

APRIL
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TOWN CLERK- The second half of real estate taxes were due March 31st, 2025. Interest starts accruing April 1st, 2025. If you are delinquent or going to be, please call our office to get the most accurate amount due. Residents of the community vote annually to set the date that interest will begin accruing.

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

Nomination papers are due back to the Town Office by Friday, April 11th by 1PM in order for your papers to be valid.
Available seats are (2) 3-year terms for Select Board and (2) 3-year terms for Planning Board.



GOULDSBORO POLICE DEPT- Spring has sprung.... thank goodness! The dark days are over but the deer and turkeys are acting like they own the road. Please be careful during dawn and dusk so we can arrive alive!! Trucks over 23,000 pounds please adhere to posted roads March 5th through early/mid-May.

SCHOODIC FOOD PANTRY- On Friday, March 13th, we received an urgent message from Good Shepherd Food Bank notifying us of the most current federal food assistance reductions around the Federal Food and Funding freeze. These will reduce both the total pounds of food we receive and the variety of products available to us. The loss of the Local Food Purchase Assistance Cooperative Agreement Program “. . . represents a projected loss of 500,000 to 600,000 pounds of fresh, local produce Good Shepherd Food Bank would have distributed, through its partners, to families facing food insecurity.” We are one of those partners. Additionally, we have been told to anticipate a 50% to 60% decrease in our monthly allocation of staple food products – peanut butter, canned chicken, canned vegetables, and rice, for example. We will be at Winter Harbor Provisions on Saturday, April 5th, as part of the Hancock County Food Security Network food drive for food pantries. Customers can purchase items on our recommended food list and drop them off on their way out. We will be grateful for your support.

SCHOODIC COMMUNITY FUND- The Schoodic Community Fund is now accepting grant applications which will be considered by our advisory committee this summer and awarded in September. All peninsula non-profits, schools, and municipalities are encouraged to apply. Applications are due by June 1st and can be downloaded from the SCF website: <http://www.schoodiccommunityfund.org> Contact Tim Fisher with any questions at timliza@gmail.com or call (207) 546-6658.

SCHOODIC SHINES ANNUAL ROADSIDE CLEANUP- In celebration of Earth Day, the Towns of Gouldsboro and Winter Harbor will designate all of April to cleaning up our Peninsula. Starting April 1st, large white DOT bags and a clipboard will be available in tote boxes outside each Town Office. Be sure to write your name and contact information on the clip board, so you can be notified about the Pickled Wrinkle celebration for your participation. You can also add the area you are targeting so others may choose a different location. Grabbers will be available so please check off your name if you are borrowing one for the clean-up and return it to the tote box when you are finished. It is important to use ONLY the bags provided! Once a bag is filled, leave it where you have cleaned up and the white bags will be picked up from the road. For more info contact Becky O’Keefe at 669-2187 or Vicki Rea at 812-2839. Thank you for all you do to make Schoodic Shine!

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
Johep Jablonowski	196 Merganser Dr	Residence (2 nd permit)
KMH (Construction for Jackson)	426 Paul Bunyan Road	Demo/New Residence
Jeff Grant for Seward	17 Seward’s Folley	Addition

SUPERINTENDENT OF TOWN INFRASTRUCTURE- Did you know that the Town Ordinances are available on the Town website? The Ordinances are Town Laws or “Ordinances” that are adopted by the voters and enforced by the Town of Gouldsboro and are enforceable in a court of law. If you are curious about Land Use, Shoreland Zoning, recalling elected officials or you struggle with insomnia and sleeping at night, the ordinances are available as PDFs for your viewing pleasure.

DORCAS 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 an item to sell, we will also be featuring locally made arts and crafts. Peninsula School Art will be on display at Dorcas Library through this month. Come see our budding artists’ work! Children’s Story Hour with Liz will be held Thursday April 3rd and 17th at 10:15AM. The Writers Group meets Thursday, April 3rd at 1PM. Knitting and Needlework with Cyndi is Thursday, April 3rd and 17th at 2PM. Qigong at the Dorcas+ building takes place every Monday from 9 – 10AM. Quilting & Sewing will meet at the Dorcas+ building on Wednesday April 9th 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.

VETERANS’ COMMITTEE- The committee will kick off our 2025 season on April 1st at 1PM @ the Town Office. You do not have to be on the committee to come and see what is going on. You are also welcome to come just to socialize with fellow veterans and friends. All Vets and their supporters are welcome. We will have updates on adding bricks to the Veterans’ Memorial, planning the town’s Memorial Day Ceremony, and our upcoming summer raffle. We will continue to try and identify what Veteran support the Schoodic Region needs or what would be beneficial. Please come join us on April 1st (no joke, honest).

RSU 24- The Budget and Finance Committee is almost done with their work of reviewing the various department/school budgets of the district. There is an unavoidable rise in our budget with the majority attributed to the much-needed increase to salaries and the anticipated increase in health insurance. The full RSUB will consider and hopefully approve the budget at its April 8th meeting. The District Budget Meeting will take place on May 28th at Sumner starting @ 6:30PM. If you reside in one of our nine communities, you will be able to vote on the proposed budget at this meeting. The next step in the process is the school budget referendum held on June 10th. The referendum vote takes place in each of our communities at the designated voting station. The final budget information will be distributed to our communities after the District Budget Meeting and prior to the referendum and will be accessible on our website. We are cautiously optimistic that we will get on our baseball and softball fields this spring. We will learn a great deal as we transition into spring and see how the fields bounce back from winter. If you drive by the school, you will notice that the dugouts are nearing completion. Many thanks to the Carpentry Program from Hancock County Technical Center (located at Sumner), as they are putting the finishing touches (roof, siding, & paint) on the dugouts. For those planning ahead, the Sumner Memorial High School class night is Tuesday, June 3rd and graduation is Thursday, June 5th. Sumner Middle School will hold its 8th grade promotion on June 9th. The Adult Education Certificate Ceremony is June 4th and Adult Education Graduation is the 11th. Thank you for your continued support of our schools. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at meastman@rsu24.org.

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

APRIL 1 st	TUESDAY	VETERANS’ COMMITTEE @ TOWN OFFICE	1PM
APRIL 1 st	TUESDAY	PLANNING BOARD @ TOWN OFFICE	6PM
APRIL 3 rd	THURSDAY	HARBOR COMMITTEE @ TOWN OFFICE	5PM
APRIL 7 th	MONDAY	COASTAL RESILIENCE @ TOWN OFFICE	5PM
APRIL 9 th	WEDNESDAY	SHELLFISH COMMITTEE @ FIRE STATION #3	6PM
APRIL 10 th	THURSDAY	SELECT BOARD @ TOWN OFFICE BUDGET MEETING TO FOLLOW	5PM
APRIL 15 th	TUESDAY	PLANNING BOARD @ TOWN OFFICE	6PM
APRIL 21 st	MONDAY	TOWN OFFICE CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF PATRIOTS’ DAY	ALL DAY
APRIL 24 th	THURSDAY	SELECT BOARD @ 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.