

THE GOULDSBORO NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2010

SELECTMEN/TOWN MANAGER

THE FUTURE OF GOULDSBORO....WHAT DO YOU PREFER??

About a decade ago, residents of Schoodic learned that the US Navy Base at Schoodic was to be closed. In response, members of the Chamber of Commerce asked for assistance from the University of Maine Cooperative Extension to hold some conversations about the future of the region....the result was Schoodic Futures. Over a period of years the Schoodic Futures group held monthly meetings where folks could meet and brainstorm to create ideas for the future of our Peninsula. Now there are new challenges and opportunities, including threats to the fishing industry, tourism development and the need for high speed internet connections.

Ron Beard of the University of Maine Cooperative Extension started early last summer interviewing about 30 residents in Winter Harbor and presenting preliminary results for that town at an open forum in August. He began interviewing residents of Gouldsboro that same month, and presented draft results to our select board in November. He received feedback encouraging the extension of the opportunity for Gouldsboro residents to participate through the town's website, with a follow up potluck dinner forum planned in February (to be announced in the February Newsletter). We offer you the chance to review the draft results of the survey and to complete your own survey at the Gouldsboro Town Website which is - www.gouldsborotown.com

The interior offices in our municipal building have been renovated. There is becoming more and more of a challenge to try to fit in and protect all of the required documents for the town. The old town manager's office has been reconstructed to allow more space for the police department and the old police office is now the home of the code enforcement officer. In the meeting room area we built a new locking storage closet. We were fortunate to be granted an inmate from the Hancock County Jail for several days to help us with the renovations. Special thanks to several other folks who volunteered their expertise: Glenn Grant, Jim Malloy, Jim McLean, Mike Hall, Patrick Hall, John Fuhrman and Elaine Fuhrman. Stop in for a tour sometime!!



Our community is special because of many things but especially for the volunteerism and giving. Andrew Sankey successfully acquired another grant for the Fire Department, \$1,148 for two additional pagers. Ray and Margaret Jones donated a woodstove to the Town to use at the Transfer Station. Thank you all.....Lucky us!!

SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE

As of early December the town has reduced solid waste at PERC by more than 255 tons; a cost reduction of more than \$18,000 since January 2009. Again we want to thank everybody who has helped reduce the waste stream by recycling or composting. The Committee has met monthly during the past year in an effort to find other ways to save tax dollars and plans to continue meeting next year on a regular basis to hopefully come up with additional ideas to save money.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

The first meeting of the Budget Committee for 2010 is scheduled for Wednesday January 13th at the Town Office. At that time goals and objectives will be discussed for presentation to the Board of Selectmen at their next meeting. There are 3 openings for 1 year terms as alternates on this committee. Interested parties should contact the town office or a committee member prior to the 13th. Budget review meetings usually start in late February, or early March and run through late April or early May. Serving as an alternate for one year offers an opportunity to become involved with the budget process and further understanding of various town activities and cost structure.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Permit Activity 11-21 through 12-18-2009



S. Chipman	Church Street	Temporary Trailer Storage
E. Wilkinson	4 Seth's Crossing	Addition
Y. Donnell	21 Pond Road	Deck
E. Bertin	46 Youngs Farm Road	Addition
Young Brothers	69 Cranberry Point	Demolition
E. Bertin	46 Youngs Farm Road	Residence

TOWN CLERK

As of this month, any vehicle 1995 or newer will require a title. This will no longer change each year—if you purchase a vehicle dated from 1995 or newer YOU MUST HAVE THE TITLE to get it registered. A reminder that the State of Maine has raised the price of registering a snowmobile by \$5, it will now cost \$41 for a resident snowmobile registration. Another reminder---dogs must be licensed by January 31st. Dogs being registered after this date will incur a \$15 late fee in addition to the regular charge. We are now exclusively using a computer system for registering all recreational vehicles and boats—in order to register these vehicles we must have a VIN number. If you have a home made vehicle, you can request a number prior to registration; we have the paper work here. This also applies to re-registrations; any manufactured boat newer than 1972 will have a serial number.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

A reminder-it is illegal to leave snow or slush across a public roadway—this can result in a fine of \$165, so please make sure you remove any that is pushed out in to the roadway while plowing.

WINTER LIGHTS FESTIVAL ---A THANK YOU

Thank you to this years committee members Penny Altman, Allen Benson, Mary & Marty Johnson, Gordon Seal, Barbara & Paul Stewart & Dean Kotula. Garry & Rosemary Levin also helped. Gordon Seal used his carpentry skills to build a platform for the event and resurrect the Gothic chairs Santa & Mrs. Claus used. He also worked with Michael Morton hanging the lights. Gratitude goes to Lois Crowley for knitting the beautiful mittens for the children. The Acadia Women’s Club generously donated all the books. Sierra Weeks lent her lovely voice to lead the crowd in singing Christmas carols. Danny Walker ferried Santa & Mrs. Claus to the Town pier-and we thank the jolly couple for visiting Prospect Harbor. Dana Rice & Eve Wilkinson acted as coordinating liaisons and Jeff Alley & Paul Young provided space on Inland Lobsters wharf for tables, the use of their porta-potty and parking area. Peter Colson at Bumble Bee Foods supplied the Christmas tree and parking lot. Jackie Weaver gave us great coverage in the Ellsworth American. Thanks to Dick Fisher who took time out from his busy schedule to download Christmas music just hours before the event. To all who attended, we thank you for coming out to support this event. Many photos were taken of the children visiting with the Jolly Elf, and these photos are on display at the Harbor Girl Emporium in Winter Harbor. Each family gets one free 4x6 picture and can purchase more by calling Dean Kotula at 963-7575. Thanks again to all of those who contributed to make this years festival a huge success.

Dean Kotula, Winter Lights Committee Chairman

DORCAS LIBRARY

Beginning Monday, February 1, 2010, Dorcas Library will be open on Mondays and Wednesdays from 1:00 PM until 7:00 PM. The Library will continue to be open on Saturdays from 1:30 PM until 4:00 PM. We hope these extended hours will make library visits more convenient for our patrons.

Dorcas Library is **closed** on days when it is not safe for our volunteers and patrons to get to the library. If the library is closed, there will be a “closed” message on our answering machine at 207-963-4027. Remember, no fines are assessed on materials that cannot be returned due to inclement weather. If it is not safe for you to get to the library, or if the library is closed, you can renew materials by phone. Simply leave a message with your name, the due date of the item, the title and author of the item.

LAST FRIDAY COFFEEHOUSE

Friday, January 29th Winter Harbor - Debra Cowan, Interpreter of Traditional & Contemporary Folk Songs - Last Friday Coffeehouse in Hammond Hall, presented by Schoodic Arts for All. 7:30 PM. Suggested donation for this event is \$10 -Kids under 12 admitted free - Great desserts available - No reservations needed, doors open at 6:30 PM. For further info, call 963-7670, 963-2569, or go to www.schoodicarts.org & www.debracowan.com

FRIENDS OF SCHOODIC

Saturday, January 9, 2010, 7:00 PM – 2nd Saturday Lecture Series, Moore Auditorium, Schoodic Education and Research Center. Topic to be announced.

FYI

The Gouldsboro Democratic Party will be holding its caucus on Sunday, January 31st, 2010, in the cafeteria at the Peninsula School, beginning at 4:00 PM. Agenda items include the election of Party municipal officers, County Party members, delegates to the May 2010 State convention, and a town organizer. Election clerks will also be nominated. All local Democrats, and any Independents, Greens, or Republicans who would like to join the Party, are welcome. The caucus should be concluded within an hour.

RECYCLING WILL BE PICKED UP THE FIRST AND THIRD WEDNESDAYS FOR THE MONTHS OF JANUARY AND FEBRUARY ONLY.

No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted. --[Aesop](#)



CALENDAR OF EVENTS & MEETINGS (JANUARY 2010)

Friday	1 st	Town Office Closed-Happy New Year	All Day
Thursday	7 th	Selectmens Meeting- Town Office	6:00 PM
Saturday	9 th	Friends of Schoodic- Moore Auditorium	7:00 PM
Monday	11 th	Solid Waste Meeting- Town Office	7:00 PM
Wednesday	13 th	Budget Committee Meeting- Town Office	6:00 PM
Wednesday	13 th	Shellfish Meeting- Town Office	7:30 PM
Monday	18 th	Local School Advisory Committee-Peninsula School	6:30 PM
Monday	18 th	Town Office Closed- Martin Luther King Day	All Day
Wednesday	20 th	Peninsula School Parent Group- Peninsula School	6:00 PM
Thursday	21 st	Selectmens Meeting- Town Office	6:00 PM
Friday	29 th	Last Friday Coffee House- Hammond Hall	7:30 PM
Sunday	31 st	Democratic Caucus- Peninsula School	4:00 PM

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