

## Yarmouth Village Improvement Society

### President's Report for 2019 - 2020

*September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020*

The trustees of the VIS began the year determining the future course of the VIS. In 2021, many trustees are due to leave due to our charter. Carol Wishcamper, a consultant and facilitator, worked with the board to help guide us through our discussions and help set our direction of what we needed to do. It was decided to stop Programs and concentrate on working with Carol Wishcamper. Monthly meetings were held with Carol and a meeting with Membership was held in November to find out from members their thoughts on VIS proceeding. The next step was to work on publicity and work towards a meeting with the Community at Large and Town officials as well as people from local groups to hear their input and thoughts of VIS and how VIS can proceed. Kelly Tillinghast, trustee and our newest member provided the VIS with an in depth history of the VIS and their projects and many pamphlets of this was published and provided at the community meeting as well. An article about VIS and it's future was written by Pamela Adams for the newspapers. This meeting took place at the end of February and VIS trustees worked with Carol to go over the results of this meeting. In March, a worldwide pandemic of the CO-Vid 19 virus began and plans for everyone changed drastically. Schools, businesses, church services shut down to slow and stop the spread of this virus. Slowly, things have re-opened, but meetings have changed to being on the computer or phone. As of this writing there are still restrictions in place. Our Annual Meeting in June has been postponed and our voting for Trustees and Officers has been by electronic mail. The Trustees continue their work on the future of VIS as of this writing.

- We were able to have our Holiday Gift Wrap and Luncheon and that was a success thanks to our members in December. This supported over fifty families for Project Holiday.

- Donations were given to support the end of Childhood Hunger to Full Plate Full Potential and Lunch Crunch.
- A \$1000.00 Scholarship award was presented to High School Senior, Audrey Goessling for her essay on volunteering. We received several essays from excellent applicants who value and volunteer for the community. The spirit of volunteering is alive and well!
- The second floor of the OMH was re-plastered.
- There were not any services at the OMH this summer of 2020, but in the Fall of 2019, the Royal River Players held Stroll Haunted Yarmouth at the OMH.
- Linda Grant has been our liaison to Yarmouth Arts Alliance for the past 5 years and will be leaving that work. We thank her for being our liaison to YAA. Linda was very much involved with the Mailbox Fundraiser for YAA that VIS supported and participated in. Laurie Broberg has volunteered to be our liaison with YAA and that is very much appreciated.

Hopefully, we are able to have a Board Meeting this September in person with our face masks and social distancing at the OMH. Our interests continue with Latchstring Park, the Streetscape of Main St. and whatever else pertains to our Mission for Yarmouth VIS as well as the course of VIS.

Thank you to all our dedicated Trustees and Members!

Elizabeth Marin, President