

SELECTMEN/TOWN MANAGER

Please look on-line for the Annual Town Report at www.gouldsborotown.com the last week in May.
Hard copies will also be available at the Town Office and some local businesses.

We have been actively preparing and reviewing the 2010/2011 fiscal year budget requests with the Budget Committee. Our priority is to recommend a budget at the Annual Town Meeting that will support current and future services to our residents and taxpayers and avoid raising property taxes. The budget that will be presented at the meeting in June includes repairs to our community buildings, enhancing our Paving, Building and Fire Equipment Reserves and continuing to provide many general services already being offered. After competitive bidding we awarded the curbside recycling bid to the current operator and Gouldsboro resident, Ed Weaver. The transfer station disposal was awarded to Josh Wellman of Winterport, who currently provides excellent service and competitive prices. The transfer station operator will change on July 1st, 2010 to Chris Church, a lower bidder and a Gouldsboro resident. Last year John Goodwin from Southwest Harbor delivered our sand at \$7.00 a cubic yard and was awarded the bid this year at \$6.94.

Gouldsboro's mill rate last year was 8.0 (population 1,941) as compared to:

Hancock: 8.12 (2,312)	Sullivan: 8.86 (1,246)	Steuben: 13.65 (1,167)	Surry: 7.6 (1,413)
Machias: 19.1 (2,272)	Milbridge: 13.10 (1,312)	Blue Hill: 6.65 (2,387)	Bangor: 19.05 (31,478)
Calais: 24.7 (3,310)	Ellsworth: 13.35 (6,978)	Freeport: 12/75 (8,010)	Lamoine: 9.7 (1,592)
Mt. Desert: 5.85 (2,196)	So. Portland: 14.7 (23,729)	Winter Harbor: 5.12 (973)	Houlton: 19.25 (6,425)

Great News Beginning June 1st! After several months of training we have been approved to accept and process passport applications. Along with processing applications our goal is to also provide the opportunity for folks to have their passport photos taken here at the office – one stop shopping! We hope to make the procedure simple and convenient for our residents and neighboring communities. Offering this service will generate \$25 revenue to the Town of Gouldsboro for each application.

During April we met with Hancock County Planning Commission and DECD to discuss possible grants for prospective buyers of Bumble Bee. The most valuable grant available is the CDBG, or Community Development Block Grant (Environmental Grant). The grant application would be based on the expectations and need for employment opportunities. If awarded, a potential buyer may be eligible for \$400,000 along with possible additional low interest loans and equipment grants. We are committed to working closely with these agencies and providing any assistance needed to enhance the probability of successfully supporting a viable industry in Prospect Harbor.

Special thanks to Jason Follette and Jon Young for their volunteer help repairing the Prospect Harbor Pier.

PLANNING BOARD

On Tuesday May 18th the Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on amendments to two existing Town Ordinances. The Land Use Ordinance amendment addresses outside lighting on new structures and alterations to existing buildings. The intent is to improve lighting efficiency as well reducing glare into the night sky. The amendment to the Site Plan Ordinance is intended to duplicate the language of the Subdivision Ordinance regarding the fee and how it is to be used by the Town. Currently the Town pays for advertising and mailings for public hearings for site plans whereas with subdivisions this cost is borne by the applicant.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Permit Activity 03/20/2010 through 04/22/2010

M. Young	7 AM Road	Dog House
B. Thayer	51 Darthia Farm Road	Shed
C. Clark	Wonsqueak Lane	Residence
D. Plourde	22 Mill Pond	Ext Renovations
S. Flood	165 Main Street	Ramp
J. McNabb	177 Paul Bunyan Road	Addition
B. Boeglin	384 Gouldsboro Point Road	Residence
G. Grant	113 Gouldsboro Point Road	Residence

TOWN CLERK

Don't forget ATVs must be registered by June 30th. Absentee ballots will be available at the Town Office by the first week in May for the State Primary and Town elections being held on June 8th, 2010. In order to vote in the Primary election, you must be enrolled in either the Democratic, Republican or Green party. If you need to vote absentee, give us a call and we will send you the ballot, or you can come in to the office and vote. Now is a good time to check and make sure you are registered, and that we have your current address.

SHELLFISH LICENSE CONSERVATION HOURS 2010 SCHEDULE

All activities start at the Town Office in Gouldsboro. Make sure one of the Shellfish Committee Members or the Warden records your presence.

Wednesday	May 12 th	6:00 PM	Shellfish Conservation Committee Meeting
Sunday	May 23 rd	10:00 AM	Upper Bradleys Point/Freeman's Point
Sunday	June 13 th	4:00 PM	
Wednesday	June 16 th	7:00 PM	Shellfish Conservation Committee Meeting
Sunday	July 16 th	2:00 PM	

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Gouldsboro Fire Department had their Annual Banquet on Saturday, April 24th. The many volunteers were acknowledged and thanked for their service and dedication to our community and the GFD and Auxiliary. Job well done and much appreciated by all.

VILLAGE GARDENS

The Village Garden project is once again up and running. There is space available in the plot in South Gouldsboro behind the Wilkinson property, and also in Birch Harbor in the garden at the Johnson Farm. This year we are having a "Seedling Giveaway" on Wednesday, May 26th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM at the Town Office. Please drop off any extra (labeled) seedlings you might have by 4:00 PM. All are welcome to come and swap seedlings and garden lore. FMI contact Becky O'Keefe @ 669-2187.

CANS FOR ANG

Angela Willey Whalen has been battling cancer and continues to make significant positive progress. Cans for Ang is a way to support the family and the family business during this critical time. On May 8th Gouldsboro residents may leave bottles and cans at the Ashville Redemption Center to use for this purpose from 8:00 AM until 2:00 PM. FMI please call Eve Wilkinson @963-5589 or Roxanne Malloy @ 963-5588.

SUMNER HIGH SCHOOL PTC

For anyone wanting to keep up with what is happening with the PTC during the summer, here is the website: sumnerptc.org.

DORCAS LIBRARY

On Saturday, May 15th from 9:00 AM-4:00 PM the Dorcas Library bakers will offer "Chocolate and More," a bake sale featuring a variety of homemade taste treats. The library will be open so you can choose a book or borrow a movie during these hours.

BOY SCOUTS

Boy Scout Troop 101 and Cub Scout Pack 101 need your help. We are hosting the Annual Spring Hancock District Camporee (a group camping event) on May 21, 22 & 23 at Dave Seward's property on the Pond Road in Gouldsboro. We need one or two people to mow the fields the week before the Camporee. A small John Deere sized tractor can do the job; however it is a lot of property so a couple of mowers would be great. We are also looking for 10 to 15 canopy/shelters. We have different activities being held during the day on Saturday with sun or rain shelter needed. Around 250 scouts and leaders are expected to attend. If you can help with either of these needs please contact Melissa Harrington at 669-2148 /e mail corealobster@msn.com or Sara Worcester at 598-8552/ e-mail sarajworcester@yahoo.com. Thank you for any support you can offer to this worthwhile program.

SCHOODIC EDUCATION AND RESEARCH CENTER

On Saturday, May 8th at 7:00 PM, Acadia Partners for Science and Learning will host a lecture at the Moore Auditorium on the SERC campus entitled "High School Citizen Science Research: Its Effects on Students and Teaching" given by Ed Lindsey, a teacher at Old Town High School.

LAST FRIDAY COFFEEHOUSE

Friday, May 28th in Winter Harbor come and see Jimmy Barnes, Country & Eastern Originals at Last Friday Coffeehouse at Hammond Hall, 7:30 PM, presented by Schoodic Arts for All. Suggested donation for this event is \$12 -Kids under twelve admitted free - Great desserts available! No reservations, doors open at 6:30 PM. For further info, call 963-7670, 963-2569 or go to www.schoodicarts.org.

HARDYS FRIENDS

If you are struggling to feed your family dog or cat, Hardy's Friends can help! Call Susan Burke at 963-7444. May 2nd -8th is "Be Kind to Animals Week." If you would like to celebrate by making a contribution to Hardy's Friends at P.O. Box 63, Prospect Harbor ME 04669, know that every dollar donated will be used to purchase the supplies area pet owners need.

Trash Pick Up every Thursday
Recycling every Wednesday---please have them out by 7:00 AM
It's critter time---make sure your trash is in a container if you leave it out overnight.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS & MEETINGS (MAY 2010)

Newsletter e mail: news.letter@gouldsborotown.com

Tuesday	4 th	Planning Board – Town Office	7:00 PM
Wednesday	5 th	Budget Committee – Town Office – (If Needed)	6:00 PM
Thursday	6 th	Building and Grounds Committee- Town Office	8:15 AM
Saturday	8 th	Cans for Angela-Collection at Ashville Redemption	8:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Wednesday	12 th	Harbor Committee – Town Office	7:00 PM
Wednesday	12 th	Shellfish Meeting – Town Office	6:00 PM
Thursday	13 th	Selectmens Meeting – Town Office	6:00 PM
Saturday	15 th	Trade Day	
Saturday	15 th	Dorcas Library "Chocolate & More" Bake Sale	9:00 AM -4:00 PM
Monday	17 th	Advisory Committee – Peninsula School	6:30 PM
Tuesday	18 th	Planning Board – Town Office	7:00 PM
Wednesday	19 th	Parent Group- Peninsula School	6:00 PM
Friday	21 st	Deadline for Newsletter Submissions	4:00 PM
Wednesday	26 th	Seedling Exchange – Town Office	4:00 – 6:00 PM
Thursday	27 th	Selectmens Meeting – Town Office	6:00 PM
Friday	28 th	Last Friday Coffee House- Hammond Hall	7:30 PM
Monday	31 st	Memorial Day Parade – Prospect Harbor	9:00AM
Monday	31 st	Memorial Day – Town Office Closed	



The patriot's blood is the seed of Freedom's tree. — Thomas Campbell

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