

## **YARMOUTH VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY**

### **FALL 2017 NEWSLETTER**

**Upcoming programs – not to be missed – put on your calendar now!!**

**Tuesday, October 3 – 10 AM.....**Welcome back Coffee hosted by Christie Harriman at 49 Westcustogo Point Road. Please bring a friend or neighbor who you would like to have us meet. Christie suggests car pooling because of limited parking. Her road is the last left turn before the Cousins Island bridge. There also is some parking under the power lines and then a short walk to her home. She is the last house on that road and it is white. We will enjoy seeing each other and have updates on the sale of the Depot, as well as upcoming projects.

**Tuesday, November 7 – 11AM.....**Town Hall meeting room. Come and meet K-9 Matrix. Officer Joshua Robinson will introducing us to Matrix and tell us about training and working with Yarmouth's Public Safety new addition, Matrix, a very handsome dog and of course, very smart!!. NOTE, new time for VIS meetings held at Town Hall, 10:30 for social time, program 11AM –Noon.

Program Committee is looking for members who have a craft or a particular interest they could share at our March meeting. Please let Liz, Bonnie, Maggie or Carolyn know by Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>. Liz telephone is 847-3561.

December 12<sup>th</sup> will be our annual Holiday Lunch with gift wrapping of gifts for youth. Information about this popular event will be out in early November.

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The VIS received a very nice gift in early August from the Kennebec Savings Bank. We were presented a \$1,000 check to support the VIS's efforts to make Yarmouth an attractive town in which to live, work and play. We were surprised and pleased to receive this donation celebrating the bank's opening in Freeport.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY FOR VIS MEMBERS TO STAFF AN UPCOMING YARMOUTH PROJECT.....** Read on to learn about it and sign up.

Starting late this fall and early next spring volunteers will be needed to assist in an Architectural Survey of Yarmouth. Volunteers will be used to photograph and for data input in the survey area, primarily what is known as the “village core”. The project will be supervised by a historic preservation professional and all volunteers will receive training and assistance from this professional. The project represents the first phase of a multi-year initiative to document historic architectural resources within the Town. Yarmouth recently received a grant from the Maine Historic Preservation Commission for this project. The amount of the grant is to be matched with volunteer hours from the Town’s planning department and community organizations as the Yarmouth Historical Society and the Village Improvement Society and local citizens active in the field of historic preservation.

This project was proposed by a subcommittee of the Town’s Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee, created to interpret and implement the 2010 Comprehensive Plan’s ten year vision for the town. The first phase for which the Town received the current grant is to be completed by September, 2018. Currently the subcommittee is in the process of employing a professional to administer the project. It is anticipated that volunteers will begin work in the late fall with the photography of individual structures in the selected survey area. In the late winter into spring data entry will be done by teams of volunteers using specific forms for which they will have instruction as to proper information. The 1974 architectural survey conducted by the Yarmouth Village Improvement Society will be reviewed and updated as part of this project.

This is an opportunity for our members to be a part of a community project that is based on the community’s pride in its historic character exemplified by the village center and the historic homes, civic structures and commercial buildings.

Please contact Linda grant to sign up to volunteer: [lsgrant866@aol.com](mailto:lsgrant866@aol.com)

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**CAR WASH TO BE HELD AT THE RAILROAD DEPOT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>, 10AM TO 2PM. This is a fundraiser for the High School Field Hockey team, \$10 is suggested donation for a wash by team members. We are pleased that we could share our location with them. So plan to stop by and support their effort.**