



GOULDSBORO NEWSLETTER



FEBRUARY 2018

SELECTMEN/TOWN MANAGER- There will be a community presentation done by the Gouldsboro and Winter Harbor Police Departments presenting a proposal to merge the departments and create one Schoodic Peninsula police force. The event will be held on February 21st 6pm at the Prospect Harbor Women’s Club. We encourage all Gouldsboro citizens to attend and learn more about this exciting proposal that could appear on the warrant at this year’s town meeting. With some recent cold temperatures the town’s “Power Fund” for low-income residents needing heating assistance has seen increased demand. This fund has proven vital for many Gouldsboro families in helping them keep warm during the winter. We would encourage anyone interested in donating to the fund to please stop by the town office or a check can be mailed written to “Gouldsboro Power Fund.” We thank everyone in advance for their generosity. In last month’s newsletter we extended our thanks and appreciation to Richard Diehl for his help in getting the lights on our town Christmas tree. In addition, we would like to also thank Genio Bertin who contributed his time and effort to the event alongside Richard. Both of these gentlemen have been critical to this event’s success! Town Manager, Bryan Kaenrath, will be holding another session of “open office hours” on February 22nd from 3-5PM. All are welcome to attend to express their views on town government!

TOWN CLERK- All dogs that have not been registered by January 31st are now subject to a state mandated late fee of \$25 plus the normal licensing fee of \$6, if spayed or neutered, or \$11 if not. If your dog is deceased, please call us and let us know. ***REMINDER*** The Town Office will be closed February 19th in observance of President’s Day.

RSU 24 SCHOOL BOARD- Well, the winter weather has certainly been wreaking havoc on our school calendar. We have exceeded the "snow days" built into the calendar and, without any further cancellations; the final student day will be June 14th. The Sumner Memorial High School building project is moving along. There has been a fair amount of behind the scenes work going on to gather input from students, teachers, support staff, parents and community members. The RSU Board of Directors voted to move forward with the current Sumner location as the proposed building site, which will be submitted to the state. In addition, on February 6, the Board will decide whether to include grades 6-8 in the new building project. If you have any interest in including these grades as part of the new building, please feel free to attend the meeting, which starts at 6:30 at the District Services Facility. Budget workshops for the 2018-2019 budget will be starting next month. Those meetings will take place on February 28, March 14, and March 28, starting at 6:30 at the district office. The community is encouraged to attend. A reminder that our schools will not be open during the week of February 18th as that is our vacation week. As always, should you have comments or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact the superintendent at meastman@rsu24.org or call 422-2017.



POLICE DEPARTMENT- We would like to welcome our new full-time patrol officer, John Shively, to the Gouldsboro Police Department. John grew up in Raymond, Maine and attended college in Massachusetts obtaining a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice. He served in the US Marine Corps Reserves and deployed to Afghanistan. He is a current member of the National Guard as a medic. John has previously worked as a summer reserve officer for the Wells Police Department. John is currently attending the 34th Basic Law Enforcement Training Program at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy in Vassalboro, Maine with an expected graduation date of May 2018. ***REMINDER*** Please call Hancock County Dispatchers at 667-8866 for any issues and non-emergencies - this will immediately start a paper trail and get you the quickest response. To report an emergency call 911.

CODE ENFORCEMENT: New Building Permits Issued – JANUARY 1, 2018

<i>NEW BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED – January 2018</i>		
NAME	ADDRESS	PROJECT TYPE
Lisa Parker & Stephen Oliver	106 Lighthouse Point Rd	Addition

VETERANS COMMITTEE- The Gouldsboro Veterans Committee would like to extend their sincere sympathy to the family and friends of Edna Gerrish of South Gouldsboro. Edna passed away on January 18 after a brief illness. She was one of Gouldsboro's last two surviving World War II veterans. Also our condolences are extended to the family and friends of veteran David Phaneuf, LCDR, (ret) of Gouldsboro who passed away on January 20. He was a resident of the Maine Veterans' Home in Machias. We salute them for their service. The Veterans Committee will not be meeting in February due to taking a winter break; we will meet again in April!

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LOCAL HEALTH OFFICER- We are in full swing of the flu season. Signs and symptoms of the flu are fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headaches and fatigue. Period of contagiousness is 1 day prior to symptoms up to 5-7 days after symptoms. For more information about the flu virus H3N1 go to www.cdc.gov

BUDGET COMMITTEE- It's that time of year again....BUDGET building for Gouldsboro...Starting on Wednesday February 28th and every Wednesday thru early May the nine members and three alternates will be reviewing the Municipal portion of the annual budget, making recommendations in various portions of the budget. This is an effort to provide the best for the town and at the same time keep the taxes as low as possible, a very difficult job, the municipal portion of the total budget is only 31.8% (\$1,419,799) of a total budget (\$4,461,788) and the County and RSU is 68.2% (\$3,041,989) figures are the current year budget numbers!! These meetings are open to the public and we encourage people to attend to further understand town government.



SCHOODIC INSTITUTE EVENTS- 4th Annual Acadia Winter Festival- Feb 9th-11th please see the insert for a list of events and see our website for the full schedule. www.schoodic.institute

Other Free Events:

- Feb. 13, 2018 • 10:00 AM - Noon **Tuesday Morning Birding** (Call to reserve space)
- Feb. 13, 2018 • 2:00 PM **Movies at Moore: Eight Below** (Documentary)
- Feb. 15, 2018 • 12 -1:00 PM **Brown Bag: Maritime Pine Communities of Acadia National Park**

DORCAS LIBRARY-

Tuesday, FEB 13 @ 3pm – Homeschool Meet & Greet Gathering. Did you know your librarian is dedicated to supporting your homeschool adventures? Let's gather to network and socialize, share homeschooling tips, and talk about library programs and resources for homeschoolers. **Monday, FEB 19 – The library will be closed in observation of Presidents' Day.**

ADULT PROGRAMS @ Dorcas Tuesdays @ 1:30-2:30pm – Tech Tuesdays! Extend your borrowing ability through the Maine State Library CloudLibrary system. Use the full Ancestry.com subscription at the library to find records of your ancestors. [Suggested donation \$4 per Ancestry session.] Borrow one of our Kindle E-Readers for more great books from Dorcas. Learn how to set up and use cloud collaboration tools, such as Google Docs and Google Hangouts, Skype, or Dropbox. Have an information challenge? Learn how to use apps like Flickr, Feedly, Evernote, and others to manage your flow of information. Curious about digital literacy, online media bias, and fake news? Get answers to these and other tech questions on Tuesday afternoons. **Tuesdays @ 5:30-7pm – Dorcas Musical Jam.** Welcoming new and experienced musicians and singers as we explore making joyful noises together. Bring instruments [if you have them], willingness to have fun, and your sense of humor! All ages welcome! **Thursdays @ 2pm – Crafts & Conversation.** Great conversations and the best view in the world while we work. This quarter we will make caps to send to cancer treatment centers in Maine. **Thursdays @ 4:30-6pm – RSU 24 Adult Education.** Phil Wormuth provides tutoring and educational guidance for adult learners every week at the Dorcas Library! **Saturday, FEB 10 @ 10:30am – Writer's Workshop.** Join us to share your writing and explore topics of concern to other local writers. **Saturday, FEB 10 @ 12:30pm – Ways of Knowing Discussion.** Curious about the many ways of understanding our world? This open discussion is for everyone! **Saturday, FEB 17 @ 10:30am – Poets' Gathering.** Love writing or reading poetry? Join us! **Saturday, FEB 17 @ 12:30pm – Dorcas Civics Discussion.** Join us as we discuss the history and workings of our local, state, and federal governments. **Saturday, FEB 24 @ 2:30pm – Exploring Shakespeare.** Join us this spring as we watch lectures and videos from the great universities and theater companies of the world, read and discuss plays and poems, and talk about Shakespeare's history and world. **YOUTH PROGRAMS @ Dorcas Thursdays @ 3:15-5pm – STEAM Team.** Lego Challenges, Videography, Robotics, Programming- bring your ideas!

SHELLFISH COMMITTEE- The next Shellfish meeting will be held on February 14th at 6PM at the Prospect Harbor Women's Club.

PENINSULA PTC- Do you clip BoxTops?? If you have some and would like to donate them to the school, they can be dropped off at the Gouldsboro Town Office or give them to a Peninsula student. Funds raised this year will be going towards a second swing set for the playground. There will be NO meeting in February due to it falling on the week of vacation, we will return to our regular meeting time on the third Wednesday of the month in March @ 6pm.

CALENDAR OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS

February 6 th	PLANNING BOAR MEETING	6PM
February 8 th	BOARD OF SELECTMEN	5PM
February 14 th	SHELLFISH MEETING	6PM
February 19 th	*TOWN OFFICE CLOSED*	ALL DAY
February 20 th	PLANNING BOARD	6PM
February 21 st	HARBOR COMMITTEE	6PM
February 22 nd	BOARD OF SELECTMEN	5PM

IN OBSERVANCE OF PRESIDENT'S DAY -FEBRUARY 19

Presidents' Day is an American holiday celebrated on the third Monday in February. Originally established in 1885 in recognition of President George Washington, it is still officially called "Washington's Birthday" by the federal government.

We can complain because rose bushes have thorns, or rejoice because thorn bushes have roses. ~Abraham Lincoln

Observe good faith and justice toward all nations. Cultivate peace and harmony with all. ~George Washington