SELECTMEN/TOWN MANAGER-
WELCOME: We would like to welcome our new full time officer, Adam Brackett. Officer Brackett lives in Sullivan and has eighteen years of service in public safety. He worked for Indian Island Police Department as a reserve officer and came to us from Ellsworth Fire Dept. He will be going to the full time academy in 2020.

BILL THAYER MARKETPLACE: HOLIDAY FAIR- We would like to thank Deb Bisson for a terrific job of creating our first annual holiday fair in December. It was a great success and we appreciate the countless hours of organization Deb spent to make the weekend successful. All proceeds will be donated to the town in memory of our past selectmen Farmer Billy.

MITTEN TREE: A great gift giving of homemade hats and mittens was celebrated at the Peninsula School. Several people in the community donated their expert knitted pieces and children filled the cafeteria at the school and enjoyed choosing their own special ones. We appreciate and thank volunteers for their help in coordinating this event, especially Nancy Hill and Roni Saul.

- You can dispose of your live Christmas trees at the Transfer Station on the Walter’s Road (a resident sticker is necessary).
- Peninsula School welcomes your gently used children’s sneakers and boots.
- Thank you Dorcas Library friends for hosting the fifth annual tree lighting and celebration. Maybe snow next year instead of rain!

TOWN OFFICE CLEANING- We are still in need of a custodian for the town office on a regular basis. The position requires a person to clean during our office hours and is open to anyone sixteen years and older. We provide all necessary cleaning materials.

TOWN MANAGER SEARCH- We have been collecting more resumes during the month of December. There have been over thirty applicants. Recently we have started interviewing potential candidates for the position. We hope to have a new manager early 2020.

TOWN CLERK- After January 31st, 2020 a fine of $25 will be due along with the registration fee on any unregistered dogs. If you no longer have a dog that was registered last year, please call us at (207) 963-5589 and let us know so we can update our records. The office will be closed Wednesday, January 1st in observance of the New Year’s holiday and Monday, January 20th for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Trash is picked up on Thursdays. Please have curb side by 7AM.
Please remember to put your bagged trash in covered containers to avoid wildlife from feasting on your disposal!

GOULDSBORO POLICE DEPARTMENT- My fellow residents of Gouldsboro, firstly Happy Holidays, and a Happy New Year! I am pleased to announce that I have hired a new full-time officer, Adam Brackett. I am planning to send him to the Full Time Academy in August. Officer Brackett is a highly motivated, dedicated officer who in the short time I have worked with him, has already shown that he will be a good fit for the community, and will do well as a Patrolman for Gouldsboro. He was awarded fire fighter of the year in 2014, and worked closely with the schools in Ellsworth to teach fire safety. I would also like to take a moment and express how grateful I am at the generosity I have seen this holiday season. Between delivering gifts for the Peninsula School, Angel Tree, and helping with the mitten tree I was able to get a good first hand view of the generosity. Thank you for all that you did and continue to do for your neighbors. It does not go unnoticed! -Chief Shively

VETERAN’S COMMITTEE- The Gouldsboro Veteran’s Committee will not conduct a January meeting. We will be taking a winter break until Tuesday, April 7th. Hope everyone has a safe and healthy winter!

GENEROUS AND GIFTED COMMUNITY- The donated handmade mittens and hats for the Peninsula School children were best described as Stupendous! Your beautiful gifts were the focus of the morning on December 19th, and more welcome than ever with the temperatures hovering in the teens all day! Students were offered mittens and hats this year and they seemed thrilled. The students do seem particularly pleased to have a chance to make their own selections and cared not that mittens and hats weren’t made to always to be a matched “set”. In fact, since we weren’t expecting hats to be made and donated, it was a bonus all around. Thanks go to the school, the Town offices, super volunteers from the school and community, and most of all, to those who lovingly knit and crochet all year for this event. The communities of this peninsula should be proud of this holiday sharing and caring. Thank you from my heart. -Nancy Hill

Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow - Albert Einstein

GOULDSBORO NEWS POST OFFICE BOX 68 POSTAL PATRON PRST STD U.S. POSTAGE PAID POSTAL PATRON PERMIT #4
U.S. CENSUS- The U.S. Census is actively recruiting workers for 2020. If you are available for part-time or temporary work in the summer of 2020, you can apply online today at 2020census.gov/jobs or by calling 1-855-JOB-2020. The hourly pay rate is competitive.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY- The Gouldsboro Historical Society announces that its Webber Hall is available to be rented for meetings and functions. The building is located at the old Methodist Church at 88 Old Route One on West Bay Road. It’s heated, has a fully equipped kitchen, tables, chairs and restrooms. Its maximum capacity is 65 people. Contact GHS President, Larry Peterson, for more information at (207) 963-2018.

SHELLFISH COMMITTEE- The next Shellfish Meeting will be Wednesday, January 8th at 6PM.

TRAPS2TREASURE- Open to receive traps Sunday’s 12 – 4PM (weather permitting) call (207) 620-6037 if questionable.

CALENDAR OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS FOR JANUARY

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RSU 24 SCHOOL BOARD- The new building project continues to move along with much of the work being done in small groups or as the Building Committee. Please check out our website (www.rsu24.org) for the latest news on the new building project. The Naming Committee has completed the first part of its work and will be recommending a name or names for the new facility to the RSU Board of Directors at its January meeting. This group will continue to meet and discuss the mascot(s) and color(s) for the high school and middle school. I will pass along the name(s) next month! We have officially kicked off our fundraising efforts for the new facility. The Friends of Sumner’s Future committee sent out letters to those businesses that are associated with the RSU or Sumner Memorial High School, seeking to solicit funds to help offset costs not covered by the State. Specifically, the committee is looking to cover the cost of a concession stand located near the gymnasiums, a sprint track, a digital sign, field sprinkler system, dugouts, batting cage, outdoor sound system, start of the art technology, and other amenities. Donations can range in amounts and donors will be recognized in the new facility. There are sponsorships available for classrooms and larger spaces like the auditorium and the gymnasium(s); we will soon be opening up the fundraising efforts to the greater community where individuals can donate to the new facility. Lastly, we are hopeful to have a link on the RSU webpage very soon, which will take you to a new webpage designated for our fundraising efforts. Let me be the first to say thank you to any and all who are able to donate to our new school. No matter the amount of the donation, we are very appreciative of your generosity. The winter sports season is underway at each of our schools. Basketball, cheering, and winter track have started their competitive season and most seasons will last into February. We also have several Sumner students who are participating on the wrestling and swimming team at Ellsworth High School. Best of luck to all of our student athletes! We have already had to cancel school on three days so far this year and that is before we have entered the serious winter weather! For parents and those interested, the RSU Board modified the school calendar in order to make up those days already missed and hopefully avoid going to school in late June. We will have school on Saturday, February 29th and Saturday, March 14th and both will be half-days. We will also add an hour to the student day on March 23, 24, 25, 26, and 27. Parents should plan on students being released one hour later for each of those days. I can be reached at meastman@rsu24.org or (207) 422-2017.


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