



**SELECT BOARD / TOWN MANAGER**- The town has been working with FEMA to seek reimbursement for some of the town-owned properties damaged in the January 10 storm. A site inspection was conducted by FEMA on June 25<sup>th</sup>. Director of Emergency Management, Jackie Johnston, has been spearheading this effort supported by Selectman Bob Harmon and town employees Mike Pinkham and Mike Connors. Many thanks to these individuals as they navigate the federal requirements in this process.

The town is considering putting together a buildings and grounds committee to examine town-owned properties. If you have an interest in working on such a committee or know someone who might be interested, please email [town.manager@gouldsborotown.com](mailto:town.manager@gouldsborotown.com) and let us know!

Tax Liens were delivered to the Hancock Registry of Deeds on June 28<sup>th</sup>. These liens were applied to all delinquent real estate accounts that have not been paid for the 2023 tax year.

Tax bills will be sent out late August / early September. If you do not receive a bill by the end of September, please call the Town Office to request your bill. We only send out *ONE* tax bill that includes two coupons at the bottom of the bill. The first half payment is due October 31, 2024 and the second half is due March 31, 2025. You can make weekly or monthly payments as well. Please be aware, we are not required by the State of Maine to send tax bills. We do this service to help remind all Gouldsboro property owners! **You can also pay your tax bills online.** Go to <https://epayment.informe.org/payportonline/mystore?ts-name=1502>. This will walk you through the steps and will be applied to your tax account. Please keep in mind there is a 2.5% charge fee for debit / credit cards. This is the same fee that is charged when payments are made in person or over the phone with cards.

**TOWN CLERK**- The Town Office will be closed July 4<sup>th</sup> in observance to Fourth of July!

- Thank you to all who helped at the polls on election day! We appreciate your time and help.
- At Annual Town Meeting all 34 articles passed along with amendments to the Harbor Ordinance and Land Use Ordinance. You can find these ordinances on [gouldsborotown.com](http://gouldsborotown.com) under the "Ordinances" tab.
- Shellfish Licenses will go on sale and be available for purchase Monday, July 1, 2024.
- Reminder, all ATV registrations ran out June 30, 2024. Come to the Town Office to renew your ATV or online at Maine.gov under IFW ATV & Snowmobile Registration.
- *Congratulations to Robert Harmon, Danny Mitchell Jr., Arthur Higgins, and Mary Cowperthwaite for being re-elected in the June 2024 election!*

**MOORING PERMITS**- Please be aware, *ALL* mooring fees are due by July 1<sup>st</sup> and can be paid until August 30<sup>th</sup> without penalty. Starting September 1<sup>st</sup>, a late fee of \$25 will be added to all outstanding fees which is half of the regular mooring fee. Please come to the Town Office to pay these fees.

**DORCAS LIBRARY**- Come visit our Attic Treasures Sale over the July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend: July 4/5/6 from 10 – 3PM at Dorcas+. All proceeds help Dorcas. Popular local author Cynthia Thayer is speaking on her memoir We're Going Home at the library Tuesday, July 9<sup>th</sup> from 2 – 4PM. The Writers with Merry Post meet Thursday, July 11<sup>th</sup> at 1PM. Story Hour with Liz is Thursday, July 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:15AM. Knitting and Needlework with Cyndi is Monday, July 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2PM. Qigong on the lawn or inside the library takes place every Monday from 9 – 10AM. The library is closed Thursday July 4<sup>th</sup>.

**GOULDSBORO VETERANS' COMMITTEE**- The Gouldsboro Veterans Committee is meeting on Tuesday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1PM at the town office meeting room. We are selling the raffle tickets until July 15<sup>th</sup> when the prizes will be drawn at the PHUMC Seacoast Fair. Tickets will be available at the fair. The veteran memorial brick applications are available at the town office. The cost is \$75 payable to the Town of Gouldsboro. We need a total of 20 bricks for them to be made for placement in 2025. All veterans and veteran supporters are welcome and encouraged to attend the committee meetings. Hope to see you on July 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please have a safe July 4<sup>th</sup> while celebrating our country's freedom.

**THE SEABREEZE SOCIETY AND COREA GRANGE**- The Seabreeze Society and Corea Grange Annual Rummage Sale will be held Saturday, July 13<sup>th</sup> from 9AM to Noon at the 64 Crowley Island Hall in Corea. Inside will be the traditional Down East Bake Sale, treasures, contents of a Corea home, and finer clothing. Outside will be a silent auction, plants, and the "stuff in all you can" \$5 a box tables.

**GOULDSBORO HISTORICAL SOCIETY**- July's program will be held July 1, 2024 starting at 7PM at the Prospect Harbor Women's Club. Speaker, Tom Testa, will tell the story of how the railroad came to the Downeast coast in the 1880s, totally transforming the way our alongshore communities lived and worked. Beginning with the building of the Maine Shore Line Railroad in 1884 from Brewer via Ellsworth to the Hancock peninsula, the new railroad allowed quick access by ferry to a rapidly expanding tourist economy in the Bar Harbor region. Soon afterward the rail line expanded eastward to become part of the Calais Branch of the Maine Central Railroad in 1911, serving the entire Washington County shore. Though the original system has faded, some of it still lives on in the equipment in active use in the Downeast Scenic Railroad in Ellsworth. Our speaker Tom Testa is a founding member and President of the Downeast Rail Heritage Preservation Trust which operates the Downeast Scenic Railroad.

The presentation is one of a series of seasonal programs organized by the Historical Society. August 5<sup>th</sup>, "September Sunshine and Shadow; Maine Painted in Words," by Rev Charles A. Joy, GHS historian. September 9<sup>th</sup>, "Voting Down the Rose; Florence Brooks Whitehouse and Maine's Fight for Woman Suffrage" by historian Anne Gass. October 7<sup>th</sup>, "Songs of the Downeast Rivers and Seashore" by Ann and Stephen Sanfilippo.

**SCHOODIC FOOD PANTRY- They're Ba-ack!** The **Carol Bailey String Band**, that lively group of some 25 seniors led by Pat and Jon Bailey, will return to the Prospect Harbor Women's Club on **Wednesday, July 17<sup>th</sup>**, for a **noontime concert** to benefit the Schoodic Food Pantry's Building Fund. Playing guitars, ukuleles, mandolins, cello, banjo, bass, recorders, harps, harmonicas, and percussion instruments, the singers will do a program called "All About Maine," which features songs by Maine songwriters, including our own Rick Barter and his beautiful "Acadia Waltz." Admission is by donation, all of which will go to the building fund for a much-needed addition to the Schoodic Food Pantry.

On **Saturday, July 27<sup>th</sup>**, our **"Stock the Shelves" Chinese Auction** will be held at the Gouldsboro Rec Center from 8AM to 1PM. We have over \$15,000 in gift certificates, services and donated items. There will also be a Dessert Bar featuring all your favorite sweet treats from Corea Baking. See our Schoodic Food Pantry Facebook page for descriptions of the Auction items. Please be sure to like, follow and share. Also, remember we can only accept cash or checks. All of the proceeds will be used to purchase food for the Pantry.

**HARDY'S FRIENDS FUND AT THE ARK-** Our friends at The Ark Pope Memorial Animal Shelter in Cherryfield have created the Hardy's Friends Fund. Donations dedicated specifically to this account will cover urgent care costs for sick or injured pets of owners in Hancock County who could not otherwise afford potentially life-saving emergency veterinary services. If you wish to contribute to this fund, be sure to write Hardy's Friends Fund in the memo line of your check made out to The Ark. If you have a question, please email Dani Bauer at [director@thearkpets.org](mailto:director@thearkpets.org).

**CODE ENFORCEMENT- All new sheds and out buildings NEED a town permit.**

<b>CODE ENFORCEMENT- New building permits issued</b>		
<b>NAME</b>	<b>ADDRESS</b>	<b>PROJECT TYPE</b>
Peter Legere	148 Route One	Garage
Mazouz Hussein	347 Paul Bunyan Road	Shed
Thomasina Watson	202 Chicken Mill Pond Road	Garage/Screened Porch
Josh Mansfield	927 South Gouldsboro Road	Garage/Residence
Robert Stanley	84 Deane Point Road	Pier, Gangway, Float
Patrick Malfait	239 Prospect Point Road	Driveway
Joseph Horn	537 Gouldsboro Point Road	Shed
LeAnn & Thomas Allen	524 Route One	Wheelchair Ramp
Anne Leach	245 Prospect Point Road	Driveway
Ed Weaver	20 Nahum Jones Road	Demo

**RSU 24-** It is hard to believe another school year is in the books! Our students and staff were definitely ready for the end of the school year. We will now begin the process of getting ready for the next school year. For those planning ahead, the first day of school is scheduled for Thursday, August 29<sup>th</sup>. Until then, I wish our students and staff a relaxing summer. We do have a number of people retiring from the RSU who have served the students and the district for many years. These people have made the ultimate long-term commitment to our district and deserve our debt of gratitude. I would like to recognize the following individuals for their years of service:

- Nancy Cramer - Teacher @ Cave Hill/Sumner Middle School- 10 years
- Cathy Johnson - Adult Education - 12 years
- Glenn Grant - Transportation - 15 years
- Wayne Newenham - Maintenance @ Sumner - 21 years
- Joe Naumann - Maintenance @ Peninsula - 22 years
- Bonnie Naumann - Maintenance @ Peninsula - 24 years
- Tink Davis - Maintenance @ Cave Hill - 26 years
- John Wells - Teacher @ Sumner - 44 years (*John will be returning*)
- Faye Torrey - Kitchen @ Peninsula - 50 years **\*\*\*\*WOW\*\*\*\***

We wish each one of these individuals the best in their retirement. I am happy to pass along that the RSU #24 Budget Referendum was successful, with a vote of 885 to 420. Here is the breakdown by town:

Eastbrook: 35-18, Franklin: 93-66, Gouldsboro: 313-137, Mariaville: 57-18, Sorrento: 51-40, Steuben: 57-41, Sullivan: 128-57, Waltham: 54-20, Winter Harbor: 97-23.

Thank you for your continued support of the school district. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to me at [meastman@rsu24.org](mailto:meastman@rsu24.org).

### **CALENDAR OF TOWN EVENTS AND MEETINGS FOR JULY**

JULY 1 <sup>st</sup>	MONDAY	COASTAL RESILIENCE @ TOWN OFFICE	5PM
JULY 2 <sup>nd</sup>	TUESDAY	VETS' COMMITTEE @ TOWN OFFICE	1PM
		SELECT BOARD @ TOWN OFFICE	5PM
		PLANNING BOARD @ TOWN OFFICE	6PM
JULY 4 <sup>th</sup>	THURSDAY	THE TOWN OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED IN OBSERVATION OF INDEPENDENCE DAY	ALL DAY
JULY 16 <sup>th</sup>	TUESDAY	PLANNING BOARD @ TOWN OFFICE	6PM
JULY 18 <sup>th</sup>	THURSDAY	SELECT BOARD @ TOWN OFFICE	5PM

**Our Town Office hours are Mon +Wed 8AM - 4PM, Tues 8AM - 5PM, Thurs 8AM - 6PM and Friday 8AM - 1PM.**

**ACWC-** The Acadian Community Woman's Club is holding a fundraiser bake sale on Saturday, July 6<sup>th</sup>, in the parking lot of the Winter Harbor Provisions, from **8AM UNTIL ALL THE GOODIES SELL OUT!** There will be an assortment of sweet and savory selections—whole pies, cakes, bread and much more! Proceeds from the sale will benefit the club's scholarship fund. In 2024, the club is awarding individual \$1000 scholarships to five students pursuing post-secondary education opportunities. Thank you for your support!