

GOULDSBORO NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2009

SELECTMEN/TOWN MANAGER

Our Shellfish Committee has been busy preparing a plan to manage the intertidal harvesting of mussels. They submitted the draft of the "Pilot Project Plan" to the Department of Marine Resources (DMR) in February and hope to have it finalized soon. DMR responded to Gouldsboro favorably for their efforts and it has taken several years to get to this point. DMR writes: "This is the first Intertidal Mussel Harvest Plan in the State of Maine and the Shellfish Committee and the Town of Gouldsboro should be proud of this document. It is the model that we (DMR, Shellfish Management) will use for other communities to emulate." Many thanks to all committee members for their dedication to this project.

January trash collections proved to be slightly lower this past year than last. In 2008 we disposed of 81.61 tons of solid waste and in 2009 the disposal shrunk to 52.41 tons. The savings at today's price per ton was \$2,137. The sale of trash tags has generated over \$11,000. We all appreciate the extra help from Mc's Market and Young's Market for voluntarily making tags available at their locations. The tags will also now be available from Ashville Redemption.

Congratulations to the Gouldsboro Fire Department on another successful grant award for \$63,000. The recent FEMA Grant includes \$59,850 (Federal) and a Town's match from the department of \$3,150. The money will be used to purchase airpaks. Great job GFD!!!

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Permit Activity 1-12-2009 through 2-20-2009

W. Hodgkins	26 Pond Road	Camper
B. Howard	460 Gouldsboro Pt Rd	Timber Harvest
S. Webber	Paul Bunyan Road	Forest Management
R. Stange	Clamshell Road	Renewal/House
R. Stenger	Map 23 Lot 28G	Timber Harvest

SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE

Although recyclable markets are improving gradually, Coastal Recycling Center(CRC) still is not taking # 1 plastic or white paper. You will be notified as soon as CRC can accept these items. Recycling is still important for the town and environment. Reminder-you can also recycle corrugated cardboard at the Transfer Station.

Trash Tags At The Ashville Bottle Redemption Center- Now, when you turn in your bottles, you can get your refund in trash tags---The tags are \$1.50 each and you can choose a combination of tags and/or money. The service is very fast and they are open Monday through Friday. Don't forget trash tags are also available at Mc's Market and Young's Market in addition to the Town Office.

TOWN CLERK

Moose Permit information: On-Line application is encouraged by the State of Maine--<http://www.state.me.us/ifw/fishing/index.htm>-----if you have no way of getting to a computer, then you may send a self addressed, stamped envelope to: Moose Permit Application Request--41 State House Station- Augusta, ME 04333-0041--On-line applications are accepted until May 15, 2009 at 11:59 PM and paper applications must be postmarked by April 1, 2009. The Town Office will not be receiving any blank applications this year.

Nomination papers will be available at the Town Office on March 16, 2009 for 2 openings on the Board of Selectmen. These are for 3 year terms and the elections will be held in June. All signed nomination papers must be returned to the Town Office no later than April 25, 2009 at 4:00 PM.

*****THE SECOND HALF OF 2008 PROPERTY TAXES IS DUE MARCH 31, 2009*****

ASSESSORS OFFICE

Just a reminder-we have forms available for Homestead and/or Veterans Exemptions. Completed forms must be submitted to the office by April 1, 2009. Any questions call the Assessors office any Tuesday, Thursday or Friday between 8:00 AM and 1:00 PM at 963-5589. The Assessor is in Fridays from 8:00 AM until 4:00 PM.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH COMMITTEE

The second meeting of the newly formed Neighborhood Watch Committee took place on February 12, 2009. The group is working toward educating and assisting the community in safeguarding themselves and their property against crime. Helpful tips will be published in future issues of the Gouldsboro Newsletter. The Committee plans to invite speakers to address relevant issues at future meetings, which are open to the public. The Committee also hopes to post Neighborhood Watch signs around the community in order to deter any criminal intent. The next meeting is scheduled for March 12, 2009, 6:00 PM at the Town Office and all citizens are encouraged to attend.

SCHOOL ELECTIONS

RSU#24 Election was held on February 12, 2009. There were 48 votes cast; 45 for Ann Perry, 1 for Peter McKenzie and 2 voids. Congratulations Ann Perry.

SNOW REMOVAL REMINDER

It is against the law to leave snow debris in the road when plowing. Please assist in keeping everyone safe and avoiding problems by doing your part when removing snow from driveways.

Please use extra caution when parking your vehicle near the road. It is difficult to see and be seen around piles of accumulated snow. With plow trucks working to remove as much snow as possible, the further back your car is from the road, the easier and safer it will be. Hopefully it won't be too much longer until there are some signs of spring, and we have certainly earned it this year!!!

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Hancock County regional Communication Center (RCC) Phone Number is 667-7575

*******RECYCLING EVERY WEDNESDAY -GARBAGE PICK UP EVERY THURSDAY*****
PLEASE HAVE EVERYTHING CURBSIDE BY 7:00 AM**

HEAVY LOAD LIMIT

The following public ways in Gouldsboro are closed to heavy loads except when solidly frozen: Gouldsboro Point Road-Guzzle Road-Chicken Mill Pond Road-Old Route 1-Taft Point Road-Byron Young Road-Ashville Road-Willie Hammond Road-Paul Bunyan Road (first 3 Miles) and Grand Marsh Bay Road.

GOULDSBORO WEBSITE

If you want to keep up with what is happening in the Town between newsletters, please visit our website at www.gouldsborotown.com-- we update the site weekly and would love to hear from you with any information or suggestions. We keep a calendar, names to know, copies of Selectmen's meeting minutes and all kinds of wonderful information there for you to peruse at your leisure.

VETERAN FLAG PROGRAM

The Veterans Flag program will continue this year and anyone wanting to purchase a flag in honor of a Veteran may do so for \$40. Call Maureen at the Town Office for more information-963-5589.

DORCAS LIBRARY

March is amnesty month at Dorcas Library. Overdue materials may be returned without penalty. You may return books, videos/DVD's, magazines and audio books to the circulation desk during open hours (Monday 4:00-8:00 PM, Wednesday 1:30-4:00 PM and 6:00-8:00 PM, Saturday 1:30-4:00 PM), or drop them in the book return slot at your convenience.

Young adult visitors to the library will see a new area just for them, featuring a special display of popular new books by their favorite authors.

LAST FRIDAY COFFEEHOUSE

Friday, March 27, 2009 in Winter Harbor, spend an evening with Denny Breau at the Last Friday Coffeehouse at Hammond Hall, presented by "Schoodic Arts for All". Time 7:30 PM. Suggested donation for this event is \$12 - Kids under 12 admitted free - Great desserts!! No reservations required and doors open at 6:30 PM. For further info, call 963-5969, Jeremy Strater at 963-7670 or go to www.schoodicarts.org.

HARDY'S FRIENDS

Donations of dog food, cat food and litter can be left at the Gouldsboro Town Office or the Winter Harbor branch of Bar Harbor Bank for distribution to pet owners who need these supplies. If you have questions, or would prefer to arrange for pick up of your donations, call Susan Burke at 963-7444.

BENEFIT BASKETBALL GAME

The George Bamford benefit basketball game has been postponed twice because of the winter weather and is now scheduled for Wednesday, March 4, 2009 at 6:00 PM at the Peninsula School Gym.

FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry is open the 3rd Saturday of each month from 8:30 AM to 10:30 AM at the former Acadia Christian Academy in South Gouldsboro. FMI call 479-1220

"No winter lasts forever; no spring skips its turn."-- Hal Borland

CALENDAR OF EVENTS & MEETINGS (MARCH 2009)

Town Office Phone 963-5589

Tuesday	3 rd	Planning Board Meeting- Town Office	7:00 PM
Wednesday	4 th	George Bamford Benefit Basketball- WH	6:00 PM
Thursday	5 th	Selectmens Meeting- Town Office	7:00 PM
Sunday	8 th	Set Clocks An Hour Ahead, Daylight Savings Time	2:00 AM
Monday	9 th	Solid Waste Committee Meeting- Town Office	7:00 PM
Wednesday	11 th	Shellfish Committee Meeting- Town Office	7:00 PM
Thursday	12 th	Neighborhood Watch Meeting- Fire Station 1	6:00 PM
Tuesday	17 th	Planning Board Meeting- Town Office	7:00 PM
Thursday	19 th	Selectmens Meeting- Town Office	7:00 PM
Friday	20 th	Building and Grounds Committee- Town Office	9:00 AM
Friday	20 th	Deadline for Newsletter Submissions	4:00 PM
Friday	27 th	Last Friday Coffeehouse- Hammond Hall	7:00 PM
Tuesday	31 st	Second Half of Property Tax Due <i>Mailed payments must be postmarked by 3/31/2009</i>	4:00 PM

Clocks move forward one hour on the second Sunday in March.



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