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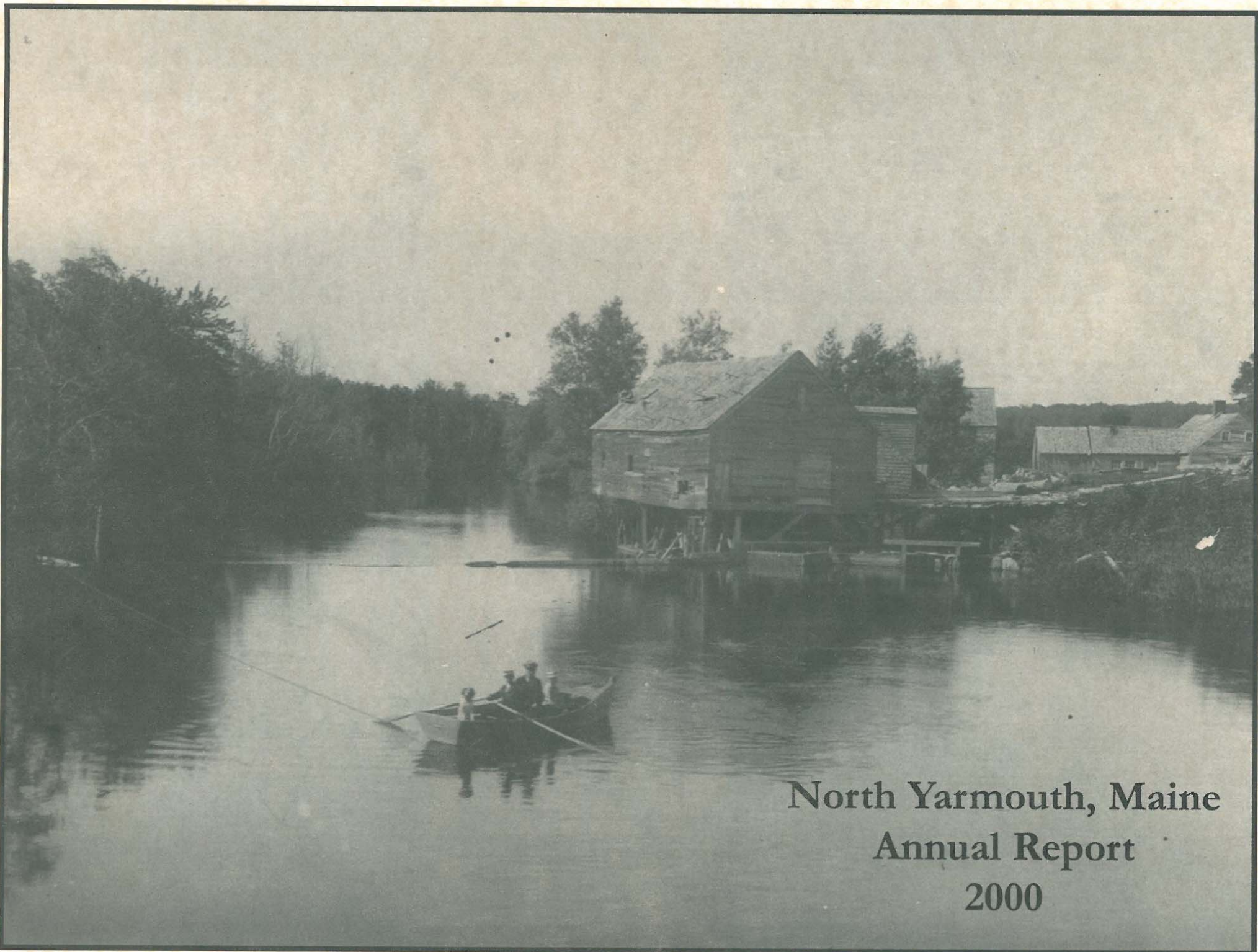
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North Yarmouth, Maine
Annual Report
2000

Mill Pond, Royal River Mill Road, North Yarmouth, 1892

In November, 1863, Miss Julia Perkins sat at a writing table in a house in North Yarmouth and took pen in hand to write to her betrothed, Charles Gerrish of Saco. "I am sitting in a little, low room, with two windows, one looking out on the mill and the opposite one on the country road. I can look over to the mill and see the country teams standing there. I should think that every body was out of meal, if we can judge anything from the number of people who have been there today. Beyond the mill is a hill, and rough enough it is, too. It is new land, and the stumps have not been cleared from it yet. At the right and extreme left, put a few pine trees, and with the river in the fore ground, the picture is complete."

Julia's description is vivid. And thanks to some sleuthing done by Linc Merrill, a North Yarmouth Historical Society Board member, we actually have a photographic image to match her words. His discovery appears this year on our front cover. The 1892 photo shows the Porter (later Hayes) Sawmill on the Royal River at the Mill Road. It is taken from the bridge over the river looking downstream. The building on the right riverbank is an old sawmill and the house (inside which Julia no doubt sat) is out back. About 1900, land behind the home became the site of Samuel LaChance's brickyard (later the Joe Blais brickyard).

A wooden dam first contained the Royal River and made a millpond at this site, and the waterpower was used to run a sawmill in 1850 - town tax records at that time call it a "new mill." Known as Porter's Mill, it was owned by David Trickey and Barbour B. Porter (both of Route 115) and was run by Barbour, and later Sylvanus, Porter. It is listed in the Maine Register as a shingle mill and a sawmill. In 1855, a gristmill was added to grind local grain into meal. There were now 2 mills on the dam.

Logs from the local forests were cut and hauled to the sawmill to be made into boards. They were often dumped into the millpond and then pulled up into the mill where the waterwheel ran the sawblade. Sawdust fell directly into the river and was carried downstream. Wescustogo Hotel, Dunns School (Route 9 above Dunns Corner), York's Store (on Route 9 at Walnut Hill Station) and many houses and outbuildings were made from lumber milled here.

The Porters ran the mill until it was taken over by Roscoe Perley in 1873. He continued the business of making shingles, lumber, and meal until 1885, when Isaac E. Hayes of Route 231 purchased the mill. The changeover is noted by North Yarmouth farmer George F. (Fred) Loring of North Road, at the current James Hayward residence. He wrote in his diary on August 17, 1885, "I see Ike Hayes this morning. He is up to the mill. Perley has gone out." Isaac made some improvements: on August 31, 1885 Fred writes, "Ike Hayes wants me to build him a lumber shed up to the mill. He has had someone there to pick the stones so that they can grind in good shape."

The gristmill ran until 1901. Its location is uncertain, but it was probably located in a separate building on the left river bank, along the wooden dam that holds back the millpond where the rowboat is. After numerous replacements of the sawmill from fires and freshets, the sawmill was rebuilt on the gristmill site.

The sawmill closed in 1946; at the time, Ike's son Maurice was running The operation. The Hayes name is a familiar one in North Yarmouth - in fact, Isaac's great-grandchildren, Dixie and Maurice Hayes, both live with their families in town today.

In the 1960s, all that remained of this industrial site was the concrete dam that had replaced the wooden one. The dam was removed then, when the current bridge was built over the water. Though the Royal River now flows free at this location, some remember the millpond well, and not just as a place of business. Children from the neighborhood swam in the pond during the summer. Fishing was popular and Richard Baston of Walnut Hill Road was among those who speared eels in the water running under the sawmill. Along the riverbank, the Blais family set up a boiler to heat wash water to do their laundry.

Back to Miss Julia Perkins. The Sylvanus Porter house seen in the photo (the current location of the more modern Fernald Scott home) was probably home to Julia for a few weeks. Julia's half sister was Sarah Foss Scammon, wife of mill owner Sylvanus Porter and new mother to a baby born in September 1863. Two months after the baby's arrival, Julia had no doubt moved in to help her sister with the baby and the Porter's other three children. Julia would later marry Charles Gerrish, a Saco jeweller, on Factory Island, in 1867.

ANNUAL REPORT

Town

OF

NORTH YARMOUTH

MAINE

Year ending December 31, 2000

ELECTED OFFICIALS and REPRESENTATIVES

BOARD OF SELECTMEN:	James B. Moulton, Chrmn., 2001 Kenneth C. Allen, 2001 Richard W. Brobst, 2003 Carol A. Burgess, 2002 David J. Perkins, 2002
MODERATOR:	Christopher Vaniotis
BUDGET COMMITTEE:	Clark Whittier, Chrmn., 2002 Richard Parenteau, 2001 R. James Malonson, 2001 Vernon Goff, Jr., 2001 Herbert Hamel, 2002 Rick Burton, 2002 Frank Coffin, 2003 Elsie May Moreau, 2003
CEMETERY COMMISSION:	Richard Baston, Chrmn., 2005 Clark Baston, 2001 David Hyde, 2002 Guy Lovell, 2003 Maurice Hayes, 2004
S.A.D.#51 DIRECTORS:	Jean Chadbourne, 2001 Kim True, 2002 Audrey Lones, 2003
YARMOUTH WATER DISTRICT TRUSTEE:	Rosalyn I. Baston, 2003

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 INSPECOTOR:	Stanford M. Brown
FIRE CHIEF:	Richard M. Baston
ROAD COMMISSIONER:	Donald J. Chaisson
DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS:	Richard W. Brobst
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER:	Karen G. Brown
HEALTH OFFICER:	Eileen Wyatt
GENERAL ASSISTANCE ADMINISTRATOR:	Scott W. Seaver
REPRESENTATIVE TO REGIANAL WASTE SYSTEMS, INC.:	Scott W. Seaver
REPRESENTATIVES TO PRINCE MEMORIAL LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD:	Priscilla Brobst William T. Hayes
REPRESENTATIVES TO CUMBERLAND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE:	James Googins Barbara Hauke

TOWN COMMISSIONS, BOARDS and COMMITTEES

PLANNING BOARD:

Christopher Vaniotis, Chrmn., 2002
Kent Hilton, Jr., 2003
Steve Morrison, 2004
John Kennedy, 2001
Kathryn Dion, 2005
Ed Gervais, Alternate
William Hayes, Alternate

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS:

John Carpenter, Chrmn., 2001
Robert Wood, 2002
David Norman, 2003
Scott Scully, 2004
Alan Corrow, 2005
Thaddeus Day, Alternate
Claudia Raessler, Alternate

BOARD of ASSESSMENT REVIEW:

H. Craig Higgins, Chrmn.
Eleanor Carolan
Rob Taisey

SHELLFISH CONSERVATION COMMISSION:

Guy Watson, Chrmn
John Woodcock
Brian Tarbox
Harold Hibbard
Ernie Grant

CABLE T.V. COMMISSION:

Scott Kerr
Paul Peck
William Umberger

CONSERVATION COMMISSION:

Robert Houston, Chrmn, 2002
Amanda Bennett, 2003
Sue Cabot, 2002
Dan Dorsky, 2002
Annie Eagan, 2003

(cont.)

Paul Peck, 2003
Sam Ristich, 2001
Ed Antz, Alt. 2001
Mike Boardman, Alt. 2001
Cindi Lynch, Alt. 2001

RECREATION COMMISSION:

Leah Mahoney, Chrmn.
Michael Andreasen
Herbert Hamel
Paul Metevier
Steve Parisi
Jennifer Tuemmler

SAFE WALK & BIKE WAYS COMMITTEE

Nancy Grant, Chair
Holly Day
Kathryn Dion
Barbara Hauke
Harry Nelson

Jean Chadbourne
Greg Dickson
Sally Hassey
Jeff McEwen
Melody Pickett

SCHOOL FUND TRUSTEES

Kenneth Allen
Richard Baston
Earl Edwards
Richard Lowell

Nelson Smith

Warren Barter
Joel Fuller
Maurice Hayes
Norman Smith

NORTH YARMOUTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY BOARD MEMBERS

Katie Murphy
Liza Chandler
Suzanne Gerry
Linc Merrill
Joan Lyons

Ursula Baier

Rosalyn Baston
Joyce Gervais
Mark Heath
Thaddeus Day
Denise McEwen

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS – SAD#51

Robert G. Hasson, Jr. 829-4800

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MONTHLY SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

(subject to change, watch local papers)

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

North Yarmouth Municipal Building

Please watch for news of the relocation of your Municipal Offices to its new location of off Memorial Highway. It is anticipated that this will occur in early to mid-summer!

MUNICIPAL TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

EMERGENCY FIRE & RESCUE CALLS	829-5212
NON-EMERGENCY CALLS	846-3333
	829-3025
POISON CONTROL CENTER	871-2381
CUMBERLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPT.	774-1444
	1-800-482-7479
MAINE STATE POLICE	657-3030
	1-800-482-0730
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER – Karen Brown	829-3060
PUBLIC WORKS DEPT	829-3274
TOWN OFFICE	829-3705
CUMBERLAND RECREATION DEPT	829-2208
SAD#51 SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE	829-4800
HEALTH OFFICER – Eileen Wyatt	829-5238

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS

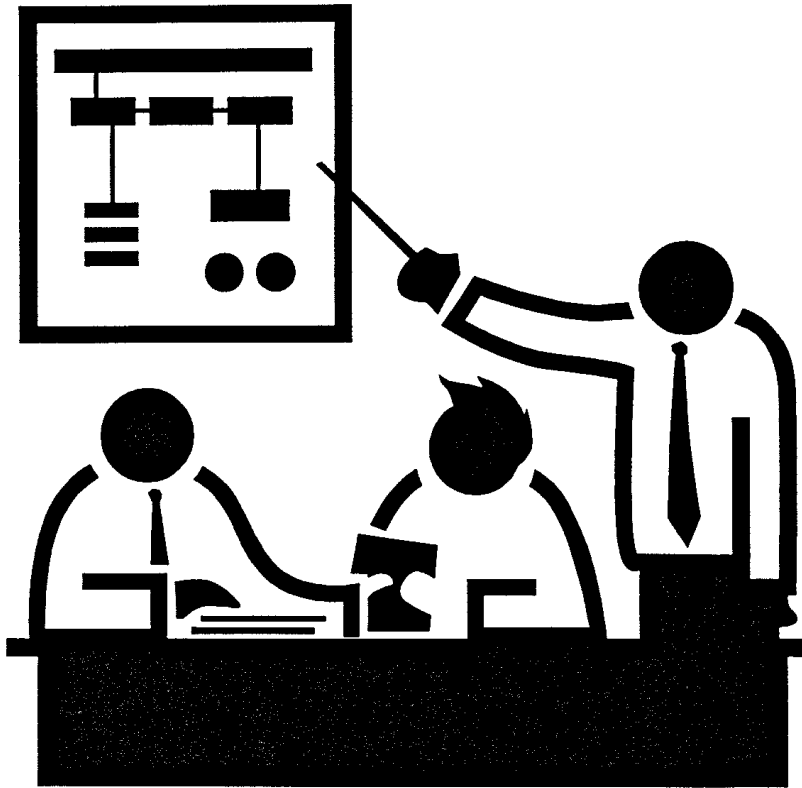
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Please note that North Yarmouth's E-911 emergency number will be activated in early spring, possibly in March of 2001. Please watch local news and publications for the activation date.

North Yarmouth Town Office Hours

Monday	8AM – 6PM
Tuesday	8AM – 5PM
Wednesday	8AM – 5PM
Thursday	8AM – 5PM
Friday	8AM – 1PM

BUILDING INSPECTOR (Building, Plumbing & Electrical) HOURS
8AM to 12 noon Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday
Always at his desk from 8AM to 9AM.



**Reports of
Town Departments, Committees,
Boards and Commissions**

The following pages contain the various reports of the Town Organizations, boards, committees and departments. Dedicated citizens make our town a good place to live and we thank them for their involvement.

To the Board of Selectmen and Residents of North Yarmouth

Another year has gone by, and I am again pleased to present this Annual Report of the Town of North Yarmouth for the year ending December 31st, 2000. First and foremost, I want to thank the office staff, public works employees, parks maintenance and other workers who have all contributed to making this another safe and successful year.

Growth, Growth, Growth.....it continues to be the catchword of the day as we finish a year and prepare for the next. Here in your municipal offices, we have found ourselves constantly playing catch-up to stay abreast of changes in states procedures and the ever-increasing amount of paperwork....whatever happened to the Paperwork Reduction Act!!!!

Selfishly, a huge thank you to the taxpayers of North Yarmouth for seeing the benefit of purchasing the Sharp property. The advent of a "new" town office is exciting to those of us here in the office, and we hope to show it off early in the summer.

Of particular challenge to your municipal office staff was the administration of building permits for new dwellings. After a few initial glitches, things smoothed out, and we want to thank those who may have waited too long for a call or a letter. The process was wrought with frustration for us all, and we hope you all understand any delays.

As we look forward to 2001 and our new "digs", we also look forward to approval, installation and utilization of a new computer system. With this system installed, we will be able to take advantage of "online" motor vehicle registrations, live transfer of information for fishing and hunting licenses,

and many other programs that are presently being developed by the State.

A couple of personal notes: having been involved in North Yarmouth activities since 1975, I know only too well the hours that volunteers put forward in an effort to make their community a better place to live. 2 such people are leaving appointed positions this year after years of thankless participation.

John Kennedy is "retiring" as a member of the Planning Board. John's leadership and expertise will be greatly missed.

After 22 years as Fire Chief, Dick Baston has chosen this time to step down. Acknowledging that he is not "going away", Dick will remain a member of the Fire Department. His leadership and foresight over the past many years has helped to develop a strong and well-trained group of firefighters. I expect he is well satisfied with the job he has done.....We certainly are.

My last accolade of the year goes to Jim Moulton. A Selectman for nine years, a member of the Budget Committee, a member of countless other committees, a member of the County Budget Advisory Committee, Jim has been, and I expect will remain, active in town affairs. Though not always on the same side of an argument, I will never say that Jim didn't always make his point clear. However, after a relationship of longer than a decade, I will philosophize a bit.....when you are at a point in life when you can use a friend, look into the least likely corner....you may be surprised who is waiting to help you. Jim, thanks for your support, your criticism, playing the devil's advocate, and most of all, friendship. And don't leave town without checking with us.....and about all those pens.....!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Many thanks for help and support over the years.

Respectfully,

Scott W. Seaver, Administrative Asst.

Report of the Board of Selectmen

The year 2000 has been both a busy and productive year for the Town of North Yarmouth. The following issues have been completed or resolved this year:

- Town Meeting appropriations created only a slight increase in the municipal side tax rate. County Budget and MSAD expenditures accounted for the bulk of the tax rate increase from \$17.20 per thousand to \$18.00 per thousand value.
- The railroad overpass on Sligo Road was constructed, with final grading and landscaping to be completed in spring of 2001. The completion of this project marks the reconstruction of all bridges within the Town of North Yarmouth. No major bridge projects are foreseen in the future.
- Work continued to establish and improve the parks and public recreation land in North Yarmouth, including the lighting of the monument and flag standards at the Veterans Memorial Park. With the volunteer work of the Recreation Committee, work has begun on establishing walking trails at Meeting House Park.
- Long range planning for large expenses continued with the further funding of the Capital Investment Plan at Town Meeting.
- Continued legal efforts to return the Town's copy of the Declaration of Independence to North Yarmouth.
- Of great note, is the vote authorizing the purchase of the "Sharp" property on Memorial Highway. This purchase, consummated in January, will provide the town with office and meeting space, along with public recreation land for many, many years. This was a very appropriate purchase for the Town, and great satisfaction is felt by the Board for the wonderful support that was heard from the vast majority of the Town.

The Board would like to commend the Public Works Department for the quantity and quality of the work and projects that have been completed in the year 2000. We would like to thank Road Commissioner Dick Lowell for his dedicated service to the town, as Dick moved on to other opportunities in the fall of 2000. Dick helped steer the growth and development of the department over the past several years, and his involvement has been well appreciated. Welcomed as North Yarmouth's new Road Commissioner is Don Chaisson, who hit the ground running, and continued with the successful completion of several projects by year-end.

The Board established a Walkways and Bikeways Committee to look into the possibility of establishing safe walking and biking paths and wider shoulders along the State and town roads that are heavily used by this type of traffic. This committee has been greatly involved with local and state transportation planners, and we are looking for solid proposals to come from this group.

Looking ahead to 2001, the Board will be looking at several projects. The renovation and exterior groundwork on the new town office area should be complete by early summer. Look for news of an Open House and Dedication!! The continued use of the athletic fields there, and the further development of the North Yarmouth parks will be a great asset to the Town. The Town's assets will continue to grow and improve, and over the foreseeable future, debt service levels will remain fairly constant.

Proposals will be brought to Annual Meeting to further enhance the limit on new dwelling construction. These changes will establish some exemptions from the cap and further limit the number of permits that any one developer can take. Further changes in both the cap, the Zoning Ordinance and the Comprehensive should be looked at in the near future. Growth will continue to be a major issue for North Yarmouth and the region as a whole.

We continue to work closely with Ken Cassidy regarding the joint use of the abutting property at the Public Works excavation area. This is working towards an eventual request to the Town to purchase about 22 acres of abutting property from Mr. Cassidy.

The Town will work towards the eventual use of cable television as a communication device, as funds accumulate in the technology fund, and eventual establishment of broadcast ability from one of our meeting facilities.

On a personal note, since I am leaving the Board of Selectmen after serving for 9 years, I would like to thank the citizens of North Yarmouth for looking forward and establishing long range visions. There is more work to be done. There are huge expenditures coming from the education side of the budget, and decisions will need to be made regarding them. I have been fortunate to serve on the Cumberland County Budget Advisory Committee for several years, and have learned a lot from that experience. Schools and County government will continue to be a large slice of North Yarmouth's tax dollar. Every effort should be taken to examine these areas.

Many good things have happened over the years, and I, along with the entire Board of Selectmen, have worked with many good people. We would like to thank Scott Seaver, the entire office staff, all present employees, former Road Commissioner Dick Lowell, and all those who provide nameless support for the activities of the Town.

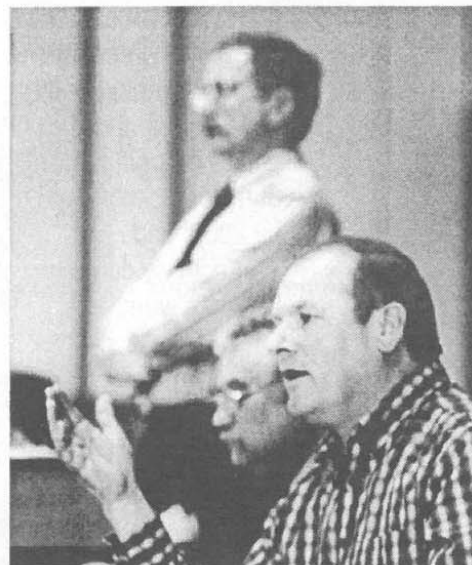
Last and not least, a special thank you to 2 people this year. As the year 2001 begins, Planning Board member John Kennedy will "retire" from his many years of service on that Board. John's expertise in civil engineering has been both a great convenience, and a huge savings to the Town of North Yarmouth. We applaud his participation, and hope we shall see him serve again in whatever capacity he might chose.

2001 will also see the "changing of the guard" within the North Yarmouth Fire Department. Fire Chief Richard Baston will "retire" after serving as Fire Chief for 22 years. Anyone who knows Dick knows that he will never truly retire, and we look forward to seeing him climb aboard fire trucks for many more years. No one can truly calculate the countless hours that Dick has volunteered in service to the Fire Department and to the Town. No one can thank him enough. So, from the Board of Selectmen, on behalf of the entire town.....Thank You, Chief Baston. We know that Dick will be there to continue to help and advise.

We remind you that all meetings of all boards and committees are public meetings, and encourage your participation, support and criticism. Thank you for your support over the past year(s).

Respectfully,

Jim Moulton, Chairman



(courtesy of The Forecaster)

MAINE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT #51

Cumberland - North Yarmouth

Dear Citizens of North Yarmouth,

It is my pleasure to submit the M.S.A.D. #51 Cumberland/North Yarmouth annual report to you, the citizens of North Yarmouth. The 2000-2001 school year has been filled with learning and opportunities.

The mission of MSAD #51 is to guide all students as they acquire enthusiasm for learning, assume responsibility for their education, achieve academic excellence, and discover and attain their personal bests.

To accomplish this mission, the MSAD #51 community will collaborate to:

- Use effective instructional practices and provide professional development to assure that all students meet or exceed the District's benchmarks and outcomes;
- Ensure a safe and respectful environment where all feel a sense of belonging; and
- Promote parental participation as fundamental to each student's success.

Board Goals for 2000-2001

1. Support the District's work in curriculum, assessment, instruction and professional development through:
 - Promoting educational programming based on student learning needs;
 - Measuring the District's progress towards achieving our mission, including the certification that all students meet the State's Learning Results by 2003; and
 - Effectively communicating the results of our District's work.
2. Execute the Resolution on Facilities Planning by ensuring the timely completion of the Charges made to the Building Committees, and support measures to relieve constraints due to conditions created by our current facilities.
3. Promote sound resource management through:
 - Supporting measures to use time more effectively, such as one or more measures

- identified in the Time Task Force Report
- Developing long-term strategies to ensure that future leadership and personnel needs are met;
- Involving the Board in the budget planning process; and
- Effectively communicating to the public the District's resource needs.

We continue to focus on the development of a comprehensive assessment system and the improvement of teaching and learning.

The District's immediate challenges include enrollment increases, space needs and meeting the needs of each of our students.

I take this opportunity annually to thank Scott Seaver, the selectmen and the large number of North Yarmouth residents who continue to support the students and staff of M.S.A.D. #51. I hope that we will continue to collaborate and cooperate to find common ground and solve the problems facing us.

As always, please contact me at the superintendent's office with your ideas or concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert G. Hasson, Jr., Ed.D.
Superintendent M.S.A.D. #51



MSAD #51 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. Mem. School	829-5555
Special Education	829-4835
Transportation	829-4837

NORTH YARMOUTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY 2000 ANNUAL REPORT

Board of Directors

Katie Murphy, President	Ursula Baier	Suzanne Gerry	Joan Lyons
Ros Baston, Treasurer	Liza Chandler	Joyce Gervais	Linc Merrill
Denise McEwen, Secretary	Thaddeus Day	Mark Heath	

Note: all photos used here appear in NYHS's most recent publication, "From Corner To Depot: A History of East North Yarmouth. Available for sale at the Town Office.

Thanks to dedicated volunteers, interested residents and those from "away", the North Yarmouth Historical Society has had another good year. A few highlights:

PROGRAMS: The speaker at our Annual Meeting in March featured a well-respected and well-loved lifelong town resident, Marian Dunn of North Road. Together with her husband, Norman, Marian has seen quite a lot come and go here in North Yarmouth – East North Yarmouth, in particular. Her reminiscences of her life on the farm, her father's lumber business (Knight's Lumber), the war years, and social life in this rural town have been meticulously documented in a priceless series of scrapbooks, some of which she has generously donated to the collections of the NYHS. Thank you, Marian, for a program we will remember for a long time.

Dick Baston, another wonderful resource for town history, spoke to a joint meeting of the Friends of the Royal River and the NYHS. His memories of growing up on the Royal River fascinated everyone, answered some questions and prompted even more. There was a little anxiety expressed that evening when Dick walked through the door of the Old Town House carrying a long-handled, lethal-looking weapon... but all were relieved to hear him explain how he used it to spear eels in the

Royal River many years ago (he did bring the eels home for his mother to cook up, but he never did like the taste. Bony.). We're hoping to snare Dick to speak to us about the railroads and stations of North Yarmouth in 2001. Stay tuned.

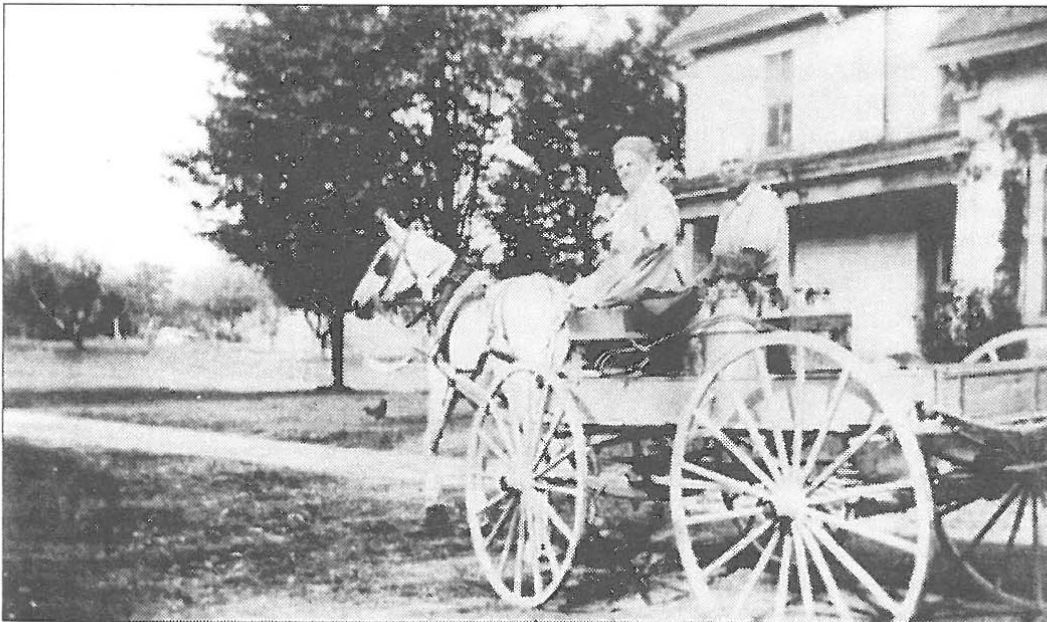
The research arm of the NYHS presented yet another lively program in 2000. Joyce Gilbert gave us a rundown of "things found along the way" during her ongoing research on the care of the poor here in North Yarmouth. It seems that Joyce tries to keep to her topic as she pores over old town records, but her curiosity always gets the better of her. So, she keeps a running tab of topics of tangential discoveries. Some are small - for example, the half-dozen ways people wrote the "\$" sign way back when. But other topics were sobering: the pitifully small inventory of an unnamed resident upon her transfer to the "Town Farm" (poorhouse), down to the last tattered bedspread. Our thanks go to Joyce, for being a consummate researcher and for sharing her passion with us.

For anyone who missed the NYHS Fall walking tour of the Walnut Hill Cemetery with Town Clerk Deb Thoits and Bo Sturdivant of the Maine Old Cemeteries Association, you may never know what that small stone house at the cemetery's entrance is used for ... or where the old hearse shed is... or see

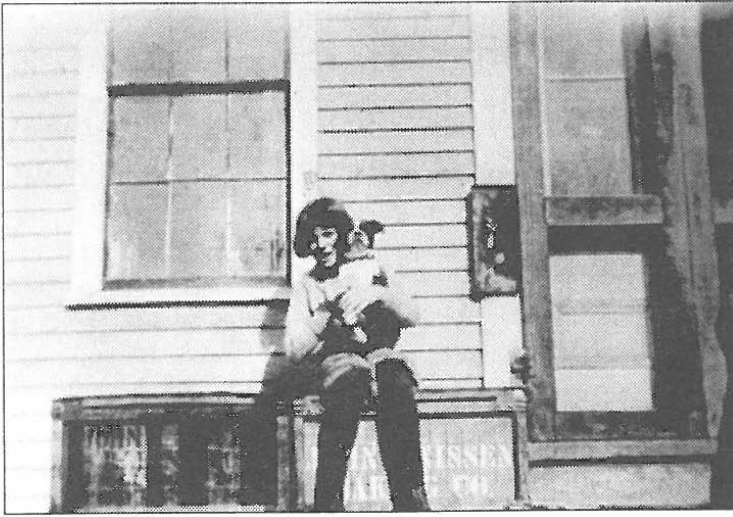
the unknown soldier's gravestone that Deb had set in place last year... or hear Norm Smith's frozen dainties story (it's a good one!). Those who came that day enjoyed a beautiful walk and learned a lot about our cemetery.

OLD TOWN HOUSE/PROJECTS: The Town House on Route 9 had its front porch replaced and painted. A small crew "spring cleaned" the place in June. MANY thanks to those hardy souls! And to our phantom grass-cutter and informal caretaker, we owe a great debt. Ed Antz, we thank you.

It's great when someone volunteers to take on a special project, just because they see the need. A case in point is Andrew Kresbach of Brunswick. Andrew came by during



This 1915 photo is a Walnut Hill scene, showing Mr. and Mrs. John Britt early one day at their North Yarmouth farm. Their morning routine was one that was typical of many area farmers since early in the 1800s. After milking the cows, farmers loaded wagons with milk and cream cans to be taken to the local store, or later on in the century, to the railroad in time for the 8 AM milk train (as the Britts are probably doing here). From North Yarmouth, dairy products were shipped to Portland and beyond. Notice the beautiful, big wheeled carriage. There is one very similar to it in the collections of Skyline Farm.



Sometime in the 1930s, Margery Loring (Blackstone), daughter of Frank and Alice Loring, posed for the camera in front of Loring's Store at the East North Yarmouth depot (near the corner of North Road and Route 9). Majorie later became Maine's youngest postmistress at the age of 19. At one time, North Yarmouth had two post offices. Don't times change!

Cider Day 1999 and saw that our venerable cider press was in pretty rough shape. He carted it back to his home workshop and restored it to perfection: he replaced supporting pieces with beautifully oiled hardwood members, and installed new nuts and bolts so that the press works like new. His labor of love will benefit the community for years to come. Just ask any happy kid who comes to drink cups of fresh-pressed cider every fall. Thank you, Andrew!

RESEARCH: Our archives workers are at the core of the NYHS. Thanks to their work, our town papers are slowly becoming some of the best-organized primary source material of any town around. Our collections of photos and other ephemera are being organized, too. And the historical plaques you see on some older houses in town are a direct result of workers who document extensively and organize consistently. They do it because they are fascinated by history, enjoy the comraderie of the team, and know that their efforts are a unique way to contribute to the community. Their volunteer work is a *direct and valuable contribution* to the town: well-organized records are a real resource for our town administrators.

NYHS's current grant-funded organizing project is ongoing to June, 2001. **Volunteer workers needed. Apply now!** Call the Town Office to be put in touch with the NYHS.

BOARD: Our active Board of Directors oversees the business of the Historical Society. It's not completely fair to leave them to the end to be recognized, because in fact, they are the backbone of our organization. Each board member contributes time and energy to the programs presented by the NYHS. If you've enjoyed any of our activities, it's probably because a board member helped make it happen. And if you like the spirit of our organization and want to help us keep our community alive and interesting, consider joining our Board. We appreciate your enthusiasm. *Thanks for a great year!*

NYHS 2000 VOLUNTEERS AND FRIENDS

Thank you, everyone! Your efforts benefit our community.

Businesses

Anderson Landscaping
Sweetser's Apple Barrel
Wayne Orr Woodworking
Victory Deli, Portland

Individuals

Ed Antz
Ursula Baier
Ros and Dick Baston
Ervin Bickford
Theona Blackstone
Teal Bryan
Candy Burgess
Liza Chandler
Thad & HollyDay
Kathryn Dion
the Dixon family
Friends of the Royal River
Sue Gerry
Joyce & Ed Gervais
Joyce & Richard Gilbert
The Graham family
Suzanne Hamilton
Mark & Marsha Heath
Meg Hickey
Mary and Eric Holman
Andrew and Jamie Kennedy
Peter Lindsay
Matt and Cristina Lindsay
Leslie Livingston

Joan Lyons
Denise McEwen
Linc Merrill
Dianne Morrison
Katie Murphy
Phyllis O'Neill
Heidi Perkins
Gay Peterson
Sadhana Philbrick
Marion Read
Amy Scannell
Scott Seaver
Jane Shavel
Kate Shavel
Ethan Sprague
Bo Sturdivant
Becky Taplin
Cathi Taplin
Deb Thoits
Jenny Tuemmler
Betty Turina
Linzee Weld
Gladys and Mitchell Wenzel
Peggy Wiles

Special Thanks to

Maine Old Cemeteries Assoc.
Andrew Kresbach and family
Yarmouth Historical Society
Wescustago Youth Chorale
Friends of the Royal River



A Hot Saturday Night! Folks have been dancing for a long time here in North Yarmouth. Currently, twice-monthly contradances are held at Wescustago Hall, and Harmony Hall has weekly events. Back in 1940, a hall opened for weekly dances on Route 9. Blackstone's Pavilion (currently Northern Lights Auction Hall), like many dance halls of the era, was "safe inside but a little rough outside"! This 1950s photo shows Gardiner Pope of Brunswick on sax; Blackie Marston of Freeport on drums; Paul Landry on guitar and Lydia Landry at the mike from Yarmouth; and Lester Cole of Portland at the piano. Blackstone's operated until the early to mid 1960s. Paul and Lydia's son Art now lives just down the way from the old Blackstone's, on Mountfort Road (and Paul and Lydia would be proud to know that their grandson is hard at work in the music business in Nashville!)

FUTURE LAND COMMITTEE

The Future Land Committee worked with the Selectmen during the year 2000 to analyze the acquisition of the Sharp's property for the Town Hall site.

The Land Committee also is looking into acquiring additional land for future cemetery space. The land Committee also is in contact with several landowners regarding possible land gifts or easement gifts.

The Land Committee also is advocating a continued commitment by the Town to maintaining open space through land or conservation easements. We view this as a way to preserve both the beauty and natural state of the Town, as well as a way to avoid the cost that come with sprawl. As part of that effort, we advocate dedicating a portion of future impact fees to the Future Land Committee fund. We have also prepared a mailer with a map showing Town-owned space, which we hope to distribute this spring.

As always, we ask members of the Town to be on the look out for land or easements that may be available as gifts or as acquisitions.

Respectfully submitted,

Lewis Holman, Chairman

NORTH YARMOUTH PLANNING BOARD

The year 2000 presented the Planning Board with a somewhat unusual menu of applications--different from our usual diet of residential subdivisions and minor site plans. At one meeting this fall our agenda included three churches--one addition to an existing building and two brand new facilities.

We approved a golf course, and began review of what we believe will be the Town's first commercial subdivision. And we did our best with the trying task of deciding requests for waivers under the reduced limit on building permits enacted at the March town meeting.

Finally, after February 2001 we will reluctantly say goodbye to long-time member John Kennedy, who provided years of invaluable service to the town by lending his engineering expertise to the review of the many technical development issues which the Board must consider. We thank John for all his help.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christopher Vaniotis, Chairman

NORTH YARMOUTH RECREATION COMMISSION

After an extremely busy year in 1999, the Recreation Commission settled down to do more long range planning for our three parks; Veterans' Memorial Park, Wescustogo Park, and Meeting House Park, in accordance with the survey results from last year.

The canoe launch and other facilities at Wescustogo Park are almost completed so the main focus this year has been on the development of a trail system at Meeting House Park, the top priority of the survey respondents. John Morton, a specialist in cross-country ski trail design, who was the trail designer at Cumberland's Twin Brooks Recreational area, was contacted and completed the preliminary placement for a trail around the property through both the easily observable fields and the old growth woods way in the back of the property. Bob and Liz Nanovik, the abutting property owners, have tentatively agreed to allow the trail to cross onto their property, the boundaries of which will need clarification by a survey which will hopefully be completed before the March Town Meeting. Last fall, coinciding with the Cider Pressing Day held by the Historical Society, the NYRC held a volunteer clearing day and were accompanied by several boy scouts, a couple of wonderful spouses, and other helpers into the woods to begin clearing brush and small trees along the trail. Much work was done and much work remains. We are planning another volunteer day in late spring/early summer. If you are interested in volunteering to improve the town parks please contact an NYRC member or call the town office.

For the second year the NYRC cosponsored the North Yarmouth Fun Day Fun Run for adults and children in September. This years runners were more numerous despite the earlier start times and a portion of the proceeds will be applied to the NYRC budget. A special thank you to Toots Ice Cream for donating ice cream for all the kids participating. If you run into Sandy Grover please let her know her contribution was greatly appreciated.

This year the NYRC also worked with the volunteers involved with the Sky Line Farm purchase and development as a public resource. Their trail system well compliments the NYRC's charge of overseeing parks and open space and creating public facilities, specifically walking trails. We are extremely pleased that the Sky Line Farm purchase was completed (thus preserving irreplaceable open space in the town center and a valuable historical resource), a preliminary trail system is laid out and development has begun.

At the Veterans' Memorial Park, a spot light was installed to light the flags and memorial plaques to remind us of the gratitude we all share for those service men and women who devote themselves to our freedom. The Walnut Hill Garden Club and NYRC member Herb Hamel are continuing to oversee the growing flora at the memorial point and take special care of the small grassy point of the park, keeping it beautiful for the town.

The proposed, and subsequent approval of the purchase of Sharp's property adjacent to the Grange Hall property, resulting in North Yarmouth's first town owned playing fields, creates the possibilities of several new projects for the NYRC. Currently there are two almost competition grade soccer/lacrosse fields which have historically been maintained by the Sharps and offered to local sports groups for use. The NYRC plans to continue to support this use and to improve and level the fields' slightly off-kilter playing surface. We also hope to begin planning a trail through the Veterans' Memorial Park woods for easy access from the North Yarmouth Memorial School. It has been our great pleasure to continue to support our community with respect to public recreation. There will be several opening on the Commission in the coming year. If you are interested in supporting the parks and recreation for North Yarmouth and meeting and getting to know your fellow townfolk, please contact any of the current Commission members or the town office.

Respectfully Submitted,
Leah Mahoney, Chairwoman

NORTH YARMOUTH FIRE & RESCUE DEPARTMENT

The North Yarmouth Fire Department answered 76 calls in the year 2000.

28 Vehicle Accidents	3 Structure Fires
19 Misc. Calls	1 Propane Leak
6 Utility Lines Down	1 Vehicle Fire
5 Wood/Grass Fires	2 Carbon Monoxide
5 Mutual Aid	5 Assisted Rescue

Rescue answered 160 calls in the year 2000.

32 Heart/Respiratory	28 Vehicle Accidents
72 General Illness	28 Misc. Calls

The Fire Department meets every Monday evening at 7PM during the winter months (Oct. to Apr.). A supper is served on the second Monday of the month. The Rescue meets the first and third Thursday evenings at 7PM. Any one interested in attending either the Fire or Rescue meetings are most welcome.

The Department wishes to thank the towns people who are supporting our returnable bottle booth. The proceeds are used to acquire equipment for fire/rescue. Donations to the Department have been earmarked for an imaging camera. This camera allows the fire fighter to see through smoke and locate hot spots.

Due to the new regulation for rescue personal, two of our intermediates upgraded to enhanced intermediates. One other of our intermediates is just finishing his paramedic classes. This will give us two paramedics for the year 2001. Looks like a busy year with changes for the E.M.S. services.

Due to my retiring as Fire Chief I will not be issuing burning permits after March 10, 2001. I would like to thank all the fire and rescue volunteers past and present for their many hours of volunteered time. I have enjoyed the twenty-two years of service as Chief. I have witnessed many changes over the years in our department. The technology available today produces a better-equipped firefighter with better tools to work with. This technology and requirements place upon the fire service requires more and more of the volunteers time to keep up with the changes. In today's society, time is a precious commodity.

Volunteers are to be TREASURED!!

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard M. Baston, Fire Chief

FIRE PERMITS ISSUED BY		
James Malonson, Warden	829-3548	546 Walnut Hill Road
Clark Baston, Deputy	829-4566	282 Sweetser Road
Robert Ginn, Deputy	688-4853	81 Hallowell Road, Pownal
David Hyde, Deputy	859-3728	513 Mountfort Road
Joe Brown, Deputy	846-1406	152 Royal Road

Watch local papers for the date on which 911 becomes active in North Yarmouth

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

North Yarmouth contracts with the Animal Refuge League in Westbrook for our domestic stray animals. They currently are a 'NO KILL' shelter.

North Yarmouth has a Barking Ordinance.

North Yarmouth has a Leash Law.

Dog licenses are due by January 31st to avoid any late fees.

Cats do not require licensing - by law the owner has to provide proof of a current rabies vaccination.

Suspect rabid animals are transported to the State Health & Environmental Testing Lab.

West Nile disease in birds is moving closer to our state. The state lab will begin testing for this again in the spring.

ACO CALLS

9 – stray dogs

1 stray dog to the shelter

3 – stray cats

3 stray cats to the shelter

Other strays – horse, bat & baby squirrel

Diseased Animals – dog, cat, muskrat, 3 deer, woodchuck, partridge, fox

Most Unusual Call in 2000 – An Iguana in a tree!?

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Brown, ACO

HEALTH OFFICER

This year the State of Maine has been industriously working at updating the Food Code. It is a very comprehensive document prescribing how restaurants and other businesses prepare and handle the perishables, which ultimately constitute your mealtime pleasure. Concerns about proper refrigeration and cooking procedures for food, to protections from cross contamination, and exposure to toxins are addressed in this document. The licensing and inspection of such businesses safeguards the health of you, the consumer. If you note any practice which does not seem to be safe – report it to the local health official – and take your business elsewhere! It will be followed up on. The businesses serving food products in north Yarmouth have been diligent in observing safe food practices.

The University of Maine Cooperative Extension has issued a warning about inhaling vermiculite dust when repotting plants or working in your garden. According to the EPA 27% of the vermiculite sources contained asbestos in low detectable amounts. Keeping it moist minimizes the risk.

Maine permits the sale of un pasteurized milk, yogurt, cheese, and cider at the retail level. It behooves the consumer to read the label and decided if the risk is worth it. Un pasteurized milk and cheese products can harbor many bacteria, which can cause illness. An unpasteurized milk product is required to be labeled as such. Don't take a chance on exposing your family to a variety of disease organisms including salmonella, listeria, campylobactor, yersinia, staphylococcus, E. coli 0157:H7 and others.

Inspections: 2 caterers, 1 baker, 1 take out, 1 concession, 1 sit down, 1 social case work and 1 inquiry.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen Wyatt, Health Officer

Yarmouth-North Yarmouth Shellfish Conservation Commission

Over the course of the past year the Yarmouth-North Yarmouth Shellfish Conservation Commission conducted several surveys with the assistance of the commercial diggers and state marine biologist, Don Card. (We would like to thank Don for his efforts on behalf of all the citizens of Yarmouth-North Yarmouth.)

Different areas were opened for short times for commercial digging due to being over populated with harvestable clams. These areas are prime recreational digging areas, but the Commission felt that the crop was excessive and needed thinning.

In 2000, authority was given to the Shellfish Commission to open and close flats without prior approval by the Yarmouth Town Council. This authority was granted by DMR regulation, with Town Council approval. The Town Council has the ability to rescind our conservation efforts. There is still a public hearing held before any actions taken by the Commission become valid. This new authority allows us faster response to changing flat conditions.

We would like to see more recreational digging activity, and urge those concerned with what the Commission is doing to attend our monthly meetings. We meet the third Tuesday every month at 1900 hours at the Log Cabin, Main Street, Yarmouth.

Respectfully submitted,

Guy D. Watson, Chairman

School Fund Trustees 195th Annual Report

Only eleven grant applications were received in the year 2000 and I think we can give that many in 2001. Application can be picked up at the Guidance Office in the Greely High School or at the North Yarmouth Town Office.

The following received grants in 2000, Mark Codere, Kristina Burnell, Katie Malcolm, Rachel Smith, Travis Seaver, Kevin Googins and Margaret Warner.

There will be 11 grants issued in 2001.

New interest rate 9-8-00 on CD renewal was 6.77% with a yield of 7% to mature 9-8-02.

Respectfully submitted,
Norman L. Smith, Treasurer

1/1/00 Total resources	
Key Bank CD to mature 9-8-00	\$36,859.35
	<u>+ 2,115.51</u>
	\$38,974.86
11/20/00 Withdrawn for	
grants & services	- <u>1,435.00</u>
12/31/00 Key Bank	
CD Balance	\$37,539.86



Wescustogo Hall Committee

In 1999, Wescustogo Hall Committee members authorized the design of a greenspace plan for the area between the Municipal Building and Wescustogo Hall. We want to thank Terrence Dewan and Associates of Yarmouth for their fine design. Committee members, the Board of Selectmen, the Recreation Committee, the Fire Department and the Walkway Committee have all viewed the plan and comments have been taken into consideration.

We are pleased to present this plan to the Annual Meeting in March of 2001 for funding. The development of this plan will both provide the town with a "Village Green" area, and will enhance the use and appearance of Wescustogo Hall. Through the efforts of Scott Seaver, we are pleased to announce that a grant of \$5000 has been approved by the Maine Department of Transportation to help offset the cost of creating this greenspace.

In 2000, the hardwood floors throughout the hall were sanded and refinished. Funds are still available for work on the bathroom floors.

In 2001, we anticipate lesser income, but increased use of the building by community groups. Presently 22 different groups use the building on a fairly regular basis.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Moulton, Ken Allen
Linc Merrill, Blaine Barter
And Clark Baston

Safe Walk and Bike Ways Committee

In January of 2000 the North Yarmouth Board of Selectmen asked for the formation of a fact-finding committee on bicycle and pedestrian facilities. The North Yarmouth Safe Walk and Bike Ways Committee was formed and has been meeting since this past summer. Our goal is to research the need for improved safety and access for bicyclists and pedestrians in North Yarmouth, and to find possible funding to fill those needs. Our committee is made up of 10 individuals who represent different areas and interests of the North Yarmouth community. We meet once a month as a full committee.

During the past six months we have met with officials from the Maine DOT, organizers from surrounding communities who have spearheaded similar efforts, researched and identified possible areas to upgrade for improved access, and sought the input of town residents. Our survey administered at the November election asked voters: "Are you in favor of setting up a system for safe pedestrian and bicycle access in the Town of North Yarmouth?". North Yarmouth has 2027 registered voters. Of these, 607 completed the survey. Of those who completed the survey, 598 voters, or 99% responded favorably by checking "yes". Obviously, there is strong support in the town for improvements to our Walk and Bike Ways.

The survey also confirmed the Committee's opinion that Routes 115 and Routes 9 were the roads with the most need for improvement. With this in mind, the Committee has determined that bicycle shoulders on these roads would result in an immediate improvement for bicycle and pedestrian access and safety in North Yarmouth.

We have tentatively established three phases of our project. Phase I is the improvement to Routes 115 and 9. Specifically, we would like to see four foot wide shoulders added to these roads (similar to the shoulders that were recently added to Rt. 115 from the North Yarmouth town line to the village of Gray). Having learned that improvements to Rt. 115 in North Yarmouth are in the MDOT's six year plan (and possibly within the next two!), we are currently formulating a formal application to MDOT requesting that four foot shoulders be included as a part of these improvements. Phases II and III are tentative at this point, and include paved shoulders on other roads, and possible walkways in other parts of the town.

We are excited about the work we are doing and the potential we have to make improvements to the town that will benefit us all. Lots of work remains to be done, and we encourage both your input and support.

Nancy Grant, Chair
Holly Day
Greg Dickson
Barbara Hauke
Harry Nelson

Jeanne Chadbourne
Kathryn Dion
Sally Hassey
Jeff McEwen
Melody Pickett

Road Postings

Please remember that as spring approaches, most town roads in North Yarmouth will be posted against heavy traffic. This generally occurs about March 15th, and lasts until April 30th unless conditions allow the limit to be removed sooner.

PRINCE MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Cumberland and North Yarmouth residents continued to use Prince Memorial Library in increasing numbers in the year 2000.

A year-end report released by Thomas Bennett, library director, shows a 5.06% increase in total circulation and a 7.77% increase in patrons.

There is now, 1784 North Yarmouth patrons (24.75% of the total) compared to 1659 at the end of 1999 (24.55%).

North Yarmouth residents accounted for 21.61% of the circulation of items in the computer catalog (which does not include magazines), compared to 21.59% in 1999. The 5.5% increase in circulation by North Yarmouth patrons nearly mirrors the 5.42% increase in circulation by all registered borrowers.

A breakdown of North Yarmouth patron statistics shows the following:

Adult-1999, 1054, percentage of total, 15.73; 2000, 1114, percentage of total, 15.33, a gain of 60 for an increase of 5.39%.

Young Adult-1999, 51, percentage of total, 0.76; 2000, 56, percentage of total, 0.77, a gain of five for an increase of 8.93%.

Juvenile-1999, 554, percentage of total, 8.27; 2000, 614, percentage of total, 8.45, a gain of 60 for an increase of 9.77%.

Circulation by North Yarmouth patrons:

Adult-1999, 12,994, percentage of total, 16.64; 2000, 14,176, percentage of total, 17.17, a gain of 1182 for an increase of 8.34%.

Young Adult-1999, 150, percentage of total, 0.19; 2000, 91, percentage of total, 0.11, a loss of 59 for a loss of 64.84%.

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A total of 104 pre-readers participated in the Make Waves: Read! Portion of the Library's Summer Reading Program; 25% were from North Yarmouth.

Forty-five of the 155 participants in the Tall Ships – Make Waves portion of the program were North Yarmouth residents, and three of the 16 volunteer deckhands were from North Yarmouth. A total of 26.5% of participants in the program were from North Yarmouth.

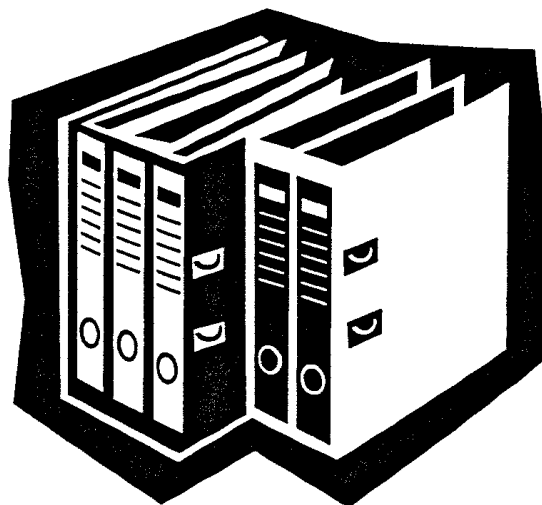
A summary of usage by typed of materials showed the following: circulation of adult fiction increased 6% to 22,952 items. Large print saw a 13% increase to 1564, while juvenile material registered a 5% increase.

Circulation of adult audio books increased by 34% to 3195. Usage of adult videos dropped 18%, much of this due to the decision to put fewer dollars towards the purchase of videos. There were no major expenditures on technology. Instead, \$18,423 was used for the installations of a ventilations system. Another \$26,000 was spent on roof improvements.

There was a change in North Yarmouth's representation on the Advisory board. Priscilla Brobst was named to replace Anne Dixon who left the board at midyear.

Respectfully submitted,

William T. Hayes,
Prince Memorial Library Advisory Board



CEMETERY COMMISSION
Bowie, Pine Grove & Walnut Hill
Cemeteries

In the Year 2000 Walnut Hill and Pine Grove Cemeteries received a face-lift of sorts. The Commission contracted D.C. Stilkey & Son, Inc. to do the cleaning and repair of monuments in the older sections of both Walnut Hill and Pine Grove Cemeteries. This made a sparkling difference the appearance of the Cemeteries. Most of the older monuments look like new again. Unfortunately, there were a few monuments in both cemeteries that were impossible to clean or repair due to their fragile condition; just touching them would turn the stone to dust.

The Commission would like to thank D.C. Stilkey & Son, Inc. for the terrific job they do with gravesite openings and monument foundations. We would also like to thank Travis Seaver for the summer hours he puts in mowing and trimming at the cemeteries.

We remind you that the use of snowmobiles, motorbikes, ATV's and riding of horses with in the cemeteries are prohibited. Please, if you see or notice anything suspicious contact the Cumberland County Sheriff, Maine State Police or the Town Office.

Resident Cemetery Fees
 \$250.00 single lot \$125.00 perpetual care
 Non-Resident
 \$350.00 single lot \$175.00 perpetual care

Respectfully submitted,
 Debbie Thoits, Clerk of Cemeteries

2000 Cemetery Financial Report	
General Fund Accounts	
Balance 12/31/99	\$10,140.44
Interest Earned 2000	182.53
Lot Sales	1,750.00
Withdrawn	<u>(1,800.00)</u>
Balance 12/31/00	\$10,272.97
Perpetual Care Accounts	
Balance 12/31/99	\$51,682.97
Interest Earned	2,248.00
Interest Withdrawn	<u>(1,201.34)</u>
Lot Sales	<u>1,100.00</u>
Balance 12/31/00	\$53,829.63
Total Assets 12/31/00	\$64,102.60

Two of North Yarmouth's Cemeteries are presently active for lot sales. Walnut Hill Cemetery and Pine Grove Cemetery both have lots available. If you would like to purchase a lot, please call Deb Thoits at 829-3705. We understand that this is a difficult decision for you and/or your families, and hope to make it as pleasant an experience as possible.

Public Works and Solid Waste

2000 was a year of change and ongoing projects for the Public Works Department. Dick Lowell left the department in September to pursue other opportunities, and Don Chaisson was hired as Road Commissioner/Public Works Director. Chosen from several candidates, Don was promoted from within the department. We want to wish Don luck in his new position!

NY Board of Selectmen

I want to thank the Board of Selectmen for giving me the opportunity to work as your Public Works Director. If there are issues that concern you, please feel free to contact me at the Town Garage at 829-3274.

In the year 2000, many roads were ditched and brush removed. We are fortunate to be able to budget for the use of an excavator during the summer months. This versatile piece of equipment is very helpful in many projects.

Many driveway culverts and cross culverts were replaced. Paving projects included Walnut Hill Heights, Deer Run Road, a portion of Sweetser Road and the final overlay was put on Mountfort Road.

I am grateful that the town has continued to invest by making sure that funding is set aside for the replacement of large equipment. In 2001, we will request the final funding and purchase of a new plow truck. This will be a larger truck than normal, as it is the truck that runs the longest sanding and plowing route. It will also make summer projects more feasible by being able to transport more material.

In 2000, we saw the opening of the new Sligo Road railroad overpass. This will enable safer traffic flow for all.

Public Works employees took training classes in several areas and attended the Public Works seminars conducted by MDOT, the Maine Public Works Directors Association. These included issues regarding legal problems, posting of roads and safety in the workplace.

I would like to thank Clark Baston, Sherwood White, John Woodcock, Bob Sweetser and Travis Seaver for their help and understanding while things got rolling. We look forward to a busy and safe 2001.

Respectfully Submitted,
Donald Chaisson, Director
North Yarmouth Public Works
Road Commissioner

Solid Waste and Recycling

North Yarmouth continues to fall among the best recycling communities in the area. Please remember that the next cleanup day will be held on the first Saturday of June. Watch for a flyer in your mail in May.

Recycling is conducted at the "Silver Bullet" behind the Municipal Office. When you bring your recyclables, why not donate your returnable bottles to the North Yarmouth Fire Department. The funds have been earmarked for equipment that otherwise the department would not purchase.

Newspaper, magazines, office paper, mail, paperboard, milk jugs, tin cans and glass may be recycled. Presently there is no recycling of cardboard.

Please be sure that your trash is out at curbside on the correct day (Tuesday or Thursday, depending on your location). It should be no more than 5 feet off the side of the pavement.

North Yarmouth Conservation Commission

The Conservation Commission hosted five nature walks on our Town Forest Trail this past year. Sam Ristich, a longstanding Commission member and beloved naturalist, led these walks to a varied audience that included kids and adults alike. Some walks were crowded with 20 people while others had a more intimate atmosphere. Sam has the unique ability to educate participants while also instilling a sense of appreciation for the natural wonders around us. The Commission dedicated the trail to Sam this year and put a sign "Sam Ristich Nature Trail" at the beginning of the trail (off the driveway to the town garage on Parsonage road). Conservation Commission members continue to maintain the trail and this Spring we hope to extend it into the Town Forest across the new Sweetser Road extension. We also hope to develop a new trail in the Town Forest by the East Branch of Chandler Brook.

This coming year, one of our priorities will be the open space plan/inventory for the Town. A major step in this project was taken late in the year 2000 with the completion of new aerial photography (taken in May 2000) and a land use classification of the town. The Conservation Commission developed a contract with Sewall Co. and paid them to perform the work. This digital information will be used to help map important areas of the town including wildlife habitat, open space, scenic vistas, recreational trails and wetlands/aquifers as described in the Comprehensive Plan. The data may also be used to develop a landcover trends analysis for the town that would compare the current landcover to previous time periods. This would demonstrate how the town's agricultural, urban and forested areas have changed over time. The digital aerial photography, landcover classification and large wall maps will be used by the Commission but are also available for others to purchase at a nominal cost (reproduction costs) from Sewall Co. If you are interested contact the Commission for details.

The Conservation Commission now operates an e-mail notification service (a "listserve") that sends out announcements and news on items of interest pertaining to natural resource conservation in North Yarmouth. We currently have over 50 subscribers to this service and they receive announcements on events such as nature walks, environmental scholarships, and other conservation oriented events. If you would like to receive such e-mail announcements please send an email to nyconcom@aol.com with the word "subscribe" in the subject line. The Conservation Commission also hopes to have our web site up and running soon, pending Selectmen approval. It will include information on Conservation Commission activities, subdivision reviews, the open space plan/inventory, and our Town Forests. Please visit the site at <http://members.aol.com/nyconcom>.

The Conservation Commission reviewed 2 subdivisions this year. One was the proposed subdivision by KRC Properties of the parcel that includes the gravel pit next to the cemetery on Route 115. The other was the further subdivision of 2 lots in the Heritage Ridge subdivision off of Route 231. The Conservation Commission was influential in the development of conservation easements that will preserve some open space on both of these properties. We continue to work hard on subdivision reviews to ensure development is as compatible as possible with environmental/natural resources in the town.

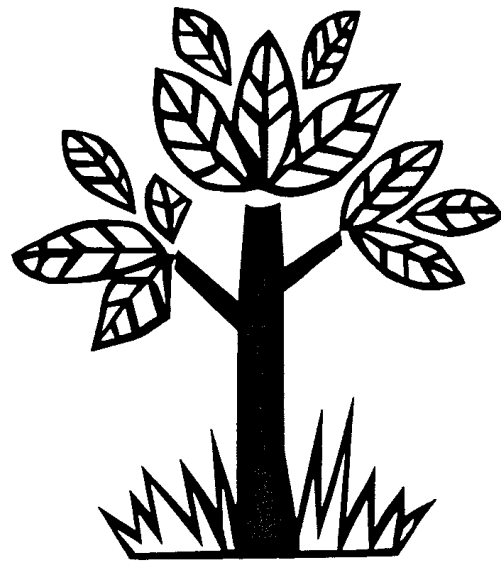
Our third annual plant sale at Fun Day was a success! We sold close to one hundred plants that were donated to the Commission from Plainview Farms. Many thanks to Plainview for their continued support! These shrubs and perennials (such as winterberry, serviceberry, and butterfly bushes) were sold to promote backyard conservation. They provide food, cover, and/or nesting habitat to a variety of birds and other wildlife. Look for our plant sale again at this year's Fun Day! Proceeds from these sales are slated to go to another scholarship fund to send a young North Yarmouth resident(s) to conservation camp this summer. We also hope to offer a scholarship to a MSAD 51 teacher to further their learning in environmental education. If you are interested, or know of others who may be interested in such scholarships please contact us.

The Conservation Commission is always interested in hearing about your concerns for conservation issues in North Yarmouth. Please feel free to contact us by phone or email (nyconcom@aol.com) with any of your concerns or questions in conservation related issues. We also urge you to attend our monthly meetings. They are open to the public and are generally held the first Thursday of the month (contact the Commission for exact dates).

Respectfully Submitted,

Bob Houston, Chair

North Yarmouth Conservation Commission Financial Report - 2000	
Balance 12/31/99	\$17,113.97
Interest	321.03
Income	248.00
Town General Fund	260.00
Expenses	
Cumb. Farmers Club	(500.00)
Maine Cons. Service	(100.00)
James Sewall Co.	<u>(4,995.00)</u>
Total Assets 12/31/00	\$12,347.40



BUDGET COMMITTEE

The Budget Committee reviewed the Town of North Yarmouth 2001 budget in three meetings

Highlights are as follows:

The Committee supports the Selectmen's request to put an additional \$10,000 in the Capital Fund 2001 for the purchase of a larger replacement dump/plow truck for the Public Works Department. It is felt that a larger truck will last at least two years longer than the current class trucks we have purchased in the past. More importantly, the load capacity will be doubled with will mean that the truck can stay out longer when sanding and plowing in winter. Also having twice the capacity will free up a driver in summer, so that the road crew can have an extra man stay at the job site. We also support increased spending for the paving of road accounts to start catching up on upgrading roads in town, which had fallen behind our repaving schedule.

The Fire Department budget will increase by \$15,000 as they assume the maintenance and up keep of the entire fire barn town hall complex. This will be shown in a separate line this year. The Committee supports taking facility maintenance fund for painting the fire station trim and interior and for siding for the Wescustogo Hall. Funding for the new Town Office on the Sharp property for maintenance and utilities will be about \$15,000.

The Budget Committee voted \$1,000 more in the recreation committee request, more than the Selectmen did. The Budget Committee felt that a permanent bathroom facility should be built at Wescustogo Park instead of a portable one.

It is disappointing that no one took out Nomination Papers for the three open slots for the Budget Committee in the up coming municipal election. If you are interested in running for one of these slots convince several of your friends and neighbors to write you in for Budget committee in the March Municipal Elections.

Respectfully submitted,

Clark H. Whittier, Chairman



CHANGES MAY OCCUR TO THIS WARRANT PRIOR TO ANNUAL MEETING

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 9th day of March, 2001 at 8 O'Clock in the morning, then and there to act on Articles numbered 1 and 2;

AND to notify and warn the voters to meet at the Wescustogo Hall in said town on Saturday, the 10th day of March, 2001 at 9:00 AM in the morning, there and then to act upon Articles numbered 3 through XXXX, 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 Zoning Ordinance be amended by amending Section IV, Subsection D, Paragraphs 6 and 7 as follows:

SECTION IV ADMINISTRATION

6) **LIMIT ON CONSTRUCTION:** In order to provide for orderly and reasonable growth and to minimize undue disruption for Town provided services, building permits granted for construction of new residential units in any one calendar year shall not exceed 30 dwelling units; provided however, that the Planning Board shall have discretion to vary this requirement in the event of undue hardship based upon illness or disability, on the unique circumstances of the applicant so long as the undue hardship is not the result of the applicant's knowing actions. Applications for site plan review or subdivision application for a project which qualifies as elderly housing as defined in this Ordinance, shall be exempt from the provisions of this section. Applications for residential building permits shall be processed in the order that complete applications are received by the Building Inspector. ~~Prior to August 15th of each calendar year, 10 permits for new home construction shall be available for lots which are not part of approved subdivisions. After August 15th, these permits shall be available for general issuance.~~ **No more than 15 permits in any calendar year may be issued to lots within subdivisions approved by the North Yarmouth Planning Board. No single person, entity, corporation or developer may apply for more than 3 new dwelling permits in a calendar year.**

6a: EXEMPTIONS: Exempted from this provisions of this sections shall be the following:

1) Lots which are created by way of a "true gift" from a blood or adoptive relative with no monetary exchange;

2) Lots approved by the North Yarmouth Planning Board prior to March 11th, 2000;

3) Dwellings to be built upon a lot that has been owned by a resident of North Yarmouth for at least 10 years, provided that resident has both owned the property and been a resident of North Yarmouth for the 10 year period, and that the dwelling will be occupied by that resident.

7) TIME REQUIREMENTS: **Permits for new dwelling units issued by the Code Enforcement Officer shall be valid for 150 days. Any new dwelling unit for which construction has not begun within that 150 day period shall become invalid.**

Issuance of a permit or approval shall guarantee the applicant that the zoning requirements applicable to the approval and all other rights conferred upon the applicant by the approval shall not be changed for period of one year from such issuance. For any matters covered by the permit or approval and not substantially constructed within one year from the issuance of such permit or approval, the previously issued permit or approvals may be revoked or modified by the appropriate Town authorities.

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:

Account	Requested 2000	Amount +/- 1999	Requested 2001	Amount +/- 2000	% +/- 2000
<u>Misc. Accounts</u>					
Planning Board	500	0	500	0	0%
Cumberland Recreation	46513	4652	56402	9889	21%
Prince Library	74580	2677	80441	5861	8%
Dare	1492	-8	1540	48	3%
Shellfish conservation	2500	0	2500	0	0%
MMA	2700	300	2700	0	0%
GP Council of Govts.	3700	100	3700	0	0%
	131985	7721	147783	15798	12%

Budget Committee Recommends: \$147,783

Article 5: To set compensation for Town Administration and see what sum, if any, the town will vote to appropriate and raise in support of same.

	Requested 2000	Amount +/- 1999	Expended 12/30/2000	Requested 2001	Amount +/- 2000	% +/- 2000
<u>Administration</u>						
Payroll	\$ 105,321	105321	97247	110507	5186	5%
Board of Selectmen	3100	3100	3100	3100	0	0%
Fire Chief	1000	1000	1000	1000	0	0%
EP Director	100	100	100	100	0	0%
Dog Warden	100	100	100	100	0	0%
Health Officer	100	100		100	0	0%
Moderator	50	50	50	50	0	0%
Assessor	11000	11000	5000	11000	0	0%
Admin. Expense	5000	5000	4785	5000	0	0%
	125771	125771	111382	130957	5186.3	4%

Budget Committee Recommends: \$130,957

Article 6: 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.

	Requested 2000	Amount +/- 1999	Expended 12/30/2000	Requested 2001	Amount +/- 2000	% +/- 2000
<u>Public Service Accounts</u>						
General Assistance	10000	10000	1500	10000	0	0%
Dog Warden	1000	1000	830	1000	0	0%
Animal Refuge League	1420	1090	1578	1750	330	23%
Community Health Services	2000	2000	2000	2000	0	0%
Regional Transportation	720	720	720	720	0	0%
PROP	3465	3465	3465	3465	0	0%
MPBN	150	150	150	150	0	0%
So. Me. Agency on Aging	1450	1450	1450	1450	0	0%
Family Crisis Shelter	160	160	160	160	0	0%
	20365	10035	11853	20695	330	2%

Budget Committee Recommends: \$20,695

Article 7: To see what sum, if any, the Town will vote to appropriate and raise in support of the Fire and Rescue Department, or take any action thereon.

<u>Fire and Rescue</u>	Requested 2000	Amount +/- 1999	Expended 12/30/2000	Requested 2001	Amount +/- 2000	% +/- 2000
Maintenance	5500	5500	7090	6000	500	9%
Unspecified Equipment	2500	5500	1279	2500	0	0%
<u>New Equipment</u>	4500	3000	3600	6000	1500	33%
Radios	4750	4500	5010	5000	250	5%
Radio Maintenance	2500	2500	1151	2500	0	0%
Misc. Supplies	500	500	1559	500	0	0%
Training	4000	3500	3200	4500	500	13%
SCBA Maintenance	1500	1500	5421	1500	0	0%
<u>SCBA New</u>				7200	7200	
Turn Out Gear Fire	5000	3000	6570	7000	2000	40%
Turn Out Gear Rescue		-2500		2500	2500	
Medical Test/shots	2500	2500	1200	2500	0	0%
Dispatch Services	16000	16000	15000	16000	0	0%
Personnel Expenses	5000	5500	4500	4500	-500	-10%
Utilities	3000	6000	3645	0	-3000	-100%
Rescue Services	11000	12050	7882	9950	-1050	-10%
? SCBA Payment to COF	4424	8848	4424	0	-4424	-100%
Fuel	500	0	952	1000	500	100%
Mutual Aid	1000	1500		500	-500	-50%
Class A Foam				500	500	
	74174	68198	72483	80150	5976	8%
<u>Fire Station</u>						
<u>Utilities, Maintenance, Cleaning</u>				15750	15750	
	74174	68198	72483	95900	21726	29%

Budget Committee Recommends: \$95,900

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Article 8: 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:

<u>Public Works Department</u>	Requested 2000	Amount +/- 1999	Expended 12/30/2000	Requested 2001	Amount +/- 2000	% +/- 2000
Supplies	9000	9000	6550	9000	0	0%
Facility Maintenance	11100	17000	16332	5200	-5900	-53%
Special Projects	108570	91840	118662	125300	16730	15%
Road Maintenance	44100	24200	45226	64000	19900	45%
Winter Roads	54000	54000	32947	54000	0	0%
Fuel	8000	7500	7322	8500	500	6%
Fleet Maintenance	22000	18500	23694	25500	3500	16%
Utilities	4000	3500	3394	4500	500	13%
Payroll	95334	77961	90617	112707	17373	18%
Parks and Cemeteries	4358	3116	455	5600	1242	28%
	360462	306617	345199	414307	53845	15%

Budget Committee Recommends: \$414,307

Article 9: 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:

<u>Solid Waste Accounts</u>	Requested 2000	Amount +/- 1999	Expended 2000	Requested 2001	Amount +/- 2000	% +/- 2000
Septic Disposal	17160	660	10750	17160	0	0%
Curbside Collection	55016	1766	45541	60000	4984	9%
RWS Disposal/Recycling	117800	6150	108452	117800	0	0%
Clean-up Weekend	21000	4875	15530	18500	-2500	-12%
Old Landfill Expenses	5800	100	3430	4200	-1600	-28%
	216776	13551	183703	217660	884	0.4%

Budget Committee Recommends: \$217,660

- Article 10: To hear and act, if necessary, upon the report of the Future Land Committee.
- Article 11: To hear and act, if necessary, upon the report of the North Yarmouth School Fund Trustees.
- Article 12: To hear and act, if necessary, upon the report of the North Yarmouth Cemetery Commission.
- Article 13: To see what sum, if any, the Town will vote to appropriate and raise in support of the Capital Equipment Replacement Plan, or take any action thereon.

ITEM	Est. Cost	Amount Accrued 12/31/00	2001 Year 3	2002 Year 4	2003 Year 5	2004 Year 6	2005 Year 7
Mower/Tractor	20000	1500	1500	1538	1576	1615	1656
Backhoe	45000	45000	10000	10250	6675	6842	7013
Loader	90000	22500	11250	11531	11820	12115	12418
Plow Truck	90000	56565	33440	6675	6842	7013	7188
Phone System	5000	5000					
Computer System	25000	20000	5000	5125	5253	5384	5519
Plow Truck	80000	31250	8125	8328	8536	8750	8968
Plow Truck	80000	13200	6600	6765	6934	7107	7285
Ambulance (89 Ford)	120000	63750	18750	19219	12000	12000	12000
1-Ton Truck	30000	15000	7500	7688	7880	8077	8279
Fire Truck	250000		16675	17092	17519	17957	18406
Facilities Maintenance Fund	ongoing	19800	8400	8610	8825	9046	9272
<u>Fire Department Painting</u>			9000 **				
	825000	293565	127240	102820	93860	95907	98004

**not to be raised, but taken from facilities maintenance fund.

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

	Requested 2000	Amount +/- 1999	Expended 2000	Requested 2001	Amount +/- 2000
<u>Debt Service</u>					
Fire Station Addition (2000)	18972	-927	18972		-18972
1998 Bond (Gillespie)(2003)	23434	-936	23434	69271	45837
1998 Bond (Mountfort Road)(2008)	45032	-6121	45032		-45032
Sharp Bond				15981	15981
	90888	-4534	87438	85252	85252
Budget Committee Recommends: \$85,252					

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

	Requested 2000	Amount +/- 1999	Expended 2000	Requested 2001	Amount +/- 2000	% +/- 2000
<u>Operational Accounts</u>						
New Town Hall Utilities and Maint.				18000	18000	
Insurance	20000	0	19603	21000	1000	5%
<u>Interest</u>	14000	1500	<u>28447</u>	30000	16000	114%
Supplies	16500	-3100	15942	17000	500	3%
Elections	2000	1000	1636	1000	-1000	-50%
Legal Expense	10000	0	13642	10000	0	0%
<u>Employer Expense</u> <i>Benefits?</i>	81000	3274	83923	96000	15000	19%
Transfers	750	0	482	750	0	0%
Utilities	12500	0	10100	2600	-9900	-79%
Annual Audit/Town Report	8200	500	8118	8500	300	4%
Hydrant Rental	24150	0	26592	26592	2442	10%
Contingency	1000	0	837	1000	0	0%
Y2K Contingency	0	-2000				
	190100	1174	209322	232442	42342	22%
Budget Committee Recommends: \$232,442						

Article 16: To See what sum, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate in support of the Town Parks and Recreation Facilities, or take any action thereon:

	Requested 2000	Amount +/- 1999	Expended 2000	Requested 2001	Amount +/- 2000	% +/- 2000
<u>NY Recreation Commission</u>	18500	8500	4800	4000	-14500	-78%

Budget Committee Recommends: \$4,000

Article 17: To see what sum, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate in support of general improvements and maintenance of Wescustogo Hall, or take any action thereon.

	Requested 2000	Amount +/- 1999	Expended 2000	Requested 2001	Amount +/- 2000	% +/- 2000
FLOORS (upstairs & Bathrooms)	5000	5000	4500			
General Repairs and Maint.				5000	0	0
Budget Committee Recommends: \$5,000						

Article 18: To see what sum, if any, the Town will vote to appropriate and raise in support of creating a "Village Green" in the space between the present Municipal Building and Wescustogo Hall.

Selectmen Request: \$20,000

Budget Committee Recommend \$20,000

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 2001 appropriations, and to accept any such funds from the State of Maine and the United States Governemnt as provided by the State Legislature for the year 2001.

	Requested 2000	Actual 2000	Requested 2001
<u>Anticipated Revenues</u>			
Clerk Fees	15000	18970	17500
Permit Fees	20000	55640	
Dog Licenses	1000	955	1000
General Assistance	5000	1078	5000
Highway Block Grant	38000	29052	38000
Excise Tax Collections	400000	453430	400000
State Revenue Sharing	190000	210428	200000
Interest Income	30000	19209	15000
CIF Trust Funds			

Undesignated Fund Balance	350000	350000	265000
From Land Fund			

	1049000	1138762	1026500
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Budget Committee Recommends:

Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to set the date that 2001 Real Estate and Personal Property Taxes are due as September 4th, 2001, and to charge interest at the rate of 11.25% per annum for 2001 taxes paid after that date; and to discount taxes paid in full in the month of July by 1%, or take any action thereon.

Given unto our hands this XX day of February, 2001 at North Yarmouth, Maine.

(signatures)

The Registrar of Voters hereby gives notice that he will be in session from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM on Friday, March 9th, 2000, and from 9:00AM to close of meeting on Saturday, March 10th, 2001.

The following activities were processed by your Municipal Staff in the year 2000.

Dog Licenses	315
Kennel Licenses	4
Boat Registrations	332
Temp. Boats	83
Snomobiles	265
Temp Snomobiles	87
ATV	94
Temp ATV	61

Inland Fisheries

Small Game	1	Bear Permit	10
Archery	20	Supersport	2
Combination	203	SS Fish	2
Fishing	202	Comp	5
Hunting	40	Duplicate	2
Jr. Hunting	8	Arch. Exch.	16
Duck Stamp	13	Pheasant	4
Muzzleloading	20		

Motor Vehicles

Resident	3316	Non-Resident	1089		
Building Permits Issued	104	New Dwellings	36	Waivers Granted	6
Septic System Permits	51	Interior Plumbing	49		

Vital Statistics

Births	42	Deaths	15
Marriages	30		

**Yarmouth Water District
118 East Elm Street
Yarmouth, Maine 04096
Telephone: 846-5821
Fax: 846-1240**

Robert N. MacKinnon Jr.
Superintendent

Erving H. Bickford
Chairman, Board of Trustees

To: Scott Seaver
Date: December 28, 2000
Ref: 2000 Annual Town Report

The year 2000 was a busy year for the Yarmouth Water District in construction, yet a mild year production wise, with production decreasing 8% from the previous year. This is due to cooler temperatures, and a near average rainfall which we have not had for a couple of years.

The District completed the 2nd phase of the capitol improvement project, which was started the previous year, by finishing a redundant production well pumping station within our current well field. We call the station the Stevens Well #2. The well is capable of supplementing for high demand periods, which occur in the spring, summer and fall months, as well as being able to vary flow rates from 100% capacity down to 30%.

In 2000 the District completed two main improvement projects, which improved fire flows, distribution and water quality within the system. We also resurfaced and repainted the East Main Street water tank, which was scheduled maintenance.

Although this year appeared wet we are still below average with annual precipitation. All water sources are affected by drought. Both public supplies and private wells are sensitive resources and we all need to conserve. All though the water levels are near normal for this time of year droughts are long term and easily forgotten.

The District will also be starting a main improvement project along North Road in North Yarmouth. We will start from the intersection of Deer Run Road and lay approximately 2000 ft of new 12" water main to the north. We will also be adding 2 new fire hydrants along this section. The project will start early this spring.

Sincerely,

Christopher A. Curtis
Assistant Superintendent
Yarmouth Water District



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January 2, 2001

Dear North Yarmouth Friends,

When you read this letter, the first session of the 120th Legislature will be well under way. This will be a much different session than the last. Instead of the surpluses of the past, the state is faced with a budgetary shortfall of about \$200 million. One might ask how is this possible? The short answer is that we continue to spend and have spent more than we will have, hence the shortfall.

Priorities become more important with less revenue coming in. Mine will be to continue to fund education at the highest level possible to take the pressure off the property tax. Funding for the new middle school is assured but I will guard against any changes in that program. In light of the shortfall there will be pressure to raise taxes. You have my pledge that I will not vote for new taxes. In fact, in light of the slowing economy, the prudent course would be to lower taxes.

I will be serving on the Transportation Committee this session, from that seat it will be possible to advocate for the paved shoulders that residents would like to see for Routes 9 and 115. This can provide for safe walking and bike traffic. With the increased activity at Pineland we also need to find ways to lessen the traffic impact through the center of town.

I always enjoy hearing from North Yarmouth residents. Please feel free to contact me about any matter before the Legislature. Thankfully, it looks like we will have about 2500 bills this session not the 3000 we had in the last, but it is still possible to miss something important to you. I will continue to place hearing schedules and other pertinent information at the town office. The state web site is also an ever-growing resource for information. www.state.me.us

As you know Dick Baston is retiring after many loyal years of service to the town of North Yarmouth. He has my gratitude and best wishes for a well-deserved retirement.

Sincerely,


T.P. McKenney

District 42 Part of Cumberland and North Yarmouth

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Property Taxes Due 12/31/00 <u>Property Owner</u>	<u>2000 Taxes</u> <u>Unpaid</u>	1999 Taxes Unpaid	1998 Taxes Unpaid	1997 Taxes Unpaid
Al-Alwi, Monsour T.	\$ 3,307.01	\$ 268.75		
Al-Alwi, Monsour T.	\$ 281.25			
Anderson, George Sr.	\$ 752.63			
Anderson, Richard & Lewis	\$ 6.86	\$ 6.55		
Ayers, Jane B. & David	\$ 2,384.10			
Baker, Richard & Jennifer	\$ 2,655.55			
Barter, Clayton and Hilma	\$ 1,692.25			
Barter, Clayton	\$ 112.95			
Barter, Hilma	\$ 216.00			
Barter, Ralph & Francina	\$ 112.50			
Blackstone, Frank	\$ 373.50			
Blackstone, Frank	\$ 382.50			
Brown, Anne	\$ 1,719.92			
Brown, Kathleen		\$ 262.83		
Buchholz, Steven and Deborah	\$ 4,007.43			
Charron, Romeo	\$ 371.25			
Clukey, Arthur W.	\$ 438.75			
Clukey, Estate of James	\$ 1,207.82	\$ 654.14		\$ 627.80
Coffin, Philip C.	\$ 1,080.29	\$ 1,032.28		
Coffin, Raymond	\$ 1,432.75			
Coffin, Raymond	\$ 114.75			
Crommett, Craig	\$ 1,624.79			
Davis, Robert W. IV	\$ 1,190.38			
Dehler, Darlene G.	\$ 4,890.44			
Dennison, Roscoe G. III	\$ 2,403.18	\$ 1,796.37		
Derrig, Laraine E.	\$ 836.86			
Dewitt, William	\$ 293.29			
Edgerley, Dwight D.	\$ 90.00			
Edgerton, Linda Anne	\$ 2,403.18			
Fuccillo, Stephen G.	\$ 105.37			
Gallants Auto Salvage	\$ 39.94			
Gallants Auto Salvage	\$ 995.58			
Graham, Thomas & Stockmann, Karen	\$ 2,973.62			
Grant, Steven & Victoria	\$ 2,657.93			
Hall, James B. II	\$ 1,911.11	\$ 1,826.18	\$ 1,725.31	
Hancock Lumber Company Inc.	\$ 130.68			
Hanscome, Ralph	\$ 909.07			
Hanson, Jeffrey	\$ 1,065.44	\$ 1,018.09	\$ 961.85	\$ 948.15
Hayes, Maurice & Doris	\$ 11.25			
Hayes, Timothy and Victoria	\$ 934.70			
Hayward, Dean W. Sr.	\$ 1,941.59	\$ 1,855.30	\$ 1,752.82	\$ 1,493.02
Hedgecock, Sethallen & Anne	\$ 2,530.21			
Heimann, Frederick		\$ 32.64		
Heinenon, Edward		\$ 31.18		
Hodgetts, Paul W.	\$ 2,209.81	\$ 717.99		
Hoffman, Linda A.	\$ 3,453.25	\$ 3,299.77	\$ 3,117.51	
Home Construction and Finance	\$ 292.61			
Home Construction and Finance	\$ 294.07			
Keith, Ronald	\$ 358.31			
Kennedy, John & Dion, Kathryn	\$ 882.57			
Kelly, Julie H. and Donald F	\$ 620.49			
Kelly, Esther D.	\$ 483.73			
Kimball, Pauline	\$ 22.50			
Knight, Robert and Andrea	\$ 1,955.03			
Leeman, Keith & Lisa	\$ 271.69	\$ 259.62		

Property Taxes Due 12/31/00 <u>Property Owner</u>	<u>2000 Taxes</u> <u>Unpaid</u>	1999 Taxes Unpaid	1998 Taxes Unpaid	1997 Taxes Unpaid
Lesley, Drew	\$ 1,300.77			
Love, Michael & Joyce		\$ 24.74		
MacDonald, Estate of Eleanor B.	\$ 888.97			
Mashino, George and Angie	\$ 3,209.87			
Morrill, John E.	\$ 25.04			
Morrison, Jeffrey & Audrey	\$ 290.25			
Myers, Amy Maria & Feeney, Edward	\$ 3,289.34			
Napolitano, Jennifer and Lathrop, S.	\$ 321.19			
Napolitano, John & Linda	\$ 1,861.61	\$ 1,778.88		
Oliver, Brian E.	\$ 1,998.34			
Orcutt, Cherylynn & Douglas	\$ 1,199.99	\$ 1,078.53		
Parisi, Stephen L.	\$ 2,395.01			
PDK Inc.	\$ 3,284.60			
Peaslee, Silas	\$ 225.48			
Peck, Marie H.	\$ 2,449.57			
Pereira, James	\$ 2,469.06			
Potenziano, Philip & Karen	\$ 116.09			
Queen, Robert	\$ 1,680.86	\$ 1,606.15		
Rubenstein, Neil and Phyl	\$ 1,072.52			
Russell, Linda & Logan, Bruce	\$ 1,815.70			
Russell, Mark & Tammy	\$ 1,883.59			
Septivac Pumping Inc.	\$ 825.89			
Shorey, Jeffrey & Sykes, Deborah	\$ 427.50			
Shorey, Jeffrey & Sykes, Deborah	\$ 22.58			
Shorey, Jeffrey & Sykes, Deborah	\$ 1,991.20			
Sloat, Ronald	\$ 2,380.21	\$ 2,274.42		
Small, Carolyn	\$ 1,667.36	\$ 1,593.25	\$ 1,505.25	
Small, Francis	\$ 213.75			
Small, Marion	\$ 54.34			
Smith, Timothy and Susan	\$ 294.75			
Stewart, John and Melissa	\$ 874.22			
Storey, Donn & Charles	\$ 285.76			
Strom, Michael & Lorry	\$ 2,092.34	\$ 1,837.36		
Tiedeman, Carl	\$ 2,901.40			
Vincent, Glenn and Moira	\$ 1,674.43			
Walker, Steven & Shirley	\$ 1,403.66			
York, John M.	\$ 1,940.94			
Zrioka, Patrick & Ulla K.	\$ 2,390.49			
Totals Due 12/31/00	\$ 116,651.40	\$ 23,255.02	\$ 9,062.74	\$ 3,068.97



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Board of Selectmen
Town of North Yarmouth
North Yarmouth, Maine

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, 2000. The following statements and schedule have been excerpted from the 2000 financial statements, a complete copy of which, including our opinion thereon, is available for inspection at the Town office. Included herein are:

Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types and Account Groups	Statement A-1
Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance - All Governmental Fund Types and Expendable Trust Fund	Statement A-2
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures - Budget and Actual - General Fund - Budgetary Basis	Statement A-3
Valuation, Assessment and Collection of Taxes	Schedule 2
Statement of Departmental Operations (General Fund)	Schedule 3

Berry, Fowles & Co.

Certified Public Accountants
February 9, 2001

TOWN OF NORTH YARMOUTH, MAINE
COMBINED BALANCE SHEET - ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUPS
DECEMBER 31, 2000

(With Comparative Totals for the Year ended December 31, 1999)

	<u>Governmental Fund</u>		<u>Fiduciary</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Totals</u>	
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special</u> <u>Revenue</u>	<u>Trust and</u> <u>Agency</u>	<u>Group</u> <u>General Long-</u> <u>Term Debt</u>	<u>(Memorandum Only)</u>	
					<u>2000</u>	<u>1999</u>
ASSETS:						
Cash and Investments	\$ 785,514	\$ 757	\$ 81,705	\$ 0	867,976	\$ 798,804
Receivables:						
Taxes	116,705	0	0	0	116,705	121,905
Liens	25,459	0	0	0	25,459	33,021
Tax Acquired Property	22,783	0	0	0	22,783	14,413
Prepaid Expenses	8,491	0	0	0	8,491	0
Due from Other Funds	267	0	190	0	457	42,561
Amount to be Provided for Accrued Compensated Absences	0	0	0	20,055	20,055	18,663
Amount to be Provided for Retirement of General Long-Term Debt	0	0	0	328,000	328,000	399,500
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 959,219</u>	<u>\$ 757</u>	<u>\$ 81,895</u>	<u>\$ 348,055</u>	<u>\$ 1,389,926</u>	<u>\$ 1,428,867</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY:						
Liabilities:						
Accounts Payable	\$ 12,691	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 12,691	\$ 12,124
Escrow Payable	5,840	0	0	0	5,840	0
Deferred Revenues	135,553	0	0	0	135,553	143,423
Due to Other Funds	190	0	267	0	457	42,561
Due to Other Groups	0	0	13,367	0	13,367	18,380
Accrued Compensated Absences	0	0	0	20,055	20,055	18,663
General Obligation Bonds	0	0	0	328,000	328,000	399,500
	<u>154,274</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>13,634</u>	<u>348,055</u>	<u>515,963</u>	<u>634,651</u>
FUND EQUITY:						
Retained Earnings	0	0	63,442	0	63,442	60,552
Fund Balances:						
Reserved	411,307	0	0	0	411,307	269,290
Unreserved:						
Designated	128,073	0	0	0	128,073	110,088
Undesignated	265,565	757	4,819	0	271,141	354,286
	<u>804,945</u>	<u>757</u>	<u>68,261</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>873,963</u>	<u>794,216</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	<u>\$ 959,219</u>	<u>\$ 757</u>	<u>\$ 81,895</u>	<u>\$ 348,055</u>	<u>\$ 1,389,926</u>	<u>\$ 1,428,867</u>

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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, 2000

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>		<u>Fiduciary</u> <u>Fund Type</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>(Memorandum Only)</u>
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special</u> <u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expendable</u> <u>Trust</u>	
REVENUES:				
Taxes	\$ 3,677,434	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 3,677,434
Intergovernmental	378,510	0	0	378,510
Miscellaneous	157,262	9,303	3,017	169,582
	<u>4,213,206</u>	<u>9,303</u>	<u>3,017</u>	<u>4,225,526</u>
EXPENDITURES:				
General Government	125,771	0	0	125,771
Public Safety and Services	81,460	0	2,887	84,347
Public Works and Sanitation	571,456	0	0	571,456
Fixed Expenses and Operations	364,598	0	0	364,598
Town Organizations and Committees	131,343	0	0	131,343
Cultural and Recreational	7,157	0	0	7,157
Education	2,550,598	0	0	2,550,598
Debt Service	90,484	0	0	90,484
Capital Outlay	169,520	0	0	169,520
Capital Investment	38,893	0	0	38,893
For Designated Purpose	0	14,502	0	14,502
	<u>4,131,280</u>	<u>14,502</u>	<u>2,887</u>	<u>4,148,669</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER				
(UNDER) EXPENDITURES	81,926	(5,199)	130	76,857
FUND BALANCE - AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>723,019</u>	<u>5,956</u>	<u>4,689</u>	<u>733,664</u>
FUND BALANCE - AT END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 804,945</u>	<u>\$ 757</u>	<u>\$ 4,819</u>	<u>\$ 810,521</u>

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TOWN OF NORTH YARMOUTH, MAINE
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES -
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND
BUDGETARY BASIS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2000

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
REVENUES:			
Taxes	\$ 3,574,585	\$ 3,677,434	\$ 102,849
Intergovernmental	343,124	378,510	35,386
Miscellaneous	66,000	102,917	36,917
	<u>3,983,709</u>	<u>4,158,861</u>	<u>175,152</u>
TOTAL REVENUES			
EXPENDITURES:			
General Government	125,771	125,771	0
Public Safety and Services	101,102	81,460	19,642
Public Works and Sanitation	633,943	571,456	62,487
Fixed Expenses and Operations	439,452	364,598	74,854
Town Organizations and Committees	134,502	131,343	3,159
Cultural and Recreational	23,500	7,157	16,343
Education	2,550,598	2,550,598	0
Debt Service	90,888	90,484	404
Capital Outlay	217,476	169,520	47,956
Capital Investment	126,565	126,565	0
	<u>4,443,797</u>	<u>4,218,952</u>	<u>224,845</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES			
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	(460,088)	(60,091)	399,997
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):			
Budgeted Use of Surplus	460,088	0	(460,088)
	<u>460,088</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(460,088)</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ (60,091)</u>	<u>\$ (60,091)</u>

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TOWN OF NORTH YARMOUTH, MAINE
VALUATION, ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION OF TAXES
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2000

VALUATION AND ASSESSMENT

Real Property	\$ 169,801,037
Personal Property	<u>6,564,823</u>
TOTAL VALUATION	176,365,860
Tax Rate per Thousand	<u>18.00</u>
TAX COMMITMENT	<u><u>\$ 3,174,585</u></u>

APPROPRIATIONS

Municipal Functions	\$ 1,545,586
Maine School Administrative District No. 51	2,550,598
County Tax	127,593
Overlay	<u>109,932</u>
	4,333,709
Less: Estimated Revenues	<u>1,159,124</u>
TAX COMMITMENT	<u><u>\$ 3,174,585</u></u>

2000 TAXES

Original Commitment		\$ 3,174,585
Supplementals		<u>2,470</u>
		3,177,055
Less: Collection (Net of Refunds and Adjustments)	\$ 3,037,072	
Abatements	2,814	
Discounts	<u>20,463</u>	
		<u>3,060,349</u>
TAXES RECEIVABLE - DECEMBER 31, 2000		<u><u>\$ 116,706</u></u>

TOWN OF NORTH YARMOUTH, MAINE
STATEMENT OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2000

	Appropriation Balances <u>Forward</u>	Appropriations	Transfers and Other <u>Credits</u>	Total <u>Available</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Balances</u>		
						<u>Lapsed</u>		<u>Carried Forward</u>
						<u>Overdrawn</u>	<u>Unexpended</u>	
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$ 0	\$ 125,771	\$ 0	\$ 125,771	\$ 125,771	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
PUBLIC SAFETY AND SERVICES	6,563	94,539	3,488	104,590	84,948	0	10,219	9,423
PUBLIC WORKS AND SANITATION	51,705	582,238	1,800	635,743	573,256	0	11,227	51,260
FIXED EXPENSES AND OPERATIONS	6,827	432,625	0	439,452	364,598	0	74,854	0
TOWN ORGANIZATIONS AND COMMITTEES	2,517	131,985	574	135,076	131,917	0	68	3,091
CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL	0	23,500	3,537	27,037	10,694	0	0	16,343
EDUCATION	0	2,550,598	0	2,550,598	2,550,598	0	0	0
DEBT SERVICE	0	90,888	0	90,888	90,484	0	404	0
CAPITAL OUTLAY	42,476	175,000	20,000	237,476	189,520	0	0	47,956
CAPITAL INVESTMENTS	0	126,565	0	126,565	126,565	0	0	0
TOTAL	<u>\$ 110,088</u>	<u>\$ 4,333,709</u>	<u>\$ 29,399</u>	<u>\$ 4,473,196</u>	<u>\$ 4,248,351</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 96,772</u>	<u>\$ 128,073</u>

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