



# GOULDSBORO NEWSLETTER



MARCH 2016

## SELECTMEN-TOWN MANAGER

Our annual budget process is well underway with the Budget Committee's first meeting on February 17<sup>th</sup> to review the current year's spending. Our next meetings will be held in mid March for department presentations, followed by a series of workshops in March and April.

The Jeremy Strater Committee held its first meeting on Monday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> to begin discussion on the best uses of Jeremy's generous gift to the Town of Gouldsboro. Approximately fourteen different proposals were discussed with a few being identified as worthy of further consideration. The committee will meet next on March 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm in the town office to consider additional information on a few of these ideas. Citizens are encouraged to submit written comments to the town office with any further thoughts and are welcome to attend our next committee meeting.

We are continuing to receive positive feedback on the new placement of the SS Queen Victoria bell and model ship. If you have not yet had an opportunity to view them, we invite you to stop by the town office during our regular office hours.

## CODE ENFORCEMENT New Building permits issued Feb. 2 through Feb. 16

J. WARD	86 PENINSULA ROAD	ADD ON TO PREVIOUS PERMIT
J. DEPASQUALE	36 PENINSULA ROAD	NEW STORAGE SHED

The new floodplain rules go into effect on July 20<sup>th</sup>. We will be voting on the revised ordinance at our June town meeting. FEMA will be holding a public open house meeting on May 23<sup>rd</sup> at Ellsworth City Hall from 4:00-7:00pm. There will be stations set up to ask questions about insurance, new maps and your lot and general information. Excavation contractors needing certification in erosion control practices have an opportunity for basic and advanced classes on April 6<sup>th</sup> in Ellsworth. We will have registration forms available at the Town Office or contact the CEO.

## TOWN CLERK

Don't forget all motorcycle registrations are due in March.\*\*\*Nomination papers will be available March 21<sup>st</sup> for the two selectmen positions that are coming up for re-election in June. Papers must be returned by April 29<sup>th</sup>. \*\*\*New Transfer Station stickers will be available starting March 21<sup>st</sup>. The current ones are obsolete the end of April.\*\*\*If you want to register a new car from a private sale, you must have: insurance, title (if 1995 or newer), bill of sale and mileage. The title must be signed over to you by the current owner. You are required to pay sales tax on the purchase amount at the time of registration.

SHELLFISH COMMITTEE - The March meeting will take place on March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00pm instead of March 9<sup>th</sup>.

SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE - There are a limited number of recycling containers available at the Town Office. They are being sold at \$8.50 a piece with lids available for an additional \$8.50. These will be sold on a first come first served basis.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

Winter time, while snow is on the ground, is the best time to burn unwanted wood and brush. You must have a permit to burn. Permits can be obtained at the Town Office free of charge or online at Maine.gov for \$7. You are not allowed to burn cardboard or any other household debris. \*\*\* A reminder to check your clothes dryer for lint build up. There are 3 critical areas that should be checked on a regular basis. First, the lint trap itself; second, the duct connecting the dryer to the house exterior vent and third, inside the body of the dryer. If any of these need cleaning or replacing, do it before the chance for a fire becomes a reality. It is always a good idea to keep a fire extinguisher in or near laundry areas.

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

Letters have been sent to those people who have not registered their dogs for 2016. There is a mandated \$25 fine imposed by the state and there will be court costs if you get a summons. Please attend to this as soon as possible; the registering of your dog each year is a Maine state law.

## HARDY'S FRIENDS

In 2015, Hardy's Friends answered more than 90 calls from residents in Gouldsboro and Winter Harbor seeking temporary assistance with food, medicine or veterinary care for their family pets. We were able to respond to all of these, thanks to the generosity of our community. We couldn't do this work without you and thank you for your support. You can reach Hardy's Friends at PO Box 63, Prospect Harbor, ME 04669 or at 963-7444.

## HEAVY LOAD LIMIT

The following public ways in Gouldsboro are closed to heavy loads except when solidly frozen: GOULDSBORO POINT ROAD, GUZZLE ROAD, CHICKEN MILL POND ROAD, OLD ROUTE ONE, TAFT POINT ROAD, BYRON YOUNG ROAD, ASHVILLE ROAD, SHORE ROAD, WILLIE HAMMOND ROAD, PAUL BUNYAN ROAD (FIRST 3 MILES), GRAND MARSH BAY ROAD AND SUMMER HARBOR ROAD. Load limit is 23,000 gross vehicle weight. Effective date March 1<sup>st</sup>.

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**VETERANS COMMITTEE**

The Gouldsboro Veterans Committee will be meeting on April 5<sup>th</sup> at 1:00p.m. at the Gouldsboro Town Office meeting room. All Veterans are welcome and invited to join us. Planning will be toward Memorial Day ceremonies and summer events.

**WINTER HARBOR LOBSTER FESTIVAL**

If you have bottles and can deposits you would like to share, there is now an account set up at the Gouldsboro Redemption Center for the benefit of the 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Lobster Festival. The festival committee is currently looking for people to volunteer to help with the lobster dinner. If you would like to help, please attend the next festival meeting on March 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at the Winter Harbor Town Office.

**SCHOODIC INSTITUTE**

**Acadia Winter Festival** runs from February 26<sup>th</sup> through March 6<sup>th</sup>. Visit [www.AcadiaWinterFestival.org](http://www.AcadiaWinterFestival.org) to register. **“The Art of Maine in Winter”**-at the Moore Auditorium on March 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00pm. **Brown Bag Lunch Series - Composting** –at the Moore Auditorium on March 24<sup>th</sup>, from noon to 1:00pm, bring your lunch and learn 5 simple things about a successful backyard compost pile. **Community Welcome Reception** - meet and welcome the new Park Superintendent Kevin Schneider at Rockefeller Hall on March 28<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 to 6:00pm. **Winter Birding and Brunch at Schoodic**-on March 12<sup>th</sup> starts with classroom instruction at 9:00am, a tour to sight birds and then brunch at 11:00am in the Schooner Commons. Call Michelle at 207-288-1356 to register. **Movies at Moore** - “Fly Away Home” will be shown on March 20<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm, admission is \$3 at the door in the Moore Auditorium.

**DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS**

This year’s Democratic Caucus will begin at 1:00pm, Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at the Peninsula School. Snow date is March 13<sup>th</sup>. All registered Democrats are urged to attend. If you are listed on the voter rolls as independent and want to attend and vote at the caucus, you may change your registration at the town office through Friday March 4<sup>th</sup> or at the Peninsula School up to one hour before the caucus begins.

**REPUBLICAN CAUCUS**

This will be held at the Ellsworth High School, 299 State Street, on Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup>. Doors open at 8:00am.

**DORCAS LIBRARY - Every Thursday @ 4:00pm**-STEAMers-Exploring Robotics, ages 13 & up. **March 1<sup>st</sup> and March 15<sup>th</sup> @3:30pm** – Computer 101. **March 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 6:30pm** – Game night. **March 8<sup>th</sup> @1:30pm**- Dorcas Chatroom and Café. **March 8<sup>th</sup> and March 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 3:30pm** - Exploring Genealogy. **March 12<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30pm** Writers workshop. **March 15<sup>th</sup> @ 1:00pm**– Healthy Acadia presents Medline Plus. **March 16<sup>th</sup> @3:00pm**- Dorcas Book Discussion. **March 17<sup>th</sup> @5:30pm**– Special Event, Community Ceilidh Celebration in honor of Saint Patrick’s Day. **March 18<sup>th</sup> @7:00pm** – Movie Night @ Dorcas. **March 26<sup>th</sup> @10:30am** –Stories, Songs &Fun. **March 26<sup>th</sup> @ 3:30pm** Matinee film series and discussion.

**LIFELINE FOOD PANTRY**

The Hancock County Food Drive runs from March 1<sup>st</sup> through the 31<sup>st</sup>. Drop off any non-perishable food items at the Town Office or you can donate a cash amount that will be matched. All donations will benefit the Life Line Food Pantry in South Gouldsboro.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS & MEETINGS (MARCH 2016)**

Tuesday	1 <sup>st</sup>	Planning Board Meeting – Town Office	6:00pm
Tuesday	1 <sup>st</sup>	“The Art of Maine in Winter” Moore Auditorium- Schoodic Institute	7:00pm
Tuesday	1 <sup>st</sup> & 15 <sup>th</sup>	Computer 101 – Dorcas Library	3:30pm
Wednesday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Shellfish Committee Meeting – Town Office	6:00pm
Wednesday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Game Night – Dorcas Library	6:30pm
Thursday	Every	STEAMers – Exploring Robotics – Dorcas Library	4:00pm
Saturday	5 <sup>th</sup>	Republican Caucus – Ellsworth High School	8:00am
Sunday	6 <sup>th</sup>	Democratic Caucus – Peninsula School	1:00-3:00pm
Monday	7 <sup>th</sup>	Clinic Forum – Eleanor Widener Dixon Clinic- Gouldsboro	6:00pm
Tuesday	8 <sup>th</sup> & 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Exploring Genealogy – Dorcas Library	3:30pm
Thursday	10 <sup>th</sup>	Selectmen’s Meeting – Town Office	6:00pm
Thursday	10 <sup>th</sup>	Winter Harbor Lobster Festival Meeting- Winter Harbor Town Office	7:00pm
Saturday	12 <sup>th</sup>	Winter Birding and Brunch at Schoodic	9:00-11:00am
Saturday	12 <sup>th</sup>	Writer’s Workshop – Dorcas Library	10:30pm
Sunday	13 <sup>th</sup>	Daylight Saving Time - Turn Clocks Ahead an Hour	1:00am
Tuesday	15 <sup>th</sup>	Planning Board Meeting – Town Office	6:00pm
Tuesday	15 <sup>th</sup>	Healthy Acadia Presents Medline Plus – Dorcas Library	1:00pm
Wednesday	16 <sup>th</sup>	Budget Committee Meeting – Town Office	6:00pm
Wednesday	16 <sup>th</sup>	Book Discussion – “The Moor’s Account” - Dorcas Library	3:00pm
Thursday	17 <sup>th</sup>	Community Ceilidh Celebration – Saint Patrick’s Day – Dorcas Library	5:30pm
Friday	18 <sup>th</sup>	Movie Night – “ The Theory of Everything” – Dorcas Library	7:00pm
Sunday	20 <sup>th</sup>	Movies at Moore- “Fly Away Home”- Moore Auditorium - Schoodic Institute	3:00pm
Monday	21 <sup>st</sup>	Transfer Station Stickers available at the Town Office	
Monday	21 <sup>st</sup>	Deadline for Newsletter Submissions	4:00pm
Thursday	24 <sup>th</sup>	Selectmen’s Meeting – Town Office	6:00pm
Thursday	24 <sup>th</sup>	Brown Bag Lunch Series-Moore Auditorium – Schoodic Institute	Noon-1:00pm
Friday	25 <sup>th</sup>	Last Friday Coffee House- Hammond Hall	7:00pm
Saturday	26 <sup>th</sup>	Stories, Songs & Fun- (kids 2 and up) - Dorcas Library	10:30am
Saturday	26 <sup>th</sup>	Matinee Film Series & Discussion –“You Can’t Take it With You” - Dorcas Library	3:30pm
Tuesday	29 <sup>th</sup>	Road Committee Meeting – Town Office	6:00pm

RECYCLING IS PICKED UP ON WEDNESDAY  
TRASH IS PICKED UP ON THURSDAY, BOTH MUST BE CURBSIDE BY 7:00AM

“Big shots are only little shots who keep shooting”. Christopher Morley