

APRIL 2009

GOULDSBORO NEWSLETTER

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SELECTMEN/TOWN MANAGER

During the month of April we will be busy with the Budget Committee reviewing departmental budget requests. The volunteer Budget Committee spends many, many hours deliberating and examining proposals and making recommendations to the Board of Selectmen. The first approved draft from the committee will be presented to selectmen at their regular meeting on Thursday, April 16th. Please come to the meeting or visit the town office for a copy of the draft.

Denis Lovely, from MDOT, expects the Route 186 paving project to be continuing in April. The next part of Route 186 slated to be repaired and paved is the portion from around Fire Station #2 almost up to the Clinic Road. Just before the Clinic Road is a strut or pipe in the hollow and that is a candidate for replacement in the work plan in 2010 or 2011. A public hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, April 22nd, 6:00PM at the Community Center/Gym on the Pond Road. Mr. Lovely will be there to describe the project and answer questions.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Mr. Fuhrman will be on vacation from April 14th through April 21st.

Permit Activity 02-21-2009 through 03-20-2009

M. Burns	South Gouldsboro Road	Driveway
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SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE

The Committee thanks everybody for their efforts in helping to reduce the volume of trash in Gouldsboro. During January and February, compared with the same months averaged for the last two years, estimated savings are more than \$3000. THANKS NEIGHBORS! Keep up the good work. Also more good news, Coastal Recycling is again accepting white paper and paper board. There are still 3 compost bin kits available at the Town Office. Additional bins can be purchased through Coastal Recycling (422-6766) prior to April 20th.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

April is Budget workshop month! There are 6 budget meetings scheduled for this month (see calendar for dates). Hopefully the budget can be reviewed, adjusted, completed, and prepared for the Town Meeting in June. These meetings are open to the public. For the benefit of the committee your input will help in making sound decisions.

TOWN CLERK

We have 3 Notaries here at the office more than happy to assist you at no charge; however, please DO NOT SIGN anything until you are in front of the Notary. **New Transfer Station stickers are now available; the old ones expire on April 30th. **Due to circumstances beyond our control, we are unable to accept credit cards at this time-we will let you know as soon as this changes.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH COMMITTEE

On March 12th, Rolly Means from the Hancock Regional Communication Center (RCC) addressed the Committee about 911 calls. The following information may be helpful:

***When to call 911: In the case of a medical or fire emergency, life threatening situation, domestic abuse and when time is of the essence. 911 calls from a land line go directly to the RCC for dispatch. 911 cell phone calls go to the State Police in Orono for dispatch through the RCC. Calls from newer cell phones allow the responders to pinpoint the caller's location to within 100 yards. When placing a 911 call, give as many details as possible since not all addresses are easily found. Examples: What cars are in the driveway, how many miles from a main road, which end of a long road you are located nearest, etc. Having another person stand outside of the location to flag down emergency vehicles is also helpful. Repeated abuse of 911 in a non-emergency situation can result in a summons by the police. The non-emergency RCC phone number is: 207-667-7575. The next meeting is scheduled for April 9th at 6:00 PM at Fire Station #1 (Town Office). The Committee would like to increase local participation, so please try to attend the April meeting.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Emergency Medical System (EMS) is in need of new recruits from the Gouldsboro and Winter Harbor areas. We have approximately 200 calls per year with most of them being medical calls to our senior citizens. Helping others in need can be very rewarding. EMS training classes occur regularly if we have enough participants. Fire Department personnel are also needed to fill our volunteer staff. This too requires training. Please call 963-5589 if you are interested. **Time is running out quickly to burn that brush you have been collecting. Burn permits will soon have restrictions. Permits can be obtained at the Town Office only during regular office hours, Monday through Friday.

SHELLFISH WARDEN

The Town Office has a current list of all open and closed flats, including maps. Conservation hours will be scheduled so diggers can renew their licenses. Times and places will be posted at the Town Office, in the Newsletter and on the Website. Finally, since patrol hours are limited, if you see someone digging illegally or taking undersized clams, please call to report this. It is very important we protect this wonderful natural resource.

Mike Hall at home-963-7104, cell phone 546-1127 or call the Town Office at 963-5589.

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For answers to Time Warner questions about service (or lack of service) contact:

shelley.winchenbach@twcable.com or direct line at 207-594-2249 ext. 2177.

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GOOD NEWS, PAPER, AND PAPERBOARD ONCE AGAIN ACCEPTED FOR RECYCLING!!!!

*******RECYCLING EVERY WEDNESDAY -GARBAGE PICK UP EVERY THURSDAY*******

PLEASE HAVE EVERYTHING CURBSIDE BY 7:00 AM



RECREATION COMMITTEE

The Recreation Committee will be having their annual Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, April 5th at the Community Center at 1:00 PM. The rain date is Saturday, April 11th. The rain date only happens if it is POURING. We can still find eggs on the 5th if it is drizzling. Questions? Call Annie at 546-7992 or Diane at 963-5500. We look forward to seeing you there!!!

DORCAS LIBRARY

Maine Public Utilities Commission has provided Dorcas Library with a home energy monitor that will allow patrons to learn more about the electricity draw of ordinary home appliances and what they can do to reduce their electricity bills. Patrons may borrow the monitor for up to seven days.

We have recently been notified that the Dorcas Library Children’s Program has been awarded a 2009 grant from the Rudman Foundation, a long time supporter of our library. Visit our website (www.dorcas.lib.me.us) for information about children’s programming made possible by this grant.

LAST FRIDAY COFFEEHOUSE

Friday, April 24th : Winter Harbor - An evening with the Bill Thayer Jazz Ensemble - Last Friday Coffeehouse at Hammond Hall, presented by Schoodic Arts for All. 7:30 PM. Suggested donation for this event is \$10 - kids under twelve admitted free - Great desserts!! No reservations, doors open at 6:30 PM. For further info, call 963-7670(Jeremy Strater), 963-2569, or go to www.schoodicarts.org.

VARIETY SHOW

The second annual Peninsula Variety Show will be held in Winter Harbor at Hammond Hall. Shows are Friday the 17th and Saturday the 18th at 6:00 PM . Tickets are \$7.00 for adults, \$4.00 for students and free for those 5 and under. Proceeds are to benefit the Peninsula Performing Arts Boosters to purchase curtains for the stage in the new Peninsula School.

VICTORY GARDENS

Let’s consider the idea of “Village Gardens” scattered throughout Gouldsboro. Communal plots for neighbors and friends to gather for planting, and cultivating vegetables and friendships. If anyone is willing to allow a piece of their land to be tilled and used for this worthwhile community activity,(helping those who might not have land of their own, tools or the means to till soil) please let us know. Potential Gardeners with no “plot” please call us and let’s see what we can put together. It’s time to get “down and dirty”, make our hearts happy and fill our baskets with home grown produce!!! Interested?? Call Becky O’Keefe at 669-2187 or the Town Office at 963-5589.

BETA PHI SORORITY

Saturday May 2nd the Beta Phi Sorority of Winter Harbor will be holding an All Day Scrap at the Masonic Hall beside the Peninsula School in Winter Harbor. It will run from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. There will be homemade donuts, muffins, fresh fruit, coffee and tea throughout the morning. Lunch will be provided. The cost is \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door if space is still available. Please call Michelle Leighton at 963-7259 or Nancy Betterley at 963-4028 to reserve your space.

MS WALK

On April 25th at 10:00 AM the MS Walk will begin at the Knowlton School in Ellsworth. Registration is at 9:00 AM. From now until then, there is a bottle drive with funds to be contributed to MS. Call 963-5921 and your bottles will be picked up. Appreciate how lucky you are by helping someone else.

"Kindness is a language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see."
- Mark Twain

CALENDAR OF EVENTS & MEETINGS (APRIL 2009)

Thursday	2 nd	Selectmens Meeting- Town Office	7:00 PM
Sunday	5 th	Easter Egg Hunt- Community Center	1:00 PM
Monday	6 th	Budget Workshop- Town Office	7:00 PM
Tuesday	7 th	Planning Board- Town Office	7:00 PM
Wednesday	8 th	Shellfish Committee Meeting	6:00 PM
Thursday	9 th	Neighborhood Watch- Fire Station One	6:00 PM
Thursday	9 th	BC Budget Workshop- Town Office	7:00 PM
Monday	13 th	BC Budget Workshop- Town Office	7:00 PM
Monday	13 th	Peninsula School Board Meeting- Winter Harbor	7:00 PM
Wednesday	15 th	Harbor Committee- Town Office	7:00 PM
Thursday	16 th	Selectmens Meeting- Town Office	7:00 PM
Friday	17 th	Peninsula Variety Show- Hammond Hall	6:00 PM
Saturday	18 th	Peninsula Variety Show- Hammond Hall	6:00 PM
Monday	20 th	Budget Workshop- Town Office	7:00 PM
Tuesday	21 st	Planning Board- Town Office	7:00 PM
Wednesday	22 nd	DOT, Dennis Lovely- Community Center	6:00 PM
Thursday	23 rd	BC Budget Workshop- Town Office	7:00 PM
Friday	24 th	Last Friday Coffee House- Hammond Hall	7:30 PM
Monday	27 th	Budget Workshop- Town Office	7:00 PM
Thursday	30 th	Selectmens Meeting- Town Office	7:00 PM

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