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TOWN CLERK- Another year has come to a close. The Town Office Staff would like to wish you a **Happy & Healthy New Year!!** We will be closed on January 1, 2025 in observance of New Years' Day and closed January 20, 2025 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Now is the time to renew your dog registration! **Starting February 1st, a \$25 late fee for each dog license will take effect.** This is a state mandated fee and cannot be waived. All dogs over the age of 6 months are required to be registered with a Maine State Municipal dog tag. Because the State of Maine has introduced a new dog registration system, **you must bring your dog's current rabies certificate.** Dog licenses are an important tool for dog owners and Animal Control Officers as it increases our ability to track and return lost dogs. We want to make sure we get your dog back to you and avoid the owner paying fees for having to take them to the shelter until the owner is found! The cost is \$6 for spayed/neutered and \$12 for non-altered dogs.

Want to read the newsletter digitally? We put the monthly newsletters on our website at gouldsborotown.com!

For Town Office closures related to weather this winter, please visit our website or our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/gouldsborotown/> for the most up-to-date information. We continuously thank our Police Department, Fire / EMS Department, Road Commissioner, Emergency Management team and the Snow Plows for helping keep our community safe during storms!

Just a reminder: Any residents who utilize the Transfer Station, please remember you cannot pay the Transfer Station attendees for services at the Transfer Station. If you need to take a contractor's load or take a freon unit, you **MUST** obtain a receipt from the Town Office before these items can be brought. These items will not be able to be dropped off if you do not have a receipt in hand!



GOULDSBORO POLICE DEPT- The Gouldsboro Police Department would like to wish you all a had a Merry Christmas and have a Happy & Healthy New Year! As winter is upon us, we want to encourage all to take a few extra minutes for your commute to ensure you get to where you are going safely. Our roads can often be slick even if they don't appear to be. We thank you for your continued support as we continue to make our community safe!

BENEFIT DINNER- Come to a benefit dinner Saturday, January 25th from 4 - 6PM to support a young local Peninsula teacher whose mother was undergoing cancer treatment and unexpectedly lost her battle. The dinner will benefit Donna Dalangauskas and family in the recent passing of Liz Dalangauskas, at the Gouldsboro Rec Center, 679 Pond Road.

SCHOODIC FOOD PANTRY- The volunteers of the Schoodic Food Pantry are so grateful to the individuals, organizations, businesses and charitable foundations that have supported us this season and throughout the year. Your donations of food, warm clothing, Christmas toys, cash, and even a storage shed where people can select clothing and household items they need out of the weather, have made it possible for us to offer a helping hand to those who need it most. We wish you all the best in this New Year.

SPIRIT OF AMERICA NOMINATIONS- We are inviting community members and officials to nominate a local person, project or group for the 2025 Spirit of America Award. The nominees should display outstanding community service and will be chosen by the Board of Selectmen and recipient(s) will be announced at the Annual Town Meeting in June 2025. Two awards were presented last June and the honors went to Donna Harmon and Bill Zoellick. Nominations should include a paragraph or two about the person, project or group and how their services contributed. Please email no later than **March 15, 2025** to evel52@hotmail.com or snail to Eve Wilkinson, 7 Seth's Cross, Gouldsboro, ME 04607. For more info: (207) 963-7187. Thank you!

VETERAN'S COMMITTEE- The Veteran's Committee wishes everyone a happy and prosperous New Year. The GVC thanks all who participated in Veteran's Angel Tree. Your generosity towards our Veterans is very much appreciated. We also send out a big thanks to the Hurd family at Anderson Marine and Hardware for their support in hosting the tree again this year. Property Tax info: Did you know that a veteran who served during a recognized war period and is 62 years or older; or, is receiving 100% disability as a Veteran; or, became 100% disabled while serving, is eligible for \$6,000 Veteran Property tax exemption? Contact the town office for more information. The GVC meetings will be on hiatus until April 1, 2025. Please remember that winter, and the holidays in particular, can be a stressful time so, if you have the opportunity, reach out to friends and families to let them know they are not alone.

DORCAS LIBRARY- Happy New Year to All! The library will be closed Monday, January 20th for Martin Luther King Day. Children's Story Hour with Liz will be held Thursday, January 9th and 23rd at 10:15AM. The Writers Group meets Thursday, January 9th at 1PM. Knitting and Needlework with Cyndi is Thursday, January 9th and 23rd at 2PM. Qigong at the Dorcas+ building takes place every Monday from 9 – 10AM. New Group: Quilting & Sewing group will meet Wednesday, January 8th from 9AM – 4PM, at the Plus building. Stay for as long or as little as you want. Bring a brown bag lunch. Thank you to everyone who donated generously during our holiday food drive for the Schoodic Food Pantry.

CODE ENFORCEMENT- <i>New building permits issued</i>		
NAME	ADDRESS	PROJECT TYPE
James Hassard	6 Jonathan's Landing	Deck
Melynda Beal	272 Main Street	Shed Demo/Container
Chase Breyan	233 Route One	Timber Harvest
Susan Weiss	143 Lighthouse Point Road	Shoreland Stabilization

RSU 24- In November, the Adult Education Program received a certificate of achievement for being a Top Performer in FY24 by successfully meeting three out of four Adult Education Performance Targets in Maine Adult Education. These performance targets are established by the Maine Department of Education and include: the percentage of students who take the post assessment, percentage of students who make gains, percentage of students who allow for formal designation by the Maine Department of Education, and the percentage increase in enrollment. The goal missed was the expected 10% increase in student enrollment, a lofty goal given our limited resources. We are blessed to have such a strong adult education program. If you see these employees out and about, be sure to offer your congratulations! **Ander Thebaud** – Director, **Jean Girmsheid** - Adult Education Workforce & Community Life Coordinator, **Megan McOsker** - STEM Teacher, **Silas Sifton** - Administrative Assistant, **Erin Shanahan** - Ed Tech, **Phil Wormuth** - ELA & Workforce Instructor. Winter weather is upon us and with that comes the need to cancel or delay the start of school or to release students and staff early. For parents, we will communicate using our Infinite Campus Messenger system which sends the message to the cell phone numbers and emails that we have on file. We also contact and post on the local media stations and Facebook. A reminder that a delayed start on a Friday will result in a full student day, as there is no early release. The district has started the strategic planning process. This process will result in a formal plan that will chart the course for the foreseeable future. In the coming weeks, we will be providing an online survey to allow for our community members to provide input that will help inform the plan. Please be sure to check out our website and Facebook page to access the survey and provide your thoughts. In addition, we will devote time for community input at a couple of our future Board meetings.

CALENDAR OF TOWN EVENTS AND MEETINGS FOR [JANUARY](#)

JANUARY 1st	WEDNESDAY	*TOWN OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF NEW YEARS' DAY*	ALL DAY
JANUARY 2 nd	THURSDAY	SELGET BOARD @ TOWN OFFICE	5PM
JANUARY 7 th	TUESDAY	PLANNING BOARD @ TOWN OFFICE	6PM
JANUARY 13 th	MONDAY	COASTAL RESILIENCE @ TOWN OFFICE	5PM
JANUARY 16 th	THURSDAY	SELECT BOARD @ TOWN OFFICE	5PM
JANUARY 20th	MONDAY	*TOWN OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY*	ALL DAY
JANUARY 21 st	TUESDAY	PLANNING BOARD @ TOWN OFFICE	6PM
JANUARY 30 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.