



Happy New Year!!

SELECT BOARD / TOWN MANAGER- We are so thankful for our Police, EMS, Fire Departments and Emergency Management folks for helping to keep our community safe during the December rain storms. We appreciate every one of you.

At a recent board meeting we discussed the possibility of installing additional street lights within our community. We are interested in hearing from you if you know of a place that a light might benefit the safety of our travelers. Typically, we would consider main road intersections. After we get a list of places, Versant will send a planner to help to determine cost for the town. Please call or visit the town office if you have a place in mind.

We are moving along with our Housing Project. Recently the Town of Winter Harbor and SERC have donated funds to our community for a housing study in both communities, along with recent grants from Maine Community Foundation and Schoodic Community Fund. There will be no taxpayer funds used for this portion of the project. We hired Camoine Associates, from Saratoga Springs, NY to kick off the project by collecting housing, demographic and economic data from a variety of sources. The analysis will provide a determination of the current projected future housing needs of the towns. We will keep the community informed along the way and the final survey results.

The climate vulnerability assessment that Gouldsboro received last fall (see www.gouldsboroshore.me) identified places along the coast where a big storm could damage roads. In some places, a washed-out road would cut people off from emergency services and disrupt businesses. The town's Coastal Resilience Committee is preparing two requests to the State to provide money for scoping and design work to reduce vulnerabilities along Corea Road, where a storm could interfere with access to the harbor and travel between Corea and the rest of the town. The committee's meetings are open to the public, and the next meeting is Monday, January 8th at 5PM in the Town Office.

Thank you, Joe Depasquale for volunteering your professional services and repairing our "Welcome to Gouldsboro" sign on Route 1. You rock!

Starting February 1st, a \$25 late fee for dog registrations will take effect. We do not have any control over this fee. Dog licenses are an important tool for dog owners and animal control officers as well. This increases our ability to track and return lost dogs, and show current rabies titer for the animal should a bite happen.



GOULDSBORO POLICE DEPT- The Gouldsboro Police Department hopes you had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Please be careful on the road as winter is approaching and if you drink, please don't drive, call a friend.

If you or someone you know is experiencing a mental health crisis, call or text the Statewide Crisis Line at 888-568-1112, seven days a week, 24hrs a day. This line is free, confidential and staffed by trained crisis clinicians who can connect you to the closest crisis services.



GOULDSBORO FIRE DEPT- Winter is here and along with that comes added dangers. Please remember to keep your chimney's, flu pipes and stove pipes cleaned and maintained. Also, keep in mind that you should have two ways out of your home. Although, you may not use the second exit, keep it cleared and shoveled in case of emergency. We also appreciate the residents who have house numbers that are visible for emergency personnel. We encourage those who don't have house numbers or numbers that are not visible, to please do so as it will help Fire, EMS and Police get to you sooner!

DORCAS LIBRARY- Wishing you all a happy and healthy new year! We will have another Reiki fundraiser with Renae Lent on Saturday, January 20th, 10-4 with 30-minute sessions (\$25 suggested donation). Qigong starts up again on January 8th at 9AM at Dorcas+, weekly on Mondays. The writer's group with Merry Post meets on Tuesday, January 9th at 1PM. The knitters get together with Cyndi on Thursday, January 11th and 25th at 2PM. Story Hour with Liz will take place Thursday, January 4th and 18th at 10:15AM.

VETERAN'S COMMITTEE- The Veteran's Committee wishes everyone a happy and prosperous New Year. We would also like to thank all those who participated in Veteran's Angel Tree. Your generosity towards our Veteran's is very much appreciated. We would like to thank the Hurd family at Anderson Marine and Hardware for their support in hosting the tree again this year. The GVC meetings will be on hiatus until **April 2, 2024**. The committee would also like to remind the community that winter, and the holidays in particular, can be a stressful time for veterans and their families. If you have the opportunity reach out to friends and families to let them know they are not alone.

HATS & MITTENS- Mitten Magic happened again at the Peninsula School on the last day of classes in 2023. This community of knitters came out in force with beautiful mittens as well as a number of hats and scarves. Close to 80 students were present able to select the color and size mittens of their own choosing. The new principal, staff, and teachers, were each instrumental in helping this event flow with joy. HUGE thanks to all who shared their talent of knitting to keep others warm and to continue what has become a tradition.

CODE ENFORCEMENT- All new sheds and out buildings NEED a town permit.

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NAME	ADDRESS	PROJECT TYPE
James McLean	55 Shark Cove Road	Pole Barn
Danielle Nelson	32 Chicken Mill Pond Road	Ting House

RSU 24- Well, the weather has not been overly cooperative up to this point. School has been impacted already on several occasions and we've not had a true snowstorm yet. As written in previous updates, cancellation notifications will be made to families using our robocall and text message notification system(s). General notification will be put on our Facebook Page and sent to the local television and radio stations. Individual schools may use additional apps/notification systems to communicate cancellations. We are already in the budget process for fiscal year 2025. **Please note that we have made a change in the dates for our budget workshops.** The workshops will now take place on Tuesday evenings and the following dates have been established for this work: January 30th, February 13th and 27th, March 12th and 26th, and April 9th. These meetings start at 6:30PM, will take place at the District Services Facility, and the public is welcome. At each meeting, specific components of our school budget will be presented for the Budget and Finance Committee consideration. The materials to be discussed will be posted on the RSU Business and Finance Webpage, found under the Departments tab of the rsu24.org website.

CALENDAR OF TOWN EVENTS AND MEETINGS FOR JANUARY

JANUARY 1 st	MONDAY	*TOWN OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF NEW YEARS DAY*	ALL DAY
JANUARY 2 nd	TUESDAY	PLANNING BOARD @ TOWN OFFICE	6PM
JANUARY 4 th	THURSDAY	SELECT BOARD @ TOWN OFFICE	5PM
JANUARY 8 th	MONDAY	COASTAL RESILIENCE MEETING @ TOWN OFFICE	5PM
JANUARY 15 th	MONDAY	*TOWN OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED IN OBSERVATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY*	ALL DAY
JANUARY 16 th	TUESDAY	PLANNING BOARD @ TOWN OFFICE	6PM
JANUARY 18 th	THURSDAY	SELECT BOARD @ TOWN OFFICE	5PM

Our Town Office hours are Mon +Wed 8AM - 4PM, Tues 8AM - 5PM, Thurs 8AM - 6PM and Friday 8AM - 1PM.