



SELECT BOARD / TOWN MANAGER- Gouldsboro welcomed some new personnel in July. On the 8th, Wayne Robbins joined our police department as a full-time officer. Wayne comes to us from the Washington County Sheriff's Office. Wayne is a Washington County native and also serves in the Army National Guard. Damon Dore also joined the team on the police force on a part-time basis on July 24th. Damon is a Marine Corps veteran who also works for the Maine Air National Guard in Bangor. Also in late July, Marcia Messier started as a part-time caretaker for the Jones Pond facilities. Marcia is a Gouldsboro resident who performed similar tasks for a community in Arizona before moving to Maine. Please say hello to Marcia if you see her cleaning up around Jones Pond.

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 Wednesday, August 21st for staff training.

- Reminder, documented boat taxes are due. Reminder letters have been sent to those who have not registered yet. If you're unsure if you have paid this year, give us a call at 963-5589 and we would be happy to assist you.
- Want to receive an email reminder when your vehicle registration is due? Please give us a call or email bmitchell@gouldsborotown.com to set this up!
- Check out our Facebook page to stay up to date with any town reminders, links to online services we offer, and much more! <https://www.facebook.com/gouldsborotown/>.

MOORING PERMITS- *ALL* mooring fees were due by July 1st and can be paid until August 30th without penalty. Starting September 1st, a late fee of \$25 will be added to all outstanding fees. Please come into the Town Office to pay for your permits!

DORCAS LIBRARY- The library had a very successful few weeks of Attic Treasures sales. Thank you for all who donated items and for all who bought items! We also had a great turnout for local author Cynthia Thayer, who read from her memoir We're Going Home. Stop by the library and view some of Wendilee Heath O'Brien's paintings. We have lots of new books. The Writers with Merry Post meet Thursday, August 1st at 1PM. Story Hour with Liz is Thursday, August 1st at 10:15AM. Knitting and Needlework with Cyndi is Monday, August 5th & 19th at 2PM. Qigong on the lawn or inside the library takes place every Monday from 9-10AM.

GOULDSBORO POLICE- Licensing your dog is Maine State law. The numbered municipal tag you receive when you register is the way of identifying your dog if it wanders away from home. When a dog is found, the tag enables our Animal Control Officer to reunite you with your pet, saving you unwanted accumulated fees.

GOULDSBORO FIRE DEPT- *PLEASE make sure your home is numbered!*

If you have a long driveway your house number should be posted at the beginning of your driveway and visible from the road. If we can't find you, we can't help you.

GOULDSBORO VETERANS' COMMITTEE- The Gouldsboro Veterans committee will be meeting on Tuesday, August 6th at 1PM in the town office meeting room. Remember everyone, veterans and/or supporters are welcome to attend. We are still taking orders for new memorial bricks to be placed at the town Veterans Memorial in 2025. The cost is \$75 and the application is available at the town office. If you have a veteran you would like to honor or remember, this would be the perfect way to show them your respect.

VIA - The West Gouldsboro Village Improvement Association will hold their annual bake sale on Saturday August 3rd starting at 9AM at the Village Library. The proceeds will go towards the upkeep of the library building.

SCHOODIC FOOD PANTRY- Thank you to everyone who supported our two summer fundraisers - the Carol Bailey String Band concert which benefited our building fund, and the “Stock the Shelves” Chinese Auction which assured our ability to purchase nutritious food as we prepare for winter. If you would like to join those who have chosen to make automatic monthly donations to Schoodic Food Pantry, go to our QR code, will make donating easy.



ACWC- The Acadian Community Woman’s Club is holding a fundraiser bake sale on Saturday, August 3rd, 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!

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

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NAME	ADDRESS	PROJECT TYPE
Paul & Mary Goyette	187 Prospect Point Road	Remove/raise roof, Porch
Phil Adams	467 West Bay Road	Residence
Mike Summerer	32 Main Street	Shoreland Stabilization/NRPA
Weverka/Eaton	178 Gouldsboro Point Road	Outbuilding
Dorota Chess	422 South Gouldsboro Road	Shed
Fred & Arlene Corna	341 South Gouldsboro Road	Shed

COASTAL RESILIENCE- Gouldsboro has received two \$50,000 grants to work with engineers, climate experts, and the community to make its harbors more resilient in the face of big storms. The Maine Community Resilience Partnership program is contributing \$50,000 to help develop plans for the Crowley Island causeway and the junction of Corea Road and Cranberry Island Road. The Maine Coastal Community Grant/Shore and Harbor Planning Grant program has committed \$50,000 to develop resilience plans for harbors in South Gouldsboro, Bunkers Harbor, and Prospect Harbor. See www.gouldsboroshore.me for more information.

RSU 24- The new school building project is moving toward the finish line. The domestic water cistern project should be complete as of the end of July. The soccer field has been officially turned over to the district but requires another growing season before we can use the field. We have installed fencing around the baseball and softball fields and will do the same for the soccer field this summer. We are currently having an irrigation system installed for each of the fields to meet the watering needs. In addition, we are in the process of working with community members and businesses to design and construct the dugouts on the baseball and softball fields. The plan at this point is to begin using our baseball and softball fields in the spring of 2025 and our soccer field in the fall of 2025. We still have a number of unfilled positions for the upcoming school year. We are in the need of custodians, bus drivers, teachers, ed techs, and teachers. If you are interested, you can access the "Employment" link on our website, www.rsu24.org. The school year for our employees begins on August 26th. We are in the process of doing the regular upkeep and updating of our buildings in preparation for the 2024-2025 school year. School will start at each of our PK-5 buildings on Thursday, August 29th. We will welcome our sixth graders and ninth grades to Sumner on the 29th as well to allow those grade levels to get accustomed to their new environments. The remainder of the middle and high school will begin on Friday the 30th. Parents will receive more information from their respective schools as we get closer to the start date. Thank you for your continued support of the school district.

CALENDAR OF TOWN EVENTS AND MEETINGS FOR AUGUST

AUGUST 1 st	THURSDAY	SELECT BOARD @ TOWN OFFICE	5PM
AUGUST 5 th	MONDAY	COASTAL RESILIENCE @ TOWN OFFICE	5PM
AUGUST 6 th	TUESDAY	VETS COMMITTEE @ TOWN OFFICE PLANNING BOARD @ TOWN OFFICE	1PM 6PM
AUGUST 15 th	THURSDAY	SELECT BOARD @ TOWN OFFICE	5PM
AUGUST 20 th	TUESDAY	PLANNING BOARD @ TOWN OFFICE	6PM
AUGUST 21 st	WEDNESDAY	*THE TOWN OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FOR STAFF TRAINING*	ALL DAY
AUGUST 25 th	SUNDAY	<i>Correction: COASTAL HARBOR RESILIENCE KICKOFF</i> <i>Location at the Black Duck Inn in Corea</i>	4PM
AUGUST 29 th	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.