Please be mindful of others and wear a mask when you come into the Town Office.

We will be closed September 7th in observance of Labor Day!

**SELECTMEN / TOWN MANAGER** - Tax Collector: Property Tax bills will be sent out this month. You will receive one bill for the entire year, which has two tear-off pieces of paper at the bottom for the two 2020 installments with deadlines of October 31, 2020 and March 31, 2021. There is an interest rate of 8% for late payments. The Tax Collector has no authority to lower property tax amounts or waive any interest accumulated. Mailed in payments will be based on postmarked dates **ONLY**. Please do not send cash. Please call the Town Office for any questions you may have at 963-5589.

**Town Clerk**: There will be a Special Town Meeting to approve the ordinance entitled Emergency Medical Services for Billing and Collections. There are no details yet of a date or time. Please follow our website for more details to come.

**Staff / Job Openings**: If you visit the Town Office, please help us welcome Deb Bisson to our office staff as the Office Supervisor. She started the position on Monday, August 31st. She brings her enthusiasm for our community to the job as well as her local professional experiences.

A Deputy Clerk position will be opening up in the beginning of September, please look out for it on our website as well as in the Ellsworth American newspaper. It will open for 2 weeks once posted.

Gary Geaghan, the Town Assessor, is retiring on October 31st after many years of dedicated service, please wish him luck on his next chapter. There will be a job posting for this opening later this month, please watch the website for details.

*The Town of Gouldsboro EMS* is seeking donations for a Power Lift System for the primary ambulance vehicle. Please go to the website to download the formal donation request letter regarding the $1 for $1 (up to a total of $20,000) matching program available through an anonymous donor and for more information.

**DORCAS LIBRARY** - Please visit our ongoing Attic Treasures Sale, every Tuesday 12PM – 3PM and Saturday 9AM – 12PM. Lots of interesting finds and we are adding new items every week. All proceeds go to the library. Check out our beautiful quilt at the library, raffle tickets are 6 for $5. Dorcas Library is now open 3 days a week: Mondays 10AM – 4PM, Tuesdays 12PM – 3PM and Thursdays 12PM – 3PM. Please wear your mask - we are happy to see you.

**ACADIA NATIONAL PARK ADISORY** - The Acadia National Park Advisory Commission will meet virtually at 1PM – 3PM on Monday, September 14th. The meeting is open to the public and will include an opportunity for public comments. The public may join the WebEx meeting from a PC, Mac, iPad, iPhone or Android device. Detailed information at go.nps.gov/AcadiaAdvisoryCommission (allows for audience input). Public may also join the session by phone only (toll free): 1-415-527-5035. Access code: 199 270 9268 (listening only).

**SHELLFISH COMMITTEE** - There will be a Shellfish Committee meeting at the Prospect Harbor Women's Club Wednesday, September 9th starting at 6PM.

**VETERAN’S COMMITTEE** - We will not be meeting for the month of September. We will meet in the month of October so please keep an eye out for the date and time in the October Newsletter!
WINTER HARBOR MUSIC FESTIVAL - Winter Harbor Music Festival First Friday Classical concert at the gazebo in Gouldsboro Town Park in Prospect Harbor on September 4th at 2PM. Music for flute and keyboard by J.S. Bach and W.A. Mozart with Deiran Manning, piano and Deirdre McArdle, flute. Bring lawn chairs and a picnic lunch. Masks and social distancing required.

CALENDAR OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER
(Look for zoom meetings/information on our website at www.gouldsborotown.com)

| SEPTEMBER 1st | TUESDAY | PLANNING BOARD MEETING @ PHWC | 6PM |
| SEPTEMBER 3rd | THURSDAY | BOARD OF SELECTMEN @ PHWC | 6PM |
| SEPTEMBER 7th | MONDAY | *TOWN OFFICE CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF LABOR DAY* | ALL DAY |
| SEPTEMBER 9th | WEDNESDAY | SHELLFISH MEETING @ PHWC | 6PM |
| SEPTEMBER 15th | TUESDAY | PLANNING BOARD MEETING @ PHWC | 6PM |
| SEPTEMBER 17th | THURSDAY | BOARD OF SELECTMEN @ PHWC | 6PM |

SCHOODIC COMMUNITY FUND - The Schoodic Community Fund, now in its 10th year, exists to improve the quality of life for all residents of the Schoodic Peninsula. It’s all-volunteer committee voted last month to make the following awards: 1) $1,500 to the Peninsula School’s Principal’s Discretionary Fund to help meet particular needs of students; 2) $2,624.98 to Dorcas Library for building repairs and wifi improvements; 3) $2,880 to Schoodic Institute at Acadia National Park for a summer internship; 4) $1,500 to Lifeline Food Pantry for an emergency generator and building repairs; 6) $4,110 to the Town of Gouldsboro in support of a Shellfish Research Lab; 7) $1,516 to the Winter Harbor Public Library for a Plexiglas barrier and web support intern. The Fund also authorized assistance to the Gouldsboro and Winter Harbor heating and power funds if additional support is needed. Earlier this year, the Fund authorized $15,000 in support of a Schoodic Higher Education Emergency Scholarship fund administered by Sumner Memorial High School. In total, grants valued at over $36,700 were made possible by endowment earnings this year. More information about the Schoodic Community Fund is available at www.schoodiccommunityfund.org or by contacting Mike H. Summerer MD, Committee Chair, at 963-7182 or msummerer@outlook.com.

ACADIA COMMUNITY WOMAN’S CLUB - The Acadian Community Woman’s Club second bottle drive will be on Saturday, September 12th. In June, the ACWC awarded FIVE $1,000 scholarships to local students; proceeds from these bottle drives will benefit this scholarship fund. To help out please leave your returnable’s (cans and bottles which are marked redeemable) at the end of your driveway in trash bags and they will get picked up at some point on Saturday. If we miss you or you want to make alternative arrangements please phone Megan Moshier 963-2036 or text 479-1787. Also, you can drive them to BLT Redemption on Pigeon Hill Road in Steuben and tell them to credit the Woman’s Club account. Thank you in advance.

HELP YOUR COMMUNITY (CENSUS) - You still have time to complete the 2020 Census online (www.2020census.gov), by phone 1-844-330-2020 or by mailing in the questionnaire. The population count for Gouldsboro helps determine how many federal funds we receive for the next 10 years. By answering nine easy questions, you help our community fund health care, schools, roads, public safety, economic development, Medicare and so much more. You can also respond to the 2020 Census if a Census worker knocks on your door. You Count!

RSU 24 - We are excited to be welcoming our students back into our buildings beginning September 8th. We will be operating our schools using a hybrid model, which means that students will be expected to participate in learning every day of the week but that some of that learning will take place in the classroom and some will take place online with a school provided computer. Parents may opt for a schedule that is completely online. There is a great deal of guidance being provided by the Department of Education and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention. We will be limiting access to our buildings to only students and staff members. Also, the requirement is for every student or staff member to be wearing a face covering at all times throughout the school day. Our Building Administrators will be working on mandated “mask breaks” for our students and staff, understanding that these breaks will be needed throughout the day. In addition, our busses will operate following the guidelines, allowing for one student per seat and for families to sit together. Our drivers will have protective equipment in place and will facilitate pick-up and drop-off following a specific protocol. The state has provided additional funding to help offset the additional costs and we hope to minimize the impact on the local budget but there will inevitably be some reductions needed in our budget. We are still hopeful that we will break ground for the new school sometime in the beginning of September! Please do not hesitate to contact me directly at meastman@rsu24.org.