

As his winters freed up over the last 15 years Wayne began to turn his energies to serving the town and his neighbors in a different way. Wayne has served as a Greensboro School Board member 12 plus years (several of which he was the Chair), and served on the Hazen Board as the Greensboro rep in that period as well. And of course as part of those boards he was on various committees, helping negotiate teacher contracts, serving on a tech committee, and helping to hire principals and Superintendents. If you talked to him during those years he could go on about school board business for some time, but he always comes back to “what was best for the kids”, always. He has been on the Zoning Board for several years, and has served a brief stint on the Hardwick Electric Board. He has also been involved with the library.



Wayne does not seek out praise or award for his efforts, but he certainly deserves it, and a grateful Greensboro community is only too happy to say “thank you for all your work”.



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Wayne George Young is a practical minded, tough, no-nonsense person who works hard to gets things done, with a deeply compassionate, caring and nurturing soul. Anyone who has seen his flower gardens or seen him with his grandchildren would recognize this instantly. He has a keen sense of what is fair and sensible. His opinions are thoughtful and practical, which combined with his common sense is the reason he has been sought out for so many boards over the years. He is the hardest working person many have ever known. He does not ask anyone to do anything he himself would not do. He is quick to smile and laugh, and slow to anger, though wasting time and money or thinking only in the short term is sure to catch his attention.



Wayne George Young was born in Irasburg, Vermont to Ruth and George Young in 1947. Wayne grew up on the family dairy farm picking stone (lots of stones), throwing hay and other chores. Wayne put himself through college, attending Vermont Technical College and graduating with a degree in Agricultural Science. He returned to the family farm before joining the Marines in 1970. He served a year in Vietnam as part of the artillery unit called the “Goofy Grape”. He was stationed at several firebases in the Da’Nang area including “Ryder” and “Baldy”, both of which he returned to visit in 2012 with his family.



Wayne married Mary Elizabeth Frantz in 1972 and they settled in Greensboro soon after. They have lived in the same house since that time. The gardens surrounding their home are well-known. They raised two children, Aaron Wayne Young and Adam Joseph Young, and now have four grandchildren, Orion, Eliza, Dante, and Bodhi.

The grandchildren love to visit Grandpa and get rides on the mower or the tractor. Saying goodbye to the grandkids will often bring a tear to his eye.



Wayne’s primary occupation has been as a landscaper and gardener, or grounds keeper. He has been in that line of work for more than 35 years. He is a largely self-taught “master gardener” who can spout more Latin than most clergy these days. His handy work can be seen all over Greensboro, around the lake and beyond, if you know which yards to peek in. In the winters, Wayne has been a part of many of the local institutions, working one winter helping to build the Greensboro Nursing home, working in Willey’s store, washing dishes and packing ski trails for the Highland Lodge (almost 15 years), and even plowing roads working for the town crew in 1976.