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GOULDSBORO NEWS



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TOWN CLERK- Budget meetings will be held at regularly-scheduled Select Board meetings on March 13th, March 27th, April 10th, April 24th, with a final meeting held on May 8th.

☘ All motorcycle registrations are due for registration in March. If you would like to re-register your vehicles online, you can do so at <https://www1.maine.gov/online/bmv/rapid-renewal/>. If you would like to register a new car from a private sale, you must have the following documents: current insurance, original title (if 1999 or newer), bill of sale and current mileage. The title must be signed over to you by the current owner and you are required by state law to pay 5.5% sales tax on the purchase amount at the time of registration. If you have any questions, please give us a call at (207) 963-5589 and we would be happy to help!

☘ We expect roads to be posted beginning March 5th.

☘ Want to receive an email reminder when your vehicle registration is due? Please give us a call or email mmerchant@gouldsborotown.com to set this up as we no longer send reminder post cards.

☘ Second payment of property taxes are due March 31st, We offer online service where you can pay your taxes at <https://epayment.informe.org/payportonline/disclaimer/1502>. If you are paying with a card over the phone, at the Town Office or online, there is a 2.5% charge fee for anything over \$40.

☘ Daylight savings time begins Sunday, March 9th. Don't forget to set your clocks ahead!

ELECTIONS- Nomination papers for the Town Municipal Election will be available at the Town Office on Monday, March 3, 2025. *Terms to expire:* two Select Board seats (3-year terms), two Planning Board seats (3-year terms). Papers must be returned to the Town Office no later than 1PM on Friday, April 11, 2025.



GOULDSBORO POLICE DEPT- Just a reminder that the frost heaves have reappeared. Please be careful while driving. If you have not yet registered your dog, it is now past due. Please stop in to the Gouldsboro Town Office to register your dog(s). Current rabies vaccination paperwork, is required. If your dog has passed away, please call the Town Office, at (207) 963-5589 so staff can update your record.

SCHOODIC FOOD PANTRY- The snow and ice haven't kept folks away from our pantry. In fact, we are busier than ever. Some come to drop off food donations; others to bring warm clothing, jackets and coats; some to enjoy coffee and conversation at our chat table; and most to choose the food that will feed their families for the coming week. We welcome them all, but it is a challenge to keep our shelves filled. If you would like to help, we are especially in need of condiments (mustard, ketchup, salad dressings, mayo), spaghetti and pizza sauces, canned fruit, tuna, Spam, birthday bags (cake mix, frosting, and candles), as well as other items you typically buy for your family. There are donation boxes at Winter Harbor Provisions and the Gouldsboro Town Office, and you are always welcome to drop off donations at the pantry Tuesday or Friday between 8:30AM and 11AM.

SCHOODIC BROADBAND COMMITTEE- While many have probably either read the article in the Ellsworth American or seen the trucks along the roads recently, for those that are unaware, Consolidated Communications (CCI) has begun building out a fiber optic broadband network in the towns of Gouldsboro and Winter Harbor. CCI is doing this on their own dime, ahead of any grant money that may become available which is fortunate given the uncertainty surrounding federal funding for programs such as BEAD. Most every public and private road in both towns should be getting fiber internet access and CCI will begin offering service to different areas as the different sections of the network come online. While this work is ongoing, take care as the vehicles and workers deploying the fiber will be working in and close to the roadways. CCI will be sending direct mailings to all eligible locations as those sections of the network become active so not everyone will receive a notification at the same time. Of course, this is great news for the Schoodic Peninsula community and it's exciting to see this work happening. While there shouldn't be any interaction required with CCI employees or contractors during this process, at least until you sign up for service, if someone approaches you directly regarding an offer of service, do your diligence and make sure they have proper CCI identification. There have been scams in the past with individuals posing as utility workers. In the meantime, check out www.fidiumfiber.com to see what plans and pricing you can expect to be

available. You can even pre-order service. The Schoodic Peninsula Broadband Committee will have another meeting again soon to discuss the progress of this build and how and if BEAD funding will materialize for this area.

DORCAS LIBRARY- We had two happy winners in our Valentine’s Day Raffle. Congratulations to Bill and Liz! Thank you to all who bought tickets, which help support our library. Volunteers are busy organizing our Attic Treasures program for May/June/early July. If you have gently used items to donate (no clothing) or would like to volunteer, please contact the library. If you are an artist or crafts person and would like to donate items to sell, we will also be featuring locally made arts and crafts. Children’s Story Hour with Liz will be held Thursday, March 6th and 20th at 10:15AM. The Writers Group meets Thursday, March 6th at 1PM. Knitting and Needlework with Cyndi is Thursday, March 6th and 20th at 2PM. Qigong at the Dorcas+ building takes place every Monday from 9 – 10AM. Quilting & Sewing meets there every second Wednesday. The next get-together is Wednesday, March 12th from 9AM – 4PM. Stay for as long or as little as you want. Bring a brown bag lunch if you plan to stay the whole time.

CODE ENFORCEMENT- Any permanent structure requires a permit. This includes garage, expansions, additions, sheds, etc. or any work within the shoreland.

CODE ENFORCEMENT- <i>New building permits issued</i>		
NAME	ADDRESS	PROJECT TYPE
Deane Point LLC	50 Deane Point Road	Shed
Mark Altvater	21 Peninsula Shores Road	Ground Solar Array
Dale Church	670 Corea Road	Shoreline Stabilization

RSU 24- Well, we have had quite the winter compared to the previous couple of years. I hope we are on the other side of weather impacting our school days but time will tell. At the RSU Board meeting in February, we took time to recognize our Director of Food Services, Melinda Hellum. Melinda has worked tirelessly and successfully with her staff of 11, providing them with ongoing training and oversight to improve menus, food preparation methods, presentation of food to our students, and the staff’s understanding and compliance with the plethora and ever-changing federal and state regulations. She is an outstanding manager and supervisor and has proven to be an effective leader in the district. She is constantly evaluating our kitchens to improve and create safe work environments. She works well with the Maine Dept of Education, cooperative buying groups, other school districts, Healthy Acadia, and collaborates with district administrators using a team approach. She was an integral part of the move to the kitchen and cafeteria in the new school. We feel blessed to have Melinda as part of our team. We are immersed in the budget process for the 2025-2026 school year. The Budget and Finance Committee has reviewed the various school budgets after presentations from each of the principals. We have meetings set for February 25th, March 11th, and 25th to review the remaining budgets. These meetings will be held at the District Services Facility starting at 6:30PM, Our meetings are open to the public and materials to be reviewed at any upcoming meeting are posted on the RSU's website (rsu24.org) Business & Finance webpage, under the FY26 Budget Development link. We are in the beginning stages of developing a strategic plan for the district. Surveys have been distributed to parents, staff, and community members. In the coming weeks, we will assess whether more time is needed to gather the survey data before figuring out next steps. Thank you for your continued support of the school district. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out. You can contact me at (207)422-2017 or meastman@rsu24.org.

CALENDAR OF TOWN EVENTS AND MEETINGS FOR MARCH

MARCH 4 th	TUESDAY	PLANNING BOARD @ TOWN OFFICE	6PM
MARCH 10 th	MONDAY	COASTAL RESLIENCE @ TOWN OFFICE	5PM
MARCH 13 th	THURSDAY	SELECT BOARD @ TOWN OFFICE BUDGET MEETING TO FOLLOW	5PM
MARCH 18 th	TUESDAY	PLANNING BOARD @ TOWN OFFICE	6PM
MARCH 27 th	THURSDAY	SELECT BAORD @ TOWN OFFICE BUDGET MEETING TO FOLLOW	5PM

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



HAPPY ST. PATRICK’S DAY!