SELECTMEN/TOWN MANAGER - We all are excited to open the town office Monday, June 1st and returning to our regular business hours: Monday and Wednesday 8-4, Tuesday 8-5, Thursday 8-6 and Friday 8-1. We will be able to accommodate two patrons (one at each window) and still support distancing recommendations. If you come to the office and find there are already two people inside the office, please wait until someone has left the building.

Secretary Dunlap’s update regarding motor vehicle registrations from the Governor’s executive order is as follows: if a person can register their vehicle through their municipality or Bureau of Motor Vehicle Office they are advised to do so as soon as possible. Residents can also register online using the Rapid Renewal service at Maine.gov.

We will be holding municipal elections during the same time as the school validation and state elections, July 14th. More information will be released as we learn from the State how we are expected to proceed. Absentee ballots should be available June 15th. Please feel free to call the town office for absentee ballots. We can mail them to you and the process is simple. We will include an envelope for the return of your completed ballots. It is important that the outside of the envelope has been signed by the voter in order for it to be valid. You can also vote absentee in person at the town office. The open annual town meeting has not been scheduled.

We will continue to accept applications for the community center custodian position until June 10th. Applications can be found on our website www.gouldsborotown.com. Please mail to PO Box 68, Prospect Harbor, ME 04669 – att: Eve Wilkinson.

The ramp remains open at the Jones Pond Recreation Center for boat launching. Swimming and/or fishing in that area is prohibited at this time. The picnic, swim area and playground are still temporarily closed.

TOWN CLERK - ATV & Snowmobile registrations expire June 30th. 2021 ATV stickers now available. State boat registrations run from January 1st to December 31st. We will be closing at 4pm on June 30th to allow us to process fiscal year end requirements.

GOULDSBORO FIRE DEPT - With BBQ season here, please follow these simple rules for a fun, safe summer and good food. Grill outside and away from any structures. Keep your grill clean. If you are using a charcoal grill, allow the coals to completely cool off before disposing of them in a metal container. Check for propane leaks on your gas grill. Don’t allow kids or pets to play near the grill. Never try to move a lit or hot grill, and remember the grill will stay hot for at least an hour after use. Wear the right clothing; clothing can easily catch fire, so be sure your sleeves or apron strings don’t dangle over the grill. Have baking soda on hand to control a grease fire and a fire extinguisher nearby for other fires. If you don’t have a fire extinguisher, keep a bucket of sand next to the grill. Never use water to put out a grease fire. When the fire danger is high we ask that you do not have a fire, and if you have been given a burn permit we ask that you please pay attention to the fire danger and not burn if it’s high.

INFRASTRUCTURE - The State of Maine DOT has started their hot top resurfacing project for the town of Gouldsboro to include Route 186 and 195.

DORCAS LIBRARY - We will still be closed in June as we prepare to open again in July with safety measures in place. Get in touch if you need a certain item. Email: dorcaslibrary1@gmail.com
GOULDSDORO CLINIC- For close to two months, the clinic has been closed to patients coming in due to directives related to the coronavirus pandemic. We were able to transition many of our scheduled appointments to “telehealth” visits, which consisted of face-to-face visits with providers using patients' computers or cell phones as well as telephone visits. With the State now in the process of reopening, so is the clinic – with some notable changes. Here are a few new safety related changes:

- Our office staff will be calling all scheduled patients to determine if they want to come in to see their provider or convert their appointment to a telehealth visit.
- Patients coming to the clinic are instructed to call when they arrive. They will be checked in over the phone and instructed to wait outside until a medical assistant comes to get them.
- All patients will be required to wear masks prior to entering the building and for the entire visit, including while they are in an exam room.
- Patients will be screened upon entry for temperature, covid symptoms and recent travel. The waiting room is closed - patients will be taken directly to an exam room.
- At the end of the exam, patients may leave without checking out; they will be billed for any co-pay amounts. If your provider makes a referral for you, our office staff will be calling you with that information and we will be sending your visit notes by mail.

These enhanced safety measures will be continually reviewed, and if necessary, changed based on the progression of the disease in our community. We will continue to be guided by the Maine CDC and Northern Light Health’s incident command structure. If you have any questions about these or any other issues related to your visit to the clinic, please feel free to call us at 963-4066.

RSU 24 SCHOOL BOARD- It is hard to believe that we have been out of school for over two months now. It is nice to see the return of warmer temperatures and green grass but I could do without the annual visit from the black flies. We continue to provide remote learning to our students. We plan to wrap up our formal remote learning on June 5th but will continue to touch base with our students up until June 12th. Promotion dates for our 8th graders at each of our K-8 schools will be set and communicated directly from the respective schools. Sumner Memorial High School has tentatively set its graduation date as June 11 but the ceremony will look very different. With specific guidance from the State and input from various stakeholder groups, the ceremony will provide for a safe opportunity to celebrate our seniors’ accomplishments. Details will be forthcoming. Food delivery continues in each of our school communities, with distribution taking place on Mondays and Thursdays. We do not want any of our students to go without the proper nutrition. If your child is not receiving the food distribution or you know of a child who would benefit from this opportunity, please contact the Principal at your local school. The budget process has also been impacted by the pandemic. The district budget meeting scheduled for May 27th has been postponed and the new date is June 24th. Please note that this may change depending on whether the Governor provides specific guidance regarding our district budget meeting. The district referendum vote will take place on July 14th at your local voting stations. We will distribute information explaining the budget in the near future. Please check our website (www.rsu24.org) for updated information. Your support of our schools is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions or comments related to our schools, please don’t hesitate to reach out to me at meastman@rsu24.org. I wish you and your family the best during these very challenging times.

SCHOODIC COMMUNITY FUND- The Schoodic Community Fund and Sumner Memorial High School are pleased to announce the Schoodic Higher Education Emergency Scholarship Fund in support of higher education students from Winter Harbor or Gouldsboro whose financial resources for the Fall and Winter semesters of 2020 and 2021 are adversely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Applicants must be residents of Winter Harbor or Gouldsboro, high school graduates of any age, and accepted by and planning to attend any higher education institution (College, University, Community College, or Technical School) for the Fall semester of 2020 or Winter Semester of 2021. Recipients must demonstrate to the selection committee of Sumner Memorial High School that without additional financial support they will not be able to attend the upcoming semester, and that the shortfall in finances is the result of the COVID-19 pandemic and its economic impact.

Interested applicants should contact Corinna Domaglia, cdomagala@rsu24.org or Lucille Null, lnull@rsu24.org at Sumner Memorial High School 207 422-3451 for further information.