

# GOULDSBORO NEWSLETTER September 2018



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**SELECTMEN/TOWN MANAGER**- Fall is almost upon us again! I'd like to take a second and remind everyone that school will be in session in just a few days. Please watch for children and buses~ and especially remember you must stop for pedestrians at the crosswalks in the new sidewalk. Let's keep our children safe!! Thank you to everyone that voiced their opinion about recycling and alternatives we could pursue. The Solid Waste Committee is working diligently to find alternatives, but if you still have questions, please feel free to contact me. Ground is being broken on our Salt/Sand shed this month and the completion date is set for the beginning of November.

**GOULDSBORO FIRE DEPARTMENT- IMPORTANT NOTICE:** Due to the closure of County Ambulance on August 31<sup>st</sup>, the Gouldsboro Fire Department has begun a Transport Service which means when you call 911, there will be an ambulance available for you or a loved one to be transported to the Hospital if need be. If you have any questions, please speak to the Assistant Fire Chief, Ken McCartney, or the Chief, Tatum Mclean.

**TOWN CLERK**- Tax bills have been mailed out! The first installment is due by OCTOBER 31<sup>st</sup> and the next by MARCH 31<sup>st</sup>, interest starts accumulating on NOVEMBER 1<sup>st</sup> and APRIL 1<sup>st</sup> – There are two coupons on the bill, one for each payment. Bills are sent once a year. Taxes can be paid at any time during the year. If it is easier for you to pay once a month, that works for us, too! We want it to be as easy for you as possible. If you've had an address change please be sure to contact the town office so we can make updates and get correspondence to you in a timely manner.

**\*\*JUST A REMINDER THE TOWN OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY ON SEPTEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>\*\***

**HARDY'S FRIENDS**- Mark your calendar and plan to attend our HUGE annual yard sale to benefit Hardy's Friends on Saturday, **September 8<sup>th</sup> between 8AM and 1PM** at the old Route 1 DOT lot between Pond Road and West Bay Road. We have furniture, tools, collectables, books, household items and so much more. All the proceeds will help Gouldsboro and Winter Harbor families who need assistance with pet food and veterinary expenses. Contact Glenn at 266-9699 or Susan at 963-7444 if you have questions, need more information or wish to arrange for a last minute donation.

**GOULDSBORO HISTORICAL SOCIETY**- The Gouldsboro Historical Society is coordinating the Boston Post Cane project which recognizes the oldest citizen in the Town of Gouldsboro. Our most recent recipient of the Cane was Everett Potter, who died recently at the age of 101. We are now asking for your assistance in identifying and nominating the current oldest living resident. Contact the Town Office with the name of anyone whom you think would qualify for this recognition. **Monday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 7PM** at the Old Townhouse Museum (452 US Route 1) The Gouldsboro Historical Society will be holding a program called **ENDANGERED SPECIES OF THE SCHOODIC REGION**. The presentation will be presented by Glen Mittelhauser, Director of the Maine Natural History Observatory. All are welcome. Donations are appreciated. FMI call 963-7217. **Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 – 6:30PM** we will be holding a baked bean supper at the GHS Headquarters. (88 Old Route 1, West Bay). The Old Townhouse Museum will be open 2 – 4PM on Saturday, September 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>

**SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE – TRASH TALK:** Due to the changing economies with regards to the value of recyclable materials and the lack of market value when weighted against the Town's cost to continue curbside pickup for recyclables, there will no longer be Wednesday pickup until future market changes for the better. HOWEVER, clean tin cans, with labels, and corrugated cardboard can be taken to the town transfer station. Metals and cardboard will continue to be recycled via the Transfer station. Because compostable materials represent about 48% by weight for solid waste product we recommend that composting should be encouraged in order to reduce costs for trash pickup as well as protecting our environment. The town office has 10 composting bins available for homeowner backyard composting. At half price (\$24) we hope that this will encourage neighbors to start composting. Dorcas library will be holding a meeting on **Thursday September 13<sup>th</sup> at 4PM** to discuss how to compost. In addition, [www.composting.org](http://www.composting.org) and [www.epa.gov/recycle/composting.home](http://www.epa.gov/recycle/composting.home) can provide information as well.

## CODE ENFORCEMENT-

<b>NEW BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED – AUGUST 2018</b>		
NAME	ADDRESS	PROJECT TYPE
Lisa Lapoint	7 Church Lane	Shed
Brad Cowell	246 Main Street	Addition
Tom Gallagher	39 Corea Road	Landing
Matthew Pike	905 Pond Road	2 Sheds & Stable
Jean Symonds & Dan Rodgers	Franics Point Road	Demo 2 buildings, Build new shed
Don Ashmall	12 Moosatonic Way	Garage
Deb O'Brien	34 Ocean Wood Way	Demo

**DORCAS LIBRARY- Artist of the Month** – Rebecca Bense, watercolors. **FREE PUBLIC EVENTS: Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 3PM – David Shipler, On Civil Liberties & Freedom of Speech. Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup> at 3PM – Wabanaki Tribal Members.** A community potluck picnic on the lawn [weather permitting].

TUESDAYS	GAMES AFTERSCHOOL; ROLE-PLAYING, TRADING CARDS, AND BOARD GAMES.	3 – 4:30PM	
THURSDAYS	STORYTIME WITH LIZ MORAN	2 – 3PM	
THURSDAYS	STEAM TEAM AFTERSCHOOL	3 – 4:30PM	
THURSDAYS STARTING SEPTEMBER 20 <sup>TH</sup>	RSU 24 ADULT EDUCATION; PHIL WORMUTH RETURNS FOR ADULT TUTORING AND EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT.	4:30 – 6PM	
SEPTEMBER 15	SATURDAY	POETS' GATHERING	10:30AM
SEPTEMBER 22	SATURDAY	COMMUNITY MUSIC & POTLUCK PICNIC @GOULDSBORO PARK. WEATHER PERMITTING.	4PM

**ALL MONTH:** We are now collecting donations of hand-crafted items, jewelry, art objects, collectibles, china, crystal, and other attic treasures for our upcoming sale on **Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup>**. If you want to support our bake sale on that day, please stop by the library to sign up! Thank you! **ADULT PROGRAMS @ Dorcas: Tuesdays, 1:30 – 2:30PM** – Tech Tuesdays! Get answers to your tech questions every Tuesday. **Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:30AM** – **Writer's Workshop. Thursday, September 13<sup>th</sup> from 5 – 6:30PM** – **Trash Talk!**

**RSU 24 SCHOOL BOARD-** It is hard to believe that the start of school is right around the corner. We are working to fill a few remaining positions and to finish the summer maintenance projects. The gym renovation work at the Ella Lewis School will continue into September, which will include the new floor installation! **School will begin on September 4<sup>th</sup> for students in kindergarten through 9<sup>th</sup> grade. Sumner Memorial sophomores, juniors, and seniors will begin on September 5<sup>th</sup>.** For parents of Pre-K students, please check with your local school for exact starting dates. If you have any questions regarding athletics at the schools, please contact the schools directly. Lastly, you should be able to access our RSU Bus Routes on our webpage ([www.rsu24.org](http://www.rsu24.org)) or in the *Ellsworth American*. The new building project continues to move along. We are still working on our space allocations for the new building, designating how many learning spaces we need and how large the learning spaces should be. We continue to have subcommittee meetings and Building Committee meetings to inform this work AND we continue to meet with the Maine Department of Education to discuss our needs for the new building. Please know that we will have planned a public meeting to update the RSU #24 community on the the building project. This meeting will take place on **September 18<sup>th</sup> 6PM** at Sumner Memorial High School. Also, you can find a variety of information on the district website by accessing the "New Building Project" link at the top of the page. As always, if you have any questions or comments, please don't hesitate to call my office at 422-2017 or email me at [meastman@rsu24.org](mailto:meastman@rsu24.org). Please know that I greatly appreciate the support provided to our schools by our various communities.



**GOULDSBORO POLICE DEPARTMENT-** The Gouldsboro Police Department has had a busy summer. The department has handled and investigated numerous calls for service. We have also received several complaints pertaining to vehicles speeding on Main Street. The department issued many warnings and traffic citations for speeding and will continue to enforce the Main Street speed limit zones. The town's increase in vehicle and pedestrian traffic has made the hazard of vehicles speeding greater to the public. When school starts we will have students walking and riding their bikes to school. Main Street in Prospect Harbor and Birch Harbor is either a 25mph or 30mph zone in most places. Between the hours of 7AM to 8AM and 2:30PM and 3:30PM during school days the speed limit in Prospect Harbor is 15mph with increased speeding fines. If you are a seasonal resident or own a seasonal camp in Gouldsboro consider enrolling in the department's house check program. Forms are available at the Gouldsboro Town Office or on the department's website—there is no fee to residents for this service. Officers will routinely check your property to ensure it has not been tampered with. If you are a seasonal resident make sure all doors and windows are locked (deadbolts are recommended), you have a designated caretaker for your property, and that you research any contractors thoroughly that you may hire to work on your home. Burglaries and thefts are most commonly perpetrated by someone who has knowledge of your home and the valuables inside. If you see something say something--report suspicious activity 24/7 by calling our dispatch at 667-8866 (non-emergencies) or 911 (emergencies).

**VETERANS COMMITTEE-** The Gouldsboro Veterans Committee will be meeting on **Tuesday, September 4 at 1pm** at the Gouldsboro town office in the meeting room. The committee would like to thank all those who supported our last two bake sales by donating food items and/or making purchases. Thank you for helping our local veterans.

**SHELLFISH WARDEN-** West Bay (Clam Fleet Area) will be closed from **September 15, 2018 to October 15, 2018**. Reminder that the next Shellfish Committee meeting will be held **September 12<sup>th</sup> at 6PM** at the Gouldsboro Town Office.

**CALENDAR OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER**

SEPTEMBER 3	MONDAY	*TOWN OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY*	ALL DAY
SEPTEMBER 4	TUESDAY	VETERANS COMMITTEE	1 – 3PM
SEPTEMBER 4	TUESDAY	PLANNING BOARD	6PM
SEPTEMBER 6	THURSDAY	BOARD OF SELECTMEN	5PM
SEPTEMBER 12	WEDNESDAY	SHELLFISH COMMITTEE	6PM
SEPTEMBER 15	SATURDAY	21 <sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL SCDHOODIC SCRAMBLE @ THE GRINDSTONE NECK GOLF COURSE TO BENEFIT THE ELEANOR WIDENER DIXON MEMORIAL CLINIC. TO SPONSOR OR REGISTER CALL 664-5548 OR VISIT <a href="http://www.mainehospital.org">www.mainehospital.org</a> .	ALL DAY
SEPTEMBER 18	TUESDAY	PLANNING BOARD	6PM
SEPTEMBER 19	WEDNESDAY	HARBOR COMMITTEE	6PM
SEPTEMBER 20	THURSDAY	BOARD OF SELECTMEN	5PM