



TOWN CLERK- The Town Office will be closed October 2nd to allow staff to attend the Maine Municipal Association Convention for training. We will also be closed on October 14th in observance of Indigenous Peoples' Day.

- There will be a special town meeting held on October 10th starting at 5PM at the Gouldsboro Town Office regarding Land Use Ordinance LD2003 amendments. You can view the warrant and proposed changes on our town website or our Facebook page. The Select Board meeting will follow after and will hold a public hearing to adopt the Maine State updated General Assistance Maximums.
- 2025 Dog tags will be available October 15th. Per Maine State Law, all dogs 6 months and older must be licensed each year by December 31st. A \$25 late fee for each dog unregistered will start February 1st, 2025. Proof of current rabies vaccination and spay/neuter, if applicable, must be presented at the time of licensing. \$6 for neutered/spayed dogs and \$11 for unaltered dogs. You can register in person here at the Town Office or online at https://apps1.web.maine.gov/cgi-bin/online/dog_license/index.pl.
- The first half of property taxes are due October 31st. Be mindful, interest starts accruing November 1st. Please include a phone number with payment so we can add it to your account in case we need to get in touch with you. You are able to pay your taxes online at <https://epayment.informe.org/payportonline/disclaimer/1502>. If you are paying with a card over the phone, in the Town Office, or online, there is a 2.5% charge fee for anything over \$40.
- **There will be a Rabies clinic held October 17, 2024 from 3PM – 5:30PM at the Gouldsboro Town Office, 59 Main Street, Prospect Harbor. \$10 per dog and \$20 per cat.** Dr. Brandi Smith with Go Vet Go will be administering rabies vaccines! Please be sure if you are bringing a dog, you have it on a leash, and if you are bringing a cat, it is in a cat carrier. Gouldsboro residents will also be able to register your dogs at this time!
- 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 as we are moving away from sending post cards.
- 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/>.

ELECTIONS- The State of Maine General and Referendum Election will be held on **November 5, 2024**. Need to register to vote? The Registrar will be available at the polls. Polls will be open from 8AM-8PM at the Gouldsboro Rec Center, 679 Pond Road in Gouldsboro. Absentee Ballots will be available starting Monday, October 7, 2024. Closed period for new voters and party changes will begin Tuesday, October 15, 2024, at the end of business day. **Gouldsboro voters can obtain an absentee ballot 3 ways:** 1) Visit <https://apps.web.maine.gov/cgi-bin/online/AbsenteeBallot/index.pl> to request an absentee ballot via online. 2) Deliver or mail an absentee request form to the Town Office. Visit our website to print the application. 3) Call the Town Office (207) 963-5589 to request. We need to speak to each voter individually for this method.

MOORING PERMITS- *ALL* mooring fees were due by July 1st and needed to be paid by August 30th without penalty. As of September 1st, a late fee of \$25 has been added to all outstanding mooring permits. Please come into the Town Office to pay for your permits if you haven't paid.

GOULDSBORO REC COMMITTEE- The Gouldsboro Rec Committee will be hosting a Trunk or Treat at the Gouldsboro Rec. Center, 679 Pond Road, on Friday October 25, 2024, from 4-6PM. Please contact Rachel Hudson if you'd like to participate and decorate your trunk! Call (207) 963-5589 or email rhudson@gouldsborotown.com. We'd love to see you there! Happy Halloween!

DORCAS LIBRARY- The library will be closed Monday, October 14th for Indigenous Peoples' Day. Local author Cynthia Thayer will hold a talk at the library on Tuesday, October 2nd at 2PM. Trick or Treat for children will be on Thursday, October 31st from 4-6PM instead of the usual morning story hour. A story will be read, candy and books will be given out. Come in costume! Children's Story Hour with Liz will be held Thursday October 3rd and 17th at 10:15AM. Homeschoolers are welcome! Please contact the library if you plan to attend, so that sufficient craft materials and snacks are available. Liz Rosenfeld is an awesome storyteller and her craft goes along with the story. The Writers with Merry Post meet Thursday, October 3rd at 1PM. Knitting and Needlework with Cyndi is Thursday, October 10th and 24th at 2PM. Please note the change in day from Monday. Qigong on the lawn or inside the library takes place every Monday from 9 – 10AM.

VETERANS COMMITTEE- The Gouldsboro Veterans Committee will be meeting on Tuesday, October 1st at 1PM in the town office meeting room. On the agenda is the planning for the Veterans Day Dinner. As a reminder, this year the dinner will be held in the social room of the Prospect Harbor United Methodist Church. As always, all veterans and veteran supporters are welcome to attend our monthly meetings. Hope to see you on October 1st.

WEST GOULDSBORO VIA- The West Gouldsboro VIA will hold its Fall Meeting on Sunday, October 6, 2024 at the home of Don Ashmall, 12 Moosatic Parkway, Gouldsboro, ME. The business meeting will begin at 4PM followed by a tea from 4:30 - 5:30 with light refreshments being served. We welcome new members to come and join us. For those of you who are not familiar with the location, Moosatic Parkway is off of Route One on the northbound side, between the Gouldsboro Post Office and the right turn onto Clinic Road.

CODE ENFORCEMENT- <i>New building permits issued</i>		
NAME	ADDRESS	PROJECT TYPE
Victor Legere	39 East Schoodic Drive	New Construction
Paul Cook	422 Gouldsboro Point Road	New Construction
Todd Daley	310 Route One	New Construction
Todd Leatherman	79 Guzzle Road	Deck
David Schultz	Pond Road	Driveway
Gary Loiselle	29 Dyer Lane	Garage
Nicola Knipe	Stave Island	Addition
Robert Halliday	92 Peninsula Road	Driveway / Shed
Coreen & John Nicolai	137 Kingsley Farm Road	Wheelchair Ramp

RSU 24- After visiting our various schools, students have settled into their routines and learning is moving front and center. Fall sports are in full swing. Our middle school coed soccer team, boys' and girls' varsity soccer teams, volleyball team and the cross-country teams from the middle and high school are in the beginning stages of their competitive seasons. The girls' varsity soccer team has joined the 8-person league and at this moment in the season, they are 4-0. Congratulations to Coach Joy and the girls for their hard work! For any information related to Sumner athletics, please check out the Facebook page. Anyone that is interested in the work of the Regional School Unit No. 24 Board of Directors or the subcommittees can find the agendas and minutes posted on the district website (rsu24.org). Meetings are posted on the website and generally take place on Tuesday evenings. The full Board meets at Sumner on the first Tuesday of the month and most all other meetings take place at the District Services Facility. Anyone who has been by the Sumner campus will notice that the irrigation system has been installed and our playing fields are getting the much-needed systematic watering. In addition, the dugouts are being built. Michael Sargent, our girls' varsity softball coach, has been instrumental in this project. In addition, a special thank you to Jason Soule for the masonry work, Owen J. Folsom, Inc. for the concrete, Home Depot, and Hammond Lumber for their contributions. For those interested in the school calendar, our students will not have school on Friday, October 11th (teacher-workshop day) or Monday, October 14th (holiday).

CALENDAR OF TOWN EVENTS AND MEETINGS FOR OCTOBER

OCTOBER 1 st	TUESDAY	VETS COMMITTEE @ TOWN OFFICE PLANNING BOARD @ TOWN OFFICE	1PM 6PM
OCTOBER 2 nd	WEDNESDAY	*TOWN OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED TO ALLOW STAFF TO ATTEND THE MMA CONVENTION FOR TRAINING*	ALL DAY
OCTOBER 9 th	WEDNESDAY	SHELLFISH COMMITTEE @ STATION 3	6PM
OCTOBER 10 th	THURSDAY	SPECIAL TOWN MEETING REGARDING LD2003 LAND USE ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS followed by a SELECT BOARD MEETING @ TOWN OFFICE	5PM
OCTOBER 14 th	MONDAY	*TOWN OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY*	ALL DAY
OCTOBER 15 th	TUESDAY	PLANNING BOARD @ TOWN OFFICE	6PM
OCTOBER 24 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.