



# GOULDSBORO NEWSLETTER



DECEMBER 2015

## SELECTMEN/TOWN MANAGER

The town will be having a Christmas tree lighting in front of Dorcas Library on December 1<sup>st</sup> beginning at 4:30pm with the lighting taking place at 5:00pm. Refreshments will be served in the Library. Please bring your families and join us for some holiday cheer.

We are continuing to encourage citizens to submit written comments to the town on the possible uses of the generous \$250K bequest of Jeremy Strater. Any and all comments or ideas are welcome.

The town is continuing to put out to bid several tax acquired properties. The next will be the property at 4 Dyer Lane, which will be advertised with a minimum bid of \$10,200. Please call the town office with any questions.

Our appeal to FEMA concerning the new flood plain maps has been formally completed. Gouldsboro fared well overall with the work of Ransom Engineering who handled our appeal. For any questions or clarifications, please contact the town manager or code enforcement officer at the town office, 963-5589.

*The town office will be closed at noontime on Thursday, December 24<sup>th</sup>.*

We had another successful Veterans dinner this year. The volunteers were amazing, pitching in to help with anything that needed to be done. We were assisted by a couple of young students who did an outstanding job. We want to send out a special thanks to Winter Harbor Co-op for their generous donation and Winter Harbor Food Service, Young's Market, Bayside Grocery Store, Mc's Market, Chases Restaurant and the Pickled Wrinkle for the donations of food and again to all the wonderful volunteers for the prep work, serving and clean up assistance.

## CODE ENFORCEMENT

Permit Activity 10-22-2015 Through 11-19-2015

NEW CINGULAR WIRELESS	ROUTE 186	CELL TOWER	S.SCOTT	65 EAST SCHOODIC DRIVE	ENCLOSURE
I. COTE	889 POND ROAD	FOUNDATION REPAIR	J. YOUNG	CROWLEY ISLAND ROAD	DRIVEWAY
SEASIDE LANDSCAPING	381 US ROUTE 1	ADDITION EXPANSION	J. KEEN	WEST BAY ROAD	RESIDENCE
A. SCOTT	240 E. SCHOODIC	SHED	E.WHITAKER	164 GUZZLE ROAD	GARAGE



## TOWN CLERK

You can get new hunting and fishing licenses (2016) after Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> as well as state registered boat stickers. \*\*\*2015 documented boat registrations are due by December 31<sup>st</sup> and 2016 documented boat stickers are available after Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>. \*\*\* **Dogs must be licensed by December 31<sup>st</sup>.** \*\*\* Snowmobile stickers are available now for 2016.

## SHELLFISH COMMITTEE

Two conservation projects were completed, one on 10/18/2015 and one on 11/1/2015. We moved/transplanted approximately 5-6 bushels of sub-legal clams by permit from DMR. The clams came from the prohibited area in Birch Harbor to Newman Cove. This project was done with hopes of providing a source of clam spat for one entire shoreline. Newman Cove will remain closed until Jan. 1, 2017.

## VETERANS COMMITTEE

The Gouldsboro Veterans Committee extends heartfelt thanks and appreciation to those who honored, donated, prepared, participated and attended the Veterans Day dinner and ceremony at the Prospect Harbor Women's Club building in Prospect Harbor on November 11<sup>th</sup>. *'Thank You!' to the Pickled Wrinkle Restaurant in Birch Harbor and the Blair Glass Art in Winter Harbor for honoring veterans by giving discounts to them during the month of November. It is gratefully appreciated by those who served in the military.*

## **TRASH WILL BE PICKED UP ON CHRISTMAS EVE**

Recycling is picked up on Wednesday, trash is picked up on Thursday, both must be curbside by 7:00am.

## ACADIA WOMENS CLUB

The Acadian Community Woman's Club, a civic group, serving the towns of Gouldsboro and Winter Harbor, will have a couple of fundraisers for their Community Aid Fund on the Annual Holiday Shopping Night, Thursday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. There will be a Chili Supper at the Masonic Hall on School Street beginning at 4:30 with a variety of chili to choose from along with homemade cornbread and desserts. The club will also have a table at the Craft Fair; selling raffle tickets for the "Tower of Games & Puzzles". Prior to the Shopping Night, the tower will be on display at the Pickled Wrinkle Pub; tickets may be purchased there. Also at the Pickled Wrinkle, community members may choose an item from the Angel Tree to purchase a gift for a child in need. The A.C.W.C. members really appreciate the community's support in all our efforts. Happy Holidays!



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### MITTEN TREE

Beautiful mittens and even hats are appearing from our generous local talent. If you knit or crochet, we welcome your creations for the Peninsula School mitten tree again this year. Please bring mittens to the Gouldsboro town office by Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>, or contact Nancy Hill for pick up at 963-2623 Thank you!

### RSU 24 REPRESENTATIVE REPORT Alison Johnson – 963-4147 or 460-6828

A lot has been happening with RSU24 schools this fall and I am learning a great deal serving as Gouldsboro's school board representative. We are back to a smaller district, under new leadership, and I am hopeful for increased community engagement. Board meetings are closer and we have continued to hold meetings at each school location to encourage greater attendance. Our staff is working hard to transition our schools to a Proficiency Based system and, after attending the MSMA conference in Augusta last month, I'm certain we are well ahead of the curve. It is, has been, and will continue to be a bumpy road as we forge ahead as significant change does not come easy. I would urge patience as this process continues as there are challenges for all involved. We have dedicated staff working hard to adapt and provide the best education possible for our students. Please remember this when you see them and thank them for their work. I do hope to see more residents attending our board meetings. I welcome the added perspective and discussion provided by community input. I can be reached at: [ajohnson@rsu24.org](mailto:ajohnson@rsu24.org) .

### LOBSTER FEST

Start planning your float for the 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Lobster Festival parade with the theme: “Party like a Lobstar!” Trish Drost has agreed to chair this year’s parade and she is planning a fund raising raffle at the PTC craft fair on December 3<sup>rd</sup> in Winter Harbor. Bottles can be left at the South Gouldsboro Redemption Center to benefit the parade fund. The next meeting of the Lobster Festival committee will be December 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at the Winter Harbor Town Office. The committee is seeking someone to plan entertainment for the festival and the group welcomes anyone interested in helping with this event.

### DORCAS LIBRARY

**Every Thursday @ 4:00pm – STEAMERs – Exploring Robotics** - Recommended for ages 12 and up. Charlie Pomaski is offering instruction in robotic design and programming. Join us for some fun as we explore building robots with found objects. **Every Saturday @ 10:30am – Stories & Fun** - Our team of volunteer readers wants to help your child develop the literacy skills necessary for success! Dynamic storytelling, with audience participation, singing, and movement, improves a child’s ability to listen, to speak, to recognize vocabulary words, and to recognize patterns in language and in pictures. More importantly, story hour is just plain fun and sometimes silly! This encourages a child to enjoy language, which in turn encourages them to enjoy learning- recommended for ages 2 and up. **First Tuesdays [DEC 1] @ 6:30pm – Game Night**-We meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm, and learn a new game each month. Feel free to bring your favorite board game to share. Suggestions? Call Pat at 963-7182. **Tuesday, December 1 @ 5:00pm – Gouldsboro Community Tree Lighting** - The beautiful Dorcas spruce will light up the sky to help us kick off our mid-winter festivals and celebrations. Join us in the library for refreshments and merriment! **Tuesday, December 8 @ 6:30pm – Penobscot: Ancestral River, Contested Territory** - Join us for a special showing of the local interest documentary film *The Penobscot: Ancestral River, Contested Territory*. [NOTE: The library will remain open during the showing, but some collections may have limited access.] **Dorcas Library’s book discussion is on hiatus until March!** The book selection for March is *The Moor’s Account*, by Laila Lalami. **Fourth Tuesdays [DEC 22] @ 4pm – Exploring Genealogy** -Join us as we explore new ways to research our family history using a variety of online and print resources. Whether you are an experienced researcher or a “relative newcomer” you are always welcome! **HOLIDAY HOURS:** The Dorcas Library will be closed on Christmas Eve, and will close early, 4:00pm, on New Year’s Eve.

### SCHOODIC INSTITUTE

The Winter Harbor Marina is going to be leased by the institute to create the “Schoodic Marine Center”. This will support the science and education goals providing long-term access to and from the ocean and the opportunity to fully develop Schoodic Institute’s marine research & education program. **ACADIA WINTER FESTIVAL**-February 26-March 6, 2016, check the website at [www.schoodicinstitute.org/events](http://www.schoodicinstitute.org/events).

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS & MEETINGS (DECEMBER 2015)

Tuesday	1 <sup>st</sup>	Planning Board Meeting – Town Office	6:00pm
Tuesday	1 <sup>st</sup>	Gouldsboro Community Tree Lighting – Dorcas Library	5:00pm
Tuesday	1 <sup>st</sup>	Game Night – Dorcas Library	6:30pm
Thursday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Selectmen’s Meeting – Town Office	6:00pm
Thursday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Chili Supper – Masonic Hall, Winter Harbor	4:30pm
Thursday	Every	STEAMER’s –Exploring Robotics – Dorcas Library	4:00pm
Saturday	Every	Stories & Fun - Ages 2 and up – Dorcas Library	10:30am
Tuesday	8 <sup>th</sup>	“The Penobscot: Ancestral River, Contested Territory” Dorcas Library	6:30pm
Thursday	10 <sup>th</sup>	Lobster Festival Planning Meeting – Winter Harbor Town Office	7:00pm
Tuesday	15 <sup>th</sup>	Planning Board Meeting – Town Office	6:00pm
Wednesday	16 <sup>th</sup>	Shellfish Committee Meeting – Town Office	6:00pm
Thursday	17 <sup>th</sup>	Selectmen’s Meeting – Town Office	6:00pm
Monday	21 <sup>st</sup>	Deadline for January Newsletter Submissions	
Tuesday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Exploring Genealogy – Dorcas Library	4:00pm
Thursday	24 <sup>th</sup>	Town Office Closing at Noon	
Friday	25 <sup>th</sup>	Town Office Closed	
Thursday	31 <sup>st</sup>	NO Selectmen’s meeting	
Friday	1 <sup>st</sup>	Town Office Closed – New Year’s Day	