

Resident Advisory Committees

Yarmouth residents have opportunities to play an active role in shaping Town policy by getting involved in one of the Town's many advisory committees. These committees advise the Town Council and Staff on policy, procedures, and initiatives. Committee members serve on a volunteer basis, and in most cases, they serve three-year terms. All applications are reviewed by the Appointments Committee and approved by the Town Council. In addition to those listed here, ad-hoc committees of residents and Town staff are formed as needed to review specific issues and make recommendations to Council. All meetings are open to the public. The Town of Yarmouth does not discriminate on the basis of age, race, sex, religion, creed, national origin, color, physical or mental handicap. Town Council seeks to make balanced and representative appointments to all boards and committees. All applications expire 12 months from submission date unless renewed by the applicant.

Appointments are made by the Town Council. The Appointments Committee — a group of three Town Councilors — reviews all applications for committees, and makes recommendations to the full Council for approval. The current Appointment Committee members are Heather Abbott, David Craig, and Rob Waeldner.

Affordable Housing Committee

The committee works to maintain and encourage the growth of balanced and diverse supply of affordable housing throughout Yarmouth. The committee will make recommendations to Council on policy to promote balanced long-term supply of housing options affordable to each demographic, spanning all incomes and age groups. In this context, affordable housing means dwellings in which the monthly rent or mortgage payments made by the tenants or homeowners does not exceed 30% of household income. Initially, the committee will focus on affordable housing for households with the total annual income between 50% and 80% of the median family income for greater Portland. The committee will study the issues and recommend policies to Town Council, report to Council within six months, do outreach regarding affordable housing, and encourage community input. The committee will consist of 7 members, each of whom will serve a three year term.

Meetings are held: Monthly, 1st Monday

Staff: Erin Zwirko

Council Liaison: Michele Cromarty

Members, Term ends:

Margaret Downing, 2022

Deborah Keefe, 2022

Leigh Kirchner, 2023

Cecilia Guecia, 2023

Steve Morris, 2024

Meghan Casey, 2024

Jay Waterman, 2024

Bike and Pedestrian Committee

This Committee works to enhance and expand the Town's bike and pedestrian networks, working with Community Services, Parks and Lands, Director of Planning, Public Works, and the Town Engineer. The group focuses on education, outreach, maintenance and improvements, identifies opportunities for interconnectivity, and seeks funding from public/private sources to offset costs.

Meetings are held: Monthly, 2nd Monday

Staff: Julie Dubovsky, Assistant Planner

Council Liaison: Michelle Cromarty

Members, Term Ends:

Nancy Martin, 2022

Ben Mather, 2022

Mike Tremblay, 2023

Colin Durrant, 2024

Todd Patstone, 2024

Tina West, 2024

Board of Assessment Review

This board reviews appeals from property owners, and has the power to revise assessments made by the Town Assessor for the taxation of real and personal property within the Town limits. The Board holds hearings, and adopts regulations regarding the procedure of assessment review.

Meetings are held: As needed—no fixed schedule

Staff: Benjamin Thompson, Director of Regional Assessing

Members, Term Ends:

Bertran Smith, 2022

Anita Anderson, 2023

Tom Reinsborough, 2024

Economic Development Advisory Board (EDAB)

This committee advises Town Council and staff on related strategies, programs and policies, and funding sources. Its purpose is to expand the Town's economic, cultural, and civic bases to achieve economic stability through growth, diversity, and quality development, together with providing a positive local climate to attract targeted business, trade, arts, services, people and industry to our community.

Meetings are held: Monthly, 1st Tuesday

Staff: Scott LaFlamme, Economic Development Director

Council Liaison: Rob Waeldner, David Craig

Members, Term Ends:

Deb Wathen Finn (Chair), 2023

Ted O'Meara, 2023

Anita Demetropolous, 2022

Paige Carter, 2022

James Costello, 2024

Bruce Drouin, 2024

Chris Torina, 2024

Adrienne Nardi (Ex-Officio)

General Board of Appeals

This Board, formerly known as the Zoning Board of Appeals, hears variances and appeals from decisions and actions by officials on matters that include Building and Electrical Code, and Ordinances related to Sewage, Flood Plain Management, Stormwater Discharge, Fees and Permits, Special Amusements, Alarm Systems, Emergency Services, Right of Way, and Zoning.

Meetings are held: As needed

Staff: Nick Ciarimboli, Code Enforcement Officer

Members, Term Ends:

Samuel Carter, 2022

Tom Marjerison, 2023

Phil Ahrens, 2024

Jennifer Peters, 2024

Craig Wolff, 2024

Harbor and Waterfront Committee

This board advises Town Council and Harbormaster on issues related to the use, access, and protection of harbor facilities including launch ramp, parking area, navigational aids, rules of conduct for boaters, assignment of mooring spaces, channel dredging, public piers, floats, and wharves. Activities do not include Chebeague Transportation Co., private facilities, or marine resources conservation management.

Meetings are held: Monthly, 4th Tuesday

Council Liaison: Randall J. Bates

Staff: Will Owen, Harbormaster

Members, Term Ends:

Alan Dugas, 2022

Christine Force, 2022

Scott Dugas, 2023

Roger Snow, 2023

Matt Stevens, 2024
Peter Van Allen, 2024
Thomas Henninger, 2024
Stewart Hunt, 2024

Historic Preservation Committee

The five-member Committee will conduct the Historic Preservation Review Process, which is outlined in Chapter 701, Article X in the Town Code. This is an advisory committee, providing guidance to the Planning Board, Town Council and residents. The Committee will meet once a month or as needed. The ordinance calls for the committee members who have interests in history, architectural history, architecture, landscape architecture, planning, engineering, archeology, law, and building construction professions, as well as at least one resident who lives in one of the designated Historic Districts. [Learn more here.](#)

Meetings are held: TBD

Staff: Nick Ciarimboli, CEO

Members (Terms End)*

Ed Ashley

Philip Bean

Bruce Butler

Greg Paxton

Sue Devine

**New committee. Staggered terms have not yet been established.*

Investments Advisory Panel

This committee maintains vigilance over the investment strategy and management of the Town's Trust Funds, and reviews fees, reporting formats, income goals, and beneficiary payment practices.

Meetings are held: Semi annually; April and October

Staff: Dawn Madden, Finance Director

Town Council Liaison: Randall Bates

Members, Term Ends:

Tred Mcintire, 2024

Drew Oestreicher, 2024

Vacancy

Parks and Lands

This committee advises the Town on issues related to the stewardship, coordination, care of Town open space, conservation lands and pedestrian trails, excluding sidewalks

and pedestrian ways directly associated with roads and highways and maintained by the Public Works Department.

Meetings are held: Monthly; 1st Wednesday

Staff: Erik Donohoe, Parks Specialist

Town Council Liaison: Tim Shannon

Members, Term Ends:

Mary Thorp, 2022

Lisa Small, 2022

Clyde Hodgkin, 2023

Vance Brown, 2023

Ron Dupuis, 2024

Josh Royte, 2024

Joseph Noel, 2024

Planning Board

The Planning Board reviews and approves all major site plan review applications, subdivisions, requests for waivers under Character Based Development Code, recommends to the Town Council regarding proposed amendments to local zoning and other land use regulations, the Capital Improvement Plan and the comprehensive plan, and other related duties.

Meetings are held: Twice Monthly; 1st and 3rd Wednesday, plus site walks.

Staff: Erin Zwirko, Town Planner

Members, Term Ends

Andrew Bertocci, 2022

Mary Lynn Engel, 2022

Hildy Ginsberg, 2022

Janet Hansen, 2023

Jerry King, 2023

Tony Cowles, 2024

Wendi Holden, 2024

Program Advisory Committee

This committee advises YCS, Town Council and the School Committee about the acquisition, management, and use of Town lands and facilities for school and community athletics, playgrounds, and recreational programs. This includes: athletic fields and courts at Rowe School, Yarmouth Elementary School, Harrison Middle School, Yarmouth High School, skating pond, and all outdoor basketball, tennis, volleyball courts, ball fields, Nan Jones Kimball & Applewood Farms playgrounds.

Meetings are held: Monthly, 4th Monday

Staff: Mike Caron, Assistant Director of YCS

Town Council Liaison: Michelle Cromarty

Members, Term Ends:

George Giese, 2022

Laura Rigby, 2022

Nick Popoff, 2022

Jennifer Bessey, 2023

Jen Van Allen, 2023

Emily Bryson, 2024

Leigh Kirchner (Aging in Place)

Lerner Abdoukader Weiss (Student)

Vacancy, 2024

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Recycling Committee

This committee reviews and recommends policies and procedures regarding the Town's recycling process. The Committee promotes public awareness, as well as cost effective, environmentally sound and sustainable solid waste and recycling management practices.

Meetings are held: Monthly; 3rd Wednesday

Staff: Erik Street, Public Works Director

Town Council Liaison: Tim Shannon

Members, Term Ends:

Vacancy, 2022

Liz Porter, 2023

Cynthia Foss, 2023

Joseph Noel, 2023

Andrew King, 2024

Alan Lambert, 2024

Diane Nichols, 2024

Laney McDonough, student

Alice Donahue, student

Committee for Energy Efficiency and Sustainability

The Committee for Energy Efficiency and Sustainability (CEES), formerly the Renewable Energy & Sustainability Committee, is a citizens' advisory committee that was established in 2018 to facilitate and carry out programs related and disseminate information to residents regarding renewable energy and sustainability options, collaborate with nearby communities, and make recommendations to the Yarmouth

Town Council for energy conservation and renewable energy projects.

Meetings are held: Monthly, 2nd Wednesdays

Staff Liaison: Scott LaFlamme, Economic Development Director

Town Council Liaisons: Heather Abbott

Members, Term Ends*

Kurt Adams

Bill Dunn

David Ertz

Chuck Parker

Scott Sheriff

Mike Sears

Peter Fromuth

Megan Hellstadt

Anna Siegel, student

**New committee. Staggered terms have not yet been established.*

Rental Dwelling Advisory Committee

The purpose of this Committee is to address housing insecurity in the Town; to minimize the potential adverse impacts of un-noticed or short-notice rent increases.

Staff Liaison: Erin Zwirko

Town Council Liaison: David Craig

Members, Term Ends

Pat Farell, 2022 (Tenant)

Trevor Herring, 2022 (Landlord)

Cathy O'Neill Gibbons, 2023 (Landlord)

Kathleen Estabrook, 2023 (Tenant)

Carrie Martin, 2024 (Landlord)

David Hodgdon, 2024 (Tenant)

Craig Wolff, 2024 (At Large)

Shellfish Conservation Committee

This committee conducts studies and recommends programs for shellfish resource management. It recommends openings & closures of harvesting areas, sets limits of recreational & commercial harvesting licenses, hears appeals of license suspension. The ordinance calls for 3 members from Yarmouth, and 3 from North Yarmouth.

Meetings are held: Monthly; 1st Tuesday

Staff: Will Owen, Harbormaster/ Shellfish Warden

Town Council Liaison: Randall Bates

Members, Term Ends

Judy Colby-George, 2023 (Yarmouth)

Ben Tupper, 2023 (Yarmouth)

Brandy Adams, 2022 (Yarmouth)

Len Kaminou, 2024 (North Yarmouth)

Stephen Demelle, 2023 (North Yarmouth)

Kevin Oliver, 2024 (North Yarmouth)

Tree Advisory Committee

The mission of this Committee, established in February 2022, is to promote the conservation and stewardship of trees along the town roadways and lands, and provide education, information, and to help the public and private sectors understand and maintain tree health and proper tree care. The committee will advise the Town Council, staff, boards, committees, and the public concerning the maintenance, protection, and enhancement of town trees.

Meetings are held: TBD

Staff Liaison: Karyn MacNeill

Members, Term Ends*

Susan Prescott

Rebecca Rundquist

Lisa Small

Scott Couture

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ELECTED OFFICIALS

Members of Town Council, School Committee, and the Yarmouth Water District are elected by Yarmouth voters each June. To learn more about each of these groups, click the links below.

[Yarmouth School Committee](#)

[Yarmouth Town Council](#)

[Yarmouth Water District Board of Trustees](#)