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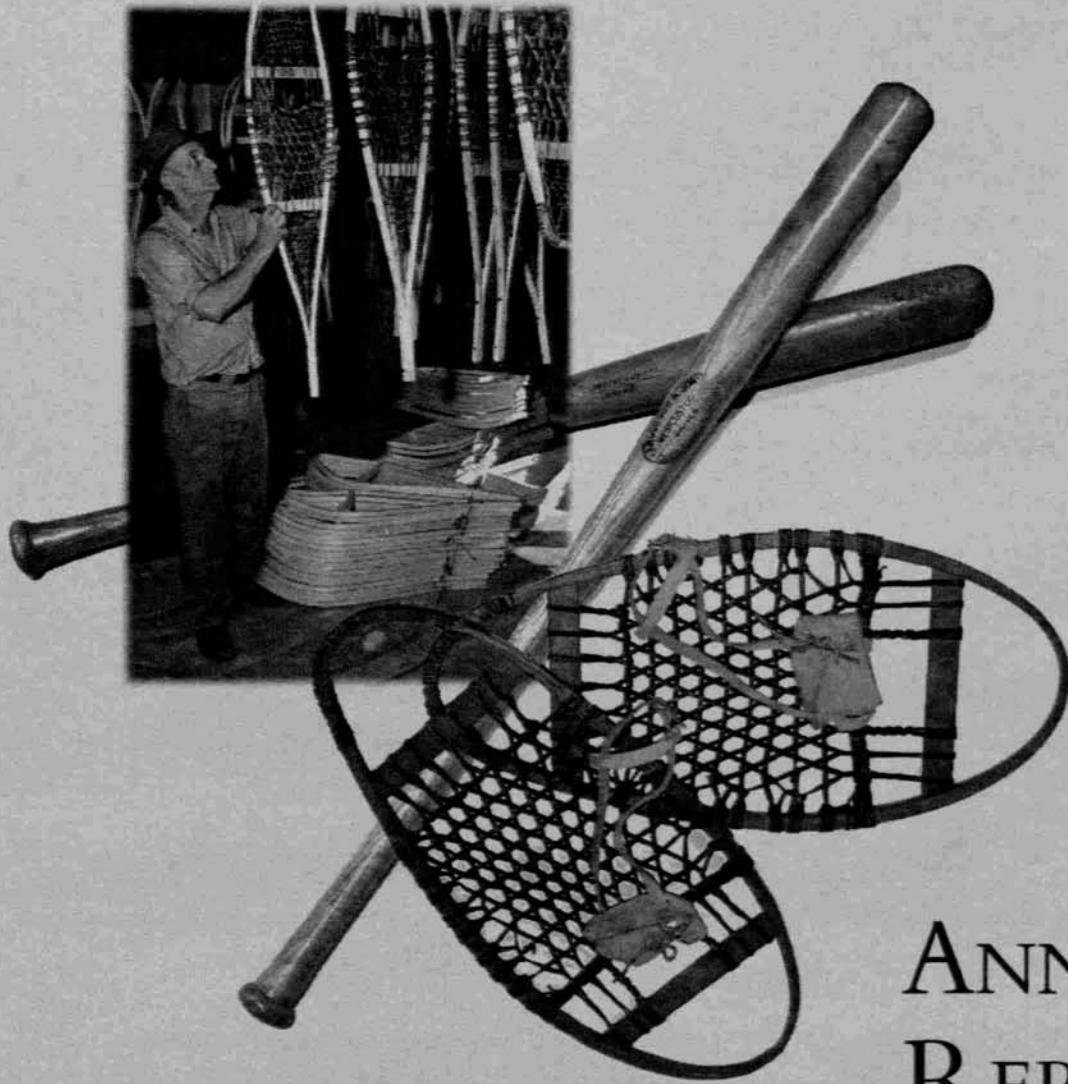
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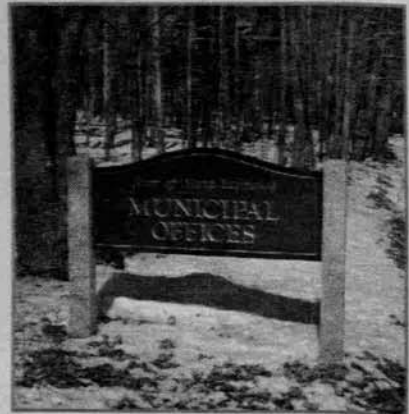


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Cover: Clifford Anderson of North Yarmouth with some of the impressive snowshoes he produced in his workshop on Hallowell Road. Photo circa 1940s.
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Right: (top) The entrance to North Yarmouth's Town Office at 10 Village Square Road.

(below) Even out-of-towners get great service! Jason Best of Pownal transacts business at the Town Office, assisted by Rose Napolitano and Marie Lausier.

NORTH YARMOUTH, MAINE ANNUAL REPORT 2003



*for the year ending
December 31, 2003*



State Senator Karl Turner

16 Town Landing Road
Cumberland, Maine 04021
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kwtturner@yahoo.com

To the Citizens of North Yarmouth:

It is my great pleasure to represent your community in the Maine State Senate. I offer the following observations at the half way mark of my second term as your State Senator.

Maine's state government continues to struggle with balancing its books. This struggle, at its core, manifests from a longstanding inability of Maine's Legislature to control its desire to spend money.

Maine shares many problems in common with all states in regard to the challenges it faces. However, it has difficulties that set apart from other states. These difficulties stem from policy decisions made for nearly three decades that have driven Maine close to the bottom of the economic ladder. We have chosen to make Maine one of the most difficult places to create or expand an economic enterprise and provide good paying jobs for our people. Changing direction to correct these impediments is difficult, but not impossible. The changes I am working on include:

- *Tax laws to encourage investment of capital in Maine*
- *Regulatory changes to help job creation rather than hinder it*
- *Restructuring of government so that essential services can be delivered more cost effectively*
- *Strategic investments of state government money (paid for by your taxes) in research for both emerging and traditional industries that promise high paying jobs*
- *Tax reform that lowers Maine's #1 ranking of tax burden based on ability to pay starting with our overdependence on the Property Tax.*

Despite all the challenges that Maine faces, North Yarmouth remains a special place. You are fortunate to live where you live.

In closing, I want to extend a special "thank you" to you for the honor of serving as your State Senator.

Sincerely,

Karl Turner

*Representing
Senate District 26:
North Yarmouth, Windham,
Raymond, Pownal,
New Gloucester, Gray, and
Cumberland*

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Mail: State House Address: State Senate,
3 State House Station, Augusta 04333-0003
Telephone: State Senate Message Line: 1-800-423-6900
TTY Line: 207-287-1583
Sen. Turner's Committees: Appropriations,
Financial Affairs



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Terrence P. McKenney

14 Crystal Lane
Cumberland Center, ME 04021
Residence: (207) 829-5472
E-Mail: terryck@maine.rr.com

Dear North Yarmouth Residents,

It continues to be a great pleasure and honor to serve as your state representative in Augusta. When you read this at your next town meeting we will be nearing the end of our second session. Hopefully we have acted responsibly and enacted a budget that you as taxpayers can afford.

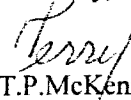
Tax relief is our most important goal but I fear that this will not be accomplished before we adjourn. We simply must get our spending under control. This will be the heart of any tax relief proposal.

By this time you should be seeing some progress in the reconstruction of Route 9 and the realignment of the 9/115 intersection. I will continue to monitor this project to assure it meets expectations.

Sadly I must report to you that I will be losing many of you in the next election. This is due to Legislative redistricting. I will only represent about 1/3rd of the town with the remainder going to a district that encompasses Gray and Pownal currently represented by Sue Austin. North Yarmouth has always been good to me at the polls and I will be sorry to lose most of the town. The new district will divide along the Haskell Road, Route 115 down to Walnut Hill over The Lane and down to the Yarmouth line. My district will include every thing on the Cumberland side of that line. The good news is that North Yarmouth will now have 2 representatives looking out for your interests in Augusta.

Hope to see you at the town meeting.

Sincerely,


T.P. McKenney

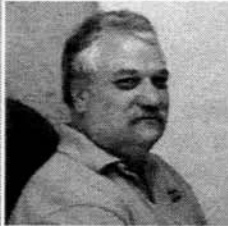
District 42 Part of
Cumberland and

To contact Rep. McKenney in Augusta:

Mail: State House Address: State Senate,
3 State House Station, Augusta 04333-0003
Telephone: House Message Line: (800) 423-2900
TTY Line: 207-287-4469
Sen. Turner's Committee: Transportation
(Ranking Minority Member)

Those Who Serve —

*Familiar faces at
the Town Office:*



Scott Seaver



Debbie Allen



Marie Lausier



Rose Napolitano



Stan Brown

Appointed Town Officials

Administrative Assistant

Scott W. Seaver

Town Clerk/Treasurer

Scott W. Seaver

Deputy Town Clerk/Treasurer

Deborah J. Allen

Tax Collector

Scott W. Seaver

Deputy Tax Collector

Deborah J. Allen

Tax Assessor

John O'Donnell, III

Code Enforcement Officer

Scott W. Seaver

Code Inspector

Stanford M. Brown

Fire Chief

R. James Malonson

Road Commissioner

Donald J. Chaisson

Director of Emergency Preparedness

Richard W. Brobst

Animal Control Officer

Chuck Burnie

Health Officer

Eileen Wyatt

General Assistance Administrator

Scott W. Seaver

Rep. to Regional Waste Systems

Scott W. Seaver

Rep. to Prince Memorial Library Advisory Board

William T. Hayes

Rep. to Cumberland Recreation Advisory Committee

James Googins, Barbara Hauke

Elected Officials and Representatives

Board of Selectmen

Richard Brobst, Chair, 2006

Jeanne M. Chadbourne, Vice Chair,

Carol A. Burgess, 2005 2004

David Perkins, 2005

Clark H. Whittier, 2004

Moderator

Christopher Vaniotis

Budget Committee

James Moulton, Chair, 2005

Darla Hamlin, 2006

Frank Coffin, 2006

Elsie May Moreau, 2006

Gil Preston, 2005

Vernon Goff, Jr., 2004

John Cornish, 2004

Gary Bahlkow, 2004

Cemetery Commission

Richard Baston, Chair, 2005

Clark Baston, 2006

David Hyde, 2007

Guy Lovell, 2008

Joy Malloy, 2004

S.A.D.#51 Directors

Audrey Lones, 2006

Polly Frawley, 2004

James Moulton, 2005

Yarmouth Water District Trustee

Rosalyn I. Baston, 2006

North Yarmouth Town Office



Commissions, Boards and Committees

Planning Board

Kathryn Dion, Chair, 2005
William Hayes, 2006
Suzanne House, 2008
Steve Morrison, 2004
Gordon Scannell, 2007
Ed Gervais, Alternate
Peter Lindsay, Alternate

Zoning Board of Appeals

John Carpenter, Chair, 2006
Alan Corrow, 2005
David Norman, 2008
Lance Walker, 2004
Robert Wood, 2007
Thaddeus Day, Alternate
Claudia Raessler, Alternate

Board of Assessment Review

H. Craig Higgins, Chair
Eleanor Carolan
Rob Taisey

Shellfish Conservation Commission

Guy Watson, Chair
Ernie Grant
Harold Hibbard
John Woodcock

Cable TV Commission

Scott Kerr
Paul Peck
William Umberger

Conservation Commission

Robert Houston, Chair
Kendra Bavor
Alan Bried
Brian Kitteridge
Sam Ristich
Charles Witherup

Recreation Commission

Herb Hamel
Marla Muzzy
Mark Robinson
Chris Toriello
Jenny Tuemmler

School Fund Trustees

Kenneth Allen
Blaine Barter
Clark Baston
Richard Baston
Earl Edwards
Joel Fuller
Richard Lowell
Nelson Smith
Norman Smith

North Yarmouth Historical Society

Katie Murphy, Pres.
Eric Austin
Ursula Baier
Rosalyn Baston
Winty Bryan
Thaddeus Day
Joyce Gervais
Mark Heath
Theodore Irwin
Joan Mason
Linc Merrill

Safe Walk & Bike Ways Committee

Nancy Grant, Chair
Mike Booth
Jeanne Chadbourne
Holly Day
Sally Hassey
Barbara Hauke
Jeff McEwen
Harry Nelson



Going to a meeting in town?
Chances are it will be at
(top to bottom) the Town
Office Community Meeting
Room, Wescustogo Hall,
or Walnut Hill Station,
our former Town Office.

North Yarmouth Events Committee

Darla Hamlin, Chair
Jeanne Chadbourne
Matt Gilbert
Michelle Gilbert
Tracy Dahlgren
Cindy Decker
Leigh Leadbetter
Rita, Feeney
Katie Murphy
Cynthia Giroux
Theresa Porter

Future Lands Committee

Lewis Holman, Chair
Cheri Hudson, Chair
Ros Baston
Reid Hayward
Linc Merrill
Don Smith

▶ Get involved! Sign up to serve on a town committee at www.northyarmouth.govoffice.com

REPORTS for the Year 2003

Board of Selectmen 2003 Annual Report



Dick Brobst



Jeanne Chadbourne



Candy Burgess



Dave Perkins (with Holly)



Clark Whittier
...leaving the Board in
2004 after many
years of faithful
service. Our thanks
to you, Clark!

As the Selectmen's report states every year in recent memory, "It has been a very busy year." 2003 was no exception. The Board discussed, approved and/or implemented many interesting items throughout the year. Over 12 months, we:

- Continued work with the Coastal Corridor Regionalization Committee, presently undertaking a study to determine if a regional dispatch center is feasible.

- Worked with Fire Chief Jim Malonson to develop a schedule of fees to be charged for use of the ambulance.

- Developed a plan for the possible future use of the Cassidy property, abutting the town's Public Works property. We thank the Town for its support in the purchase of this parcel.

- Worked with New Gloucester, Pownal, Gray and Windham in the organization and implementation of a Household Hazardous Waste drop off day.

- Contracted for a position and wage study of the Town's clerical staff. As a result, wages were adjusted for our staff to better represent the market and the services that they provide.

- Through the Safe Bike and Walkways Committee, worked towards reconstruction of Route 9 with bike lanes and a walkway.

- Worked with MDOT to develop a road project for the North Road between Route 9 and the Yarmouth Town line.

- Participated with our neighboring towns of Gray and New Gloucester in a study that reviewed proposals for increased police services. At this time, the Board has opted to study the matter further.

- Provided a series of 5 summer concerts. We want to thank Katie Murphy, Scott Seaver and all the businesses that donated funds to make these concerts possible.

- Worked with representatives of US Cellular to develop plans for a cellular communication tower on the site of the Public Works Facility. This tower will enhance communications both for our residents and the traveling public. Construction is set to begin this spring.

- Worked with developers of the Carriage Hill subdivision as they gifted 10 acres of land to the town.

- Developed a performance evaluation for the Administrative Assistant that will provide additional training and education, along with reorganization of office functions that will provide an incentive program for the position.

Of particular note, we would like to thank Mike Waterman for choosing Old Town House Park as the subject of his Eagle Scout project—the construction of a footbridge on the walking trail at the park; and Elizabeth and Bob Nanovic for their continued support of the town's park system through their donation of an abutting piece of property to Old Town House Park.

Through the efforts of the Administrative Assistant, an agreement was reached with the Town of Cumberland to provide the services of Animal Control Officer. We wish to thank Keith Brooks for the job he has done for the Town over the past few years.

The town exchanged gifts with the Town of Ibaraki, Japan as an exchange student visited our community.

Many have noticed that Wescustogo Hall was re-sited over the summer months. At a November special town meeting, residents approved the purchase of a new fire truck to replace the 1977 Pierce, (cont'd, p. 18)

Town Administration 2003 Report

It is my pleasure to present this report of the activities of the Town for the calendar year 2003. I am pleased to say that while it was a very busy year, we were able to accommodate many changes that have enhanced Town services.

You may now re-register your passenger vehicle online through the Town's website. Very soon you will also be able to re-register your dog online, and purchase hunting and fishing licenses. Especially with the increasing use of our website, your municipal staff continues to work hard to provide information and services that a growing town requires.

Of particular note this year has been the involvement of Board of Selectmen members on the Central Corridor Committee. One major part of this Committee's work has been to explore, jointly with the towns of Gray and New Gloucester, the need for and cost of expanded law enforcement services. This has been a very educational and worthwhile exploration. Information gathered and discussions that held with the other communities and the Maine State Police and the Cumberland County Sheriff's Department were invaluable in determining the next course of action in upcoming years.

The renewal of a long-term relationship with the Town of Cumberland regarding the Recreation program and use of Prince Memorial Library has been discussed. A five-year agreement on a funding formula has expired, and we will be meeting with Cumberland this spring and summer to work on this issue.

Town committees have done great work in 2003. The Comprehensive Plan Committee has carried on an exhaustive meeting schedule. Their dedication has gone far beyond that of a normal working group, and my appreciation goes to Pat Hamel and the entire committee. Also, thanks to the residents who attended meetings, filled out surveys or make their feelings known in other ways. Input was terrific.

Another enormously successful group has been the Safe Walkways and Bikeways Committee. Their involvement in MDOT's process has brought the Route 9 bike lane and walkway to the top of the MDOT priority list.

I want to thank all town staff for their input and dedication over the past year. We all recognize them when we see them in a store on the road, but so seldom say "good job." Of special note is the Public Works crew, who, twice in December 2003, worked in excess of 33 hours at a stretch. The December 6 storm has been declared a snow emergency by FEMA, based upon a record 12 hours snowfall rate recorded in Bridgton. The hours that the road crew works, especially on nights and weekends, takes them from their families and children. Our hat goes off to them!

As always, I want to thank the Board of Selectmen for their support and input in 2003. Many issues arise on a daily basis, and having the ability to contact any of the members at nearly any time during the day or night is very appreciated.

Over the next year, plans will be made to change the fiscal year from a calendar year to a July-June schedule. This means we will no longer need to borrow funds to operate the Town for the first 7 months of the year. During this planning phase, we will prepare a budget that will incorporate tax payments twice a year.

As we look ahead to 2005 and beyond, the Town most likely will be burdened with a revaluation of property. Always a tedious process, and not a very popular one, this will most likely be a budget item next year.

Again, my thanks to the staff who handles the bulk of the work here in the office. Their professional attitude and knowledge of their jobs makes mine ever so much easier.

Respectfully submitted,
SCOTT W. SEAVER
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Town Statistics

In 2003, the following activities were recorded:

Permits Issued	
New Dwelling Permits	31
Garages	14
Additions/Alterations	64
Swimming Pools	7
Septic Systems	39
Interior Plumbing	36
Motor Vehicle Registrations:	
Resident	2,875
Non-Resident	975
Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Licenses	516
Dog Licenses	491
Boat Registrations	284
Snowmobile Regs.	193
ATV Registrations	75
Births Recorded	26
Deaths Recorded	15
Marriages Recorded	13

Town Population: 3,500+

The office handles daily calls and requests from realtors, title companies, mortgage companies and many others on behalf of our residents. The office staff also issues fire permits, certified birth, death and marriage copies. All employees in the office are certified as notaries.

PLEASE NOTE:

The many committees and boards of our growing community present an increasing challenge in providing meeting space for all. Shuffling meetings and workshops between rooms has become commonplace; please check the website or call the office for updated news about meeting locations.

A Report from MSAD#51



Maine School Administrative District #51 Cumberland ~ North Yarmouth

Robert G. Hasson, Jr., Ed.D. ~ Superintendent
Scott D. Poulin ~ Director of Finance, Human Resources and Operations
Judith H. True ~ Director of Instructional Support

January 27, 2004

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 2002-2003 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 Content Standards and Performance Indicators as they relate to the system of Maine Learning Results;
- Ensure a safe and respectful environment where all feel a sense of belonging; and
- Promote parental participation as fundamental to each student's success.

The MSAD #51 School Board goals are to:

1. Effectively engage students in learning to ensure that each student meets or exceeds the District's Content Standards and Performance Indicators and progresses towards attaining his/her personal best. In support of this goal, the Board will:
 - Support the District's ongoing work in curriculum, assessment, instruction and professional development;
 - Measure the District's progress towards attaining its mission by collecting, analyzing and sharing data on student performance;
 - Establish measurable goals for improving student achievement; and
 - Develop and evaluate the structures and policies necessary to ensure all students meet the District's Content Standards and Performance Indicators as they relate to the system of Maine Learning Results.
2. Implement accountability systems for providing, assessing and supporting student learning. In support of this goal, the District will:
 - Recruit, retain and develop quality staff;
 - Encourage the ongoing development of instructional and administrative leadership;
 - Develop and use a system of data analysis for decision making; and
 - Develop 3-year budgetary goals and strategies to provide greater financial stability.

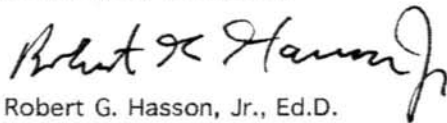
3. Promote community involvement in education by:
 - Establishing an ongoing dialogue with community members; and
 - Collaborating with the community to meet student needs.

4. Provide a quality learning and work environment to support our educational mission by:
 - Constructing a new middle school to open in fall of 2004;
 - Renovating Greely Junior High into high school space for use beginning in fall of 2005; and
 - Securing resources to renovate and construct an addition to Greely High School.

I take this opportunity annually to thank Scott Seaver, the town employees, the selectmen and selectwoman and the extensive number of North Yarmouth residents who continue to support the students and staff of M.S.A.D. #51. This support takes many different forms and continues to help the district perform at a higher level. There are many challenges facing us. I hope that we will continue to collaborate and cooperate to find common ground and solve issues that arise as we enter this period of opening a new middle school and renovating existing space.

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

Respectfully submitted,

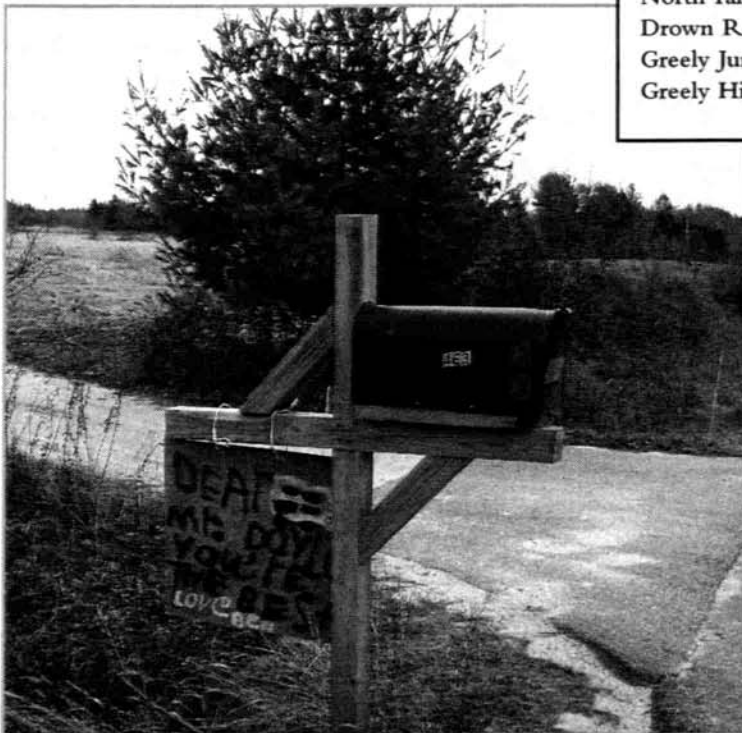


Robert G. Hasson, Jr., Ed.D.
Superintendent M.S.A.D. #51

**School Administrative District #51
Cumberland-North Yarmouth**

P. O. Box 6A • Cumberland Center, ME 04021

Superintendent's Office	829-4800
Mabel I. Wilson School	829-4825
North Yarmouth Memorial School	829-5555
Drown Road School	829-2250
Greely Junior High School	829-4815
Greely High School	829-4805



Mr. Doyle Rocks!
A Mountfort Road mailbox during Fall 2003's Bus Driver Appreciation Day.

North Yarmouth Public Works Department 2003 Annual Report



“We are a small department, with nearly 45 miles of roadways to plow and sand.”

The past year was a busy year for the department, and 2004 promises more of the same. I want to thank the Town for their support of the purchase of the Cassidy Pit property; it has given us access to material we would otherwise have had to purchase from outside vendors.

Work accomplished in 2003 included the pavement of Sligo Road Extension, West Pownal Road, and shimming and overlay of a good section of North Road between Routes 231 and 9. This was important work.

With the Town's support, we replaced the body on our older Ford L8000. This will enable us to keep the truck longer. We will substitute the replacement of another vehicle instead

of replacing this Ford with a new body.

With the Town's continued growth, the pressures put upon our department escalate. Several projects will be undertaken in 2004. As soon as possible this spring, we will begin construction of multi-purpose playing fields at Old Town House Park; our hope is that this field will be available for play in Fall, 2004. This summer, MDOT will undertake a grinding and paving project on North Road, extending the widening and improving of the roadway begun in Yarmouth a few years ago.

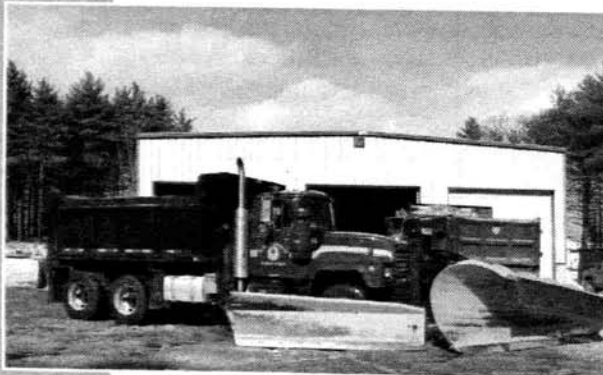
2004 road improvement projects will include Town Farm Road, Parsonage Road, and continued improvements to North Road.

It is my pleasure to serve the Town, and want to thank the Board of Selectmen for their support over the past year. Thanks also go to Clark Baston, Sherwood White and Jim Knight for their support and assistance. Also thanks to Travis Seaver, Earl Edwards, Tom Burgess and Conrad Lausier for their assistance during winter storms and summer mowing. Having good workers makes the job a lot easier.

I want to thank the residents of North Yarmouth for their support and patience during the winter period. We are a small department, with nearly 45 miles of roadways to plow and sand. We appreciate your understanding.

Respectfully submitted,
DONALD CHAISSON
PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

Local Heroes—
North Yarmouth's Road Crew:
Jim Knight, Clark Baston,
Don Chaisson, and Sherwood White.



(right)
Pictured is our 2001 10-wheel Mack truck. If you live in the north part of town, this is the vehicle that plows and sands your road. The truck uses computerized controls for consistent sanding and can haul 12 yards of material. Two of our plow blades are shown in front of the Mack.



North Yarmouth Fire and Rescue

2003 Annual Report

To all of the members of the North Yarmouth Fire and Rescue Department: I would like to publicly thank you for your many hours of dedicated service to the citizens of North Yarmouth.

The year 2003 was a busy year for the volunteers of the Department. Members responded to 293 calls. These calls, averaging 2-3 hours each and at all times of the day, represent 4,229 hours of commitment. Members of the Department also spent 1,200 hours more in training and meetings. The total hours volunteered was over 5,429.

Our Fire and Rescue volunteers are a valuable and important part of both this community and of our surrounding communities. For 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, these trained volunteers will respond rapidly and professionally when their neighbors are in need, regardless of the emergency.

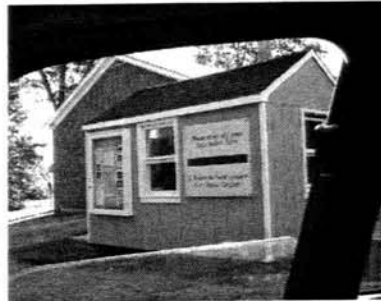
The year 2003 was our first year with 24 hour a day paramedic coverage, a service provided through the cooperation of North Yarmouth, Cumberland, and Yarmouth. This new program was very successful in 2003 for all three towns; in North Yarmouth alone, paramedics responded 50 times. This shows that regional programs do work.

Special thanks go to the Engine One Truck Replacement Committee. In April, the Department was informed that Engine One would not pass inspection in 2004 and the truck needed to be taken out of service. In a short time, the committee went to work and put together specifications and cost for a new replacement engine frame. The issue was successfully taken up at a November special Town Meeting. *Again, thank you.*

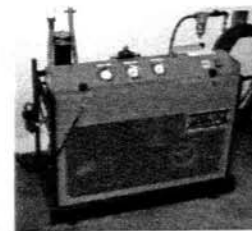
To Marie Lausier, the officers and members of the North Yarmouth Fire and Rescue would like to recognize you for your service as Assistant Chief Rescue for the Department. Through your leadership, the Department's quality of care has met higher standards. Marie has also made updating of new equipment on the Rescue a priority. Thank you Marie, and thank you for your continued dedication.

During 2003 we continued our successful fundraising through recycling. Thanks to everyone who donates returnable bottles and cans in our drop off building, and to those who also gave individual donations, an Automatic External Defibrillator was purchased for Engine 4. We also purchased a stair chair for Rescue 1 to aid in getting patients out of places where we cannot use the stretcher, four portable radios for EMS Personnel, and a new stretcher for Rescue One. I would like to

Returnables go a LONG way!



Money generated from returnable bottles helped pay for (below) our off-road Forestry Truck, and for our Poseidon air compressor, used to fill our SCBAs (self-contained breathing apparatus). The \$10,000 for the Poseidon was well-spent; now our department does not have to travel to Falmouth or Freeport to refill the tanks. *Keep the bottles coming!*



North Yarmouth Fire and Rescue Calls in 2003

Fire Calls

Structure Fires	13
Vehicle Accidents	13
Vehicle Fires	1
Mutual Aid	7
Utility Lines Down	7
Fire Alarm Activations	13
Grass/Woods Fires	9
Electrical	0
Assist Rescue	64
Carbon Monoxide	3
Water Problems	1
Public Assistance	2
L.P. Gas Problem	4
Investigations	10

Rescue Calls

Cardiac	39
Medical	27
Vehicle Accidents	13
Trauma	20
Other	37

Call **911** For a Fire or Rescue Emergency • Fire & Rescue website: www.NorthYarmouthFire.org

Burning Questions!

Burning permits are required for all outdoor fires.

Weather and conditions permitting, permits may be obtained from the town warden or one of the deputy wardens listed below, any day between 9 AM and 6PM.

You must call ahead.

FIRE PERMITS ISSUED BY:

James Malonson, Warden
829-3548
555 Walnut Hill Road

Clark Baston, Deputy
829-4566
282 Sweetser Road

Robert Ginn, Deputy
688-4853
81 Hallowell Rd, Pownal

David Hyde, Deputy
829-3728
513 Mounfort Road

Joe Brown, Deputy
846 1405
152 Royal Road

thank the citizens and the Selectmen for their continued support of the North Yarmouth Fire and Rescue.

The North Yarmouth Fire and Rescue is a volunteer department and we are always looking for new members to join our team. The Fire Department meets every Monday night at 7:00 PM for meetings and training. From October to April we meet at 6:00 PM for supper before the meeting. The Rescue Department meets on the first and third Thursdays of every month. *Anyone interested in joining is invited to attend these meetings.*

Respectfully submitted,
R. JAMES MALONSON,
FIRE/RESCUE CHIEF

North Yarmouth Fire / Rescue Officers 2003-2004

R. James Malonson, *Chief*
David Hyde, *Deputy Chief*
Jessica Hyde, *Assistant Chief Rescue*
Clark Baston, *Captain, Engine 1*
Robert Ginn, *Captain, Engine 2*
Joe Brown, *Captain, Engine 4*
Dolf Holmes, *Captain, Fire Training*
Bill Young, *Captain, EMS Training*
Phil Cincotta, *Lieutenant, Engine 1*
Rick Riley, *Lieutenant, Engine 2*
Wendel Woodcock, *Lieutenant, Engine 4*

(right) Marie Lausier with Conrad Lausier and Dick Brobst at last year's Fire and Rescue banquet.

(below) Personnel gathered for training on a recent Monday evening.
Back row: Conrad Lausier, Bill Young, Clark Baston, Mike Lambert, Dick Brobst, Phil Cincotta, Dolph Holmes.
Front: Jessica Hyde, Butch Goff, Bob Gear



North Yarmouth Health Officer 2003 Annual Report

I have reviewed the Summary of Maine Statutes Relating to Health Officers produced by the Bureau of Health, Maine Department of Human Services, and the latest edition of the Maine Health Officer's Manual of June 25, 2003. A great deal of useful information is included in these two documents.

Generally, I find the food preparation businesses in this community abide by good food handling practices. If you have a complaint relative to the food you purchased, please call me at (829-5238) so I can work to prevent future problems.

The American Academy of Pediatrics now recommends that you not use ipecac syrup when children ingest toxic substances. Instead, they recommend that you call the Poison Control Center at 1-800-442-6305.

A recent case of poisoning in Maine was determined to have been caused by a cleansing agent that accidentally spilled onto a case of bottled water. The bottled water was in plastic containers. Consider the drip line and never store your cleaners or toxic materials above food or beverage products.

Boaters should be aware of the dangers of carbon monoxide poisoning if someone either in or out of the water is near the boat's exhaust. Some drownings are the result of a person falling into the water after becoming unconscious due to exposure to carbon monoxide fumes.

On these cold days, a hot tub seems like a pleasant diversion. A new respiratory condition called hot tub lung has surfaced in unventilated hot tub areas. This respiratory ailment has flu-like symptoms and causes exhaustion.

If you fear mad cow disease, you might want to become a vegetarian. Other meat products might cause you some immediate problems if they contain listeria. A large recall occurred in September for sausage and ham products found to be contaminated.

Now that everyone is more "fat" conscious and is exercising more, we can expect to live longer and enjoy good health. Don't be a couch potato—get moving!

Respectfully submitted,
EILEEN WYATT
HEALTH OFFICER



North Yarmouth Health Inspections 2003

Ice Cream Shops	1
Seated Restaurants ...	2
Bakeries	1
Caterers	2
Church Kitchens	1
Take Outs	2
Auction House	
Caterers	1
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Total	10

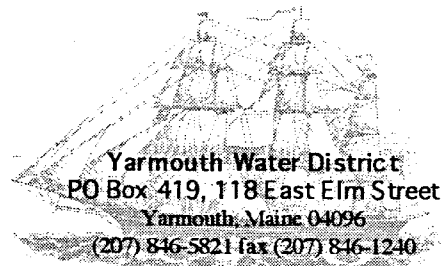
Want online health information?

You can find lots of great updates and tips on health and safety by going to http://www.maine.gov/portal/living/health_safety/index.html.

Check out the following topics:

Health & Safety • Drug Use Prevention • Children's Health Programs & Services • Health Care Facilities in Maine • Health & Wellness Resources • Health Insurance Providers, Consumer Guides, Medicaid Information, State Programs • Mental Health Services, Substance Abuse, Suicide & Crisis Intervention • Disease Reporting & Prevention • Bioterrorism Resources • Emergency Medical Services • Personal Safety • Food Safety • Sporting Safety • Weather & Storm Safety • Physical Abuse • Elder Abuse • Child Abuse & Neglect • Domestic Violence • Public Safety Organizations, Emergency Management • Senior Citizen Health • Alzheimers' Care • Assisted Living Options, Prescription Drug Assistance • Immunization Schedules for Children & Adults • Vaccine Information USVA System • Federal Health Benefits • Veterans' Health Facilities...and more!

Yarmouth Water District 2003



Robert N. MacKinnon, Jr.
Superintendent

Erving H. Bickford
Chairman, Board of Trustees

To: Scott Seaver
Date: February 4, 2004
Ref: 2003 Annual Town Report

2003 was a very busy year for the District. In the operations area of the Yarmouth Water District, frequent distribution main breaks due to the extreme cold in late 2003 and early 2004 have kept us busy. Cumberland County was one of the counties declared a federal disaster area because of the problems that evolved due to the severe cold. Along with others, the District was able to apply to the Maine and Federal Emergency Management Agency for partial reimbursement of funds disbursed for the main repairs.

In the water quality area of our duties, we detected and identified a circulation problem in the West Elm Street tank. We drained the tank for a visual inspection and disinfected it upon refilling. Changes were made in the operations of the distribution system and as a precautionary measure we have been chlorinating. Currently, the chlorination treatment is being phased out. As preventive maintenance we have conducted extensive bacteriological testing. Subsequent test results show that the distribution system is in excellent shape and there has been no further detection of any bacteriological organisms. The district is working with its engineering consultant to insure that the water quality remains high.

2003 Additions

- 10 New Water Services
- 9 Water Service Replacements
- 2 New Fire Hydrants
- 1 Hydrant Replacement
- 1,009' of New 8" Ductile Iron Pipe

As part of its master plan, the District performed a significant water main replacement project on the Princes Point Road in Yarmouth. Approximately fifteen hundred feet of 1920's vintage four-inch water main was replaced with twelve-inch ductile iron pipe. The area was a high priority due to the many main breaks, water quality issues and the need for better fire flows. It appears that the wet spring of 2003 and the October/November rains have brought us out of the drought situation we have been experiencing. And, in spite of the deficit January snowfall, the aquifers are showing normal recovery.

Sincerely,

Christopher A. Curtis
Assistant Superintendent
Yarmouth Water District

Yarmouth-North Yarmouth Shellfish Conservation Commission

2003 Annual Report

The year 2003 saw an excellent harvest from the flats.

A total of three thousand bushels of clams was taken by licensed diggers in Yarmouth. Some poaching still plagues us, but enforcement is improving.

The economic value of the harvest is close to \$1 million dollars. This figure is obtained by using a formula devised by the State, and is based on an average wholesale price of \$100/bushel. This formula is probably outdated for today's economy, but clearly shows that the value of our resource is very high and fully justifies good enforcement procedures.

Yarmouth and North Yarmouth have eight commercial diggers who, for the most part, fully depend on their clamming income to support themselves and their families.

The Shellfish Commission will continue to maximize the resource through our ongoing program of flat rotations and limited openings of areas for commercial digging.

We feel that our going to unlimited Recreational licenses was successful, and will do the same for the 2004 and 2005 seasons.

We sold approximately 239 Recreational licenses, and issued 65 Senior Gratuity licenses; 21 Non-Resident Recreational licenses were sold, and 9 Non-Resident Gratuity licenses were issued.

With the assistance of the commercial diggers, we conducted numerous surveys and had seven openings for commercial

digging to "crop" the different areas. Several conservation closures were also initiated.

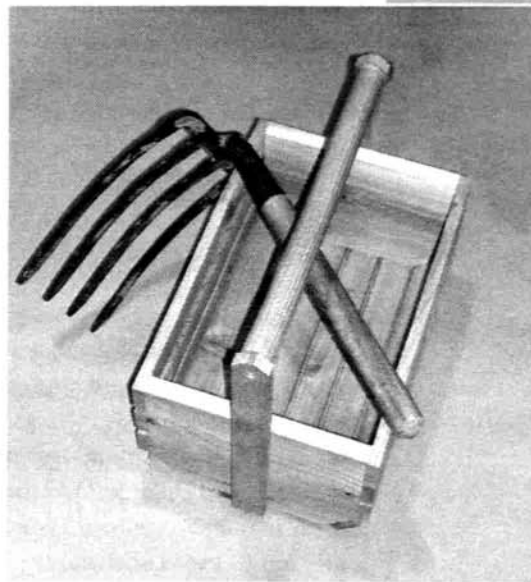
The only regrettable news this year is that the Family License that used to be issued will no longer be available. This is in keeping with State licensing issues that don't seem to allow a family license for anything.

We look forward to seeing many of you in this coming 2004 season.

Respectfully submitted,
GUY D. WATSON
CHAIRMAN



Guy Watson



Tools of the trade
*(courtesy of Rob Wood
and Guy Watson)*

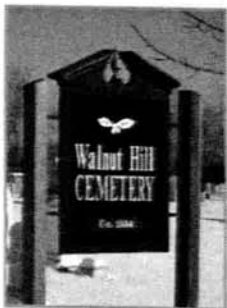
Did You Know...

North Yarmouth's three cemeteries are

Walnut Hill Cemetery
(New Gloucester Road, Route 115)

Pine Grove Cemetery
(Hallowell Road, Route 9)

Bowie Cemetery
(off Milliken Road, on the Cluff Road)



North Yarmouth Cemetery Commission 2003 Annual Report

The year 2003 was a quiet year for the town's cemeteries. Our project for the summer of 2004 will be to adjust flat grave markers in Walnut Hill Cemetery so that the grass does not grow over them.

The commission continues the project of replacing the bronze Veteran Flag holders at the rate of twelve a year. Bronze flag holders are approximately \$28 per holder; therefore this is a long-term venture since North Yarmouth's cemeteries are not in the moneymaking business.

The commission would like to remind lot owners and family members of loved ones to plant annual flowers only. Artificial flowers and shrubbery are not allowed in the cemeteries. Placing glass vases, shells, figurines,

toys, etc. is not permitted in the cemeteries, because these items can cause damage and injuries when hit by a mower or trimmer. The commission will remove and flowers, wreaths and other decorations left on lots when they become unsightly.

We also want to remind you that the use of snowmobiles, motorbikes, ATVs and riding of horses within cemetery grounds are prohibited. Please, if you see or notice anything suspicious, contact the Cumberland County Sheriff, Maine State Police or the Town Office.

Respectfully submitted,
DEBBIE ALLEN
CLERK OF CEMETERIES

Selectmen's Report, *cont'd from p. 8*

which will be retired when the new truck arrives. You also approved a bond issue to fund the town's share of a road project on 2 miles of North Road. This includes grinding, resurfacing and widening of the roadway from the Yarmouth town line to Rt. 9. We are looking forward to the construction of bike lanes and a walkway along Rt. 9 from Greely Road to the Memorial School this summer.

We wish to thank all those who serve in various capacities throughout the town. Committees, boards and other volunteers are what make North Yarmouth a great place to live and raise our children. Over the past year, and on into 2004, we have appreciated the leadership of Pat Hamel and the service of all of the members of the Comprehensive Plan Update Committee. The fruits of their labor will be presented for your discussion and approval at Annual Meeting.

We recognize those who serve who are sometimes taken for granted. Our volunteer Fire and Rescue department does a wonderful job in protecting and serving the citizens. Our special thanks to Marie Lausier, who served for several years as Assistant Chief-Rescue. We thank our Public Works crew, second to none, for the times they spend out in the hazards of winter, away from their homes and family. And as always, thanks also to our Town Office administrative staff.

We will strive to make sure that citizens are kept informed of the workings of the Board. Watch for Selectmen's and other meetings to be broadcast on cable TV within the year. Construction of dedicated fiber optics and broadcast equipment are being worked out with Time Warner Cable.

We wish you a safe and prosperous 2004.

Respectfully submitted,
RICHARD BROBST, SR., CHAIR

North Yarmouth Comprehensive Plan Update

2003 Annual Report

At the 2004 Town Meeting, North Yarmouth citizens will be considering an updated Comprehensive Plan. The Plan is the result of over two years of work by the Comprehensive Plan Update Committee, a volunteer panel of North Yarmouth residents who developed the Plan and its recommendations through considerable research and analysis, extensive public input, and lengthy deliberations.

The best way to understand the Plan is to read its 12 page Executive Summary and if possible, the more detailed recommendations of Book I (Book II contains the Plan's supporting documentation). The Summary has been sent to you along with this Annual Report, and all these documents are found on the town's webpage. You can also pick up copies at the Town Office.

Throughout the past two years, many residents have asked questions about the Comprehensive Plan. The most frequently-asked ones appear below:

Q: What is the Comprehensive Plan Update?

A: The Plan describes and analyzes the current characteristics and trends of the town. It predicts what will happen in the future and makes recommendations for managing growth and development over the next 10 years. It is based on an extensive public participation process that resulted in the development of a future vision for the community.

Q: Why do we need it?

A: Maine law requires that towns have comprehensive plans to provide the legal basis for zoning, building caps and impact fees. North Yarmouth uses all three of these tools to control growth and development.

North Yarmouth does have an existing Comprehensive Plan, but it dates back to 1991 and does not meet the requirements of the law.

Q: Does the Comprehensive Plan create rules and regulations for the town?

A: No. It's a PLAN. The Comprehensive Plan only *recommends* ordinance and regulatory changes. Any new or revised regulations must be drafted by the Planning Board or some other town entity and voted upon at future town meetings. The process could take several years and would include additional public meetings and hearings.

Q: Can the recommendations of the Comprehensive Plan be changed?

A: Yes. The Comprehensive Plan is not cast in stone. The State encourages all towns to update their Plans on a regular basis. Comprehensive planning is an *ongoing* process. This kind of planning must be responsive to change, and it requires that town officials and citizens continue to seek the best and most desirable approaches to managing the town.

Q: I missed the public meetings that the Comp Plan Committee has been having. Is there a time to ask questions before I vote at Town Meeting?

A: Yes. A Public Hearing to explain the Comprehensive Plan will be held on **Thursday, March 11, 2004 at Wescustogo Hall at 7:00 PM.** (Town Meeting is two day later, on Saturday, March 13). Please feel free to contact any of the members of the Committee about that meeting and about the Plan.

Respectfully submitted,
PAT HAMEL
CHAIR

WHEN Is That Meeting?

A PUBLIC HEARING to explain the Comprehensive Plan will be held on **THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 2004 at 7:00 PM** at **WESCUSTOGO HALL** (Town Meeting is two day later, on Saturday, March 13).

Some findings of the Comp Plan Report:

- Population will likely increase from about 3,500 to 4,300 by 2014.
- There will be a projected demand for new housing of about 300-360 new units over the next ten years.
- The aging of the overall population will affect household size and size of housing units that will be needed.
- The lack of affordable housing for middle and low-income citizens is a major issue in the region.

READ MORE: Go to the *Comp Plan's Executive Summary* on the town website:

northyarmouth.govoffice.com or pick up a copy at Town Office.

Get Connected to the Outdoors!

Want to hear about conservation-related activities in town? The Commission's email Listserve sends you news about Sam's nature walks, scholarship opportunities and more!

It's easy: send an email to nyconcom@aol.com with the word "subscribe" in the subject line.



Shannon



Emily

NYCC Scholarship
Winners: 4th Grade student Shannon Love and 6th Grade student Emily Guernsey, along with Nicholas Barnes (not pictured) each attended the Maine Audubon's summer camp program as a result of their winning entries in the NYCC's essay contest. Congratulations!

North Yarmouth Conservation Commission 2003 Annual Report

In 2003 the Conservation Commission continued to expand its environmental protection and conservation education efforts in North Yarmouth. Working with the Mabel I. Wilson School's 1st grade teachers, especially Theresa Cameron-Raymond, we funded a bird watching program created by the National Audubon Society for 1st graders. Maine Audubon presenters came to the Wilson School to work with six classes of enthusiastic children last Spring. The sessions included information about bird conservation, bird identification and binocular instruction. Students even got out in the "field" to practice their skills! We will continue this partnership in 2004 and possibly expand it to second grade.

Spring through Fall monthly nature walks behind North Yarmouth Memorial School continued in 2004 with our faithful leader Sam Ristich. Sam has done a wonderful job taking groups on the nature trail to see the natural wonders that prevail, and has documented in detail the bountiful species present throughout the seasons at each of the trail's 16 stations. He and other Commission members are developing a trail brochure that will be available at the trailhead kiosk. Sam has also worked quite a bit with Shelly Schweizer, a Special Education faculty member at the Memorial School, and her students. Nature walks are planned for 2004; keep an eye in the local papers or sign up for our email listserv (see sidebar).

The Commission, in partnership with the Yarmouth Conservation Commission, has worked to document baseline and current conditions in the shoreland zone of both towns. This Coastal Watershed Grant project is funded by the Maine Shore Stewards Program of the Maine State Planning Office and will be completed in 2004.

The Conservation Commission's Geographic Information Systems (GIS) data has been integral in developing the Town's Comprehensive Plan Update. The data, collected in 2000 and funded by the Commission, includes land cover, roads, building locations and aerial photography. It is a solid base for GIS in the town.

We reviewed two major subdivisions (parcels divided into 5 or more house lots) this year, both located off North Road. We review subdivisions in conjunction with the Planning Board and Friends of the Royal River (FORR, a regional Land Trust), encouraging wise development with respect to our natural resources. The Stowell Brook subdivision off Mill Road was approved this year and includes a 30 acre conservation easement to the FORR. The Commission also keeps a watchful eye on erosion, shoreland zoning infractions and other environmental problems throughout the town.

We continue to operate an e-mail notification service ("listserv") which sends out announcements and news about natural resource conservation in our town and throughout our region. Over 100 subscribers are signed up for this free service; contact the Commission if you would like to be included.

And as part of its commitment to fostering the ideas and ideals of conservation, the Commission paid for two students to attend Audubon Camp during the summer of 2003.

The Conservation Commission values your input. Please contact us by phone or email (nyconcom@aol.com) and plan to attend our monthly meetings (contact us for exact dates. We welcome all new members!

Respectfully Submitted,
BOB HOUSTON, CHAIR

North Yarmouth Events Committee 2003 Annual Report

In mid summer of 2003, the residents of North Yarmouth were notified that Fun Day would not be held in September as had been local tradition. It had become increasingly difficult for the Fire Company to solicit enough volunteers among their ranks to do the necessary work, yet the organizers of prior year's events were very anxious to help anyone in the community who was willing to volunteer to take responsibility for planning and organizing the day.

Thus, the North Yarmouth Events Committee was formed. Since our first meeting, the committee has made significant progress in meeting our objectives. Potential entertainers have been contacted, games and activities for young and old are being planned, the parade is being organized,

local nonprofits are being contacted, and plans are being put in place to solicit help from local businesses.

Simply stated, our goals are: To maintain North Yarmouth's small town identity by establishing a comfortable and welcoming environment for all ages during town events; to encourage all residents and North Yarmouth community organizations and businesses to get involved; and to identify and promote North Yarmouth talent.

Fun Day 2004 will be held on September 11. Please mark the date and plan to attend. You're also welcome to get involved. Contact one of our committee members!

Respectfully Submitted,
DARLA HAMLIN, CHAIR



Concerts at the Band Stand this past summer featured a variety of entertainment, including the Bath Municipal Band (below) and the Fire Company's refreshment booth. Lorraine Smith and Mary Bakke give the pie a try!



Events Committee Mission Statement

► To maintain North Yarmouth's small town identity in celebrating all committee sponsored events.

► To establish a comfortable and welcoming environment, that will encourage all North Yarmouth residents to participate in events.

► To provide a platform for all North Yarmouth non-profit groups to raise funds for their organizations.

► To promote North Yarmouth businesses by developing a town business inventory and encouraging residents to conduct business with local companies.

► To identify and promote North Yarmouth talent; to develop an inventory of all artists and promote or feature them during sponsored events.

► To plan a well organized Fun Day, and to encourage all residents and organizations to get involved in planning and participating in this and other committee sponsored events.

Take a Walk on the Wild Side:

Join the Future Lands Committee and see what you will be voting on at Town Meeting. Meet at the Hawkes Property, $\frac{3}{4}$ mile from North Rd, to walk the site:

**3:30 PM ON
FRIDAY, MARCH 12**

Two perspectives of the Hawkes property: looking out at Chandler Brook (above, right) and a parcel map (below—parcel is marked in black).

North Yarmouth Future Lands Committee 2003 Annual Report

The Future Land Committee has been working on one major acquisition project during the past year. The project, to be voted on at Town Meeting on March 13, is for a 60-acre parcel of land owned by Karl Hawkes off the North Road. This outstanding property is bordered by the St. Lawrence and Atlantic Railroad tracks and Chandler Brook. Roughly half the land is forested with tall old pines and mixed hardwoods. The other half consists of two large fields bordering Chandler Brook. Farm roads and paths provide good access to the entire property. A sturdy shed, large enough to house farm vehicles, is tucked into the woods off a trail.

Both fields are being hayed by a local farmer. They provide beautiful views to Chandler Brook. The smaller of the two fields is 5 acres and slopes gradually down to Chandler Brook. The other field is close to 30 acres and feels even larger as it wraps around the pine woods. Karl has maintained a trail along Chandler Brook suitable for



Chandler Brook (Karen Young, Casco Bay Estuary Project)

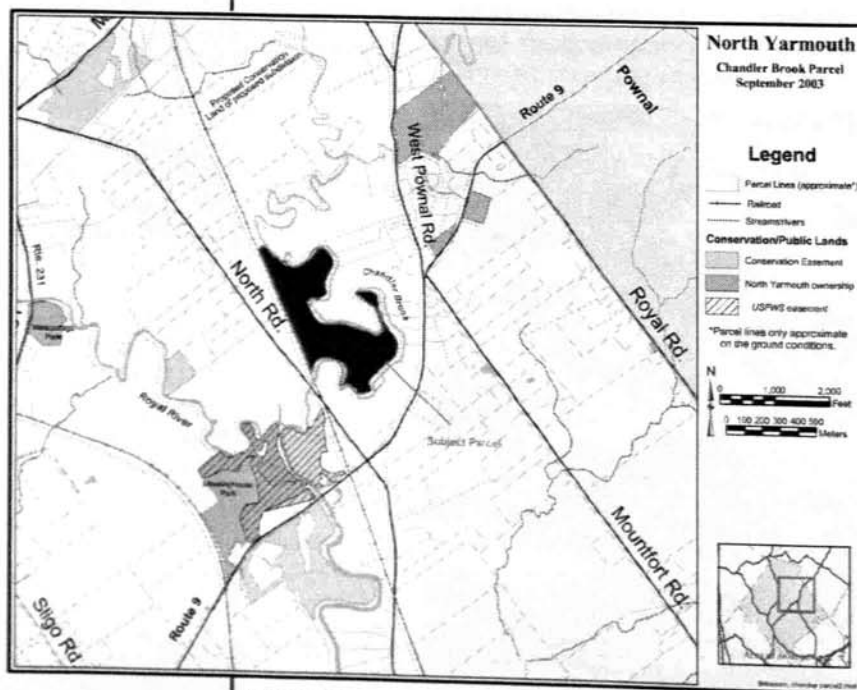
horseback riding, walking or cross country skiing. Turkey, deer and other wildlife are abundant on the property and there has even been an endangered turtle reported nearby.

The Future Land Committee strongly believes that this property will be a significant asset for the town to own and for generations to enjoy. The Friends of the Royal River has been working closely with the Future Land Committee on this project and they have agreed to raise more than one-half of the cost of completing the project.

We urge you to attend town meeting and vote in support of conserving this special property.

If you would like to walk the property prior to Town Meeting, plan on attending a walk scheduled for 3:30PM on Friday, March 12. We'll start out from North Road, $\frac{3}{4}$ mile north of Route 9. Call Lew Holman at 829-5895 for more information.

Respectfully Submitted,
**CHERI HUDSON AND
LEWIS HOLMAN,
CO-CHAIRS**



Bob Houston

North Yarmouth Historical Society

2003 Annual Report

Greetings to our fellow townfolk. We're happy to have seen many of you at our 2003 presentations. We often feel that we could have organized twice as many **Programs** because we have more ideas than time. Nonetheless, we were excited and honored to present several excellent speakers this year to enthusiastic audiences:

- **Dixie Hayes and Mark Heath**, both of North Yarmouth, who talked about their common Hayes family history, which encompassed a surprising number of the older homes and many related families in town. Mark gave us a Power Point presentation of Hayes family images, and Dixie read some delightful excerpts from the diary of her indefatigable grandmother Isabel.

- **Joel Eastman**, Professor of History, University of Southern Maine, who spoke about his early and ongoing research about the mining and forge operation of the Katahdin Iron Works. NYHS co-sponsored this program with Friends of the Royal River and the Yarmouth Historical Society. Linc Merrill also presented information about a very early Ancient North Yarmouth forge, based on research by Ursula Baier.

- **Author Richard Kimball** of New Gloucester, who talked about his book *Pineland's Past: The First One Hundred Years*. Several former Pineland employees were there to add to the discussion. The Pownal Historical Society joined us in co-sponsoring this program.

- **Don Smith**, *Perambulation Expert*, who hiked with a hardy group to several different town backwoods locations to re-discover some granite markers of our town's boundaries;

And finally, a large group of North Yarmouth Congregational Church members who came to share supper and memories during an evening of "Telling Tales Out of Church." An energetic group of NYHS/NYCC members produced an impressive timeline of town, church and national history for the evening's program that spanned the entire length of the walls of NYCC's Fellowship Hall.

And if you weren't at our October Cider Pressing Day at the Old Town House, you missed some a mighty delicious time.

We were all disappointed to have to cancel our annual Holiday Party on December 7, due to a beautiful and impressive storm. Disappointing, but history shows us that you can't argue with weather.

Probably our greatest pride and equally our greatest frustration is the Society's **Archives**, full of historical treasures and staffed one morning a week by a loyal and hard working group of researchers (over 400 hours worth in 2003!). For many NYHS members, day-to-day life prevents us from being able to help out with the Collections; yet the need grows as ongoing projects and donated materials accumulate. Our Archives staff actively seeks new volunteers who could give a some time to the Collections. Call one of our Board members for information; our Archives volunteers will be pleased to help orient you.

Because many residents can't access the Society's treasures directly, we feel that the next best thing is a publication that can inform folks about our Town's history. We hear that our **Gazette** is doing just that, and we're pleased with the reaction. Since many would like the opportunity to subscribe, a townwide mailing of the Gazette will reach everyone this March. Look for it, and join up! It's fun, informative and a great way to support the NYHS. *And at this point, we especially want to take the opportunity to thank our more than 100 members. You are the community fuel that makes us run!*

We are looking forward to another great year of programs and publications. Thanks to all for your interest and goodwill.

Respectfully Submitted,
KATIE MURPHY, PRESIDENT



2003 North Yarmouth Historical Society Board of Directors

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Tuck Irwin, Secretary
Eric Austin, Treasurer
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Winty Bryan, Thad Day
Mark Heath, Joan Mason
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Gil Healy, Cathy Bunton
Pam Ames, Jeanne Chadbourne
Ed and Ann Antz, Kelly Irwin,
Dudley Irwin, Karen Stockman
Holly Hurd, Steve Barr
Martha Leggart, Joyce Gilbert
Richard Gilbert, Kathryn Dion
Cathi Taplin, Margi Hansel
Amy Austin, The Hurd-Champlin family
Tracy Dahlgren, Holly Day
The Dixon family, Cynthia Giroux
Annie Graham, Jack Hardy, GHS
Evan Haynes, Peter Lindsay
Leslie Livingston, Audrey Lones
Alison Manion, Diane Morrison,
Heidi Perkins, Gay Peterson
Ann Beatty-Rose, Amy Scannell
Jane Shavel, Dottie Stackpole
Jenny Tuemmler, Betty Turina,
Candy Burgess, George and Norma Tripp

Businesses/Organizations, etc.

Maine Memory Network
Friends of the Royal River
Pownal Historical Society
Yarmouth Historical Society
Walnut Hill Garden Club
North Yarmouth Community Band
Wescustogo Youth Chorale
Jack Hardy, GHS
Steve Hill, GHS
Hansel's Orchards
Stone's Grove
Hannaford
Shaw's Supermarkets
Anderson Landscaping

North Yarmouth Planning Board 2003 Annual Report

North Yarmouth's
Planning Board on a
recent Tuesday night
(left-right):

Ed Gervais
Steve Morrison
Bill Hayes
Kathryn Dion
Peter Lindsay
Suzanne House
missing:
Gordon Scannell



During the past year, the Planning Board had the opportunity to consider a proposal based on the town's new zoning ordinance promoting affordable senior housing. Unfortunately, the proposal was withdrawn in favor of a conventional subdivision plan aimed at larger and younger families. Further review of the effort to promote senior housing is needed.

Another first time proposal in the past year included the addition of house lots adjacent to the public

golf course in town. A cluster subdivision proposed on North Road was given approval. And, there were several modifications requested to lots in existing subdivisions.

The Planning Board has offered insights and opinions to the Comprehensive Plan Committee and we applaud the efforts of the group to date.

Finally, last year saw the departure of long time Planning Board member **Kent Hilton**. Kent has been an experienced and insightful member of the Board for many years. We appreciated his efforts and wish him well.

Respectfully submitted,
KATHRYN DION
CHAIR



Scholarship Recipients

Chris Booth
Ryan Patnaude
Matt Seaver

North Yarmouth School Fund Trustees 198th Annual Report, 2003

Congratulations to the three Greely High School graduates pictured at left, who were each awarded \$200 grants in 2003 from the School Fund: Christopher Booth, Ryan Patnaude, and Matthew Seaver.

Our financial accounting for the Fund can be found at right.

We are always open to donations. If donations are received we can always give more scholarships. Students who were living in North Yarmouth when they finished high school may apply for grants. No student will get more than one grant. Application may be picked up at Greely High School, or at the North Yarmouth Town Office.

Respectfully submitted,
NORMAN L. SMITH, TREASURER

NORTH YARMOUTH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Key Bank CD at 2.05%; matures 12/8/03	\$ 38,537.58
12/08/03 withdrawal for grants & services	-625.00
	\$ 37,912.58
12/31/03 yearly interest	779.01
	\$38,691.59

12/08/03 Grants awarded	\$ 600.00
12/08/03 Norman Smith services, postage	-25.00
Interest not withdrawn	154.01
Total Interest for 2003	\$ 779.01

Key Bank CD renewed for four years at an increase in the rate each year. The rates are

12/8/03 to 12/7/04 at 1.70%
12/8/04 to 12/7/05 at 2.30%
12/8/05 to 12/7/06 at 3.25%
12/8/06 to 12/7/07 at 4.00%

If rates should rebound we can, at any of the December 8th dates, reinvest the money.

North Yarmouth Recreation Commission

2003 Annual Report

The North Yarmouth Recreation Commission has continued to oversee issues pertinent to the development, operation, and maintenance of North Yarmouth's parks.

The upper loop of the trail system at Old Town House Park was completed with the addition of a spectacular footbridge designed and constructed under the direction of North Yarmouth's Mike Waterman as part of his Eagle Scout Project. In order to complete the bridge, Mike enlisted the help of fellow members of Scout Troop 58. Mike worked very hard on this project and we are proud and very grateful for his efforts. The bridge was placed on land that was generously donated to the town by Bob and Liz Nanovic.

More work is planned at Old Town House Park this year. Construction plans for the multi-purpose playing field are being developed. Additional parking is planned for the facility as well as signage and drainage work.

In 2002, the Town received a significant gift from Dick and Rosalyn Baston. The Bastons donated a piece of property along the Royal River, just below the bridge on Route 9. This land has been developed into a very nice picnic area with the help of Don Chaisson and his Public Works crew. The work was spearheaded by Herb Hamel, who spent a considerable amount of time turning the area into a park worth visiting. Additional thanks go to Robert Anderson for his donation and transportation of large pieces of granite from his quarry to the park. The Recreation Commission is working with the North Yarmouth Events Committee on a dedication ceremony for this renewed property to be held later in the summer of 2004.

The Commission has been researching the development of a trail from the Old Town House Park back to the center of town. It is our hope that a significant portion of the trail can be placed along the Royal River. The Board of Selectmen has requested that consultants be hired to help guide this process.

In addition to those already recognized, we wish to thank the residents of North Yarmouth for their support and help. Please feel free to contact the Recreation Commission with any questions and concerns. We need your comments and suggestions; in fact, residents can look forward to a questionnaire in the future seeking input about recreational opportunities in North Yarmouth. We urge anyone interested to join us. Please contact a member of the commission for the time and date of future meetings.

Respectfully submitted,
HERB HAMEL
MARLA MUZZY
MARK ROBINSON
CHRIS TORIELLO
JENNY TUEMLER



Mike Waterman:
his enthusiasm has made a wonderful resource available to residents. Thank you, Mike and crew!

Green Acres...

There are currently six areas that are considered part of the North Yarmouth Parks system:

- Old Town House Park
- Westcustago Park
- The Village Green
- Veteran's Memorial Park
- Sharp's Field
- Baston Park

Prince Memorial Library Advisory Board 2003 Annual Report

Stats in the Hat!

A few statistics about our Town's use of Prince Memorial (all numbers cited are for North Yarmouth residents only):

• Number of Patrons

Adult, 2002.....1,215
15.23% of total
Adult, 2003..... 1,267
15.82% of total; increase of 4.28% over 2002

Young Adult, 2002 ... 74
0.93% of total
Young Adult, 2003 ... 114
1.42% of total; increase of 54.05% over 2002

Juvenile, 2002..... 673
8.44% of total
Juvenile, 2003..... 685
8.55% of total; increase of 1.78% over 2002

Total, 2002.....1,962
24.59% of total
Total, 2003..... 2,066
25.80% of total; increase of 5.30% over 2002

• Circulation

Adult, 2002.....15,560
17.26% of total
Adult, 2003..... 16,613
19.47% of total; increase of 6.77% over 2002

Young Adult, 2002 ... 189
0.21% of total
Young Adult, 2003 ... 364
0.43% of total; increase of 92.59%

Juvenile, 2002..... 4,531
5.03% of total
Juvenile, 2003..... 3,755
4.40% of total; decrease of 17.13%

Total, 2002.....20,280
22.50% of total
Total, 2003..... 20,732
24.30% of total;
increase of 2.23%

North Yarmouth patronage of Prince Memorial Library climbed above 25 percent last year.

According to the Library's 2003 Annual Report issued by Director Thomas Bennett North Yarmouth residents accounted for 25.8 percent of cardholders while Cumberland residents comprised 72 percent. Employees of the two towns, individuals working there and non-residents made up the remaining users.

North Yarmouth patronage of the library has been around 24 percent during the past six years but this is the first time it has closed above 25 percent. Records show the following: 1998, 24.9 percent; 1999, 24.8; 2000, 24.5; 2001, 24.6; 2002, 24.59; 2003, 25.8.

Cumberland patronage actually declined from a high of 72.70 percent in 2001 to last year's 71.95 percent.

The library ended the year with 8,008 patrons, an increase of 30, or less than one percent over 2002. Bennett attributed the small rate of growth to a purging of cardholders who no longer live in the area.

Total circulation of library materials (except periodicals) was 85,324, a decrease of 5.33 percent over the previous year's circulation of 90,128. North Yarmouth residents circulated 20,732 materials, or 24.3 percent of the total. Last year 22.50 percent was circulated by North Yarmouth.

October had the highest circulation while December and June had the lowest. The highest circulating material categories were picture books for the library's youngest readers, adult fiction, and adult non-fiction, including biographies. Borrowing of large print books and audio books continued to increase.

Youth Services Librarian Jan Hamilton had a number of successful programs throughout the year. A total of 245 children participated in *Summertime and the Reading Is Easy*, the 2003 summer reading program.

Throughout the year, more than 777 children visited the library for Story Time, Toddler Time, Mother Goose and nursery school programs.

Hamilton also made visits to local classrooms, and conducted library orientations for students at Drowne Road School, who continue to depend upon Prince Memorial Library to function as their library and reference center. The library hosts 12 regularly scheduled classes of Drowne Road students each week.

One addition to the library was the creation of the Young Adult Advisory Board, which met for the first time in October. The board's purpose is to make recommendations regarding the Young Adult Room; present and discuss ideas for Young Adult programming; and assist in revising Young Adult materials.

In January the library celebrated its 80th anniversary. It opened on Jan. 7, 1923.

North Yarmouth is still short one library advisor. Please contact Scott Seaver or myself if you are interested.

Respectfully submitted,
WILLIAM T. HAYES
ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER

North Yarmouth Safe Walk & Bike Ways Committee 2003 Annual Report

The Safe Walk and Bike Ways Committee was formed in 2000, at the request of the Board of Selectmen, to investigate ways to improve safety and access for pedestrians and bicyclists in North Yarmouth. Our primary focus over the last year has been Route 9. Our goal is to make Route 9 safer and to construct paved bicycle shoulders and a sidewalk from the Cumberland town line to North Yarmouth Memorial School.

Because Route 9 and Route 115 are state roads, we have worked closely with both the Maine Department of Transportation (MDOT) and the town on this project. At the March 2002 town meeting, residents voted to set aside \$12,500 for the next three years to fund its share of the project. This year is the third and final year of that commitment. The MDOT has funded all design work.

The biggest accomplishment of 2003 was to finally secure funding for the project's construction. The MDOT has \$1,605,000 budgeted for our project! As you have most likely noticed, surveyors have been working on Route 9 over the past several months. The MDOT is busy trying to finalize the design and move the project to construction. It looks like our vision may become a reality as early as this summer.

Throughout the year we have met with MDOT designers to share our ideas and concerns. In June, we walked the route with some members of the North Yarmouth Historical Society. This collaboration provided excellent insight to North Yarmouth history and landmarks. We are all committed to preserving the look and feel of the town and are sensitive to land owner concerns. When the preliminary design plan has been completed, hopefully in the next



month or two, we will be organizing public meetings to hear suggestions and concerns from abutters, residents, and town leaders. Members of the MDOT will be on hand to answer questions and hear your preferences.

This has been a big year for North Yarmouth and transportation. In November, at a special town meeting, the town voted to pay a one-third share (\$148,500) to improve 2.3 miles of North Road from the Yarmouth town line to Route 9. The opportunity for safer walking and riding on this road was too great for the town to pass up! This project, which should be under construction this summer, will add paved shoulders to the road. We are seeking public input on what width the shoulders should be.

Our committee always welcomes your questions, comments, and concerns regarding safer walking and biking in North Yarmouth. For information, please feel free to contact any committee member.

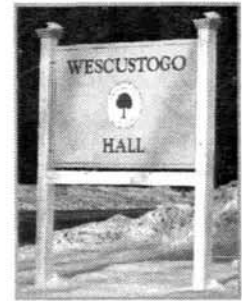
Respectfully Submitted,
NANCY GRANT, CHAIR



(above) The southern Route 9/115 intersection will be altered during the MDOT's work on the town's new bicycle shoulder and sidewalks.

(below) Minimal shoulders for walkers and bicyclists has always been a hazard for modern-day North Yarmouth. Change comes this summer.

This Town Meeting Warrant is accurate and correct as of the printing of this Annual Report, however changes or additions or amendments may be made prior to its official posting by the Board of Selectmen.



TOWN OF NORTH YARMOUTH, MAINE

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 to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Wescustogo Hall, in said Town on Friday the 12th of March, 2004 at 8 o'clock in the morning, then and there to act upon Articles numbered 1 and 2:

AND to notify and warn the voters to meet at the Wescustogo Hall in said town on Saturday, the 13th of March, 2004 at 9:00 AM in the morning, there and then to act upon Articles numbered 3 through 28, 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: To hear the report of the Comprehensive Plan Committee.

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to adopt the document entitled "NORTH YARMOUTH COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE" as the North Yarmouth comprehensive growth management plan (As shown in Exhibit A).

Article 5: To see what sum, if any, the Town will vote to appropriate and raise in support of the implementation of the "NORTH YARMOUTH COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE", and to accept any funds or grants supplied by the State of Maine or other entities in support of said implementation, or take any action thereon.

- Selectmen Request: \$ 15,000
- Budget Committee Recommends: \$ 15,000

Article 6: To see if the Board of Selectmen will be authorized to accept a subdivision road as a town road, provided that the subdivision road is located within areas identified in the Town's comprehensive plan and/or Town Ordinances, as a "growth area" and the subdivision road is constructed to town standards. The acceptance of qualifying subdivision roads as town roads will be at the discretion of the Board of Selectmen.

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote adopt the program entitled “NORTH YARMOUTH RESIDENT TAX REBATE PROGRAM” as described in Exhibit B, and to appropriate and raise the sum of \$ 35,000 in support of such program.

- *Selectmen Request* \$35,000
- *Budget Committee* Does not recommend.

Note: This article will also set the due date for taxes and will do away with the practice of giving a discount on tax payments.

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to amend the “NORTH YARMOUTH ZONING ORDINANCE”, by amending Chapter 1, Section 3 Definitions as follows:

~~In-Law Apartments:~~ Accessory Apartments: Any single family dwelling may be constructed or converted in such a manner as to add separate living area for rental purposes, as well as for “in-law” purposes for a person or persons related to the owner/occupant of the dwelling by blood, adoption or marriage, as long as the conversion is carried out in compliance with the following criteria:

1. The ~~In-Law~~ Accessory apartment is limited to 1 bedroom, and does not utilize more than 40% of the available living area (excluding basement of the dwelling).
2. The ~~In-Law~~ Accessory apartment is approved by the Code Enforcement Officer Zoning Board of Appeals as a Special Exception. The ~~Board~~ Code Enforcement Officer shall require certification that the existing or proposed wastewater disposal system has capacity for the additional waste to be generated. The conversion must also comply with all provisions of the State of Maine Plumbing code and all sections of BOCA Building Code.
3. ~~Approval of the In-law Accessory apartment shall be recorded in the Cumberland County Registry of Deeds in the same manner provided for the recording of variance approvals.~~
4. No single family dwelling may be converted in such a manner to provide an “in-law” apartment, unless the dwelling sits on a lot that is in compliance with the minimum lot size for the zone in which it is located on the date of this amendment.
5. The owner of the property must occupy the primary dwelling within the property.
6. Only one accessory apartment shall be permitted per lot, and or per dwelling.

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and raise the sum of \$ 80,000 in support of the Friends of the Royal River and their purchase of property from Karl Hawkes, being a portion of Map 3, Lot 44, and , after said purchase, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept the land as a conditional gift to the Town by the Friends of the Royal River., or take any action thereon.

- *Selectmen Recommend* \$80,000 with
\$50,000 to come from the Future Land Fund,
\$30,000 to be raised.
- *Budget Committee* Makes no recommendation.

Article 10: 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:

<u>Misc. Accounts</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>Actual 12/31/03</u>	<u>2004 Request</u>	<u>+/- 2003</u>	<u>% +/- 2003</u>
Planning Board	500	1,100	670	1,100	0	0.00%
Cumberland Recreation	55,387	60,177	57,752	74,890	14,713	24.45%
Prince Memorial Library	78,601	86,461	82,381	95,453	8,992	10.40%
DARE	1,650	1,700	1,675	1,750	50	2.94%
Shellfish Conservation	2,500	2,500	2,500	2500	0	0.00%
Maine Municipal Association	3,100	3,193	2,979	3,290	97	3.04%
GP Council of Governments	<u>3,269</u>	<u>3,367</u>	<u>3,210</u>	<u>3,470</u>	<u>103</u>	<u>3.06%</u>
	145,007	158,498	151,167	182,453	23,955	15.11%

- *Selectmen Request:* **\$182,453**
- *Budget Committee Recommends:* **\$182,453**

Article 11: To see what sum, if any, the Town will vote to appropriate and raise in support of the newly formed "Town Events Committee," said funds to be seed funds for community events and funday, or take any action thereon.

- *Selectmen Request:* **\$5,000**
- *Budget Committee Recommends:* **\$5,000**

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

<u>Town Administration</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>Expended 12/31/03</u>	<u>2004 Request</u>	<u>+/- 2003</u>	<u>% +/- 2003</u>
Payroll	\$113,929	127,713	121,595	148,052	20,339	15.93%
Board of Selectmen	3,100	3,100	3,100	3,100	0	0.00%
Fire Chief	1,000	1,500	1,500	1,500	0	0.00%
EP Director	100	100	100	100	0	0.00%
Dog Warden	100	100		0	-100	-100.00%
Health Officer	100	100	108	100	0	0.00%
Moderator	50	50	100		50	100.00%
Assessor	14,000	14,000	14,000	14,000	0	0.00%
Admin. Expense	<u>5,500</u>	<u>5,500</u>	<u>5,445</u>	<u>6,500</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>18.18%</u>
	137,879	152,163	145,848	173,452	21,289	13.99%

- *Selectmen Request:* \$ 173,452
- *Budget Committee Recommends:* \$ 173,452

Article 13: To see what sum, if any, the Town will vote to appropriate and raise in support of the following Public Service Accounts, or take any action thereon:

<u>Public Service Accounts</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>Actual 2003</u>	<u>2004 Request</u>	<u>+/- 2003</u>	<u>% +/- 2003</u>
General Assistance	8,000	8,000	6,390	8,000	0	0.00%
Dog Warden	1,000	1,000	1,240	2,500	1,500	150.00%
Animal Control (stray housing)	2,890	2,890	2,527	1,000	-1,890	-65.40%
Community Health Services	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	0	0.00%
Regional Transportation	720	720	720	720	0	0.00%
PROP	3,465	3,465	3,465	3,465	0	0.00%
MPBN	150	150	150	150	0	0.00%
Southern Maine Agency on Aging	1,450	1,450	1,450	1,450	0	0.00%
Family Crisis Shelter	160	160	160	160	0	0.00%
	<u>19,835</u>	<u>19,835</u>	<u>18,102</u>	<u>19,445</u>	<u>-390</u>	<u>-1.97%</u>

- *Selectmen Request:* \$ 19,445
- *Budget Committee Recommends* \$ 19,445

Article 14: To see what sum, if any, the Town will vote to appropriate and raise in support of the North Yarmouth Fire/Rescue Department, or take any action thereon:

<u>Fire and Rescue</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>Actual 2003</u>	<u>2004 Request</u>	<u>+/- 2003</u>	<u>% +/- 2003</u>
Maintenance	7,000	7,000	10,230	7,000	0	0.00%
Unspecified Equipment	2,500	2,500	2,725	2,500	0	0.00%
New Equipment	7,200	4,000	3,788	4,000	0	0.00%
Radios	6,500	2,500	3,906	1,500	-1,000	-40.00%
Radio Maintenance	2,500	2,500	388	2,500	0	0.00%
Misc. Supplies	500	700	35	0	-700	-100.00%
Training	5,000	5,500	4,125	5,500	0	0.00%
SCBA Maintenance	1,500	1,500	1,016	1,500	0	0.00%
SCBA New	1,800	2,000	1,890	2,000	0	0.00%
Turn Out Gear Fire	3,000	3,000	3,176	3,000	0	0.00%
Turn Out Gear Rescue	2,000	2,000	200	2,000	0	0.00%
Medical Test/shots	2,500	3,000	1,409	3,000	0	0.00%
Dispatch Services	16,000	16,000	16,000	16,000	0	0.00%
Personnel Expenses	5,000	5,500	5,500	5,500	0	0.00%
Utilities	9,000	12,000	13,457	13,000	1,000	8.33%
Rescue Services	10,500	11,000	11,104	11,500	500	4.55%
Fuel	1,000	1,000	730	1,000	0	0.00%
Mutual Aid	500	500		0	-500	-100.00%
Class A and B Foam	<u>1,000</u>	1,000		1,000	0	0.00%
Paramedic Services		<u>8,500</u>	<u>8,500</u>	<u>11,000</u>	<u>2,500</u>	<u>29.41%</u>
	85,000	91,700	88,179	93,500	1,800	1.96%

- *Selectmen Request:* \$ 93,500
- *Budget Committee Recommends:* \$ 93,500

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

<u>Public Works Department</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>Actual 2003</u>	<u>2004 Request</u>	<u>+/- 2003</u>	<u>% +/- 2003</u>
Supplies	9,000	9,000	9,648	9,000	0	0.00%
Facility Maintenance	6,000	2,000	4,257	3,200	1,200	60.00%
Paving Projects	125,300	131,000	130,110	131,000	0	0.00%
Road Maintenance	64,000	64,000	63,009	67,000	3,000	4.69%
Winter Roads	54,000	54,000	51,737	58,000	4,000	7.41%
Fuel	9,500	9,500	13,134	10,500	1,000	10.53%
Fleet Maintenance	25,500	27,000	29,057	27,000	0	0.00%
Utilities	5,500	5,500	7,303	5,800	300	5.45%
Payroll	118,401	<u>138,221</u>	<u>133,449</u>	<u>146,000</u>	<u>7,779</u>	<u>5.63%</u>
Parks and Cemeteries	<u>1,500</u>					
	418,701	440,221	441,704	457,500	17,279	3.93%

- *Selectmen Request:* \$ 457,500
- *Budget Committee Recommend:* \$ 457,500

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

<u>Solid Waste Accounts</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>Actual 2003</u>	<u>2004 Request</u>	<u>+/- 2003</u>	<u>% +/- 2003</u>
Septic Disposal	17,160	16,500	6,730	7,500	-9,000	-54.55%
Curbside Collection	60,500	62,450	61,443	78,052	15,602	24.98%
RWS Disposal/Recycling	125,000	135,340	163,000	168,840	33,500	24.75%
Clean-up Weekend	19,500	21,000	23,332	21,000	0	0.00%
Old Landfill Expenses	<u>4,200</u>	<u>5,800</u>	<u>3,036</u>	<u>4,000</u>	<u>-1,800</u>	<u>-31.03%</u>
	226,360	241,090	257,541	279,392	38,302	15.89%

- *Selectmen Recommend:* \$ 279,372
- *Budget Committee Recommends:* \$ 279,372

Article 17: To hear and act, if necessary upon the Report of the North Yarmouth School Fund Trustees.

Article 18: To hear and act, if necessary, upon the Report of the North Yarmouth Cemetery Commission.

Article 19: To see what sum, if any, the Town will vote to appropriate and raise in support of the Capital Investment and Equipment Replacement Plan, or take any action thereon.

Item	Est. Cost	Budgeted 2002	Accrued 12/31/02	Accrued to Date	2004 Approp.	2005 Approp.
Mower/Tractor (JD 4300)	20,000	1,538	4,810	4,810	2,600	2,675
Backhoe (2003)	100,000*		39,404		9,500	9,785
Front-end Loader (1994)	90,000	11,531	49,421	49,421	7,250	7,470
Plow Truck (2001 Mack)	110,000	6,675	6,810	6,810	7,013	7,188
Plow Truck (1994 Ford L8000)	110,000	8,328	53,015	35,927	12,345	12,345
Plow Truck (1998 Intl)(trade)	110,000	6,765	28,993	61,551	7,100	9,200
Utility Vehicle (2002 F550)	40,000	17,940	-	0	8,000	10,000
Utility Vehicle (1/2 ton-used)	8,000	0	-	0	2,500	2,500
JD 318 Cemetery Mower *	7,500			0	5,000	1,000
Rawson Screen Plant (leased)	85,000					10,000
Computer System - Upgrades		5,125	5,228	5,228	5,384	5,519
Ambulance	200,000	18,750	13,856	13,856	16,800	17,600
Fire Truck (1977 Pierce) ***	279,000	33,333	51,385	51,385	40,000	40,000
Engine 2 Fire Truck (2016)	335,000			0	25,750	25,750
Tank 3	210,000			0	35,000	35,000
Engine Four						
Ongoing Facility Maintenance Fund		8,610	31,000	15,825	9,046	9,267
Land Purchase Reserve Fund		<u>25,000</u>	<u>55,389</u>	<u>30,389</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>25,000</u>
		143,595	339,311	218,288	230,299	

Note: Expenditures to be approved for 2004 are replacement plow truck and cemetery mower. Also, furnace replacement for Public Works and air conditioning for Town Office to be funded from the Ongoing Facilities Maintenance Fund.

- *Selectmen Request:* \$ 218,288
- *Budget Committee Recommends:* \$ 218,288

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

<u>Operational Accounts</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>Actual 2003</u>	<u>2004 Request</u>	<u>+/- 2003</u>	<u>% +/- 2003</u>
Municipal Building	18,000	18,000	16,880	18,000	0	0.00%
Insurance	26,000	32,000	40,403	22,000	-10,000	-31.25%
Interest	40,000	20,000	14,076	16,500	-3,500	-17.50%
Supplies	17,000	17,000	18,734	17,000	0	0.00%
Elections	800	800	1,190	1,600	800	100.00%
Legal Expense	10,000	10,000	12,580	10,000	0	0.00%
Employer Expense	92,198	16,812	119,200	133,418	16,606	14.22%
Transfers	900	900	1,184	1,500	600	66.67%
Utilities	3,000	3,000	2,790	3,000	0	0.00%
Annual Audit/Town Report	9,500	11,500	10,573	12,000	500	4.35%
Hydrant Rental	26,592	26,592	26,592	26,592	0	0.00%
Contingency	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>532</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.00%</u>
	244,990	257,604	264,734	262,610	5,006	1.94%

- *Selectmen Request:* \$262,610
- *Budget Committee Recommends:* \$262,610

Article 21: To see what sum, if any, the Town will vote to appropriate and raise in support of North Yarmouth Parks, or take any action thereon.

<u>Parks and Recreation</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>Actual 2003</u>	<u>2004 Request</u>	<u>+/- 2003</u>	<u>% +/- 2003</u>
Veterans Memorial Park						
Flags		100	65	100	0	0.00%
Landscaping-tree		600	445	50	-550	-91.67%
Trail Markings		50		50	0	0.00%
Old Town House Park				0		
Upper Trail Completion		2,500	779	10,000	7,500	300.00%
Picnic Tables		600			-600	-100.00%
Portable Toilet		510			-510	-100.00%
Multipurpose Athletic Field		30,000			-30,000	-100.00%
Trail Markers		500			-500	-100.00%
Wescustogo Park					0	
Landscaping		1,000		550	-450	-45.00%
Portable Toilet		510	470	510	0	0.00%

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<u>Parks and Recreation</u> <u>(continued)</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u> <u>Request</u>	<u>+/-</u> <u>2003</u>	<u>% +/-</u> <u>2003</u>
Village Green-Sharps Field					0	
Portable Toilet		510	470	510	0	0.00%
privacy screen		550	264		-550	-100.00%
picnic tables		200			-200	-100.00%
landscaping		200			-200	-100.00%
Baston Park					0	
Sign		3,000	2,800	500	-2,500	-83.33%
Picnic Tables		300	<u>264</u>	400	100	33.33%
Trash Can		<u>25</u>		100	75	<u>300.00%</u>
				<u>500</u>	<u>500</u>	
	9,860	41,155	5,557	13,270	-27,885	-67.76%

Note: \$10,000 for trails is for planning and implementation of trail system at and between all parks.

- *Selectmen Request:* \$ 13,270
- *Budget Committee Recommends:* \$ 13,270

Article 22: To hear and act, if necessary, upon the report of the Safe Walkways and Bikeways Committee.

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

<u>Debt Service and</u> <u>Other Obligations</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u> <u>Request</u>
Fire Station Addition (2000)				
1998 Bond (Gillespie)(2003)	22,522	21,839	21,839	
1998 Bond (Mountfort Road)(2008)	44,120	42,175	42,175	41,175
2001 Sharp Property (2011)	83,594	80,647	80,647	78,171
3-year Walkway Funding	<u>12,500</u>	<u>12,500</u>	<u>12,500</u>	<u>12,500</u>
	162,736	157,161	157,161	131,846

- *Selectmen Request:* \$ 131,846
- *Budget Committee Recommends:* \$ 131,846

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

<u>Wescustogo Hall Improvements</u>	2002	2003	Actual 2003	2004 Request	+/- 2003	% +/- 2003
	0	0	2,500	5,000	0	0

- *Selectmen Request:* \$ 5,000
- *Budget Committee Recommends:* \$ 5,000

Article 25: To see what sum, if any, the Town will vote to appropriate and raise in support of Regional Studies, or take any action thereon.

<u>Regional Studies</u>	2003	2004 Request
	4,500	2,000

- *Selectmen Request:* \$2,000
- *Budget Committee Recommend:* \$2,000

Article 26: To see what some, if any, the town will vote to appropriate and raise in support of funding local access TV programming, or take any action thereon.

<u>Technology Account</u>	2002	2003	Actual 2003	2004 Request	+/- 2003	% +/- 2003
		20,000	4,400	26,000	6,000	30%

- *Selectmen Request:* \$ 26,000
- *Budget Committee Recommends:* \$ 26,000

Article 27: To see what sum, if any, the Town will vote to take from undesignated fund balance and various other accounts and receipts, sources and designations, to apply against 2004 appropriations, and to accept any such funds from the State of Maine, and the United States Government as provided by the State Legislature or Federal Government for the year 2004.

<u>Municipal Revenues</u>	2003	2004	+/-
Clerk Fees	17,500	17,500	-
Permit Fees			-
To Art 16-Fire Truck	17,500	17,500	-
To Art 16-Land Reserve	25,000	25,000	-
To Art 19 - Parks	41,155	10,000	(31,155)
Dog Licenses	1,000	1,250	250
General Assistance	2,500	2,500	-
Highway Block Grant	38,000	38,000	-
Excise Tax Collections	450,000	500,000	50,000
State Revenue Sharing	200,000	200,000	-
Interest Income	15,000	12,000	(3,000)
Capitol Funds -Siding	24,000		(24,000)
Technology Account	20,000	20,000	-
Rental Property Income	10,000	10,000	-
Land Fund-to Cassidy Purchase	50,000	40,000	(10,000)
Undesignated Fund Balance	<u>265,000</u>	<u>265,000</u>	-
	1,176,655	1,158,750	(17,905)

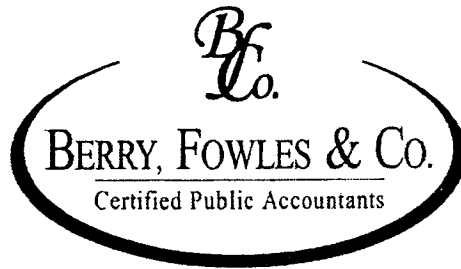
- *Selectmen Recommend:* **\$ 1,158,750**
- *Budget Committee Recommends:* **\$ 1,158,750**

Article 28: To see if the Town will vote to set the date that 2004 Real Estate and Personal Property Taxes are due as August 2nd, 2004 and to charge interest at the rate of 6.50 % per anum for 2004 taxes paid after that date, or take any action thereon.

Warrant as above signed by the
 NORTH YARMOUTH BOARD OF SELECTMEN 1 OF 6

REAL ESTATE TAXES — COMBINED YEARS DUE 12/31/2003

Taxpayer	2003 Bal.	2002 Bal.	2001 Bal.	2000 Bal.	Taxpayer	2003 Bal.	2002 Bal.	2001 Bal.	2000 Bal.
Adams, Ann	\$5,415.72 *				MCRR Company	\$13.26	12.60		
Anderson, George Sr.	923.78	550.45			MCRR Company	86.19	283.50		
Anderson, Richard	8.42				MCRR Company	298.35	81.90		
Baker, Richard E.	17.03				MCRR Company	209.95	199.50		
Beggs, Joseph	2,292.85 *				Melendez, Danny O.	75.65			
Bexon, Samuel and Anna	1.24	1.18			Myers, Amy Maria	2,245.36			
Kinney, Timothy J.	1,955.85				Morrison, Audrey	2,086.02			
Brown, Anne M.	2,177.98				Charron, Romeo	455.81			
Carpenter, John	90.42 *				Morse, Boyd G.	983.08			
Cavanaugh, John F.	3,354.83				Nimblett, Jean S. Estate	1,571.31			
Church, Steven	805.36				O'Donnell, Douglas	4,099.55 *			
Clukey, Arthur	524.43 *				Peck, Marie	3,073.82	2,872.53		
Clukey, Est. of James	1,482.93 *				Pierce, Robert A.	3,345.94 *			
Coffin, Philip C.	1,356.94	1,159.39			Rodimon, Mary Cuddy	3,452.02	623.63		
Coffin, Raymond	828.82 *				RTG, Inc.	331.71			
Colesworth, Dorothy	4,450.79 *				Russell, Mark	2,378.93			
Davis, Ellen	510.51				Russell, Mark	499.00			
Davis, Ellen	528.19				SeptiVac Pumping Inc.	1,014.02	963.54		
Davis, Ronald	1,461.52	1,388.77	1,256.51	1,190.38	Sheehan, Daniel	3.11 *			
Dennison, Justin	1,878.50				Shepherd-Kegl, Judy	4,164.26			
Derig, Laraine	2,318.91	90.64			Shorey, Jeffrey	30.94			
Filliter, Kenneth	1,851.98 *				Shorey, Jeffrey	2,510.56			
Gallants Auto Salvage Inc.	1,222.35				Shorey, Jeffrey	525.98			
Gallants Auto Salvage Inc.	49.04				Sloat, Ronald	2,116.89			
Goodwin, John	2,137.07				Smith, David F.	4,118.73			
Grant, Steven	3,329.65				Somberger, Gundegard	5,045.43			
Hall, James II	2,346.42 *				St. Hillaire, Jessica	4,245.54			
Hanscome, Ralph	649.99				Stewart, John	586.30			
Hawkes, Susan	1,270.75				Storey, Donn & Charles	347.38			
Hilton, Thomas J.	1,850.49				Strom, Michael	2,568.93	2,441.06	2,208.58	
Hoffman, Linda A.	4,238.78				Sullivan, George	2,181.27 *			
Isom, Emily	13.81 *				Toddy Brook Golf Course	17,874.48 *			
Jordan, Joseph	5,728.32 *				Trainor, John W.	353.60	336.00		
Knight, Robert	2,400.35	2,280.87	2,063.65	1,955.03	Albert, Virginia W.	351.39			
Legasse, Wm.	495.04 *				Wilson, Julie B.	770.72			
Leeman, Keith	333.58				Wiles, Margaret	2,853.11 *			
Leslie, Drew A.	1,473.30				Woodard, Elizabeth Est	103.87 *			
Lovell, Guy H. III	419.90								
					TOTAL	\$139,168.30	\$13,285.56	\$5,528.74	\$3,145.41



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, 2003. The following statements and schedules have been excerpted from the 2003 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	Exhibit 1-2
Valuation, Assessment and Collection of Taxes	Schedule 2
Statement of Departmental Operations (General Fund)	Schedule 3

Berry, Fowles & Co.

Certified Public Accountants
February 23, 2004

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TOWN OF NORTH YARMOUTH, MAINE
COMBINED BALANCE SHEET - ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUPS
DECEMBER 31, 2003
 (With Comparative Totals for the Year ended December 31, 2002)

	Governmental Fund		Fiduciary		Account		Totals	
	Special		Trust and		Group		(Memorandum Only)	
	General	Revenue	Agency	Term Debt	2003	2002	2003	2002
ASSETS:								
Cash and Investments	\$ 719,058	\$ 527	\$ 90,242	\$ 0	\$ 809,827	\$ 909,811		
Receivables:								
Taxes	156,633	0	0	0	156,633	117,128		
Liens	25,016	0	0	0	25,016	17,508		
Accounts	22,165	0	0	0	22,165	2,362		
Tax Acquired Property	7,667	0	0	0	7,667	23,835		
Prepaid Expenses	1,283	0	0	0	1,283	758		
Due from Other Funds	4,795	0	215	0	5,010	7,780		
Amount to be Provided for Accrued Compensated Absences	0	0	0	25,980	25,980	24,678		
Amount to be Provided for Retirement of General Long-Term Debt	0	0	0	612,300	612,300	721,400		
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 936,617	\$ 527	\$ 90,457	\$ 638,280	\$ 1,665,881	\$ 1,825,260		
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY:								
Liabilities:								
Accounts Payable	\$ 18,588	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 18,588	\$ 22,382		
Escrow Payable	0	0	0	0	0	9,493		
Deferred Revenues	136,048	0	0	0	136,048	130,957		
Due to Other Funds	215	3,638	1,157	0	5,010	7,780		
Due to Other Groups	0	0	10,922	0	10,922	11,468		
Accrued Compensated Absences	0	0	0	25,980	25,980	24,678		
General Obligation Bonds	154,851	3,638	12,079	638,280	808,848	928,158		
FUND EQUITY:								
Retained Earnings	0	0	75,992	0	75,992	73,967		
Fund Balances (Deficit):								
Reserved	533,581	0	0	0	533,581	508,041		
Unreserved:								
Designated	69,341	0	0	0	69,341	48,202		
Undesignated	178,844	(3,111)	2,386	0	178,119	266,892		
	781,766	(3,111)	78,378	0	857,033	897,102		
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	\$ 936,617	\$ 527	\$ 90,457	\$ 638,280	\$ 1,665,881	\$ 1,825,260		

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, 2003
(With Comparative Totals for the Year ended June 30, 2002)

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>		<u>Fiduciary</u>	<u>Total</u>	
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special</u>	<u>Expendable</u>	<u>(Memorandum Only)</u>	
		<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Trust</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
REVENUES:					
Taxes	\$ 4,970,110	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 4,970,110	\$ 4,548,058
Intergovernmental	374,674	0	0	374,674	397,757
Miscellaneous	108,614	8,270	1,096	117,980	160,769
	<u>5,453,398</u>	<u>8,270</u>	<u>1,096</u>	<u>5,462,764</u>	<u>5,106,584</u>
EXPENDITURES:					
General Government	145,750	0	0	145,750	137,863
Public Safety and Services	101,566	0	753	102,319	118,394
Public Works and Sanitation	817,763	0	0	817,763	678,829
Fixed Expenses and Operations	528,451	0	0	528,451	460,803
Town Organizations and Committees	149,107	0	0	149,107	144,384
Cultural and Recreational	59,761	0	0	59,761	14,757
Education	3,536,888	0	0	3,536,888	3,236,306
Debt Service	144,580	0	0	144,580	150,070
Capital Investment and Outlay	4,691	0	0	4,691	171,566
For Designated Purpose	0	15,548	0	15,548	16,280
	<u>5,488,557</u>	<u>15,548</u>	<u>753</u>	<u>5,504,858</u>	<u>5,129,252</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER					
(UNDER) EXPENDITURES	(35,159)	(7,278)	343	(42,094)	(22,668)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	<u>(5,000)</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER					
(UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	(40,159)	(2,278)	343	(42,094)	(22,668)
FUND BALANCE (DEFICIT)- AT BEGINNING					
OF YEAR	<u>821,925</u>	<u>(833)</u>	<u>2,043</u>	<u>823,135</u>	<u>845,803</u>
FUND BALANCE (DEFICIT)- AT END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 781,766</u>	<u>\$ (3,111)</u>	<u>\$ 2,386</u>	<u>\$ 781,041</u>	<u>\$ 823,135</u>

TOWN OF NORTH YARMOUTH, MAINE
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES -
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)</u>
REVENUES:			
Taxes:			
Property	\$ 4,387,928	\$ 4,394,153	\$ 6,225
Change in Deferred Property Tax Revenues	0	(3,178)	(3,178)
Excise	<u>450,000</u>	<u>579,135</u>	<u>129,135</u>
	<u>4,837,928</u>	<u>4,970,110</u>	<u>132,182</u>
Intergovernmental:			
State Revenue Sharing	200,000	243,785	43,785
State Homestead Reimbursement	85,713	86,295	582
Veterans Exemption	0	1,536	1,536
Tree Growth	0	63	63
Highway Block Grant	38,000	40,659	2,659
General Assistance	<u>2,500</u>	<u>2,336</u>	<u>(164)</u>
	<u>326,213</u>	<u>374,674</u>	<u>48,461</u>
Miscellaneous:			
Interest	15,000	14,515	(485)
Impact Fees	83,655	51,674	(31,981)
Clerk/Permit Fees	18,500	18,764	264
Other	<u>10,000</u>	<u>11,007</u>	<u>1,007</u>
	<u>127,155</u>	<u>95,960</u>	<u>(31,195)</u>
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>5,291,296</u>	<u>5,440,744</u>	<u>149,448</u>
EXPENDITURES:			
General Government	147,750	145,750	2,000
Public Safety and Services	124,700	113,812	10,888
Public Works and Sanitation	690,540	712,431	(21,891)
Fixed Expenses and Operations	573,165	528,451	44,714
Town Organizations and Committees	161,962	149,107	12,855
Cultural and Recreational	54,933	7,934	46,999
Education	3,536,888	3,536,888	0
Debt Service	144,661	144,580	81
Capital Investment	<u>164,899</u>	<u>162,490</u>	<u>2,409</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>5,599,498</u>	<u>5,501,443</u>	<u>98,055</u>

TOWN OF NORTH YARMOUTH, MAINE
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES -
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003

Exhibit 1-2 (Continued)

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	\$ (308,202)	\$ (60,699)	\$ 247,503
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):			
Budgeted Use of Surplus	313,202	0	(313,202)
Operating Transfer to Special Revenues	<u>(5,000)</u>	<u>(5,000)</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>308,202</u>	<u>(5,000)</u>	<u>(313,202)</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>(65,699)</u>	<u>\$ (65,699)</u>
RECONCILIATION TO GAAP BASIS:			
Budgeted Transfers, Intergovernmental, and Interest Income to Reserves		186,172	
Expenses from Reserves		<u>(160,632)</u>	
		<u>25,540</u>	
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES		<u>\$ (40,159)</u>	

Schedule 2

TOWN OF NORTH YARMOUTH, MAINE
VALUATION, ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION OF TAXES
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003

VALUATION AND ASSESSMENT

Real Property	\$ 192,702,311
Personal Property	<u>5,846,500</u>
TOTAL VALUATION	198,548,811
Tax Rate per Thousand	<u>22.10</u>
TAX COMMITMENT	<u>\$ 4,387,928</u>

APPROPRIATIONS

Municipal Functions	\$ 1,733,413
Maine School Administrative District No. 51	3,536,888
County Tax	192,560
Overlay	<u>93,435</u>
	5,556,296
Less: Estimated Revenues	<u>1,168,368</u>
TAX COMMITMENT	<u>\$ 4,387,928</u>

2003 TAXES

Original Commitment	\$ 4,387,928
Supplementals	<u>0</u>
	4,387,928

TOWN OF NORTH YARMOUTH, MAINE
STATEMENT OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003

	Appropriation Balances Forward	Appropriations	Transfers and Other Credits	Total Available	Expenditures	Balances		Carried Forward
						Overdrawn	Unexpended	
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$ 0	\$ 147,750	\$ 0	\$ 147,750	\$ 145,750	\$ 0	\$ 2,000	\$ 0
PUBLIC SAFETY AND SERVICES	8,665	116,035	0	124,700	113,812	0	1,950	8,938
PUBLIC WORKS AND SANITATION	11,729	678,811	3,000	693,540	715,431	25,763	0	3,872
FIXED EXPENSES AND OPERATIONS	10,566	562,599	122	573,287	528,573	9,308	51,097	2,925
TOWN ORGANIZATIONS AND COMMITTEES	3,464	158,498	2,128	164,090	151,235	0	6,163	6,692
CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL	13,778	41,155	1,525	56,458	9,459	788	873	46,914
EDUCATION	0	3,536,888	0	3,536,888	3,536,888	0	0	0
DEBT SERVICE	0	144,661	0	144,661	144,580	0	81	0
CAPITAL INVESTMENTS	0	164,899	4,178	169,077	166,668	0	2,409	0
TOTAL	\$ 48,202	\$ 5,551,296	\$ 10,953	\$ 5,610,451	\$ 5,512,396	\$ 35,859	\$ 64,573	\$ 69,341

North Yarmouth Handy Information

EMERGENCY FIRE AND RESCUE: 911

Non-Emergency Calls	846-3333
North Yarmouth Fire Station	829-3025
Poison Control Center	871-2381
Cumberland County Sherriff.....	911
	1-800-482-7479
Maine State Police	657-3030
Yarmouth Water District.....	846-5821
	1-800-482-0730
Animal Control Officer —	
Cumberland Police Dept.	829-6391
Public Works Department	829-3274
Town Office.....	829-3705
Cumberland Recreation Department .	829-2208
SAD#51 Superintendent's Office	829-4800
Prince Memorial Library	829-2215
Fire Chief - Jim Malonson	829-3548
Health Officer - Eileen Wyatt	829-5238

North Yarmouth Town Office Hours:

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

Building Inspector Hours

(Building, Plumbing & Electrical)
8AM - 12 noon Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday
Always available from 8AM to 9AM.

Monthly Schedule of Meetings

(subject to change, watch local papers)

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

For more local information log on to these web pages:

www.northyarmouth.govoffice.com
www.msad51.org
www.princememorial.lib.me.us

ANDERSON & SONS, INC.

CLIFFORD GOULD ANDERSON was born in Eliot, Maine on July 12, 1905. He was raised in Cumberland and graduated from Greely Institute. Cliff married Hazel Elvira Hoey of North Yarmouth in June 1926 and settled in Sanford, where he owned a studio of photography, an interest he maintained throughout his life. Two years later, Cliff and Hazel moved to North Yarmouth to live with and care for Hazel's grandfather in his Route 9 house, which he had built around 1900 using some materials from the old Wescustogo Hotel that had been located back behind the house.

The couple started to build a woodworking business that would eventually employ nearly 40 people. By the early 1930s, in the midst of the Depression, Anderson was manufacturing snowshoes and baseball bats in a small building beside their home. The baseball bats were hand turned by Cliff on a lathe in his shop and were originally sold wholesale to sporting goods companies in places like Boston. Later, after one of those companies went bankrupt, Cliff's sons helped him market the bats directly to high school and college teams throughout the Northeast.

The snowshoe business was fairly significant, and Anderson brochures tell about the products in a folksy way. In a 1936 brochure complete with real photos paper-clipped to the text, Anderson says "I make my snowshoe frames from clear, straight grained white ash, free from knots and flaws... I thoroughly stretch the strands before filling and guarantee it not to sag. The finished shoe is covered with the best grade of hot spar varnish." Shoes sold for \$5 - \$8 a pair and came in 6 different styles. Harnesses were about \$1 more.

With a graining knife, Anderson cleaned the cowhides he used for making the laces in Toddy Brook, across from his house—the brook for which Cliff's grandson Robert Anderson named his Toddy Brook Golf Course. It is reported that the trout in Toddy Brook had never been as big as when Cliff was scraping hides there and providing them a rich food source!

Scrap wood from the bats and snowshoes was cut up and sold for lobster trap stock to local lobstermen. By 1938, making lobster traps themselves had become a side business; Anderson's made several different sizes and shapes, including rectangular and round. Trap manufacturing continued to grow and became the main source of revenue after World War II ended. Sons Lew, Dick, and Dana eventually all joined their father in the business, and in 1953 they bought the Knights Lumber Mill at Crockett's Corner and moved their expanding business there.



Loaded up with traps!

The business continued to thrive, hiring about 35 people at the mill and another 25 people who worked at home knitting the heads for the traps (the netting that traps the lobsters). It was not unusual 25 years ago to go into the home of an old North Yarmouth family and see them knitting for Anderson's. Additional jobs in the area were from cutting and delivering the 600,000 board feet of ash and oak, the source of the lumber used. Wood waste was sold to S.D. Warren in Westbrook. Sales climbed to about 50,000 a year and traps were shipped all over the Northeast and as far south as New Jersey. *This made Anderson & Sons the largest wooden trap manufacturer in the United States.*

Although trap making accounted for most of the operations, Cliff continued to make snowshoes into the 1960s. He also added toboggans to his product line. There may still be some of these in the rafters of local barns, as everyone had a toboggan in North Yarmouth. Baseball bats could still be acquired in the 1960s and were used by North Yarmouth Little League teams during that time. The bats are hard to find and are a collector's item for baseball enthusiasts.


Eventually, Dick and Lew took over the business and added wire traps to their production line. Their children eventually worked in the business—a third generation family operation. Finally, in the 1990s, the business closed and a local institution disappeared. Happily, the West Pownal Road building is still used as a woodworking business, as headquarters for the cabinetmakers Theiault & Co.


Information for this article was collected from newspaper articles in the *Lewiston Journal* and the *Maine Sunday Telegram*, as well as oral interviews with family members.


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TOWN OF NORTH YARMOUTH
10 Village Square Road
North Yarmouth, Maine 04097

 **Comprehensive Plan
PUBLIC MEETING**
Thursday, March 13
7 PM, Wescustogo Hall

 **Town ELECTIONS**
Friday, March 14
8 AM-8 PM
Wescustogo Hall

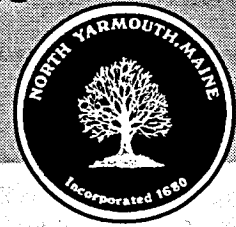
 **Annual
TOWN MEETING**
Saturday, March 15
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North Yarmouth Comprehensive Plan Update Executive Summary February 6, 2004



► Background and Purpose of the Comprehensive Plan Update

North Yarmouth completed its first Comprehensive Plan in 1973 and has revised it twice: in 1985 and in 1991. Since 1991 the community has experienced considerable growth and development, and has enacted a building cap on the number of residential permits allowed. This has slowed the pace of residential development, but growth has continued to occur primarily in outlying areas of the community along rural roads, and increasingly off private roads extending into undeveloped backlands. If unchecked, this development pattern will consume all developable open areas and result in a community that is expensive to maintain and serve, and whose character will have changed dramatically.

Besides a building cap, our town's other tools for controlling and guiding growth are zoning and the use of impact fees on new residential development. Fees help pay for capital improvements for emergency services and to preserve/develop open space and recreation facilities. Maine law requires that any town using these tools must have a Comprehensive Plan. The deadline for compliance was January, 2003. The goal of this comprehensive plan update is to bring North Yarmouth into compliance with this requirement and to *guide future growth and development over the next decade.*

► The Process for Updating the Comprehensive Plan

The 14-member Comprehensive Plan Update Committee, appointed January 2002, has been working on the Plan for two years. The first step was to conduct a thorough needs assessment that would identify all issues to be addressed. In Fall, 2002, the Committee hired a consultant to help prepare the Plan. Since then the Committee has been meeting two to four times a month to review and debate the various chapters of the Plan. Ongoing public input has been a priority, and the following opportunities were provided for citizens:

- **January 2003:** Public Opinion Survey (467 surveys returned, 39% response rate)
- **February 2003:** Visioning Sessions (5 sessions, approximately 70 participants)
- **June 2003:** Open Space Workshops (2 sessions, approximately 45 participants)
- **September 2003:** Large Landowners (50+ acres) Meeting (15 participants)
- **September 2003:** Land Use Workshop with State Planning Office representatives/community leaders (20 participants)
- **November 2003, February 2004 and March 2004:** Public Forums

At the March 13, 2004 North Yarmouth Town Meeting, residents will vote on the proposed Comprehensive Plan Update. *The Plan is NOT an ordinance or regulations.* It makes **recommendations** for regulatory changes and suggests town policies and areas for further research. *Recommended changes to the Zoning Ordinance will require further work by the Planning Board/ordinance drafting group.* There will be more opportunities for public input. The process of making any changes to zoning regulations will take at least a year, with a town vote on amendments to ordinances at a future Town Meeting.

► Comprehensive Plan Document

There are two parts to the Comprehensive Plan Update document:

- Book I. Goals, Policies and Implementation Strategies** (these are the recommendations of the Plan)
- Book II. Inventory and Analysis** (this is the supporting data and analysis)

Major Findings of the Comprehensive Plan Update

Over the next decade:

- **Development pressure will increase** due to a sprawling regional pattern as people look to more rural areas to call home.
- **Population will likely increase** from about 3,500 to 4,300 by 2014.
- There will be a projected **demand for new housing** of about 300-360 new units over the next ten years.
- The aging of the overall population will affect **household size and size of housing units** that will be needed.
- The **lack of affordable housing** for middle and low-income citizens is a major issue in the region.
- The **lack of public sewer** constrains the density of housing development, and hinders preservation of rural character.
- **New septic technologies** offer some hope for allowing higher density without sewers.
- **Water quality and other natural resources are threatened** by the current sprawling development pattern.
- The **aquifers** that serve the public water supply are crucial to the future well being of both North Yarmouth and Yarmouth residents, and zoning must be modified to provide adequate protection.
- The **historic and cultural heritage of the town will be lost** without some effort to maintain it.
- **Preservation of open space in town** is a high priority, in particular the Royal River Corridor, public water supplies, the Knight's Pond and Deer Brook areas, and Pratt's Brook.
- Much progress has been made in **setting aside open space** in subdivisions and in **purchasing land** for parks.
- **Public services and facilities**, including roads to sprawling development, will become increasingly expensive.
- **Growth and development will increase the cost** of waste disposal, road construction and maintenance, administrative staffing, police protection and fire and rescue services.
- There is a need for **increased administration and enforcement** of the town's land use regulations.
- MSAD51's per pupil operating costs are below state average. However, over the past five years **education costs have risen 59%**, compared to 26% for all other town expenses combined. Education accounts for 84% of our expenses.

The Town is in sound fiscal condition, due to increasing property values, a limited amount of long-term debt, effective use of a capital budgeting process, and creative financing strategies.

Existing zoning is encouraging this sprawling development pattern, including strip development along public roads. Over 90% of the buildings in Town are located in the Farm and Forest and Rural Districts as opposed to the Village District.

Pressing Issues identified through the Visioning Process *(in order of importance):*

- **Population Growth**
- **Loss of Open Space and Community Character**
- **Increased Traffic**
- **State Mandated Comprehensive Plan with designated growth and rural areas**
- **Affordable/Elderly Housing**
- **Increased Cost to Taxpayers for Town Services**
- **Impacts from Pineland**
- **Increased Cost to Taxpayers if Town Accepts Private Roads**

North Yarmouth's Growth Management Program

Maine has a Growth Management Law, which helps towns create and put growth management programs into place. This Comprehensive Plan Update and the implementation program that will follow it is our North Yarmouth Growth Management Program. It is designed to be consistent with Maine's Growth Management Law. Our Program's foundation is the Future Land Use Plan, which maps out rural areas and areas for future growth, and establishes guidelines for their development. There are also recommendations from other sections of the Plan—Municipal Facilities and Services, Transportation, etc.—which are designed to work along with with the Future Land Use Plan's "blueprint" for future growth and development. In order to effectively guide growth, all of these tools must be used in coordination.

Implementing the Comprehensive Plan Update will focus on:

- ✦ Amending the Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Regulations.
- ✦ Putting an Open Space Plan into place that will include land acquisition techniques, purchase of development rights, and more.
- ✦ Planning and creating policies for both Municipal Facilities and Services and for Transportation. These will support our goals for directing growth and preserving open space, and for protecting critical natural resource areas and historic and cultural features.
- ✦ Planning and programming our finances consistent with overall growth management goals.

Components of the Comprehensive Plan Update and Growth Management Program

1. Future Land Use Plan

The foundation for zoning and land use regulation (page 4)

2. Affordable Housing Plan

Strategies for encouraging affordable housing (page 7)

3. Economic Development Plan

Strategies for encouraging village scale commercial and light industrial development (page 7)

4. Water Resources, Other Natural Resources, and Historic & Archaeological Resources Plan

Strategies for managing and protecting natural & cultural resources (page 8)



5. Open Space Plan

Strategies for preserving open space (page 9)

9. Fiscal Capacity and Capital Investment Plan

Strategies for maintaining fiscal capacity and financing capital improvements and other facility and service expansion needed due to growth (page 12)

8. Public Facilities and Services Plan

Strategies for providing adequate facilities and services to meet the demand of anticipated growth (page 11)

7. Transportation Plan

Strategies for efficient and safe movement of people and goods within and through the town (page 10)

6. Outdoor Recreation and Scenic Resources Plan

Strategies for promoting and preserving use and enjoyment of open space (page 10)

Future Land Use Plan

GOALS

▶ Encourage orderly growth and development in appropriate areas of the community, while protecting rural character, making efficient use of public services, and preventing development sprawl. (State Goal)

▶ Safeguard agricultural and forest resources from development that threatens those resources. (State Goal)

▶ Establish a land use plan consistent with regional growth trends, recognizing that North Yarmouth serves as a transitional area between the more urban/suburban towns of Cumberland and Yarmouth and the more rural towns of Pownal and New Gloucester.

▶ Establish a land use pattern that defines both growth and rural areas, in order to preserve open space, farmland, forestland, and environmental resources while encouraging sustainable growth.

▶ Control the pace and timing of development and promote a land use pattern that will assure cost effective and efficient delivery of public services, and maintain a safe and efficient transportation network.

▶ Establish a land use pattern that safeguards public water supplies.

▶ Ensure that new development is compatible with the existing scale and rural character of North Yarmouth and does not negatively impact the site and surrounding areas.

▶ Attain a goal of at least 60-70% of new residential uses to be located within the Village Center, Village Residential or Transitional Residential Districts areas over the next ten years. Attain a goal of no more than 30-40% of new residential uses to be located in Farm and Forest District over the next ten years.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. *Amend the Zoning Ordinance* to better guide growth to areas most cost-effectively served:

- a. Expand the **Village Center District** to promote a civic and cultural core of the community, including village scale residential, commercial and light industrial uses
- b. Create a **Village Residential District**, to include areas south and northeast of the Village Center District, to promote the development of an expanded village with primarily residential uses, and limited commercial uses
- c. Create a **Transitional Residential District** in the Yarmouth ends of Sligo and North Road, to provide places for future residential development consistent with zoning and sewer expansion within Yarmouth.

2. *Amend the Zoning Ordinance* to better manage outlying rural areas through:

- a. Reconfigure the **Farm and Forest Districts** to preserve open space and critical natural resource areas, such as the public water supplies.
- b. Convert Shoreland Zoning and Floodplain regulations into a **Resource Protection District**, designed to protect the most sensitive natural resource areas by prohibiting most development.

3. *Amend the Building Limitation Provision of the Zoning Ordinance* to establish a differential building cap. This would allow a greater proportion of residential construction within the Village and Residential Districts, and would limit residential construction in the Farm and Forest Districts. Continue to grant waivers for gifts to family, long-time residents planning to relocate, and for elderly housing. Consider granting waivers to the temporary building cap for affordable housing.

4. **Utilize Zoning** to control land use, and development density, designs and impacts. Design and performance standards should be specific, but flexible enough to give the administering authority adequate guidance, while allowing for creativity. Provide incentives for desirable development, such as elderly housing or development that provides recreational and open space amenities.

5. **Amend Zoning/Subdivision Regulations** to require homebuilders and developers to use Natural Resource maps in their building and development plans. These map delineate conservation networks, and provides guidance to landowners and developers as to where new development is encouraged. Encourage clustered development/conservation subdivisions to preserve open space and recreational areas in growth areas.

6. **Consider amending the Zoning/Subdivision Regulations** to allow creative planned neighborhood development within the Village Center, Village Residential and Transitional residential Districts.

7. **Utilize Zoning/Subdivision Regulations and Impact Fees** to assure that new development does not overtax public services and facilities, including roads, or negatively impact the environment. Seek to have new development pay for the expansion or upgrade of public facilities and services necessitated by the development, particularly when the development is located outside designated growth areas.

8. **Continue to ensure an Affordable Senior Housing Overlay District in Zoning Regulations** to provide incentives for affordable senior housing and support the development of other types of affordable housing.

9. **Include a Groundwater Protection Overlay District in Zoning Regulations** to protect recharge areas of existing and future public water supplies.

10. **Use Non-Regulatory Approaches** to promote desired land use patterns, such as land acquisition of critical resource areas (See Open Space Plan) and development of municipal infrastructure in growth areas (See Municipal Facilities and Services, Transportation and Capital Investment Plan).

11. **Consider the Purchase or Transfer of Development Rights and/or a Land Banking Program.** These compensate landowners and allow development rights to be shifted from rural areas to growth areas. Monitor regional and state initiatives.

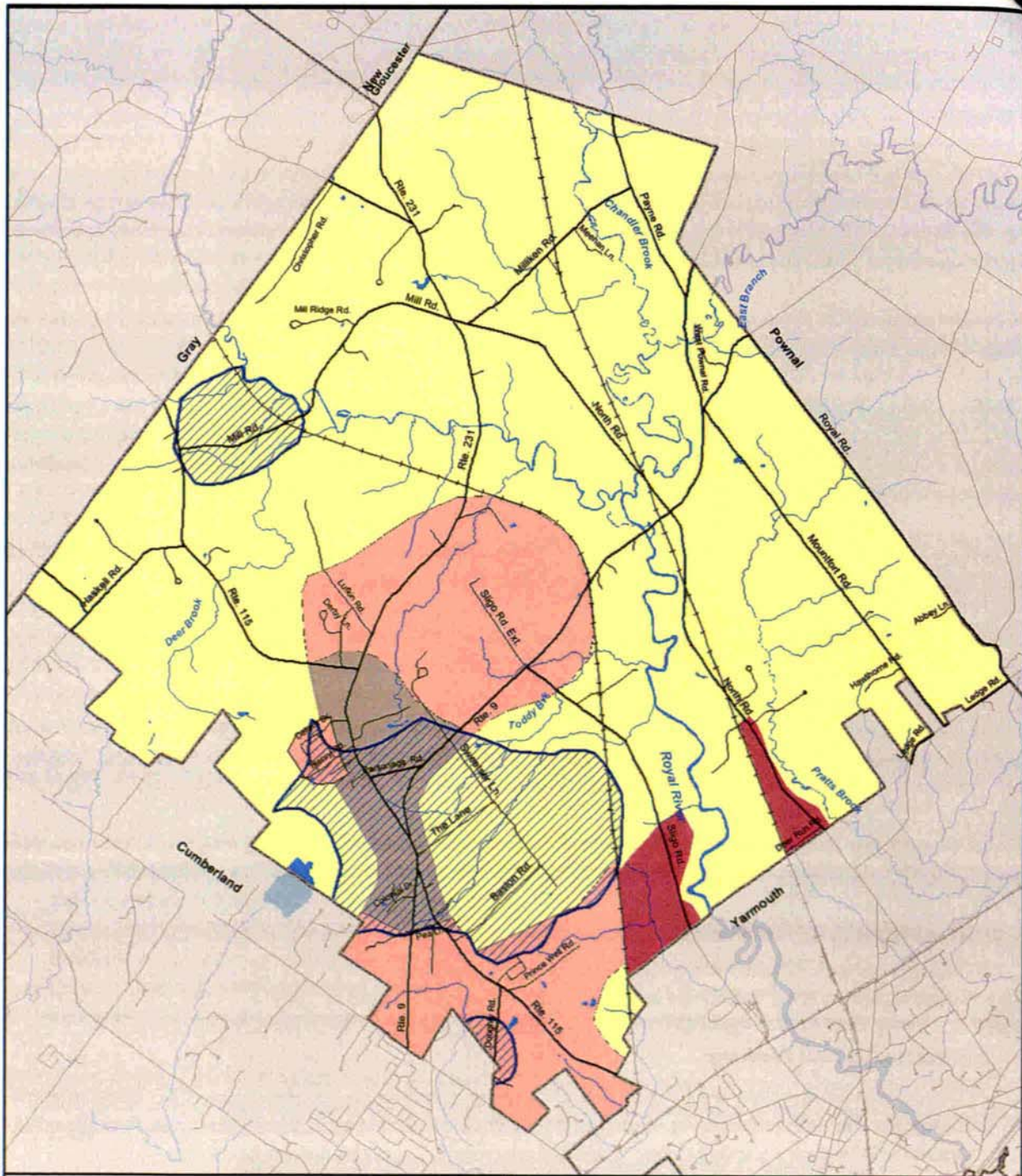
12. Administration of Land Use Programs:

- a. Codify the town's ordinances and regulations into one town code.
- b. Increase administrative staffing for land use regulation and enforcement.












13. Participate in Regional Planning:

- a. Participate in Greater Portland Council of Governments initiatives such as the Central Corridor Committee.
- b. Coordinate the orderly expansion of growth with Cumberland, Yarmouth, New Gloucester, Pownal and Gray, including discussions regarding public water and sewer service, and the impacts of Pineland.
- c. Work with Cumberland in re-evaluating MSAD #51 enrollment projections and school capacity using scenarios without town-wide residential building caps in either town.

See next page for a Future Land Use map.



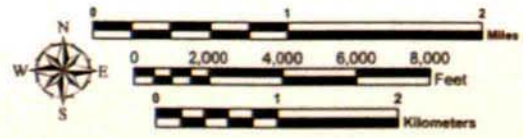
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**Future Land Use,
North Yarmouth, Maine**

See comprehensive plan text for explanation.



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Affordable Housing

GOALS

- ▶ Provide a diversity of adequate, affordable housing choices for all segments of the population. (State Goal)
- ▶ Encourage and support the development of affordable housing for rental and purchase that meets the needs of present and future low and moderate income North Yarmouth residents. At a minimum, strive to have at least 6 new rental or ownership units per year within the range of affordability for low and moderate income households.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. *Allow Higher Density Development in the Village growth areas*, including different types of affordable housing.
2. *Encourage the Development of Affordable Senior Housing* by continuing to provide incentives such as waivers for dimensional requirements and waivers on the building cap. Consider similar requirements for affordable housing, such as the town's participation in providing land. Future provisions for centralized sewer should also increase economic feasibility. Work with other communities in the region to address affordable housing needs.
3. *Allow Small Accessory Apartments* town-wide (change the Inlaw Apartment Ordinance).

Economic Development

GOALS

- ▶ Promote an economic climate, which increases job opportunities and overall economic well-being. (State Goal)
- ▶ Encourage economic growth to expand the tax base thereby shifting some of the tax burden from residential uses to limited commercial and light industrial uses.
- ▶ Support economic growth appropriate to the character and natural resources of the community.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. *Recognize the Village Center* as the civic and cultural core of the community and encourage village-scale business and commercial development.
2. Encourage economic activities that *Enhance the Village Center and Village Residential Districts*, to include:
 - a. Businesses compatible with walkable neighborhoods,
 - b. Convenience businesses for residents to reduce vehicle trips on roadways,
 - c. Home occupations,
 - d. Businesses that promote healthy lifestyles (e.g., health and fitness centers or local farmer's market)
3. *Assure Compatibility with Residential Uses and Village Character* so that commercial uses do not negatively impact neighborhoods, transportation systems, municipal services and facilities, or natural resources.
4. *Make Improvements to the Village Center District* to support expanded business and civic activity.
5. *Recognize Agricultural and Forestry activities* as part of the working landscape by encouraging them in the Farm and Forest District.

Water Resources, Other Natural Resources, and Historic and Archaeological Resources

GOALS

- ▶ Protect the quality and manage the quantity of water resources, including aquifers, great ponds, rivers and lakes. (State Goal)
- ▶ Preserve and enhance North Yarmouth's historic and archaeological heritage (Local and State Goal).
- ▶ Protect other critical natural resources, including without limitation, wetlands, wildlife and fisheries habitat, shorelands, scenic vistas, and unique natural areas. (State Goal)
- ▶ Protect shellfish resources in Yarmouth. Promote access to these resources for commercial fishermen and the public.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Preserve important water resources and other critical natural resources, and historic and archaeological resources through an *Integrated Approach* using education, land use regulation, and purchase of land.
2. *Educate Public and Municipal Officials* about conservation and protection of surface and ground water resources, other natural resources, and historic and archaeological resources.
3. *Assure a Very High Level of Protection for Ground Water Resources*, and aquifers associated with public wells:
 - a. Establish a groundwater protection overlay district to prohibit activities that threaten groundwater
 - b. Urge the Yarmouth Water District to purchase land in recharge areas
 - c. Work with the District to protect groundwater through regulation of reclamation of sand and gravel pits, minimal use of road salt and herbicides, etc.
4. *Encourage the concept of "Designing with Nature"* through sensitive land development that respects existing landscape, topographic features, natural vegetation, wildlife habitat, and other natural resources.
5. *Assure a High Level of Protection for Shoreland and Wetland Areas*—in particular shorelands of the Royal River, Chandler Brook and the East Branch—by expanding shoreland zoning to include buffers where development is restricted.
6. *Create a Royal River Greenway Corridor* to include 100-year floodplains, adjacent wetlands and their buffers, wellhead recharge areas within the corridor, existing town-owned land, and existing and future conservation land.*
7. Require that land use activities *Do Not Pollute Water Resources*, by establishing adequate wastewater treatment systems, using best management practices to minimize storm water runoff and soil erosion.

*The Corridor will be a minimum of 500' on either side of the river. The current 250' building setback would remain and be expanded to include Chandler Brook and the East Branch. Within the area between the 250' building setback and the 500' minimum corridor boundary, subdivisions must preserve open space. Building permits for non-subdivision lots must be obtained from the Planning Board.

8. **Maintain Healthy Populations of a Diversity of Animal Species** by conserving large blocks of wildlife habitat, deer wintering areas, habitat for threatened and rare species, wildlife travel corridors and other important habitats.

9. **Preserve the Cultural Heritage of the Community:**

- a. Support the North Yarmouth Historical Society's goals for obtaining exhibition and research space and preserving resources.
- b. Require consideration for archaeological and historic resources in subdivisions and other developments.
- c. Use design standards to ensure that new construction in the Village is harmonious with the town's historic character.

Open Space Plan

GOALS

► Permanently preserve 10% of the Town—1,370 acres—as open space by 2015. As a long-range goal, permanently preserve 20% to 25% of the Town as open space (2,700 to 3,400 acres).

► Provide a balanced open space program that preserves a range of highly valued and important critical natural resource and passive recreation areas for future generations while being sensitive to landowner desires.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. **Continue the Land Conservation and Preservation** effort that includes volunteer committees and an active land purchase and protection program. Establish a flexible and effective program that utilizes a variety of funding sources and approaches, including working cooperatively with neighboring towns, local land trusts, the Friends of the Royal River and others.

2. **Establish a Land Stewardship Program** with oversight by a **Land Stewardship Committee** for preserving high value open space. The committee should have representatives from the Planning Board, Conservation Commission, Future Land Committee, Recreation Committee and others.

3. Preserve a **Royal River Greenway Corridor** (a very high priority) including Chandler Brook and the East Branch. Include parks, river access, interconnecting trails and permanently preserved open space areas, including wildlife corridors.

4. Press for **Yarmouth Water District's permanent preservation of wellhead recharge areas** through ownership or conservation easements. *Seek Yarmouth participation* in a partnership to protect the water supply.

5. Work with area landowners, the Town of Cumberland, and the Friends of the Royal River to preserve the **Deer Brook and Knight's Pond** area as unfragmented wildlife habitat.

6. **Provide Open Space and Recreation Areas** in and Adjacent to the Village Center, Village Residential and Transitional Residential Districts to make them more desirable places to live.

7. **Develop a Parks and Trails System** that connects the Village with open space areas, water bodies and other areas, such as Pineland and Bradbury Mountain, and between areas, such as Wescustogo Park and Meeting House Park. Use the snowmobile trail model—ie, when a club seeks landowner permission to use, maintain and police trails.

Outdoor Recreation and Scenic Resources

GOALS

- ▶ Promote and protect the availability of recreation opportunities for all citizens, including access to surface waters. (State Goal)
- ▶ Preserve open spaces that benefit residents for scenic, ecological, agricultural, historic, archaeological and recreational purposes as identified in the open space inventory.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Develop a *Long-Range Town Parks and Recreational Plan* that identifies facility and program needs, priorities, opportunities for regional cooperation and potential funding sources based on population growth and demographics.
2. Promote the use of recreational facilities, in particular those that encourage physical fitness. Prepare and distribute a *Recreational Brochure/Map* that shows parks and playfields, pedestrian and bike ways, hiking and skiing trails, canoe access to the Royal River, and other public recreation opportunities.
3. *Require Recreation Areas in New Developments*, including trail systems, open space corridors and scenic amenities.

Transportation

GOALS

- ▶ Plan for, finance and develop an efficient and safe transportation system consistent with the Future Land Use Plan to accommodate existing and future transportation needs, including the movement of pedestrians, vehicles (including bicycles), goods and services within and through North Yarmouth.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Maintain highway capacity and safety by managing the location, design and number of driveways through a *Driveway Permitting System and Access Management Standards*. Restrict direct access to public roads for lots in subdivisions and other developments. Encourage shared driveways. Require the highest level of access management along Routes 115, 9 and 231 and North Road.
2. *Maintain Traffic Speeds* below posted speed limits by advocating increased enforcement. Seek traffic-calming options for problem areas. Advocate for reducing speed limits in the Village. Consider sharing a local police officer with other municipalities.
3. *Monitor Intersection Capacity* and work with the State to address problem areas, including:
 - a. The intersection of Route 231 and North Road, where Pineland traffic may increase significantly.
 - b. The high accident intersection at Routes 115/231.
 - c. Other intersections, such as the southern Routes 115/9 intersection.
4. Strongly advocate for *MDOT Acceptance and Upgrade of North Road* between Routes 9 and 231 as a state road, and upgrade of the entire length of North Road to support increased traffic.

5. Strongly advocate for analysis of the *Impacts of Pineland* within any development studies. Seek mitigation of these impacts.
6. Require that new/reconstructed roads serving subdivisions and other major developments conform to town *Road Construction and Design Standards*.
7. Consider a policy that the *Town will take over Ownership and/or Maintenance* of privately developed transportation facilities in the Village Center and Village Residential Districts, if requested and if they are constructed to town specifications. Clearly state that the Town will not accept privately built roads in the Farm and Forest District.
8. Continue to provide *Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities*, particularly in the Village Center and Village Residential Districts, and include necessary improvements in the Capital Improvements Program. Advocate for pedestrian and bicycle amenities when MDOT is making improvements, such as the construction of a bike lane along North Road.
9. *Amend the Zoning Ordinance to include Parking, Pedestrian and Bicycle Standards* for subdivisions and other developments in the Village Center and Village Residential areas.
10. *Enhance the Town's Gateways* through signage, landscaping, and other streetscape improvements. Include signage that promotes community events and safety on North Yarmouth roads.
11. Establish a program to plant and maintain *Street and Shade Trees* in the Village Center and Village Residential Districts and along scenic travel corridors.
12. Develop a *Master Plan* for future placement of roads and other transportation facilities within the Village Center and Village Residential Districts.
13. Continue to participate in *Regional Transportation Programs*, such as through the Portland Area Comprehensive Planning Committee (PACTS).

Public Facilities and Services

GOALS

- Plan for, finance and develop an efficient system of public facilities and services to accommodate anticipated growth and economic development. (State Goal)

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Periodically review and upgrade *Town Administrative Capacity* and the provision of Municipal Services and Facilities.
2. *Increase Administrative Staffing* for Land Use Regulation and Enforcement.
3. Develop a new *GIS Mapping and Data System* to support efficient land use planning and code enforcement.
4. Seek a Community Development Block Grant for *Town Office Improvements*, including an elevator for handicapped access to all floors.
5. Review and evaluate *Public Works* physical plant, equipment and personnel levels at least every five years.

6. Consider reducing the cost of *Solid Waste Disposal*, and increasing the cost-effectiveness of *Recycling*.
7. Continue to provide high quality *Fire and Rescue Services* consistent with the changing needs of the community.
8. Consider regional or interlocal approaches to *Increasing Police Coverage*.
9. Continue to support the efforts of the *Yarmouth Water District* to provide clean and relatively inexpensive water. Seek equitable participation in this protection effort from the Town of Yarmouth.
10. Conduct a study, jointly with Yarmouth, to determine the *Feasibility of a Public Sewer System* to protect our water supplies.
11. Work with *MSAD #51* to provide high quality public education through the most cost effective means.
12. Develop and expand upon a variety of ways to *communicate with residents*.
13. Participate in *Regional Programs*, such as the Greater Portland Council of Government's Central Corridor Committee to gain access to state and federal funds and to benefit from cost-efficiencies possible through regionalization.

Fiscal Capacity and Capital Investment Plan

GOALS

► Plan for, finance and develop an efficient system of public facilities and services to accommodate anticipated growth and economic development. (State Goal)

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Maintain an *Up-To-Date and Equitable Property Tax System*.
2. Maintain a *Balanced Capital Investment Program* that utilizes the Capital Equipment Replacement and Facilities Planning Process and the Road Survey and Management System.
3. *Increase Non-Property Tax Revenues* (eg, grants, special assessments, trust funds, user fees and impact fees) to fund municipal services and facilities.
4. *Eliminate the Need for Tax Anticipation Notes* (money borrowed to cover expenses before tax income is received) at the beginning of the fiscal year by establishing an undesignated fund balance, or surplus to cover 2 to 3 months operating costs. Consider changing the Fiscal Year to July 1—June 30, and sending out property tax bills twice a year to improve cash flow.



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