	1997 Budget	Expended IN 1997	% Expended	1998 Request	+/- 1997 Budget	% +/- 1997 Budget
ADMINISTRATION						
Payroll	92,775	92,678	99.90%	95560	2785	3.0%
Board of Selectmen	3,100	3,100	100.00%	3100	0	0.0%
Fire Chief	1,000	1,000	100.00%	1000	0	0.0%
E.P Director	100	100	100.00%	100	0	0.0%
Dog Warden	100	100	100.00%	100	0	0.0%
Health Officer	100	100	100.00%	100	0	0.0%
Moderator	50	50	100.00%	50	0	0.0%
Assessor	10,000	10,000	100.00%	10000	0	0.0%
Administrative Expense	4,000	4,225	105.63%	4250	250	6.3%
	111,225	111,353	100.12%	114260	3035	2.7%

Budget Committee Recommends: \$114,260

Article 13: To see what sum, if any, the Town vote to appropriate and raise in support of the Fire and Rescue Department, or take any action thereon.

	1997 Budget	Expended IN 1997	% Expended	1998 Request	+/- 1997 Budget	% +/- 1997 Budget
FIRE AND RESCUE						
Maintenance	6000	6504	108.40%	5500	-500	-8.3%
Unspecified Equipment	1000		0.00%	0	-1000	-100.0%
New Equipment	3100	2384	76.90%	3500	400	12.9%
Radios	1500	4947	329.80%	2500	1000	66.7%
Radio Maintenance	0	1400		500	500	
Misc. Supplies	1000	990	99.00%	1000	0	0.0%
Training	4000	3265	81.63%	4000	0	0.0%
SCBA Maintenance	1000	625	62.50%	500	-500	-50.0%
Turn Out Gear - Fire	1000	1500	150.00%	1400	400	40.0%
Turn Out Gear - Rescue	0	0		2800	2800	
Medical Test/shots	500	149	29.80%	300	-200	-40.0%
Dispatch Services	15000	14000	93.33%	15000	0	0.0%
Personnel Expenses	4500	4600	102.22%	4500	0	0.0%
Utilities	2500	3507	140.28%	3100	600	24.0%
Rescue Services	9000	5249	58.32%	8690	-310	-3.4%
SCBA Payment to CIP	5400	5400	100.00%	4400	-1000	-18.5%
Fuel	0	700		700	700	
Defibrillator	2000	2007	100.35%	0	-2000	-100.0%
Mutual Aid	1000	0	0.00%	500	-500	-50.0%
	58500	57227	97.82%	58890	390	0.7%

Budget Committee Recommends: \$59,890 to provide funds for supplies for a paramedic. It was noted that this had been omitted from the budget when presented to the Selectmen

Article 14: To see what sum, if any, the Town will vote to appropriate and raise in support of Public Service Accounts, or take any action thereon.

	1997 Budget	Expended IN 1997	% Expended	1998 Request	+/- 1997 Budget	% +/- 1997 Budget
PUBLIC SERVICE ACCOUNTS						
General Assistance	10000	11631	116.31%	10000	0	0.0%
Cemeteries	1500	1401	93.40%	1500	0	0.0%
Dog Warden	1000	1057	105.70%	1000	0	0.0%
Animal Refuge League	1200	1196	99.67%	1200	0	0.0%
Community Health Services	2000	2000	100.00%	2000	0	0.0%
Regional Transportation	720	720	100.00%	720	0	0.0%
PROP	3465	3465	100.00%	3465	0	0.0%
MPBN	150	150	100.00%	150	0	0.0%

So. Me. Agency on Aging	1450	1450	100.00%	1450	0	0.0%
Family Crisis Shelter	160	160	100.00%	160	0	0.0%
	21645	23230	107.32%	21645	0	0.0%

Budget Committee Recommends: \$21645

Article 15: To see what sum, if any, the Town will vote to appropriate and raise in support of the Public Works Department, or take any action thereon.

	1997 Budget	Expended IN 1997	% Expended	1998 Request	+/- 1997 Budget	% +/- 1997 Budget
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT						
Supplies	14500	12000	82.76%	12000	-2500	-17.2%
Facility Maintenance	2500	2532	101.28%	2500	0	0.0%
Special Projects	75000	59388	79.18%	102000	27000	36.0%
Road Maintenance	28000	22909	81.82%	28000	0	0.0%
Winter Roads	43000	39437	91.71%	52000	9000	20.9%
Fuel	9000	6724	74.71%	9000	0	0.0%
Fleet Maintenance	19000	20593	108.38%	18500	-500	-2.6%
Utilities	4000	3045	76.13%	4000	0	0.0%
Payroll	79000	69777	88.33%	81400	2400	3.0%
	274000	236405	86.28%	309400	35400	12.9%

Budget Committee Recommends: \$309,400

Article 16: To see what sum, if any, the Town will vote to appropriate and raise in support of Solid Waste Accounts, or take any action thereon.

	1997 Budget	Expended IN 1997	% Expended	1998 Request	+/- 1997 Budget	% +/- 1997 Budget
Solid Waste Accounts						
Septic Disposal	15000	13698	91.32%	15000	0	0.0%
Curbside Collection	52000	48192	92.68%	55,000	3000	5.8%
RWS Disposal/Recycling	105000	98428	93.74%	105,000	0	0.0%
Clean up Weekend	10000	7771	77.71%	15000	5000	50.0%
	182000	168089	92.36%	190000	8000	4.4%

Budget Committee recommends: \$ 190,000

Article 17: To see what sum, if any, the Town will vote to appropriate and raise in support of Operational Accounts, or take any action thereon.

	1997 Budget	Expended IN 1997	% Expended	1998 Request	+/- 1997 Budget	% +/- 1997 Budget
OPERATIONAL ACCOUNTS						
Municipal Building	4000	4212	105.30%	4300	300	7.5%
Insurance	18500	19460	105.19%	20000	1500	8.1%
Interest	12000	12360	103.00%	12500	500	4.2%
Supplies	15000	14536	96.91%	15000	0	0.0%
Elections	1000	885	88.50%	1000	0	0.0%
Legal Expense	10000	12778	127.78%	10000	0	0.0%
Employer Expense	68364	65057	95.16%	73828	5464	8.0%
Transfers	500	400	80.00%	500	0	0.0%
Utilities	11000	11762	106.93%	11000	0	0.0%
Annual Audit / Report	7000	6765	96.64%	7000	0	0.0%
Hydrant Rental	19310	19307	99.98%	19310	0	0.0%
Contingency	1000	1020	102.00%	1000	0	0.0%
	167674	168542	100.52%	175438	7764	4.6%

Budget Committee Recommends: \$175,438

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town Charter by amending Section 9, subsection B, Recreation Commission as follows:

B: RECREATION COMMISSION. There shall be a Recreation Commission consisting of ~~three~~ **(3) five (5) members and 2 alternate members appointed to staggered three (3) year terms.** Following adoption of this amendment, the Board of Selectmen shall appoint 2 members to a term of 3 years, 2 members to a term of 2 years, and 1 member to a term of 1 year. Following the initial term, appointments shall be for 3 years. Also, they shall appoint 2 alternate members to a term of 1 year. The Commission shall advise the Town and municipal officers on matters of recreation and supervise any recreation programs administered by the Town of North Yarmouth. The Commission shall also oversee any town property designated as a recreation area by the Board of Selectmen and make recommendations to the Board of Selectmen regarding its use. Members shall elect a chairman and Secretary.

Article 19: To hear and act, if necessary, upon the report of the Future Land Committee.

Article 20: To see what sum, if any, the Town will vote to appropriate and raise in support of the Future Land Fund, or take any action thereon.

	1997 Budget	Expended IN 1997	% Expended	1998 Request	+/- 1997 Budget	% +/- 1997 Budget
FUTURE LAND FUND	30000	30000	100.00%	25000	-5000	-16.7%

Budget Committee recommends: \$ 25,000

Article 21: To see what sum, if any, the Town will vote to appropriate and raise in support of Capitol Projects or Purchases and to determine how to fund such projects, or take any action thereon.

	1997 Budget	Expended IN 1997	% Expended	1998 Request	+/- 1997 Budget	% +/- 1997 Budget
CAPITOL PROJECTS						
Plow Truck	75000	74446	99.26%			
Plate Compactor	2000	1631	81.55%			
Engineering - Mountfort	10000	9500	95.00%			
1-Ton truck	5000	4800	96.00%			
Fire Truck	0	0		185000	185000	
Mountfort Road	0	0		400000	400000	
Bridge Construction Fund	0	0		100000	100000	
Wescustogo Hall				20238	20238	
	92000	90377	98.24%	705238	705238	766.6%

Budget Committee Recommends: \$ 705,238

Article 22: To see what sum, if any, the Town will vote to appropriate and raise in support of 1998 Debt Service and Revaluation Project, or take any action thereon.

	1997 Budget	Expended IN 1997	% Expended	1998 Request	+/- 1997 Budget	% +/- 1997 Budget
DEBT SERVICE and REVALUATION						
Fire Station Addition	21654	21307	98.40%	20550	-1104	-5.1%
Revaluation	25000	25000	100.00%	25000	0	0.0%
	46654	46307	99.26%	45550	-1104	-2.4%

Budget Committee Recommends: \$ 45,550

Article 23: To see what sum, if any, the Town will vote to appropriate and raise in support of the Capitol Investment Fund, or take any action thereon.

	1997 Budget	Expended IN 1997	% Expended	1998 Request	+/- 1997 Budget	% +/- 1997 Budget
CAPITOL INVESTMENT TRUST	45000	45000	100.00%	45000	0	0.0%

Budget Committee Recommends: \$ 90,000

Article 24: To see what sum, if any, the Town will vote to appropriate and raise in support of the "river park", or take any action thereon.

	1997 Budget	Expended IN 1997	% Expended	1998 Request	+/- 1997 Budget	% +/- 1997 Budget
ROYAL RIVER PROPERTY						
Annual Maintenance				1000		
Gang Mower				1800		
				2800		

Budget Committee recommends: \$ 2,800

Article 25: To hear and act, if necessary, upon the report of the North Yarmouth School Fund Trustees.

Article 26: To hear and act, if necessary, upon the report of the North Yarmouth Cemetery Commission.

Article 27: To see what sum, if any, the Town will vote to take from undesignated fund balance and various other accounts and receipts, sources and designations to apply against 1998 appropriations, and to accept any such funds from the State of Maine and the United States Government as provided by the State Legislature for the year 1998.

	1997 Budget	Received IN 1997	% Expended	1998 Request	+/- 1997 Budget	% +/- 1997 Budget
REVENUE ACCOUNTS						
Clerk Fees	13000	16239	124.92%	15000	2000	15.4%
Permit Fees	20000	18274	91.37%	18000	-2000	-10.0%
Dog Licenses	450	872	193.78%	600	150	33.3%
General Assistance	5000	2674	53.48%	5000	0	0.0%
Highway Block Grant	38000	38370	100.97%	38000	0	0.0%
Excise Tax Collections	200000	359198	179.60%	265000	65000	32.5%
State Revenue Sharing	120000	157572	131.31%	135000	15000	12.5%
Interest Income	25000	48247	192.99%	30000	5000	20.0%

CIF Trust Funds	87000	87000	100.00%	100000	13000	14.9%
Future Land Fund	5000	5000	100.00%	0	-5000	-100.0%
1998 CIP Bond Issue				585000	585000	
Wescustogo Hall Funds				11270	11270	
Undesignated Fund Balance	310000	310000	100.00%	310000	0	0.0%
	823450	1043446	126.72%	1512870	689420	83.7%

Budget Committee Recommends: \$ 1,512,870

Article 28: To see if the Town will vote to set the date that 1998 real and personal property taxes will be due as September 2nd, 1998; to charge interest at the rate of 10.75% per anum for 1998 taxes paid after that date; and to discount 1998 taxes paid in full in the month of July by 1%, or take any action thereon.

Given unto our hands this _____ day of February, 1998 at North Yarmouth, Maine.

James B. Moulton, Chrmn.
Donald Smith
Patricia Hamel
Richard Brobst
Clark Whittier

The Registrar of Voters hereby gives notice that he will be in session from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm on Friday, March 13th, 1998 and from 9:00 am to close of meeting on Saturday, March 14th, 1998.



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
STATE HOUSE AUGUSTA 04333-0002
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Joseph B. Taylor
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January 1998

To the Citizens of North Yarmouth:

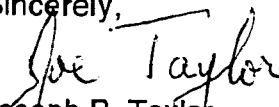
The year 1997 saw the Maine economy improve measurably. This improvement resulted in a large surplus of funds in the State coffers and stimulated the imaginations of most of us as to what we should do with this money. I am looking for a compromise that will benefit a few neglected areas on a one time basis without incurring new program costs that will inflate the State budget in future years. I also hope to support some form of tax reduction - probably in the sales tax. I would welcome any thoughts you may have on this matter.

I continue to serve on the Joint Standing Committee on Utilities and Energy. In 1997 we completed a bill to restructure the electric utility industry in Maine and deregulate the power generation portion of the business. This should result eventually in lower rates for all users - large and small. As a result of the recent ice storms I think we need to take a hard look at increasing the reliability of the electric transmission and distribution systems. We are tough in Maine but we should always look for ways to improve our quality of life.

The Legislature continues to struggle with unfunded mandates imposed on local government. Many "cost saving" proposals are merely cost shifting to another level of government. The money, be it Federal, State or Local, eventually comes from all of us - the tax payers.

This year we have a short session that should end by the first of April. Please call me if you have a questions or concerns about State issues. My home phone is 829 - 5751. I can be reached in Augusta at 287 - 1440 or you may leave a message using the House toll free line 1 - 800 - 423 - 2900.

Sincerely,


Joseph B. Taylor
State Representative

District 42 Part of Cumberland and North Yarmouth



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THE SENATE OF MAINE
118th Legislature

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January 8, 1998

Dear Friend:

I want to take just a moment to thank you for providing me the opportunity to represent your best interests in Augusta during the past 3 years. The second session of the 118th Legislature, which begins this week, will be my last as I have decided not to seek re-election to the Maine Senate in 1998.

I can assure you that this decision did not come easily as I have enjoyed my work as your state senator. For me it is a matter of priorities and I simply want to spend more time with my children. These are exciting times for Jenna (13), Meghan (11), and Jeff (9), and I don't want to miss another concert, ballgame, or homework session.

As we have come to expect, finances will take center stage once again in Augusta in 1998. Presently the state is running a surplus in excess of 4200 million and by law must utilize 75% of that surplus for tax relief. Unfortunately, tax relief - like beauty - is in the eye of the beholder. Some say spending more money for a growing list of worthy programs will eventually spell relief. While others, who are concerned with Maine's ranking as a high tax state, want direct tax relief in the form of lower rates. I will be advocating for a reduction in the sales tax from six cents to five. It will fulfill a pledge that is long overdue.

Two major issues scheduled to come before my committee - Natural Resources - will be the resumption of auto emissions testing for Cumberland County and the adoption of recommendations from the Great Ponds Task Force. Both issues have the potential to significantly impact North Yarmouth residents and should generate a good deal of debate.

Although I will not be seeking re-election, I will continue to represent North Yarmouth with the same enthusiasm that has characterized my tenure in Augusta. Please don't hesitate to call if you have questions or concerns about issues before the legislature. Best wishes for a productive and cooperative town meeting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeff Butland".

Jeff Butland
State Senator



TAXES DUE 12/31/97

	<u>97 bal</u>	<u>96 bal</u>	<u>95 bal</u>	<u>94 bal</u>	<u>93 bal</u>	<u>total</u>
* denotes paid in 1998						
AL-ALWI, MONSOUR T.	2512.97	2,466.72	2,435.01			7,414.70
ANDERSON, GEORGE SR.	381.42	374.40				755.82
ANDERSON, RICHARD	8.33					8.33
AUDETTE, R & E	2967.51					2,967.51
AUDETTE, R & E	302.79					302.79
BABIN, MICHAEL S.	2105.53					2,105.53
BAHLKOW, G & K	440.10					440.10
BAKER, RICHARD	1364.44					1,364.44
BALVIN, K & S.	131.45 *					131.45
BARBER, SALLY A.	1624.61	1,594.71				3,219.32
BEGGS, JOSEPH & JULIE	1244.66					1,244.66
BLACKSTONE, FRANK	199.51 *					199.51
BLACKSTONE, FRANK	202.45 *					202.45
BLANCHARD, BETTINA M.	11.74					11.74
BOYCE, DALE/ROSS, LISA	1381.21					1,381.21
BOYCE, FRANKLIN	2623.96					2,623.96
BROOKS, ROGER	319.07					319.07
BROWN, KATHLEEN E.	296.04					296.04
BURTON CONSTRUCTION	354.65					354.65
CARPENTER, JOHN F	2637.26	1,733.32				4,370.58
CLUKEY, ESTATE OF JAMES	919.60	877.62		979.54		2,776.76
COFFIN, PHILIP C.	905.43					905.43
DAVIS, RONALD	846.02	830.45	848.90	920.31	933.85	4,379.53
DEXTER & SONS	7.34 *	-	7.36 *	6.80 *		21.50
DEXTER, WILLIAM & THOMAS	441.57 *	433.44 *	443.07 *			1,318.08
DOW, NEAL	2588.55					2,588.55
DUNN, STEVEN J.	1872.68					1,872.68
EDGERTON, LINDA ANNE	5.87					5.87
EDGERTON, LINDA ANNE	2049.87					2,049.87
FARWELL SAWIN DEV.	311.30					311.30
GERRY, ELWOOD	870.23 *					870.23
GILLESPIE FARMS INC.	205.38	201.60				406.98
GILLESPIE FARMS INC.	6260.30	6,085.05				12,345.35
GILLESPIE FARMS INC.	105.62	103.68				209.30
GLASIER, JAMES	1.61 *					1.61
GOBEIL, R & E.	463.72					463.72
GOETZ-ADLERSTEIN, EVA	105.62					105.62
GRANT, STEVEN & V.	1900.47					1,900.47
HALL, JAMES B.ii	1567.90	1,539.04				3,106.94
HANSON, JEFFREY	948.15	930.70	787.04			2,665.89
HARRIS, J & N	2807.52					2,807.52
HAYES, MAURICE	64.55					64.55
HAYWARD, DEAN W. SR.	1493.02	1,465.55	1,498.11	1,520.13	1,542.48	7,519.29
HEDGECOCK, SETHALLEN	1673.37					1,673.37
HILTON, WILLIAM JR.	1326.73					1,326.73
HODGETTS, PAUL W.	1981.68	1,945.21				3,926.89
KEITH, RONALD	177.95 *					177.95

* denotes paid in 1998	<u>97 bal</u>	<u>96 bal</u>	<u>95 bal</u>	<u>94 bal</u>	<u>93 bal</u>	<u>total</u>
KINNE, JACK W.	2689.89	2,640.38				5,330.27
KINNE, JACK W.	1000.02	981.62				1,981.64
KINNEY, WESLEY	306.19					306.19
KINNEY, WESLEY	492.91					492.91
LEEMAN, KIETH P.	294.28	288.86				583.14
LEFEBVRE, RONALD & KAREN	2700.48					2,700.48
MACDONALD, ELEANOR	903.55					903.55
MARQUIS, JOAN C.	805.27					805.27
MCKOWN, BRENDA	1317.75					1,317.75
MCLEOD, DOUGLASS	298.74					298.74
MORRILL, JOHN E.	1167.81					1,167.81
MORRISON, AUDREY & RALPH	1302.55					1,302.55
NAPOLITANO, JOHN & LINDA	1786.63 *	1,753.75 *				3,540.38
NASON, BASIL	1403.39					1,403.39
NIELSEN, LIEF	2395.39					2,395.39
OLIVER, BRIAN E.	1817.14	1,783.70				3,600.84
O'MARROW, GARNET & GINA	1557.13 *					1,557.13
ORCUTT, CHERYLYNN L.	1010.91					1,010.91
OVERLOCK, ELLEN A.	777.80	763.49				1,541.29
PARISI, STEPHEN L.	2054.12	473.25				2,527.37
PENDLETON, MICHAEL W.	1558.31 *	1,529.63 *				3,087.94
PHIPPS, PATRICIA	1663.90 *					1,663.90
POIRIER, JOYCE/THOMAS DIRK	9.36					9.36
PRIEST, WILLIAM	1898.94					1,898.94
PURDY, JAMES & JANE	21.01					21.01
QUEEN, JAMES L.	2595.30					2,595.30
QUEEN, ROBERT A.	1370.94	1,345.71	601.05	1,406.95		4,724.65
SMALL, CAROLINE	1408.64	1,382.72	1,593.44	1,524.32		5,909.12
RUSSELL, MARK E.	1661.91					1,661.91
SACO BAY REALTY INC	0.00	253.44				253.44
SHARP, JONATHAN D.	0.00				2,080.76	2,080.76
SHOREY, JEFFREY D.	684.23					684.23
SLOAT, RONALD	0.00	1,890.89				1,890.89
SNOW, LUTHER	108.56					108.56
STEWART, JOHN A.	587.68					587.68
STOREY, DONN & CHARLES	126.16					126.16
STROM, MICHAEL	1581.87	1,552.75				3,134.62
TRENHOLM, KENNETH/HOFFMAN	3080.85					3,080.85
WALKER, STEVEN	1507.99					1,507.99
WALTMAN, JOSEPH	3426.62	3,363.55				6,790.17
WARE, ROBERT & RACHEL	1766.97					1,766.97
WELCH, CARLANN W.	200.00					200.00
WHITTEMORE, LAURIE	1885.48					1,885.48
WILES, MARGARET C.	2013.16 *					2,013.16
WOODCOCK, APRIL L.	1319.60	741.93 *				2,061.53
WYMAN, CRAIG A.	1492.97					1,492.97
ZIRIOKA, PATRICK	1452.38					1,452.38
	<u>112516.53</u>	<u>42,202.30</u>	<u>8,213.98</u>	<u>6,358.05</u>	<u>4,557.09</u>	<u>173,847.95</u>





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We were engaged by and have audited the financial statements of the Town of North Yarmouth, Maine as of and for the year ended December 31, 1997. The following statements and schedule have been excerpted from the 1997 financial statements, a complete copy of which, including our opinion thereon, is available for inspection at the Town office. Included herein are:

Statement A-1 - Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types and Account Groups

Statement A-2 - Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes
in Fund Balance - All Governmental Fund Types
and Expendable Trust Fund

Statement A-3 - Statement of Revenues and Expenditures - Budget and Actual -
General Fund - Budget Basis

Schedule 3 - Statement of Departmental Operations (General Fund)

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Certified Public Accountants
February 20, 1998

TOWN OF NORTH YARMOUTH, MAINE
COMBINED BALANCE SHEET - ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUPS
DECEMBER 31, 1997

(With Comparative Totals for the Year ended December 31, 1996)

	Governmental Fund		Fiduciary Fund Type	Account Group	Totals	
	General	Special Revenue	Trust and Agency	General Long- Term Debt	1997	1996 (Memorandum Only)
ASSETS:						
Cash and Investments	\$ 842,817	\$ 13,686	\$ 83,358	\$ 0	\$ 939,861	\$ 718,586
Receivables:						
Taxes	122,476	0	0	0	122,476	160,770
Liens	40,603	0	0	0	40,603	44,485
Accounts	748	0	0	0	748	737
Tax Acquired Property	24,875	0	0	0	24,875	659
Due from Other Funds	2,098	0	250	0	2,348	1,640
Amount to be Provided for Accrued Compensated Absences	0	0	0	26,908	26,908	24,366
Amount to be Provided for Retirement of General Long-Term Debt	0	0	0	54,000	54,000	90,000
TOTAL ASSETS	\$1,033,617	\$ 13,686	\$ 83,608	\$ 80,908	\$1,211,819	\$1,041,243
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY:						
Liabilities:						
Accounts Payable	\$ 8,969	\$ 982	\$ 994	\$ 0	\$ 10,945	\$ 8,925
Deferred Revenues	164,345	0	0	0	164,345	172,182
Due to Other Funds	250	0	2,098	0	2,348	1,640
Due to Other Groups	0	0	17,690	0	17,690	0
Accrued Compensated Absences	0	0	0	26,908	26,908	24,366
General Obligation Bonds	0	0	0	54,000	54,000	90,000
	\$ 173,564	\$ 982	\$ 20,782	\$ 80,908	\$ 276,236	\$ 297,113
FUND EQUITY:						
Fund Balances:						
Reserved	\$ 355,906	\$ 0	\$ 53,202	\$ 0	\$ 409,108	\$ 260,624
Unreserved:						
Designated	16,245	0	0	0	16,245	15,000
Undesignated	487,902	12,704	9,624	0	510,230	468,506
	\$ 860,053	\$ 12,704	\$ 62,826	\$ 0	\$ 935,583	\$ 744,130
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	\$1,033,617	\$ 13,686	\$ 83,608	\$ 80,908	\$1,211,819	\$1,041,243

The Accompanying Notes are an Integral Part of these Statements.

TOWN OF NORTH YARMOUTH, MAINE
COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE -
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES AND EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1997

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>		<u>Fiduciary Fund Type</u>	<u>Total (Memorandum Only)</u>
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Expensible Trust</u>	
REVENUES:				
Taxes	\$2,659,122	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 2,659,122
Intergovernmental	199,547	0	0	199,547
Miscellaneous	118,390	7,260	2,774	128,424
	<u>\$2,977,059</u>	<u>\$ 7,260</u>	<u>\$ 2,774</u>	<u>\$ 2,987,093</u>
EXPENDITURES:				
General Government	\$ 121,282	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 121,282
Public Safety and Services	82,707	0	3,950	86,657
Public Works and Sanitation	406,214	0	0	406,214
Fixed Expenses and Operations	309,040	0	0	309,040
Town Organizations and Committees	72,418	0	0	72,418
Education	1,809,147	0	0	1,809,147
Debt Service	21,307	0	0	21,307
Capital Investment	184,867	0	0	184,867
For Designated Purpose	0	43,967	0	43,967
	<u>\$3,006,982</u>	<u>\$ 43,967</u>	<u>\$ 3,950</u>	<u>\$ 3,054,899</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	\$ (29,923)	\$(36,707)	\$(1,176)	\$ (67,806)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):				
Operating Transfers In (Out)	\$ 73,500	\$ 0	\$ 1,500	\$ 75,000
Proceeds from Wescustogo Grange Association	0	49,411	0	49,411
	<u>\$ 73,500</u>	<u>\$ 49,411</u>	<u>\$ 1,500</u>	<u>\$ 124,411</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCE OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	\$ 43,577	\$ 12,704	\$ 324	\$ 56,605
FUND BALANCE - AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	816,476	0	9,300	626,247
FUND BALANCE - AT END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 860,053</u>	<u>\$ 12,704</u>	<u>\$ 9,624</u>	<u>\$ 682,852</u>

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TOWN OF NORTH YARMOUTH, MAINE
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES -
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND
BUDGET BASIS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1997

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
REVENUES:			
Taxes	\$2,473,883	\$2,659,122	\$ 185,239
Intergovernmental	163,000	199,547	36,547
Miscellaneous	<u>58,450</u>	<u>97,316</u>	<u>38,866</u>
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>\$2,695,333</u>	<u>\$2,955,985</u>	<u>\$ 260,652</u>
EXPENDITURES:			
General Government	\$ 136,225	\$ 121,282	\$ 14,943
Public Safety and Services	85,160	82,707	2,453
Public Works and Sanitation	460,069	406,214	53,855
Fixed Expenses and Operations	348,637	309,040	39,597
Town Organizations and Committees	73,510	72,418	1,092
Education	1,809,147	1,809,147	0
Debt Service	21,654	21,307	347
Capital Investment	<u>75,000</u>	<u>75,000</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>\$3,009,402</u>	<u>\$2,897,115</u>	<u>\$ 112,287</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>\$ (314,069)</u>	<u>\$ 58,870</u>	<u>\$ 372,939</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):			
Operating Transfers In (Out):			
Trust Funds	<u>(1,500)</u>	<u>(1,500)</u>	<u>0</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	<u>\$ (315,569)</u>	<u>\$ 57,370</u>	<u>\$ 372,939</u>

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TOWN OF NORTH YARMOUTH, MAINE
STATEMENT OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1997

	Appropriation Balances Forward	Appropriations	Transfers and Other Credits	Total Available	Expenditures	Balances		Carried Forward
						Overdrawn	Unexpended	
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$ 0	\$ 136,225	\$ 0	\$ 136,225	\$ 121,282	\$ 210	\$ 0	\$ 15,153
PUBLIC SAFETY AND SERVICES	0	85,160	0	85,160	82,707	0	2,453	0
PUBLIC WORKS AND SANITATION	4,069	456,000	0	460,069	406,214	0	53,855	0
FIXED EXPENSES AND OPERATIONS	0	348,637	0	348,637	309,040	0	39,597	0
TOWN ORGANIZATIONS AND COMMITTEES	0	73,510	612	74,122	73,030	0	0	1,092
EDUCATION	0	1,809,147	0	1,809,147	1,809,147	0	0	0
DEBT SERVICE	0	21,654	0	21,654	21,307	0	347	0
CAPITAL INVESTMENTS	0	75,000	0	75,000	75,000	0	0	0
TOTAL	<u>\$ 4,069</u>	<u>\$ 3,005,333</u>	<u>\$ 612</u>	<u>\$ 3,010,014</u>	<u>\$ 2,897,727</u>	<u>\$ 210</u>	<u>\$ 96,252</u>	<u>\$ 16,245</u>

Please remember:

North Yarmouth's Annual Town Meeting provides the democratic process for establishing the Municipal side of the 1998 budget equation. The bulk of your tax dollar is accounted for through the M.S.A.D. #51 budget process which is a separate process from your annual town meeting.

Please make an effort to be involved in the school budget process. Watch the newspapers and local postings for meetings of interest.

The North Yarmouth Budget Committee

Watch for volunteer opportunities for yourself and your civic groups. Extra help is always appreciated. Some of those opportunities for 1998 will include:

- Inside work day - Wescustogo Hall
- Outside Work Day - Wescustogo Hall
- Spring Cleanup Weekend
- End of Summer Cleanup Weekend

Also -

An "old fashioned minstrel show" is in the planning for the Wescustogo Hall -- Keep an eye out for that one!

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TOWN ELECTION DAY - FRIDAY MARCH 13TH - 8 AM TO 8 PM ** TOWN MEETING - SATURDAY MARCH 14TH - 9 AM