

TOWN CLERK- Effective Monday, March 2, 2026; the Town Office has changed hours of operation we are open to the public. We close from 12:15PM – 1PM Mondays through Thursdays for lunch. In addition, we close at 5PM on Thursdays. The new schedule is as follows:

- **Monday** 8AM – 12:15PM reopen 1PM – 4PM
- **Tuesday** 8AM – 12:15PM reopen 1PM – 5PM
- **Wednesday** 8AM – 12:15PM reopen 1PM – 4PM
- **Thursday** 8AM – 12:15PM reopen 1PM – 5PM
- **Friday** 8AM – 1PM

🌱 The Town Office will be closed Monday, May 25th in observance of Memorial Day.

🌱 The final budget meeting will be held Thursday, May 7th at the Select Board meeting.

🌱 Absentee Ballots for the upcoming election to be held June 9th, will be available at the Town Office starting Monday, May 11th.

🌱 Vehicle re-registrations may be completed online at <https://www1.maine.gov/online/bmv/rapid-renewal/>.

🌱 The current transfer station passes are good through June 30, 2026. New stickers will be available beginning of June. If you have punch cards with punches left to use, they do not expire. Passes cost \$1 and punch cards \$25. Both the pass and the punch card are *required* when attending the Transfer Station.

🌱 All town roads have been unposted as of April 21, 2026! Travel and transport can return back to normal – just in time for spring projects to begin! Thank you for your patience.

🌱 Check out our Facebook page to stay up to date with any town reminders, links to online services we offer, and much more! <https://www.facebook.com/gouldsborotown/>.

ROAD WORK/PAVING- Work to repair and improve Crowley Island Causeway will begin May 4th and last through most of May, weather permitting. In addition, the town will likely award bids for 2026 road prep and paving at the May 7th Select Board meeting. Paving this year will focus on Crowley Island Road, Cranberry Point Road, and Dyer Lane. The schedule for road prep and paving will be better known after the May 7th meeting. Additional details will be posted to the town's website and Facebook page as soon as they are available.



GOULDSBORO POLICE DEPARTMENT- The Gouldsboro and Winter Harbor Police Department are pleased to offer a new program called “The Sunshine Program”, a free outreach service to senior residents and individuals who live alone within our communities. 🌞 **The Sunshine Program** is a simple daily wellness check designed to ensure the safety and well-being of participating residents.

The way the program works is a couple times a week, in the morning, a member of the Police Departments will attempt to place a brief telephone call to program participants. The purpose of the call is to simply confirm everything is okay. If we are unable to reach a participant during the initial call, a second call will be attempted. If we are still unable to make contact, an officer may be dispatched to the residence to ensure the individual is safe. This program is intended for senior residents, residents who live alone, and resident's who may benefit from a daily check-in. Participation is completely voluntary and may be discontinued at any time at your request. Please see the attached information sheet and application for more information! We strive to continue to make sure our community and residents are safe!

CELEBRATE NATIONAL EMS WEEK MAY 17 – 23- Caring for a community is a shared effort. Help us thank Schoodic EMS providers for the care they deliver 24/7. Consider showing your appreciation with a note, a small treat, or a kind gesture. Your support reminds our team that their work truly matters to this community.

BOSTON POST CANE- In 1909 the publisher of the now-defunct Boston Post newspaper distributed to New England towns, 700 ebony canes, to be held by their oldest citizens for the course of their lives. Gouldsboro is searching for the next recipient of our cane. The only condition is that the person must have lived in the town for at least 15 years. Please contact the Gouldsboro Historical Society – info@gouldsborohistory.org – or the town office – bmitchell@gouldsborotown.com – if you know who the next cane recipient should be.

GOULDSBORO VETERANS' COMMITTEE- The Gouldsboro Veterans Committee will meet on Tuesday, May 5th at 1:30PM in the meeting room of the town office. The annual raffle tickets will be available, and discussion will continue concerning the Committee's special activities for the USA 250th Celebration. All local veterans and veteran supporters are welcome and encouraged to attend our meetings.

The Coffee Hour for local veterans will be held on Tuesday, May 5th at 6PM in the fellowship hall of the Prospect Harbor United Methodist Church. All veterans are welcome to attend this time of fellowship and camaraderie with fellow veterans. The VA has provided some great information packets, so stop by if you have questions or need help. Refreshments provided.

2026 MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY- The Memorial Day service will be held on May 25th at 10:30AM at the town Veterans Memorial. Refreshments will follow the service. Please join us in honoring all fallen veterans.

SCHOODIC COMMUNITY FUND- The Schoodic Community Fund is now accepting grant applications for 2026. They will be considered by our advisory committee this summer and awarded in September. All peninsula non-profits, schools, and municipalities are encouraged to apply. Applications are due by June 1st and can be downloaded from the SCF website: <http://www.schoodiccommunityfund.org>. Contact Tim Fisher with any questions at timliza@gmail.com or call (207) 546-6658.

SCHOODIC AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE- The Schoodic Area Chamber of Commerce is making plans to enjoy Trade Day on May 16, 2026. Selling and finding those special bargains makes the day fun for everyone. Please make your preparations for your own yard sale and help make this a worthwhile event. Start your day with a blueberry pancake breakfast from 7 – 11AM at the Winter Harbor Masonic Hall. Dorcas Library will open their Attic Treasures + Sale from 10AM to 4PM featuring antiques, crafts, plants and pastries. You are also invited to bring your yard sale items to the Winter Harbor Town Gymnasium and sell from your own table from 8AM –2PM. Set up will be from 7 – 8AM in the gym. For more information email schoodic.chamber.commerce@gmail.com.

CALENDAR OF TOWN EVENTS AND MEETINGS FOR MAY

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| EVERY MONDAY | | FACILITIES ADVISORY BOARD @ TOWN OFFICE | 3:30PM |
| MAY 3 rd | SUNDAY | SOUTH GOULDSBORO VILLAGE ASSOCIATION @ TOWN OFFICE | 1PM |
| MAY 3 rd | SUNDAY | WEST GOULDSBORO VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION @ VILLAGE LIBRARY | 5PM |
| MAY 4 th | MONDAY | COASTAL RESILIENCE @ TOWN OFFICE | 5PM |
| MAY 5 th | TUESDAY | VETERANS' COMMITTEE @ TOWN OFFICE | 1:30PM |
| MAY 5 th | TUESDAY | PLANNING BOARD @ TOWN OFFICE | 6PM |
| MAY 7 th | THURSDAY | SELECT BOARD @ TOWN OFFICE Budget workshop following | 5PM |
| MAY 11th | MONDAY | ABSENTEE BALLOTS AVAILABLE! *See insert for details* | |
| MAY 13 th | WEDNESDAY | SHELLFISH COMMITTEE @ STATION 3 | 6PM |
| MAY 19 th | TUESDAY | PLANNING BOARD @ TOWN OFFICE | 6PM |
| MAY 21 st | THURSDAY | SELECT BOARD @ TOWN OFFICE | 5PM |
| MAY 25th | MONDAY | TOWN OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY! | ALL DAY |
| MAY 25th | MONDAY | GOULDSBORO MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY @ PROSPECT HARBOR WOMEN'S CLUB | 10:30AM |

GOULDSBORO HISTORICAL SOCIETY- “Darthia Farm, Its Origin and Growth” Cynthia Thayer, Presenter 7PM Monday, May 4th, at Gouldsboro Historical Society’s headquarters, 88 Old Route One, Gouldsboro. Before most people in Maine knew what organic farming was, Darthia Farm led the way in pursuing an ecologically responsible form of agriculture. The public is invited. Admission by donation.

DORCAS LIBRARY- Children’s Story Hour will be held Thursday, May 7th and 21 at 10:15AM. Writers Group is Thursday, May 7th, at 1PM. Knitting and Crocheting is Thursday, May 7th & 21st at 2PM. Qigong is every Monday at 9AM at the library. In the PLUS Building: Attic Treasures is starting its 26th season on Saturday, May 2nd. It will run every Saturday in May from 10AM – 3PM. Come browse for a bargain. Lots of items, but you can still drop off donations. We open early on Trade Day, May 16th, with a Bake Sale at 8AM. There will be no Quilting or Game Night at the Plus Building in May. You can drop off items for the Schoodic Food Pantry at the library. It is collected weekly.

Did you know Dorcas Library offers the Dorcas+ Building for meetings, gatherings, social events, and more? Email Diane Higgins to book an event at big6pi@roadrunner.com. Make sure you include “Dorcas+” in the subject line.

WEST GOULDSBORO VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION- The Spring meeting of the West Gouldsboro Village Improvement Association will be held on Sunday May 3rd at 5PM in the Village library. All local residents are welcome to attend.

ACADIAN COMMUNITY WOMAN’S CLUB- The Acadian Community Woman’s Club will be co-hosting the Winter Harbor Memorial Day Ceremony on Monday, May 25th at 10AM at the Veteran’s Memorial Park on Harbor Road (next to the W.H. Gym). Refreshments will be served following the ceremony at the W.H. Masonic Hall on School Street.

The ACWC is providing Summer Camp Scholarships to children from Gouldsboro and Winter Harbor who may be attending the following in 2026: day camps, overnight camps, scout camps, sports camps, church camps, EdGE programs, Schoodic Arts for All workshops, etc. ALL LOCAL CHILDREN ARE WELCOME TO APPLY. The deadline to apply is: June 1, 2026. In an effort to support as many kids as possible, camp scholarship amounts will vary based on financial need and available funds. Applications are available at the Peninsula School as well as the Gouldsboro and Winter Harbor town offices.

AGE FRIENDLY SULLIVAN- Invites community members to attend its upcoming monthly meeting on Wednesday, May 6th, at the Sullivan Town Hall, 1888 US Hwy 1, Sullivan, Maine. The morning will begin with a welcoming social time at 8:30AM, featuring coffee and light refreshments. The program will follow at 9AM, with

community updates at 9:30AM, and the meeting will conclude by 10AM. This month's featured speakers will be representatives from Seaside Landscaping, who will present on the basics of summer garden transitions. Attendees will learn practical tips and techniques to help prepare and maintain their gardens for the growing season ahead. Age-Friendly Sullivan's monthly meetings provide an opportunity for residents to connect with neighbors, learn about valuable resources, and stay engaged in the community. All are welcome to attend.

RSU 24 I hope this update finds each of you enjoying the warmer temperatures. It is hard to believe that the end of the year is quickly approaching. Our last student day for the school year is scheduled for Monday, June 15th. If you have a child in any of our schools, you will hear directly from the principal in regards to end of year details. A reminder that the District Budget Meeting will take place on Wednesday, May 27th, at Sumner starting at 6:30PM. If you reside in one of our nine communities, you will be able to vote on the proposed budget at this meeting. The final step in the process is the school budget referendum held on June 9th. The referendum vote takes place in each of our communities at the designated voting station. The final budget information will be distributed to our communities after the District Budget Meeting and prior to the referendum and will be accessible on our website. For those planning ahead, Sumner Memorial High School class night is Tuesday, June 2nd and graduation is Thursday, June 4th. Sumner Middle School will hold its 8th grade promotion on June 8th. The Adult Education Graduation is June 9th and the Adult Education Certificate Ceremony is June 10th. Mrs. Marielle Edgecomb, math teacher at Sumner Memorial High School, is the recipient of the 2026 Jacqueline Mitchell Award. This award is presented annually by the Association of Teachers of Mathematics in Maine and recognizes "an outstanding mathematics educator who demonstrates a commitment to Maine's mathematical community through dedicated service" both within and outside of the district. Congratulations to Mrs. Edgecomb.

From the Sumner Athletic Boosters:

It's Banner Time! If you purchased a banner for the baseball/softball outfield fence to show your support for our Sumner Tigers, it's time to renew if you'd like it hung up again this season. We have reached out via social media to most of you, but if you haven't signed on for another year, now is the time! We will also be doing an order soon for new businesses wishing to purchase a banner to show how much you love our Tigers, so please contact Katti Meeks at the school if you'd like to participate this year. Banners are \$400, renewal fee is only \$125. This gets your banner hung on the baseball or softball field (your choice), plus on the soccer field in the fall. They are stored for the winter to protect them, giving you several years to show your support for not a lot of cash! Your banner also provides advertising to visiting teams as well as local fans. Contact us now to participate in the Banner Project.

Other events we're working on include:

- *Fundraising for the Light Up the Field project. We are working to secure funding to light the soccer field, but need local sponsorships and help. The total cost to have this done professionally is \$270,000, but there is an option to some of the work locally. Please reach out if you'd like to be a part of this project and have your name added to the Donor Plaque that will be a permanent record of who helped provide this great upgrade to our facility.*
- *Providing concessions all day on May 30th for the JV Baseball and Softball Round Robin. We'll be looking for breakfast sandwiches and crock pot meals that day as the teams will be with us from 8AM to 4PM. First game starts at 9AM that day.*
- *The first annual Walter Crabtree Basketball Tournament July 24th – 26th.*
- *The Winter Harbor Lobster Festival 5K in August. We are hoping to bring back this race as part of the festival this year. More details to come, but we'll need lots of help, so put this on your calendar.*
- *Having Lucille's Snack Shack open for all home softball and baseball games, both high school and middle school. We need more workers for this, and it's an easy way to get involved. Contact Ginny Dennison (ginnydennison@gmail.com) if you'd like to sign up.*

Gouldsboro's Election Day

June 9, 2026 at the Rec Center
679 Pond Road, Gouldsboro, ME
Polls open from 8AM – 8PM

Gouldsboro's Annual Town Meeting

June 10, 2026 at the Peninsula School
71 Main Street, Prospect Harbor, ME
Starting at 7PM

MEET THE CANDIDATES

In order to keep you informed, we have contacted each candidate and provided an overview below of candidates running that wanted to participate in this informational insert. Our Town election to vote for candidates will be held June 9th, 2026 at the Gouldsboro Recreation Center from 8AM – 8PM.

We look forward to seeing you!

SELECT BOARD CANDIDATES

1 vacant seat for 3-year term.



Johnathan Renwick

Select Board – 3-year term

Hello everyone, my name is Johnathan C. Renwick, once again I am running for the Gouldsboro Select Board. I have really enjoyed my short term as Select board member. I have learned a lot about our town and the intricacies of running one. I am a local lobster fisherman and am proud to have the opportunity to work for the future of the industry in our town, on the Harbor Committee and the Coastal Resilience Committee. We have a very good board right now and even when we disagree we all get along and have a good time, during our discussions. I would appreciate your vote so I may continue to work for everyone in our town!!

PLANNING BOARD CANDIDATES

2 vacant seats for 3-year terms.

1 vacant seat for 2-year term.

Deirdre McArdle

Planning Board – 3-year term

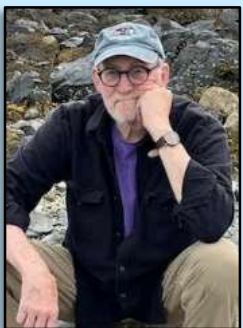
South Gouldsboro has been my family home for over thirty years. For the past five, I have been volunteering on the Planning Board, first as an alternate and then for a term as a voting member. During this time, I have learned to value the people who serve the town and the process that enables all who live here to make their voices heard in shaping the way Gouldsboro's future will look for our children. If elected I will continue to work with the Planning Board to clarify processes under board jurisdiction, streamline permitting, review ordinances and, most importantly, I will listen to what you have to say.



Jed West

Planning Board – 3-year term

Jed West here asking for your vote in the upcoming Gouldsboro Planning Board election. I moved to Gouldsboro with my wife Jill in 2020. I'm a lifelong entrepreneur who founded, built and ran an independent marketing agency in Los Angeles for over 25 years. I chose to live in Down East Maine over anywhere else in the country because I've loved and appreciated Maine since I attended college here. I've been active with the planning board nearly the entire time I've been here. And I approach the job with the balanced objective of preserving the natural beauty and character of this special place as well as fostering the economic success of its people.



Roy Gruver

Planning Board – 2-year term

I'm Roy Gruver, currently an alternate on the Planning Board (PB). I've been coming here since the 1970's as a visitor; I participated in PB meetings as a part-timer during the fish-farm days; and now this is my full-time home. I believe I have something to offer to the Town and its residents and would like to continue on as an elected PB member. I'd appreciate your vote.

The State of Maine Primary Election, RSU 24 Referendum, and Municipal Election will be held on Tuesday, June 9th, 2026. Polls will be open from 8AM –8PM at the Gouldsboro Rec. Center, 679 Pond Road in Gouldsboro.

All party enrollments will be able to vote in the Municipal and RSU 24 Referendum Election, however please remember, Democratic, Republican, and Unenrolled enrollments are the ONLY parties to vote in the State of Maine Primary Election. As of December 31, 2025, any registered voter can now request an Ongoing Absentee Ballot. Please call the Town Office for information.

Absentee Ballots will be available starting May 11th, 2026.

Need to Register to Vote?

The Registrar will be at the Polls on June 9th, 2026.

Gouldsboro voters can obtain an absentee ballot 3 ways:

1) Order via website <https://www1.maine.gov/cgi-bin/online/AbsenteeBallot/index.pl>.

2) Deliver or mail an absentee request form to the Town Office. Go to <https://www.maine.gov/sos/cec/elec/upcoming/index.html> for the form.

3) Call the Town Office at 963-5589 to request.



THE ACADIAN COMMUNITY WOMAN'S CLUB IS CO-HOSTING
THE WINTER HARBOR MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

Monday 🇺🇸 May 25, 2026 🇺🇸 10:00 a.m.
Veteran's Memorial Park
Harbor Road — Winter Harbor

◆ Refreshments will be served after the ceremony at
the Winter Harbor Masonic Hall on School Street ◆