

SEPTEMBER 2009

# GOULDSBORO NEWSLETTER

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## SELECTMEN/TOWN MANAGER

August 25<sup>th</sup> real estate property tax bills were mailed. The Budget Committee and Selectmen met many times throughout the spring and submitted a municipal budget to the voters at the annual meeting that reflected a \$21,000 increase over last year. To compensate for the increase, \$21,000 will be transferred from undesignated (surplus) as approved by voters. The result is a zero increase in taxes for the municipal and county budgets. The final budget generated includes valuable support to our Paving, Building, Cruiser and Fire Equipment Reserves. Taxpayer support for our new school is significant and should enhance our community and benefit our children. The combined budgets (Peninsula and Flanders Bay) have decreased; however adding the newly created Education Reserve (\$350,000) has resulted in an overall increase. This Reserve will be recommended to offset next year's educational budget. The entire municipal line-by-line budget is available at the Town Office and residents and taxpayers are welcome to visit and review it.

The first draft of the design for the visitor gateway facility at the eastern end of the Schoodic National Scenic Byway was shared with the Board of Selectmen at their meeting in August. The gateway will be integrated into the existing Women's Club landscape and will also involve the construction of an upgraded scenic space. The project will be directed by a MaineDOT Landscape Architect and be mostly funded through two National Scenic Byway Grants. The goal is to create a unique public village center of coastal character that meets three primary objectives: providing a safe pedestrian way that enhances this beautiful area for a public gathering space, a veteran's monument and locating a suitable site for our new stone sculpture. The sketch is available at the Town Office and may also be accessed on the town website [www.gouldsborotown.com](http://www.gouldsborotown.com). We welcome your comments, concerns and questions and would really appreciate your input.

Please respond to: [town.manager@gouldsborotown.com](mailto:town.manager@gouldsborotown.com) and/or [Lawrence.Johannesman@maine.gov](mailto:Lawrence.Johannesman@maine.gov).

Congratulations to Glenn Grant on his appointment as Police Chief. Mr. Grant has worked for Gouldsboro since Oct. 2008, is academy trained and has over 25 years of experience.

## CODE ENFORCEMENT

Over-the-Road trailers, that are being used in place of storage buildings, are treated as permanent structures if they remain in place for more than six consecutive months. The fact that these trailers are on wheels is not relevant.

A building permit is required.

E. Demmons	39 Eagle View	Addition
M. Newman	18 Bay Point Lane	Deck
W. Zoellick	92 Main Street	Shed
D.Chaploney	1315 Route 1	Expansion
C. Stinson	81 Lighthouse Point Road	Garage
B. Yasgur	Shore Road	Demolition
R. Coccoluto	454 Gouldsboro Point Road	Change Roof
G. Grovogel	1 East Schoodic Drive	Residence
J. Bernardin	215 Route 1	Residence

## SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE

Another month and the numbers speak for themselves. The volume of trash taken to PERC has now been reduced by more than 27% since January 1<sup>st</sup>. This represents a cost savings of more than \$12,000!! Thank you neighbors, and keep up the good work recycling and composting....Just a reminder, large amounts of cardboard can be taken to the Transfer Station.

## TOWN CLERK

A reminder-when renewing your drivers license, you will be required to provide proof of your Maine residency. The following documents, with your physical address are accepted: tax return, paycheck stub, utility bill, government document, Maine vehicle registration, W-2, tax bill, recent Maine Driver's license with a physical address, conditional order of restoration, Maine Resident Hunting and/or fishing license or a contract with your name and physical address. \*\*\*\* All Junkyard Permits expire on Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH COMMITTEE

On August 13<sup>th</sup> the Neighborhood Watch met to finalize the design for area signs. Within the next few weeks, expect to see Neighborhood Watch signs appearing around the peninsula. The signs are a result of funds contributed at the Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast. Next meeting is scheduled for September 10<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 PM at Fire Station #1.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

We want to thank everyone who showed up for the Schoodic Steel Drum concert on August 17<sup>th</sup>. A good time was had by all. A special thanks to the band members and all who helped with this annual event. Just another reminder to all residents to get your address numbers on your house or near the road in case of emergency. Have a safe Labor Day weekend!

## WORKING WATERFRONT CLEAN UP DAY

Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup> 8:00 AM-noon, volunteers are needed to collect debris in Prospect Harbor, Gouldsboro Point, Corea Harbor, Bunker's Harbor and South Gouldsboro Harbor. This is an opportunity to work with community members and local schools to pick-up and record debris along Gouldsboro's working waterfront harbors. FMI about volunteering or to donate supplies, please contact Caroline at the Gouldsboro Town Office (207) 963-5589. This is scheduled in conjunction with the Solid Waste Committee and The Ocean Conservancy's 24<sup>th</sup> Annual International Coastal Clean-Up Effort. Be a part of this world-wide event: <http://www.oceanconservancy.org/>.

## SHELLFISH WARDEN

Red Tide Hotline: 1-800-232-4733

## PUC

For immediate assistance regarding electric or telephone services that you feel are not handled properly you may call the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) directly at 1-800-452-4699 seven days a week from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM. Ms. Cathy Adams, a Senior Consumer Assistance Specialist, can be reached at this number at extension 2003.

*"We are made wise not by the recollection of our past, but by the responsibility of our future" George Bernard Shaw*

WE DID IT!!!



On Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> there will be an open house at the new Peninsula School from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM. There will be a cookout and tours of the building to see what the kids have done to make the school their own. We also hope to have a form to fill out so community members can vote for their favorite teacher from Gouldsboro/Winter Harbor telling us what they did for the children that makes them special to our community. This is a great opportunity to see first hand this impressive structure we now have and “ring” in the new!!!

**GOULDSBORO SCULPTURE COMMITTEE**

GREAT NEWS! Roxanne Quimby has given the Sculpture Committee a matching grant of \$2,000 towards the \$8,000 needed to be raised for our sculpture. The deadline for these matching funds is September 12<sup>th</sup>, the end of the Schoodic International Sculpture Symposium (SISS). The site for our sculpture created by Ahmed Karaly from Egypt will be near the Women's Club. If you wish to make a donation towards this match, you may make a check out to the Gouldsboro Town Office, or the SISS at P.O. Box 22, Steuben, ME 04680. Please identify on the check these funds are for the Gouldsboro Sculpture. FMI Janet Michaud at 963-7397.

**GOULDSBORO HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

This month’s meeting will be held in the Town House Museum (452 Route #1; West Gouldsboro) at 7:30 PM on Monday, Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>. Rev. Charles A. Joy will present his annual lecture. This years topic is Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. All are welcome. FMI 963-5530. Town House Museum is open from 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM Saturday Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>.

The Gouldsboro Coverlets are for sale. These were previously offered by the Prospect Harbor Woman’s Club. They are 100% cotton, two layer Jacquard woven and measure 48”x68” with a fringe on all sides. The wedgewood blue and natural coverlet pictures Gouldsboro’s historic landmarks. A sample hangs in the Town Office meeting room. Sales benefit the Gouldsboro Historical Society. Price is \$45 plus 5% sales tax. Call Sheila Daley at 963-7018 to purchase.

**DORCAS LIBRARY**

Join us on Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM for our annual Craft, Bake and Attic Treasures Sale at the library. We will offer a variety of hand-crafted items made by our volunteers and friends, lots of tempting sweets, and treasures from many attics. Our circulation desk will also be open during these hours.

Dorcas Library will hold its annual meeting at the library on Tuesday evening, September 15<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 PM. Patrons and interested community members are invited to attend.

The Board of Trustees of Dorcas Library is considering the possibility of extending library hours. In order to do this, we need many more committed volunteers, especially people willing to work at the circulation desk. Volunteers will receive training and be expected to work a minimum of two shifts each month. If you think you might be interested, please call Prudence Henry at 963-7087 or Doris Combs at 963-2190.

**LAST FRIDAY COFFEEHOUSE**

September 25<sup>th</sup> in Winter Harbor, Jack Williams, Arkansas Singer/Songwriter, Sideman, & Guitarist will be performing at the Last Friday Coffeehouse in Hammond Hall, presented by Schoodic Arts for All at 7:30 PM. Suggested donation for this event is \$12 - Kids under 12 admitted free - Great desserts!! No reservations needed and the doors open at 6:30 PM. For further info, call Jeremy Strater 963-7670, 963-2569, or go to [www.schoodicarts.org](http://www.schoodicarts.org) & [www.jackwilliams.com](http://www.jackwilliams.com).

***Good Planning***  
**ON YOUR REFRIGERATOR!**  
**A list of all medications and the name and number to:**  
**1. Your Doctor**  
**2. Emergency Contact Person**  
**AND**  
**3. Number of pets in your home and someone to contact to care for them.**

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS & MEETINGS (SEPTEMBER 2009)**

Tuesday	1 <sup>st</sup>	Planning Board- Town Office	7:00 PM
Tuesday	1 <sup>st</sup>	SISS Silent Auction- Hammond Hall	5:30 PM-6:30 PM
Thursday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Selectmens Meeting- Town Office	6:00 PM
Monday	7 <sup>th</sup>	Labor Day	Closed
Wednesday	9 <sup>th</sup>	Shellfish Meeting- Town Office	7:00 PM
Thursday	10 <sup>th</sup>	Neighborhood Watch, Fire Station #1	6:00 PM
Monday	14 <sup>th</sup>	Gouldsboro Historical Society- Town House Museum	7:30 PM
Tuesday	15 <sup>th</sup>	Planning Board- Town Office	7:00 PM
Tuesday	15 <sup>th</sup>	Dorcas Library Annual Meeting- Dorcas Library	7:00 PM
Wednesday	16 <sup>th</sup>	Harbor Committee- Town Office	7:00 PM
Thursday	17 <sup>th</sup>	Selectmens Meeting- Town Office	6:00 PM
Saturday	19 <sup>th</sup>	Harbor Clean Up Day-Womens Club	8:00 AM
Monday	21 <sup>st</sup>	Peninsula Local Advisory Committee- Peninsula School	6:30 PM
Wednesday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Open House-New Peninsula School	4:00PM-6:00 PM
Friday	25 <sup>th</sup>	Last Friday Coffee House- Hammond Hall	7:30 PM

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