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On the cover:

Our photo shows Herbert and Myra Davis, grandchildren of Capt. John Mountfort, seated on the steps of their uncle Edward and aunt Emma Hayes’ distinctive brick home at 160 Memorial Highway, across from Sweetser Road. The children pose with their toys: a wooden toy wagon, a doll, and wooden blocks on the steps at their feet.

The Hayes’ daughter Eleanor later owned the property where her father was a market gardener, and some of the land became the Eleanor Hayes Town Forest in 1973. From the 1960s to the 1980s, this was a large poultry farm. (Photo courtesy of Dick Baston)

This photo appears in the book Around North Yarmouth by Lincoln J. Merrill Jr. and Holly K. Hurd, published by Arcadia Publishing, 2006. The book is widely available, and may also be purchased at
North Yarmouth, Maine
Annual Report

Fiscal Year 2007
July 1, 2006—June 30, 2007
Town of North Yarmouth  
10 Village Square Road  
North Yarmouth, ME 04097

Dear Friends,

As you gather for your Annual Town Meeting, I welcome this opportunity to share some of the work that has made me proud to represent the people of North Yarmouth and all of Maine in the United States Senate.

As Chairman of the Senate Homeland Security Committee, I am pleased to report that Congress made real progress in 2006 to protect our nation, including major legislation that I coauthored to improve the security of America’s seaports. I also led a bipartisan effort to pass chemical security legislation that, for the first time, requires security measures at more than 3,400 chemical facilities nationwide.

Following the flawed response to Hurricane Katrina, the Homeland Security Committee conducted the most extensive investigation in its history, and I coauthored legislation that reorganizes and reunites the federal government’s preparedness and response capabilities to meet the challenges of all aspects of emergency management.

Congress last year passed many pieces of legislation I authored to improve health care, assist those in need, protect our environment, support our economy and our workers, and strengthen our nation’s defenses. The Older Americans Act includes my amendment to establish transportation services for America’s seniors. I led the successful fight to reject proposed cuts in Medicare home health and hospice payments, and to prevent prescription drug plans from removing a drug from their formulary during the plan year. I have secured increased funding for diabetes and Alzheimer’s research, and for support services for patients and their families.

In 2006, I helped secure a record level of funding for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), and Congress renewed the tax deduction I authored for teachers who spend their own money on classroom supplies and my renewable energy tax credit. The landmark Postal Reform legislation I coauthored will ensure affordable rates and preserve universal service. Major Defense bills include my provisions to help secure the future of Bath Iron Works and the jobs of our skilled shipbuilders.

I remain committed to doing all that I can to address your community’s concerns on the federal level. If I may be of assistance to you in any way, I encourage you to contact my Portland office at 780-3575.

Sincerely,

Susan M. Collins
United States Senator
To: The Citizens of North Yarmouth  
Subject: Reflections on the Legislative Session, ‘Jan 07 – June ‘07

The long session of the 123rd Legislature had many interesting twists and turns. It was marked by an absence of partisan acrimony. Both Republicans and Democrats tried very hard to focus on the issues at hand and leave the rhetoric to a later time.

Key successes and failures as the legislative year progressed to a late June conclusion. They included the following:

• The passage of a $295 million bond package that was broken into several parts (Environmental, Transportation, R & D, Higher Education, Land and Water Access); and sent in three parcels to the voters for their approval. The dates for voter approval are June 2007, November 2007, and June 2008.

• The passage of the FY08-09 Biennial Budget was enacted by a better than 2/3rd majority. Key elements included the elimination of an additional dollar per pack tax increases on cigarettes; flat funding of mental health services facilitated by a restructuring of service delivery; and consolidation of school administrative units from 290 to 80. The budget growth was less than inflation when the increase in K-12 funding mandated by the voter approval of the referendum question regarding same was factored into the figures.

• The passage of a mandatory seat belt law was enacted to replace our existing statute. The old law had relegated the failure to wear a seat belt as a secondary offence. Testimony in favor of passage estimated that it would prevent at least 15 deaths per year on Maine’s highways and a significantly larger number of injuries.

• The key failure was the inability of the legislature to enact tax reform. The proposal, worked on for months by the Taxation Committee, would have shifted taxes away from earned and unearned income to toward consumption. Additionally, it would have shifted more of the burden away from Maine residents over to non residents. Ninety percent of Maine’s nearly 700,000 would have had their tax burden reduced had this package been enacted according to the Maine Revenue Service.

Should you have questions about these or other legislative matters, please call me at 829-6427 or via email at kwturner@yahoo.com. It is my pleasure to represent the citizens of North Yarmouth in the Maine Senate.

Karl Turner
Representing Senate District 11: North Yarmouth, Cumberland, Falmouth, Gray, Long Island, and Yarmouth
Dear North Yarmouth Residents:

I would like to thank you for the privilege and honor of serving as your voice in Augusta. As a freshman legislator, it has been an amazing, eye-opening and exciting experience. I also want to express my gratitude for the many e-mails and telephone calls that I have received during this year. Your thoughts, concerns and ideas for change are always welcomed and truly appreciated. It is through your input that I am better able to represent you.

The first half of the 123rd Legislative Biennium Session completed its work on June 21, 2007 after considering 1,931 bills in 62 legislative days. The Legislature will convene for the Second Regular Session on January 2, 2008.

As your elected Representative, I am committed to working with my fellow legislators to find the best solutions for affordable healthcare, providing quality education for our children and creating an equitable tax system that does not force Maine families out of their homes or simply shift the tax burden. Maine citizens deserve the opportunity to live, work and raise a family in this fine state. Reducing state spending and creating a more business-friendly climate remain top priorities of mine and I will continue during the second legislative session to advocate for a much more efficient state government and to ensure that the Maine Legislature is responsible to its citizens.

Helping guide people who have problems with state government and finding solutions are rewarding and it is always helpful when constituents share their ideas and concerns about state government with me. Please feel free to contact me anytime.

Best wishes for a great year and thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

Meredith Strang Burgess

Representing District 108—
Part of North Yarmouth,
Cumberland, and Long Island
Dear Friends and Neighbors:

Thank you for allowing me the exciting privilege of serving as your State Representative in the 123rd Legislature. I have enjoyed representing the people of North Yarmouth and I look forward to addressing the many challenges that lie ahead. Over the last three years I have been rewarded by many positive interactions through Fun Days, the annual Town Meeting and addressing issues with individual townspeople one on one!

Implementing real tax reform, lowering the cost of healthcare and revitalizing our business climate will remain high on my list of priorities. Too often we hear about another business closing, senior citizens faced with losing their home because of overwhelming property taxes and more of our younger population leaving the state to pursue a successful career. I have served five consecutive years on the Business Research & Economic Development Committee and feel most passionate about lifting the longstanding barriers on the driving engine of business so that our citizens can continue to live, work and raise a family in this great state and feel a sense of prosperity.

Helping guide people who have problems with state government and finding solutions is the part of the job I enjoy most and it is always helpful when constituents share their ideas with me also. Please feel free to contact me at my home, 657-4100 or at the State House in Augusta, 287-1440. If you prefer writing, my home address is 136 Yarmouth Road, Gray, ME 04039. My e-mail is swaustin@maine.rr.com

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Representing Legislative District 109:
Portions of North Yarmouth, portions of
Gray and portions of Pownal
Term expires 12/03/08
**Appointed Town Officials**

**Our Town Office employees:**
Barbara Skelton, Marie Lausier, Rose Napolitano, Debbie Allen Grover, Scott Seaver

**Elected Officials and Representatives**

**Board of Selectmen**
Above. L-R. Report, Page 10
Jeanne M. Chadbourne, Chair, 2007
Patricia K. Hamel, 2007
Carol A. Burgess, 2008
James B. Moulton, 2008
Paul Napolitano, 2009

**Moderator**
Christopher Vaniotis

**Budget Committee**
Gary Bahlikow, 2007
Gary Hatch, 2007
Clark Whittier, 2007
Paul Bird, 2008
Frank Coffin, 2008
Linda Walbridge, 2008
John Cornish, 2009
Michael Delehenty, 2009
Darla Hamlin, 2009

**Cemetery Commission**
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Richard Baston, Chair, 2010
Clark Baston, 2006
David Hyde, 2007
Joy Malloy, 2009
Mark Heath, 2012

**MSAD 51 Directors**
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Polly Frawley, 2007
David Perkins, 2008
Daniel Panici, 2009

**Yarmouth Water District Trustee**
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Guy Watson, 2009

**Administrative Assistant**
Scott W. Seaver

**Town Clerk/Treasurer**
Scott W. Seaver

**Deputy Town Clerk/Treasurer**
Deborah Allen Grover

**Tax Collector**
Scott W. Seaver

**Deputy Tax Collector**
Deborah Allen Grover

**Tax Assessor**
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John O’Donnell, III

**Code Enforcement Officer**
Barbara Skelton

**Fire Chief**
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R., James Malonson

**Road Commissioner**
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Donald J. Chaisson

**Director of Emergency Preparedness**
Richard W. Brobst

**Animal Control Officer**
Chuck Burnie

**Health Officer**
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Eileen Wyatt

**General Assistance Administrator**
Scott W. Seaver

**Representative to ecomaine (previously RWS)**
Richard W. Brobst

**Representative to Prince Memorial Library Advisory Board**
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William Hayes

**Representatives to Cumberland Recreation Advisory Committee**
James Googins, Barbara Hauke
Commissions, Boards, and Committees for FY2007

Planning Board
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Kathryn Dion, Chair, 2010
John Carpenter, 2007
Peter Lindsay, 2008
Steve Morrison, 2009
Clark Whittier, 2011
Paul Turina, Alternate
Vacant, Alternate

Shellfish Conservation Commission
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Rick Baietti, Chair, 2006
Jim Morrill, Vice Chair, 2008
Ralph Doughty, 2006
Harold Hibbard, 2008
Kevin Oliver, alt. 2007
Clifford Small, alt. 2007
Jed French, Council Liaison
Donald Card, DMR Advisor

School Fund Trustees
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Kenneth Allen
Blaine Barter
Clark Baston
Richard Baston
Earle Edwards
Joel Fuller
Richard Lowell
Nelson Smith
Norman Smith

Safe Walk & Bike Ways Committee
Nancy Grant, Chair
Jeanne Chadbourne
Holly Day
Kathryn Dion
Greg Dickson
Sally Hassey
Barbara Hauke
Jeff McEwen
Harry Nelson
Melody Pickett

Zoning Board of Appeals
David Norman, Chair, 2008
Robert Wood, 2007
Alan Corrow, 2010
Thaddeus Day, 2011
Claudia Raessler, 2009
Gary Delisio, Alternate
James Wilson, Alternate

Conservation Commission
Robert Houston, Chair
Kendra Bavor
Alan Fried
Sam Ristich

North Yarmouth Historical Society
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Katie Murphy, President
Eric Austin, Treasurer
Theodore Irwin, Secretary
Ursula Baier
Joyce Gervais
Mark Heath
Holly Hurd
Joy Malloy
Joan Mason
Linc Merrill
Karen Stockmann

Board of Assessment Review
H. Craig Higgins, Chair
Eleanor Carolan
Rob Taisey

Recreation Commission
Mark Robinson, Co-Chair
Cindy Guernsey
Jenny Tuemmmler Co-Chair
Daniel Rose
Kristi Wright

North Yarmouth Events Committee
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Darla Hamlin, Chair
Amy Brown
Cindy Decker
Ron Hamlin
Barb Hauke
Katie Murphy
Harold Stoddard
Roseann Stoddard
Kathleen Taylor
Fred Walsh
Mike Wells
Sandy Wells

Board
william Hayes
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Get involved!
Sign up to serve on a town committee at
www.northyarmouth.org

Future Lands Committee
Lewis Holman, Chair
Cheri Hudson, Chair
Ros Baston
Linc Merrill
Don Smith

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Greetings Fellow Citizens,

The past year has been a year of learning, change, arbitration, but most of all…looking to the future for the Town of North Yarmouth.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Board of Selectmen who worked so willingly and diligent on projects of great importance to this town. They selected smart, hard working, responsible citizens to staff their committees and brought to the Board outstanding information, making the job of decision making much easier.

Two Board members have left us this year. Jeanne Chadbourne served two terms on the Board of Selectmen and Pat Hamel has served one term. Jeanne took a leadership role and for part of a term was Chairwoman. Pat also has taken a leadership role by chairing the very in-depth project on the Pay Per Throw committee as well as serving on several other committees. We thank you both and wish you well in whatever endeavor you undertake.

The year in review starts us off in August 2006 as we executed a Tax Anticipation Note for up to $2.3 million in receipt of taxes for the municipal fiscal year, which commenced July 1, 2006, and ends June 30, 2007.

In September we…

• Implemented a resolution giving the Fire Company authority to close roadways during Fun Day for the purpose of providing public safety.

• Gave the Administrative Assistant, Scott Seaver, authorization to have needed repairs made to the rental house, due to dampness. The money came from the rental income account.

• Authorized the Town Clerk to hold an MSAD 51 referendum election on November 7.

• Accepted a twenty-five foot wide-open space easement from J & A Associates along Route 9 adjacent to the Eagle Ridge Condominium project. This easement precludes any building or filling in the easement except for the right to construct a trail or walkway and to maintain it.

At the annual conference of the International City Manager’s Association in San Antonio, Texas Administrative Assistant Scott Seaver was presented with the very distinguished honor of an award for 25 years of service to our town. Having retained the same Administrative Assistant for all this time is a very unusual occurrence. It has been a privileged to have Scott all these years working for and with the Town of North Yarmouth. Thank you, Scott.

On a side note…it is a very rare experience for a municipality to have so many employees as North Yarmouth has who have stayed with us for so many years. I believe this says a great deal about each of them, the Administrative Assistant, their boss, and for the citizens who they serve. For fear of leaving someone out I will not list their names, but you will find them in many places such as the town office and the public works department. Kudos to each of you for your loyalty and your work ethics!

On the third of October the Board accepted, with shock and sadness, a letter from Scott Seaver announcing his resignation as Administrative Assistant position after June 30, 2007. Scott, we wish you the very best in your next vocation and you will be missed!
The Board adopted the National Incident Management System (NIMS) so that the Public Works Department and the Fire and Rescue personnel could receive training at no cost from Homeland Security.

The fire chief was directed to utilize members of the North Yarmouth Fire Company to conduct educational and training programs within the community for fire safety and for the fire chief to keep constant and open dialogue with the Board.

Later in the month we requested that MDOT review the signage and the speed limit on the newly constructed portion of Route 9 in regards to the safety of pedestrians and drivers. Along with signs that the town erected for NO PARKING on both sides of Parsonage Road up to the Public Works Department driveway the state also complied with most of the Walk Way Committee’s requests.

During the month we also reached an agreement with the Town of Cumberland for plowing the sidewalk on Route 9 from Greely Road to the Memorial School. This was yet another step towards regionalization and cost savings for our town. Consolidation talks are ongoing with Cumberland County officials and other municipal officials to review the possibility of further consolidation of dispatch services, etc. All viable possibilities are being examined.

In November after several meetings and much debate Harmony Hall was granted a license. This license was granted with conditions attached.

Due to Scott Seaver’s resignation I established two committees. One was the Administrative Assistant Search Committee made up of two members of the Board, Pat and myself; two town employees, Debbie Allen Grover and Jim Knight; and three members of the community—Donna Palmer, David Perkins and Chris Vaniotis. They worked from the middle of November to the middle of April with integrity, sensitivity and insight. As the chair of the committee I was very proud to work with each individual and a group who worked so cohesively.

The second committee established was the Wage and Benefit Study for the new Administrative Assistant. This committee consisted of five members, three from the Board—Pat Hamel, Paul Napolitano and myself; and two at-large representatives from the community—George Fogg and Steve Gerlach. The committee put a great deal of examination into facts, figures and comparisons and presented a total compensation package (salary and benefits) of $62,000–$70,000. Again the committee was a delight to work with and I personally thank each of them for their respect of confidential information, ethics and conscientiousness.

Other significant issues were addressed. The Town of Brownfield purchased North Yarmouth’s old tank truck for $4,000. A major erosion problem on Mill Road at the Royal River was identified. Engineer John Kennedy confirmed that the problem had not expanded in any major way, but that some maintenance issues were identified and will be undertaken in the spring of 2007.

In December Darla Hamlin brought to the Board a project suggested by resident Tom Low. The proposal was to place American flags on utility poles in the Town’s Village district. It was proposed that citizens and businesses sponsor each flag. With the Board’s approval, the project went forward and ultimately was very successful. A North Yarmouth Flag Raising Ceremony was held on Saturday, May 19, at Wescustogo Hall. Boy Scouts Anton Zroika and Jake Grandchamp are spearheading the placement and attachment of the flags to the poles by the Boy Scouts. It is so grand to see the young people of the town being involved. On the day of the ceremony, the weather was lovely and the event was well attended. I found it to be a very touching and patriotic event.

Thank you Darla, Tom, Anton, Jake and all those who helped! The committee has now moved on to the second phase of the project. Anyone who would like to purchase a flag in memory of a loved one or to honor a special person may contact Darla.

In mid January a presentation was given to the Board by Jenny Tuemmler, Mark Robinson and other members of the Recreation Commission along with Bob Houston of the Conservation Commission. The group detailed a proposal for trail improvements in the Town Forest and at the Old Town House Park, which was met favorably as a benefit to all citizens of North Yarmouth: walking and hiking trails to encourage everyone to get out and enjoy our beautiful town-owned properties.

At the end of February, Rescue Chief Colleen Robinson presented a request by the Department (by committee) for a paid, part-time Chief’s position. The reasoning behind this is that many times there are no firefighters in town during the day and this person would be available at least some of those hours. It was also noted that there is more paperwork and other duties than in the past. Some discussion ensued regarding a regional fire chief.

An issue that has arisen many times over the years by citizens and Selectmen alike has come up again:
a raise in stipend for the Selectmen. The Maine Municipal Association’s (MMA) records show that North Yarmouth is one of a handful of towns in the State with the very lowest stipend for its Selectmen.

With the year being so busy, one of the goals that I had set for this year did not come to fruition. It is a study for Affordable Senior Housing in North Yarmouth. Four members of the community have committed to tackling this study: Lynette Howard, Leah Mahoney, Janice Selig and myself. We will be looking for a private developer and possibly two other people to join the committee. If you are interested, please contact me. We will hopefully begin working on this issue shortly.

In March we worked on addressing the Fire/Rescue Departments Stipend Program. There had been questions as to where the money was to be spent. The Board told the Fire Chief that the stipend program was for personnel payments only. These payments were to be based upon the agreed program.

In April, Cumberland’s Town Manager Bill Shane explained the Prince Memorial Library’s expenditure in taking care of the mold issues. This drove the previous years expenditures over budget. Due to an error in reporting this year’s budget, the libraries request was reduced by approximately $10,000.

Pat Hamel, Chair of the Pay Per Throw Committee, recommended that the committee was recommending the program along with curbside recycling after at least 12–18 months of public education and development of the specific technicalities of the program. It was also recommended to initially provide each household with 26, 30 gallon bags free. Each bag will cost $3.00 following the initial distribution.

After a State Energy Audit of all Town owned buildings it was voted to start making changes first at the Public Works Department. The initial upgrade will serve to conserve money through the replacement of the garage’s interior lighting.

The Public Works Department will also be receiving a new Freightliner truck for $34,414.00. It was voted on by the Selectmen and by the town at Town Meeting.

In May a Wage and Benefits Study Consultant was hired. He met with the Board on June 5. He will now familiarize himself with the Town’s organizational structure and the duties of each employee. He will also meet with some of the town’s personnel to gain an understanding of their duties. He will compile the data and create a report, which he will present to the Board.

On June 5 the Chair introduced Scott Tilton, the new Administrative Assistant candidate to the Board of Selectmen and to the public attending the Selectmen’s meeting. On July 2 Scott arrived for the challenge of a new job with a smile on his face and a skip in his step! Welcome Scott! The Town looks forward to a long, fruitful and happy relationship.

This year has certainly been a learning one for me as the Chair and I appreciate each of our Select members, our town’s employees and the many citizens who have helped me along the way by giving me thoughtful, kind, constructive insight. We all make errors when we are new at something, and the more we work at something the better we become. Thanks to those who gave me grace and dignity at those times. We all become better human beings because of these types of people.

I humbly thank each of you…and I’m ready for the new journey that awaits us!

The purpose of the Selectmen has been and will continue to be to work solely for the citizens of North Yarmouth.

Respectfully submitted,

CAROL “CANDY” BURGESS
Chair, Board of Selectmen
Report of Administrative Assistant

Since starting work on July 1, 2007, I have had the opportunity to meet many nice people.

As your Administrative Assistant, I am responsible for the day to day operation of the town. My positions include those of Tax Collector, Treasurer, Clerk and Registrar of Voters. Though I hold these offices, none of the work could be accomplished without the town’s employees, who take great pride in serving the community.

I have been working closely with the Board of Selectmen to set goals, establish policies and programs and find ways to save taxpayers money.

I enjoy working here and look forward to many years of service. Should anyone at anytime have a concern, please contact me.

Respectfully Submitted,
SCOTT M. TILTON
Administrative Assistant

North Yarmouth Assessor
2006-2007 Annual Report

In 2006 North Yarmouth implemented a town wide revaluation. Following the April 1, 2006 tax commitment the Town granted four abatements on over 1,700 total properties. The abated valuation amounted to $123,560 on a Town total valuation of approximately $450,000,000. Only one appeal was made to the Town’s Board of Assessment Review. The Board of Assessment Review upheld the Town’s assessment.

Sales ratio studies conducted by Maine Revenue Services in mid-2007 indicate developed properties are assessed at 101%, on average, of fair market value. The Town’s Quality Rating, which is a statistical measure of fairness that is part of Maine Assessment Standards, is 6. The ratings system for the Quality Rating is: 1–10 Excellent, 11-15 Good, 16-20 Fair, and over 20 Poor.

The stellar average ratio of 101% and quality rating of 6, coupled with the miniscule amount of abated valuation, are a reliable indication that tax assessments in North Yarmouth are fair. The fact that there were very few abatement requests indicates that many property owners believe the assessments are fair.

Our annual total tax assessing and mapping budget is $18,600. The Town’s total tax commitment for 2006-2007 was $4,716,625.

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An MSAD#51 Update

Maine School Administrative District #51
Cumberland ~ North Yarmouth

Robert G. Hassen, Jr., Ed.D. ~ Superintendent
Scott D. Poulin ~ Director of Finance, Human Resources and Operations
Ann M. Nunery ~ Director of Special Education
David B. Gailn ~ Director of Curriculum

July 26, 2007

Dear Citizens of North Yarmouth,

It is my pleasure to submit the MSAD #51 Cumberland/North Yarmouth annual report to you the citizens of North Yarmouth. The 2006-2007 year was filled with learning and opportunities and you will find the MSAD #51 web site, www.msad51.org, a rich source of information.

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 attain their personal best.

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. Ensure that each student is effectively engaged in learning, meets or exceeds the District’s Content Standards and Performance Indicators, and progresses towards attaining his/her personal best by:

   - Supporting the District’s ongoing work in curriculum, assessment, instruction and professional development;
   - Measuring the District’s progress towards attaining its mission by collecting, analyzing and sharing data on student performance;
   - Supporting the District’s ongoing measurable goals for student achievement; and
   - Developing and evaluating 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 by:

   - Recruiting, retaining and developing quality staff;
2. Implement accountability systems for providing, assessing and supporting student learning by:
   • Recruiting, retaining and developing quality staff;
   • Encouraging the ongoing development of instructional and administrative leadership;
   • Continuing to use a system of data analysis for decision making; and
   • Continuing the development of long range budgetary goals that take into account community resources and a review of District needs and priorities.

3. Promote community involvement in education by:
   • Improving and expanding the array of communication tools employed by the District;
   • Establishing an ongoing dialogue that acknowledges the impact of community issues on the health of the District;
   • Collaborating with the community to meet student needs; and,
   • Establishing a development office to focus on community connections and resources.

4. Provide a quality learning and work environment to support our educational mission by:
   • Exploring a plan to acquire and fund land for future school space;
   • Renovating Greely Junior High into high school space for use in early 2006 (Phase I); and,
   • Developing plans and securing resources to renovate and construct an addition to Greely High School. (Phase II).

I take this opportunity annually to thank Scott Seaver, the town employees, the selectmen and selectwomen 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 and I hope that we will continue to collaborate and cooperate to find common ground and solve issues that arise. The new Greely Middle School is an outstanding example of what community involvement can do to meet student needs. As always, please contact me at the superintendent’s office with your ideas or concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]
Robert G. Hasson, Jr., Ed.D.
Superintendent M.S.A.D. #51
North Yarmouth Public Works Department
2006 Annual Report

The Year 2006 continued to be a busy year for the Public Works Department. Doughty Road and Parsonage Road underwent drainage improvements and were paved. Due to the significant increase in paving prices last year, our ability to pave more roads was diminished.

Many other town roads received routine maintenance, ditch work and culvert replacement and shouldering throughout 2006.

The winter of 2006 was kinder than winters of the past. Lower snow totals and fewer storms enabled us to achieve some savings by less fuel use, fewer hours of overtime spent, and reduction in the normal amount of materials used for de-icing.

Parks and cemeteries were maintained to a new level of excellence thanks to the efforts Bob Geyer and Earl Edwards. Their diligence and dedication brought much praise from many citizens of the town last year. Thanks, Bob and Earl!

I would also like to take this time to thank the employees of the Public Works Department for their dedication and professionalism throughout the year. I appreciate their willingness to go the extra mile for the Town of North Yarmouth, especially in the winter months.

As we look to the future and an ever growing community, we encourage citizens to contact us directly with any concerns or questions. Your continued support and awareness is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,
DONALD CHAISSON
PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

Cumberland County Sheriff’s Department
FY 2007 Report for the Town of North Yarmouth

Calls for Service

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Congratulations to the seven Greely High School graduates pictured on this page who were each awarded $200 grants in 2006 from the School Fund: Brendon Beote, Cletus Blum, Alyson Byron, Gregory Morrison, Rachel Poulin, Danielle Unron, and Thaddeus Walk.

Our financial accounting for the Fund can be found below.

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. Applications 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 4.30%; matures 12/9/06 .... $38,768.04
12/9/06 withdrawal for: 7 grants @ $200
$25 services and postage
(Norman Smith) ........................................ - 1,425.00
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12/31/06 yearly interest ................................ + 1672.52
$39,015.56
Interest not withdrawn, net gain ...................... 247.52

An eleven month Certificate of Deposit at 4.90% will mature on November 12, 2007. This should give us eight grants of $200 each in 2008.

School Fund members:

Kenneth Allen
Blaine Barter
Clark Baston
Richard Baston
Earle Edwards, President
Joel Fuller
Nelson Smith
Norman Smith, Sec./Treas.
If you have a boat moored in Casco Bay, you should be aware of EPA rulings regarding safe and sanitary removal and treatment of sewage from all vessels. These rulings cover Casco Bay from Cape Elizabeth to Phippsburg and the Fore River and other waterways such as the Presumpscot River, Royal River, Cousins, Harraseeket and New Meadows Rivers. These are “no discharge” areas. Pump-out services are available at Falmouth Public Landing, Handy Boat, Brewers So. Freeport Marina and Strouts Point Wharf, Yankee Marina and Yarmouth Boat Yard, in addition to other service areas in the Greater Portland region.

Another rainy year has brought several complaints of rental properties with mold growth. Mold spores need warmth and moisture to grow. A bleach disinfectant inhibits growth from recurring as long as the area is well ventilated and kept dry. In order to prevent mold re-growth when cleaning carpets using a wet method, adequate ventilation for quick drying is necessary.

With little snow cover, we are experiencing an increase in home mouse invasions. Mice seek indoor warmth, food, and an entrance hole. Plugging the hole with steel wool or something they won’t chew will effectively keep mice out. Holes made to accommodate pipes (propane, water, oil, etc) are often large enough for these small animals to enter. Bird seed, dog food and cat food attract mice; storage of these foods in metal containers is recommended. The Pesticide Control Board (call [207] 287-2731, or visit www.state.me.us/agriculture/pesticides/homepage.htm) recommends using live traps with outdoor release. D-Con can be used by the homeowner as long as they follow the recommended precautions. Current recommendations are to use as little chemical control as possible because of the effect on the environment.

Carefully consider the use of chemicals on your lawn and around your home. Less is better. These chemicals can contaminate Casco Bay and the streams and rivers running into it.

West Nile Virus, borne by infected mosquitoes, showed up again in coastal Southern Maine. For best mosquito control, eliminate standing water breeding grounds on your property. Agitating bird bath water will prevent larvae from developing. Send your children out to play in the rain puddles—stirring up the water—prevents mosquito development.

By Maine law, above-ground outdoor swimming pools must have a 4-ft. enclosure (minus a ladder) or have a gate. This is to prevent accidental drowning of young children. If there is a ladder, it must be removed when the pool is not in use.

If you have a spa or pool, be certain that it has a vacuum release mechanism and cover. Children and even adults have been trapped by the suction when hair becomes entrapped in the system.

If you are considering a new beauty salon, day spa, nail salon or tattoo parlor, consider visiting the establishment to look it over. Ask questions before engaging services. If you have concerns about practices or cleanliness, contact your local health officer or the appropriate Maine licensing bureau. (Nail Techs are licensed by the Board of Cosmetology.)

Two children were seriously injured this year from falling off of floats in parades. A word of warning to parents: make sure your children are properly safeguarded. Don’t take the fun out of it but keep it safe.

Respectfully submitted,
EILEEN WYATT
HEALTH OFFICER
The year 2006 was one of slow growth and expansion of the water system infrastructure. The only addition to the Yarmouth Water District infrastructure was the installation of approximately 3,200 feet of eight-inch water main installed to serve the Highwinds Project off Princes Point Road in Yarmouth. The District also completed the update of its master plan. This plan, first written in 1991, is a comprehensive report authored by a consulting engineering firm. The goal of this plan is to serve as a tool for the District by identifying any areas or needs and making recommendations as to how best meet those needs. Water utility infrastructure typically has a very long life, but is also extremely expensive to install. A long range plan enables the District to meet its customers’ needs in a systematic and cost effective manner. The District has already acted on two of the recommendations of the new plan. The first recommendation was the installation of a new computerized SCADA control system for the operation of the District’s supply and storage systems. The new system was installed in the last part of 2006 and replaced a 20 year old system. The second recommendation was the need to conduct a space needs assessment for the District’s office and shop area. The existing office building was built in 1927 and is quite cramped for space and quite inefficient by modern standards. As a result of that assessment, the District has started the process of planning for a new building to house both the office and operations functions.

District projects for 2007 include continuation of the preliminary design process for the new building recommended as a result of the space needs assessment conducted last year. The District will also be working to complete system improvements in its distribution system by working on completing main loops and installing vents on some of its dead end lines.

The District is pleased to report that it met all water quality testing standards in 2006. The annual Consumer Confidence Report, which contains a more thorough explanation of water testing data, was mailed to all customers in June.

The District would like to take this opportunity to thank Rosalyn Baston who retired in June of 2006 for her twelve years of service as North Yarmouth’s representative on the Board of Trustees. She has been a strong advocate for the interests of North Yarmouth and her presence will be missed. We welcome your new representative, Guy Watson to the Board.

Sincerely,

Robert MacKinnon
Superintendent, Yarmouth Water District
Yarmouth-North Yarmouth Shellfish Conservation Commission
2006 Annual Report

During 2006, the Town of Yarmouth was open to shellfish harvesting for 335 days. Red Tide, or paralytic seafood poisoning, was in effect for only seven of the 30 days that the Town experienced closures. The Committee authorized four new area openings for commercial harvesting and enacted two new regulations. There were also two shellfish surveys conducted that were supervised by members of the Yarmouth/North Yarmouth Shellfish Conservation Committee.

During the year, an estimated 1,778 bushels, or 88,900 pounds, of shellfish was taken from Yarmouth shores. The total value of the catch was estimated at $144,924 with an estimated regional impact of $434,772. Depuration harvesting took place on the Cousins River during the months of November and December. During that time, 25,865.60 pounds of shellfish were removed from the banks of the river. The value of the catch was $31,854.60 and the regional impact was estimated at $95,563.80.

Before the year had ended, the Shellfish Conservation Committee opened the east side of Sea Meadows Lane, Littlejohn Island, Potato Cove, the west side of Cousins Island and the eastern shore of Yarmouth’s mainland to commercial harvesting. During November, the Maine Department of Marine Resources closed the Cousins River to the harvesting of shellfish after reporting high bacteria counts as a result of the exceptionally heavy rainfall experienced during the year. Resulting from the closure, one of the Town’s most prolific commercial harvesting areas is now no longer available. The State also reclassified the area north of the Ellis C. Snodgrass Memorial Bridge as conditional, making approximately half of the Town’s flats unavailable to shellfish harvesting during any Yarmouth Treatment Plant malfunction.

The Shellfish Conservation Committee also enacted two regulations, one dealing with the issue of a harvester, through collusion, aiding illegal activity and the second, creating a mechanism for non-resident recreational diggers to obtain a shellfish license. The former regulation permits non-residents the opportunity to obtain a license through a lottery system if they assist commercial diggers conducting surveys.

There were four reports of poachers harvesting clams in Yarmouth during the year. The reports were received after the incidents occurred, and the incidents took place in the evening or early morning hours, and during extreme low tides.

Yarmouth Police Officer Michael Peacock attended the 2006 Maine Department of Marine Resources Municipal Shellfish Warden recertification training program. The Town took water samples on eight occasions for State water quality testing.

During the year eight warnings and one criminal complaint were issued for shellfish violations. The Committee revoked one resident commercial harvester’s license. During a hearing that investigated the harvester’s claim of residency, evidence was presented that refuted the digger’s assertion that he was a resident of North Yarmouth.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Shellfish Conservation Committee for continued work revising the Town’s ordinance and maintaining access to the Town’s resource, the harvesters for their cooperation, and the Maine Department of Marine Resources for its assistance and support.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles E. Perkins
Marine Patrol Officer
Last year was highlighted by our tree planting projects on town property along Chandler Brook and the Royal River. These projects were completed in partnership with the Royal River Conservation Trust, Trout Unlimited, the Royal River Youth Conservation Corps, Cumberland County Soil and Water Conservation District and Maine Department of Environmental Protection. Both projects focused on planting trees and shrubs in a 100 foot buffer along the rivers to protect the banks from erosion, provide wildlife habitat, protect water quality and promote a healthy aquatic ecosystem.

At the Chandler Brook Preserve the Royal River Youth Conservation Corps (a hard-working crew of seven local students) planted 675 trees and shrubs in the second phase of planting along Chandler Brook. When planting day came during the first week of August, Herb Hamel saved the day by driving his tractor over to the site and mowing the area to be planted. Without his help the Corps would have had to clear the area by hand. Thanks, Herb!

This 1.7 acre planting was funded by a $6,816 grant from the Casco Bay Estuary Partnership that was awarded to the Conservation Commission. Funds were used to purchase the plants, watering equipments and signs.

Another tree/shrub planting project was conducted at our town-owned Old Town House along the Royal River near Route 9. In early August 150 volunteers from the Church of Latter-Day Saints and the Royal River Youth Conservation Corps, with oversight from Curtis Bohlen of Trout Unlimited planted 675 tree and shrub saplings along the river. The saplings were planted in two areas along the Royal River and covered approximately three acres. The areas were posted with ‘No Mowing’ signs to prevent accidental mowing in future years. The survival of the saplings will be monitored this coming year. They will be watered if conditions necessitate.

These river buffer plantings have been a great success and a wonderful example of how several organizations and agencies can work together for a worthy conservation project. A tree/shrub planting is planned for a small portion of Wescustogo Park in 2007. Look for our report next year for an update.

Sam Ristich continued his outstanding environmental education with teachers, students and the public on our Nature Trail and in the Town Forest. Sam conducted monthly nature walks from April through November. These enlightening programs focused on the “wonders of nature” and were open to the general public. Sam continues these monthly walks through the fall, usually on the first Sunday of the month. See our local newspaper The Notes for specific dates and times.

The Conservation Commission hired a local forester to update our forest management plan for the 45 acre Town Forest along Route 9 that abuts the Yarmouth Water District property. This plan updates our 1993 plan and recommends a selective thinning within the next two years, to improve the quality of the stand. As part of our management plan update process we toured the forest with several private foresters and also with foresters from the Maine Forest Service. All of them indicated the forest was in good to excellent condition, showing good signs of continued healthy growth of mature trees and very good signs of seedling/sapling reproduction on the forest floor. We expect we will conduct a thinning harvest during the 2007/2008 winter.
North Yarmouth Cemetery Commission
2006 Annual Report

Congratulations to our Public Works Department for an excellent job well done in the cemeteries. A special thank you goes to Bob Geyer, a town resident and seasonal employee, who has meticulously mowed and trimmed the grass and bushes at all three town cemeteries. Bob has taken great care of our cemeteries and many residents and people passing through have taken notice and made mention of it here at the Town Office. Thank you, Bob!

2006–2007 was a quiet year in the cemeteries. The commission continues the project of replacing the bronze Veteran Flag holders at the rate of twelve a year. Each flag holder cost approximately $30; therefore this is a long-term venture since the cemeteries are not in the moneymaking business.

The commission would like to remind lot owners and family members to plant only annual flowers. Artificial plantings are not permitted, nor are glass vases, shells, figurines, toys, etc. These items cause injury when hit by a mower or timer. The commission will remove flowers, wreaths and other decorations when they become unsightly.

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

Respectfully submitted,
DEBBIE ALLEN GROVER
CLERK OF CEMETERIES

Conservation Commission (Cont’d)

This past year we worked with the Recreation Committee to extend our Nature Trail across Oak Hill Road with a loop trail through the Town Forest. This trail goes through some amazing mature forest stands of huge pines, interesting ravines and bubbling streams. The trail also skirts several vernal pools where frog and salamander eggs can be seen each spring. There are also several stone quarries where stone was harvested for local house/barn foundations. Come out and enjoy the trail! It is accessed from the Nature Trail behind the North Yarmouth Memorial School; for a longer walk start at the Veterans Memorial Park (at the Town Office). The Town Forest Loop Trail also connects to a walking trail on the old abandoned rail bed (part of which is now Town property). Please don’t park on Oak Hill Road to access the trail and please respect adjacent private property.

We reviewed many major and minor subdivisions this past year, and continue to do so in conjunction with the Planning Board and Friends of the Royal River, encouraging respect for our natural resources during new development. We find many of our concerns focus around wetland impingement or degradation, increased impervious surface and associated runoff, conservation land/open space and light pollution. We will continue our review of proposed development in North Yarmouth in an effort to minimize impact on the natural environment in accordance with the Town’s Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinances.

The Conservation Commission is always interested in hearing your concerns for conservation and environmental issues in North Yarmouth. Please feel free to contact us by phone or email (nyconcom@earthlink.net) with any of your concerns or questions on conservation related issues. The Commission welcomes new members interested in conservation in North Yarmouth. Our meetings are generally the Thursday before the Planning Board meetings.

Respectfully Submitted,
BOB HOUSTON, CHAIR
The mission of the North Yarmouth Events Committee (NYEC) is to help the community maintain its small town identity. This is achieved by organizing community events, such as summer concerts on the Village Green and Fun Day, and by encouraging all residents and local businesses to become involved. The committee was formed in late 2003 and hosted its first events in 2004.

Attendance at the 2006 summer concerts increased over previous years. The 195th Army National Guard Band kicked off the season with over 200 people in attendance at the performance.

The committee’s main focus and resources are used during the planning of our annual Fun Day. The 2006 theme “Explore North Yarmouth,” celebrated our town’s new sidewalks. Fun Day 2006 was the committee’s greatest success to date. It featured:

• Grand opening of North Yarmouth’s new sidewalks, with recognition of the Sidewalk Committee and change of the parade route to take advantage of our sidewalks.
• Addition of ten NEW arcade games handcrafted by local resident, Ron Hamlin.
• Pets participation! Dog Agility demonstration and Pet Look Alike contest proved to be popular events.
• Old favorites—the Diaper Derby, Manure Sling, Cribbage and Horseshoe Tournaments were retained.
• Firemen’s Muster, organized by Fireman Joe Brown, repeated for the second year in a row.
  • Over 30 individuals, nonprofit groups and businesses rented tables/booths to earn money or promote their organizations.
  • Fun Day Dollars introduced!
  • Over 80 volunteers pitched in to work on Fun Day.

Fun Day continued on the next day, Sunday, with the Royal River Regatta, when Participants are invited to paddle the Royal from Wescustogo Park to Baston Park. In 2006, participation nearly doubled over the previous year.

In November, a survey was conducted to measure how well NYEC is doing in meeting the community’s needs. The survey results gave the Committee some new ideas and included praise for a job well done. One survey respondent commented about Fun Day that “…The race, game, parade, entertainment, bike path walk, sociability, and the food were all top notch” and that the combination of these venues made for a great day. Many thanks to the 2006 committee (see left) for their efforts on behalf of our town.

The Committee works to encourage and support projects beyond Fun Day. Last year, an important project was launched. In November 2006, NYEC members Darla Hamlin, Barb Hauke, and Harold Stoddard along with local residents Ron Hamlin and Tom Low formed the North Yarmouth Flag Committee. Because of the overwhelming support within the community, there are now 72 U.S. flags flying over North Yarmouth since May; they will fly until Veterans Day in November and raised again in May 2008. The committee is currently seeking sponsors for an additional 85 flags. Once we reach our goal, there will be over 150 American flags flying in town annually from May to November. Become a flag sponsor! Call Darla Hamlin, 221-0340 or Roseann Stoddard, 829-3441.

Respectfully submitted,
DARLA HAMLIN, CHAIR
North Yarmouth Historical Society
2006 Annual Report

Thanks to our members and donors who have helped North Yarmouth Historical Society grow and flourish. In 2006, members renewed their support, new folks joined, and donors contributed artifacts.

In 2006, NYHS received a $2,000 grant from the Maine Historic Records Advisory Board, allowing volunteers to organize the 1850–1960 town records, and nine collections of photos, newspaper articles, manuscripts and ephemera. The work was accomplished by archival supervisors Holly Hurd and Elizabeth Maule and close to 250 hours from eight volunteer workers.

The NYHS Archives was open to the public on the first Saturday of each month. Thanks to volunteers Joyce Gervais, Joy Malloy, Katie Murphy, Tuck Irwin, Holly Hurd, Mark Heath, Joan Mason, Linc Merrill, and Sue Clukey. Mary Bakke and Lorraine Smith volunteered weekly on copying and organizing our collection of newspaper articles clipped by Sue Clukey.

Twelve popular programs were presented in 2006 by NYHS, some in collaboration with Cumberland, Yarmouth, Chebeague Island, and Pownal Historical Societies, and with North Yarmouth Event’s Committee, North Yarmouth Fire Department, and Skyline Farm.

Two town-related histories were published in 2006. Around North Yarmouth, by Linc Merrill and Holly Hurd, was published by Arcadia Press. This richly-illustrated book was researched by the two authors using NYHS resources extensively. In the process, they contributed a significant amount of newly-researched material to our archives. The Church at Walnut Hill, a history of North Yarmouth’s First Congregational Church, also drew heavily from material found in the NYHS archives.

A record number of NYHS acquisitions added in 2006. We have had 47 contributors of multiple items, compared to only 27 donors who contributed in the previous five years. New acquisitions include hundreds of historical photographs and many exciting items including Civil War artifacts—haversack, belt, leather bullet pouch, blanket; a World War II uniform, with cap and medals, a North Yarmouth Dairy milk bottle, an NYFD helmet and badge, many Wescustogo Grange-related items, two authored books, genealogy papers, ledgers, scrapbooks, records from Knight’s Mill, Cedar Spring Farm, and NY Mutual Fire Insurance, a Red Man’s sack, a book from the Hamilton Place Library, and more.

Continuing research by historian-sleuths have made our excellent North Yarmouth Gazette a great read for our members.

Our 2006 members and volunteers are the backbone of our organization. Thanks to you all! We’re very grateful for your support and encouragement.

Respectfully Submitted,
KATIE MURPHY, PRESIDENT
During the past year the Planning Board reviewed several applications for new small businesses or expansion of existing ones. Among the proposals reviewed were a professional office suite, an automotive repair facility, a dog grooming service, several day care centers and a hair care salon. Subdivision applications were not a major part of the activity of the Planning Board in the past year, reflecting the current environment for new residential construction.

The Planning Board continues to refine its procedures using the 2005 ordinance. Next year, the Board will be reviewing amendments to the town’s ordinance in order to insure that it conforms with changes made to the state shoreland zoning ordinance. In addition, the Board has benefited greatly from the assistance of our Code Enforcement Officer.

Finally, the Board has welcomed Paul Turina as an alternate and is pleased to add a new alternate member, Gary Delisio in the coming year. This brings the Planning Board up to its full complement.

Respectfully submitted,
KATHRYN DION, CHAIR

Assessor’s Report (Cont’d from Page 13)

I have been responsible for tax assessing in North Yarmouth since 1984. My company, John E. O’Donnell & Associates, conducts the routine assessing functions. We have eight full time assessors on staff. Six are Certified Maine Assessors. We are proud to maintain fair tax assessments in a very cost effective manner.

Special credit and recognition should go to the Town Office Staff. The staff’s ability to handle the day to day assessing information inquiries is integral to the Town’s successful approach to tax assessing.

Respectfully Submitted,
JOHN E. O’DONNELL III CMA
John E. O’Donnell & Associates
North Yarmouth Tax Assessor
Prince Memorial Library ended FY2007 with 8,170 patrons, an increase of 69 patrons, or 0.75 percent, from FY2006. Cumberland residents, town employees and individuals employed in Cumberland comprise 69.19 percent of cardholders, while North Yarmouth residents make up 29.34 percent of the total. MSAD51 employees, non-residents, institutional borrowers and inactive cardholders account for the remaining patrons.

The library registered 47,638 visits during the year, an average of 204 for each day it was open to the public. Total circulation of catalogued library materials, including books, audios and videos, was 70,853, a decrease of 4.75 percent over the previous year's circulation total of 74,385. In addition to catalogued materials, the library loans periodicals, of which 2,338 were borrowed, and paperback books, the circulation of which is not tracked.

Cumberland residents borrowed 50,578 catalogued materials, or 71.4 percent of catalogued materials circulated, while North Yarmouth residents circulated 16,635 materials, or 23.5 percent of the total.

The circulation of large print books increased nearly 11%. The library’s collection of books, videos and audiotapes now totals 48,222. In addition, the library subscribes to five newspapers and approximately 105 periodicals.

Reference Librarian Elizabeth Tarasevich provides reference and reader services, facilitates the Prince Memorial Library Reading Group, provides Internet training and schedules programming. The Reading Group consists of over 20 members, who keep in touch via email, monthly meetings, and a group entry on the web-based book cataloging network site LibraryThing. The group’s twelve monthly meetings had an average attendance of 14, and discussions ranged from the contemporary Middle East to Nobel Prize winner Orhan Pamuk’s Snow.

Elizabeth instructed 11 people in the use of email and the Internet; an average of two sessions each. She also launched a music series in conjunction with the Arts Alliance of MSAD51. Elizabeth and staff members Pam Copenhagen and Arabella Eldredge coordinate the library’s Passport Application Acceptance program, processing passport applications for the U.S. Department of State. The library processed 486 passport application during FY2007, resulting in $14,580 in revenues.

Youth Services Librarian Jan Hamilton had a number of successful programs throughout the year. 385 children participated in Paws, Claws, Scale and Tales, the 2006 Summer Reading program, up from 369 participants in 2005. Twenty-six young adults took part in the program by acting as volunteer Animal Trainers, with each Animal Trainer contributing two or more hours per week during the six-week program. The program kick-off event saw 746 people visiting the library, and featured an interactive puppet show by members of Girl Scout Cadette Troop #97, a bubble station supervised by youth advisory board members and summer volunteers, face painting, craft events, a petting zoo with Zabby Animal Farm, Dory the dog and other programs. Special events during the Summer Reading program included Mad Science presenting their Fire and Ice show, Nancy Sander and her Roaring Duck Puppets, and Sparks’ Ark, an animal rescue and rehabilitation program run by David Sparks. Weekly programs included story times for infants and children to seven years
The Southern Maine Library District party at the Seaside Trolley Museum in Kennebunkport was the final event of the 2006 Summer Reading Program. Many thanks to all the volunteers, both young and old, who presented workshops or otherwise contributed to Summer Reading program events, and the Friends of Prince Memorial Library, whose financial assistance helped us stage another successful Summer Reading program at Prince Memorial Library.

Throughout the year, 668 children visited the library for Story Time, Toddler Time, and nursery school programs. In addition, Jan visited local schools and nursery schools, where she entertained a total of 1,375 children. Special 2006–07 programs included a Young Adult pizza party in October, a visit by author Lisa Jahn-Clough in November, a Holiday Crafts program in December, two knitting sessions in January, and a Cat in the Hat party celebrating Dr. Seuss’ birthday in March. The library’s annual February vacation magic show featured Peter Boie at Westcustogo Hall, and drew 115 children of all ages. April featured special guest instructor Adam Ogden, who taught more than a dozen children how to make books during his Fold and Twist workshop.

Facility installations during FY2007 included diverters on the roof to improve water drainage, an air cooling system in the staff work room, and a new lighting system for the Cumberland Wing’s central hall. A new Linux based system was installed for public Internet access, Open Office and other programs.

The Friends of Prince Memorial Library provide an invaluable service to the library and the community. They supply the library with memberships to the Portland Museum of Art, the Children’s Museum of Maine and the Maine Wildlife Park, making day passes available to families and individuals. The Friends organize the annual October book sale, assist with the children’s book sale and craft session in February, and contribute financially to children’s programs and other library needs. Library staff would like to thank the Friends of Prince Memorial Library for their generous assistance in offering services to the residents of Cumberland and North Yarmouth. Thanks also go out to the Spicewood Fund of the Maine Community Foundation for its continuing support of the library, as well as to all the individuals who donated money and books.

Prince Memorial Library serves as the community library for the residents of Cumberland and North Yarmouth. Services provided include the loaning of library materials, the use of computers and access to the Internet, and community meeting space. The staff of Prince Memorial Library, including Youth Services Librarian Jan Hamilton, Reference Librarian Elizabeth Tarasevich, Circulation Librarian Sandy McGowan, circulation aides Ann Edwards, Arabella Eldredge and Pam Copenhagen, and pages Betsy Perry, Lindsey Miller and Chris Hayes, looks forward to serving the library’s patrons and the communities of Cumberland and North Yarmouth during the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS C. BENNETT
LIBRARY DIRECTOR
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North Yarmouth Handy Information

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EMERGENCY FIRE AND RESCUE: 911
POISON CONTROL: 871-2381
CUMBERLAND CO. SHERIFF: 911

Town Office ............................................. 829-3705
Town Office Fax ........................................ 829-3743
Code Enforcement Officer ..................... 829-3705
Public Works Department ....................... 829-3274
Cumberland County Sheriff
   Non-emergency .................................... 1-800-482-7479
Maine State Police ................................. 657-3030
Fire/Rescue Non-Emergency Calls .............. 846-3333
North Yarmouth Fire Station ................... 829-3025
Yarmouth Water District ......................... 846-5821
   1-800-482-0730
Animal Control Officer ......................... 829-6391
Cumberland Recreation Dept .................... 829-2208
MSAD #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 .................................................. 8 AM–6 PM
Tuesday ............................................... 8 AM–5 PM
Wednesday ......................................... 8 AM–5 PM
Thursday ............................................. 8 AM–5 PM
Friday ................................................. 8 AM–1 PM

Monthly Meeting Schedule
(subject to change, watch local papers)

Board of Selectmen ......................... 1st and 3rd Tuesday
Planning Board ................................. 2nd Tuesday
Zoning Board of Appeals ......... 4th Wednesday

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