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Gouldsboro News



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SELECT BOARD / TOWN MANAGER- The current transfer station passes are still good through June 30, 2024. New transfer station passes will be available for Gouldsboro residents at the beginning of June. If you have punch cards with punches left to use, those do NOT expire. New passes cost \$1 and punch cards are \$25. Both the pass and the punch cards are REQUIRED when going to the Transfer Station. ***Please remember, as of September 1, 2023, brush is now a required punch on your punch card.***

*****Newsletter Mailing***- During the budget process for FY25, discontinuing the mailing of the monthly newsletter is being considered since the cost is approaching \$6,000/year. An alternate plan would be to still print the newsletter, but make it available for pickup at the town office, Dorcas Library, and the post offices. The newsletter would still be available online. Please contact the town office with your thoughts on continuing the mailing vs making it available for pickup. ********

The Special Town Meeting regarding the Land Use Ordinance Amendments was cancelled and will be brought to our Annual Town Meeting held on June 12, 2024 starting at 7PM. These revisions are regarding the finfish aquaculture language. You can find the Land Use Ordinance draft on our website at <https://www.gouldsborotown.com/ordinances/>. There will be a Moratorium Extension public hearing held **May 9, 2024** at the Select Board meeting starting at 5PM here at the Gouldsboro Town Office. If you have any questions, please call the Town Office at (207) 963-5589.

The housing survey study is still available and we encourage anyone who hasn't yet completed one to do so. Here is the link for the online version bit.ly/GouldsboroHousingSurvey. Paper copies are available at the Town Office and the Dorcas Library.

Thank you to Hardy's Friends for 15+ years of assistance to our residents and their furry friends! Between helping with vet bills, pet food, and the annual Hardy's Friends yard sale held to raise money to assist more pets, your work did not go unnoticed, Susan!

Thank you to all who helped our community by making our roadsides much cleaner by participating in "Schoodic Shines". Many of you volunteer your time to make Gouldsboro Shine and we can't thank you enough!

TRADE DAY- The Schoodic Area Chamber of Commerce is making plans for Trade Day (Downeast Longest Yard Sale) on **May 18, 2024**. 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 7-10AM at the Winter Harbor Masonic Hall.

GOULDSBORO FIRE DEPT- Finding your home at night or in bad weather can be challenging for first responders. The easier we can find your home, the quicker we can respond and emergency services can be provided. Here are a few steps you can use to determine whether an emergency responder can quickly identify your home.

- 1) *From the street, try to identify your house number. Do you have reflective tape or numbers on your sign?*
- 2) *Drive past your home and see if you can easily see your house number. If you think it may be easily missed, please find a more noticeable spot. Repeat these steps at night.*

Please be mindful our first responders are scanning driveways, mailboxes and roadways within seconds before arrival. Those few extra minutes of searching for your home can take away from saving a life. If your house number signage didn't pass these questions, please consider replacing, updating and/or moving the sign to a more visible spot to help us get to you! The Gouldsboro Fire Department is here to serve the best quality of service we can provide.

SCHOODIC SHINES WITH THE HELP OF SUMNER STUDENTS! - Schoodic Shines is joining forces with Sumner students to help clean up our harbors and shoreline after the devastating winter storms. As always, we ask those of you who have shoreline frontage to clean up what you can and take it up to the transfer station. If there are items that are too big or difficult to move, please call the town office at 963-5589 before May 14th and leave a detailed description of what you have and where you are located and we will send a team of students to help remove the items from your shore. We would like to wrap this up before the end of the school year, so be sure to call soon. And thank you to everyone who participated in the roadside clean up. Schoodic shines because of you!

DORCAS LIBRARY- Attic Treasures is back at Dorcas and for one day (before we reopen in June). Stop by on Saturday, May 18th - Gouldsboro's Trade Day. Donations for the sale are accepted now (no books, electronics, or clothing). All proceeds help fund the library. Join us for Qigong every Monday at 9am. Knitting with Cyndi will be on Thursday, May 2nd, 16th, 30th at 2PM. Interactive story hour with Liz will be on Thursday, May 2nd, 16th, 30th at 10:15AM. Please check our Facebook www.dorcaslibrary1.org for all event schedules.

2024 MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY- The Town of Gouldsboro's Memorial Day Ceremony will take place on Memorial Day, 27th of May 2024, at 10:30AM. The ceremony will be held at the Gouldsboro Veterans' Memorial at the Prospect Harbor Women's Club next to the town office. Our guest speaker will be Master Chief Petty Officer Larry Peterson, USN (retired). He was a strong Navy and civic leader, and industry manager. He is currently a Gouldsboro resident, an active community volunteer and a passionate supporter of veterans. Please come and join us in remembering our fallen war heroes as we try to live our lives in their honor.

GOULDSBORO VETERANS' COMMITTEE- The GVC will meet on Tuesday, May 7th at 1PM in the town office. You don't have to be on the committee to come and see what is going on. You are also welcome to come just to socialize with fellow veterans and friends. All Vets and their supporters are welcome. The raffle tickets for the BBQ grill are now available for purchase.

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

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NAME	ADDRESS	PROJECT TYPE
Alan & Lisbeth Rosenfeld	203 Paul Bunyan Road	PBR Shoreline Stabilization
Deborah Mott - Trille	247 Schieffelin Point Road	Tennis Court
Julie Almlov	51 Glenna's Way	Deck
Lindy Reidy	410 Paul Bunyan Road	Garage
Howard & Patty Carver	East Schoodic Drive	Cabin
Joseph Merel	152 Guzzle Road	Driveway

SCHOODIC COMMUNITY FUND- The Schoodic Community Fund is now accepting grant applications which 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 546-6658.

CALENDAR OF TOWN EVENTS AND MEETINGS FOR MAY

MAY 1 st	WEDNESDAY	*BUDGET MEETING @ TOWN OFFICE	5PM
MAY 6 th	MONDAY	HARBOR COMMITTEE @ TOWN OFFICE	5PM
MAY 7 th	TUESDAY	PLANNING BOARD @ TOWN OFFICE	6PM
MAY 8 th	WEDNESDAY	SHELLISH COMMITTEE @ STATION #3	6PM
MAY 9 th	THURSDAY	SELECT BOARD @ TOWN OFFICE Public Hearing for Moratorium Extension	5PM
MAY 13 th	MONDAY	ABSENTEE BALLOTS AVAILABLE! *See insert for details*	
MAY 20 th	MONDAY	COASTAL RESILIENCE @ TOWN OFFICE	5PM
MAY 21 st	TUESDAY	PLANNING BOARD @ TOWN OFFICE	6PM
MAY 23 rd	THURSDAY	SELECT BOARD @ TOWN OFFICE	5PM
MAY 27 th	MONDAY	**TOWN OFFICE CLOSED IN OBSERVATION OF MEMORIAL DAY**	ALL DAY

***Budget meetings are subject to change. Please call for confirmation.**

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

RSU 24- Let's hope the last snowstorm is the final one! I'm ready for the ground to dry out, flowers to start blooming, and the green grass to start showing up! With the most recent snow day, we have exceeded the allotted days in the calendar for cancellations. At this point, the last day for our students is June 13th. The Budget and Finance Committee has approved our proposed budget to move forward to the full Board. The full Board will vote on the budget on May 7th meeting at Sumner. Once the budget is approved by the Board, we will begin the preparations for the district budget meeting and the referendum process. The district budget meeting will take place on May 29th and the referendum on June 11th. More information regarding those two events will be sent out at a later time. The materials discussed at the Budget Workshops are posted on the RSU Business and Finance Webpage, found under the Departments tab of the rsu24.org website. When students return from April vacation, the last six weeks of the school year will fly by. Please look to the individual schools for information about the end of year activities and field trips. Class Night and Graduation for the class of 2024 will be on June 4th and 6th respectively. Our Adult Education end of year celebrations will take place on June 5th. If you have a child who will be entering Kindergarten next school year, please contact the school to sign up for screening. This important process puts our youngest learners in the best possible position to start school. Please call your local school with any questions. As always, I appreciate the continued support of our schools and the district. If you have any questions or comments about any aspect of the school district, please don't hesitate to reach out to me at meastman@rsu24.org.

ACWC- The Acadian Community Woman's Club will be hosting a Memorial Day Ceremony on Monday, May 27, 2024 at 9AM in Winter Harbor at the Veterans' Memorial on Harbor Road (next to the Winter Harbor Gym). Refreshments will be served immediately after the ceremony in the Winter Harbor Masonic Hall on School Street.

A friendly reminder — it is SCHOLARSHIP SEASON for the ACWC—the College Scholarship application deadline is: May 1, 2024. This scholarship is available to graduating seniors, alumni, or adults continuing their education beyond high school and may be applied to 4-year, 2-year, technical and certificate programs. Students residing in Gouldsboro or Winter Harbor are eligible to apply.

The ACWC also offers Summer Camp Scholarships to children from Gouldsboro and Winter Harbor who wish to attend a 2024 summer camp. This includes: day camps, overnight camps, scout camps, sports camps, church camps, EdGE camp, Schoodic Arts for All workshops, etc. — ALL LOCAL CHILDREN ARE WELCOME TO APPLY. The deadline to apply is: JUNE 1, 2024. In an effort to help as many kids as possible, camp scholarship amounts will vary based on financial need and available funds. The club will make awards until funds are depleted. Applications for BOTH scholarships are available at the Charles M. Sumner Learning Campus, the Peninsula School, as well as the Gouldsboro and Winter Harbor town offices.

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 11th, 2024 at the Gouldsboro Recreation Center from 8AM – 8PM. We look forward to seeing you!

SELECT BOARD CANDIDATES

2 vacant seats for 3-year terms



Robert “Bob” Harmon

Hello neighbors, I thank you for the opportunity to serve you for the past three years, and I am asking to be re-elected to continue working for the people of Gouldsboro. Gouldsboro is a thriving coastal community with a lot of community spirit. We take pride in our community. We must continue to support our Lobstering heritage and address weekly rentals, Public Safety costs, and our coastal vulnerability. Thank you again for your support.



Danny Mitchell Jr.

I am a lifelong resident of the Town of Gouldsboro. I am currently the Chief of Police in Winter Harbor and have been in Law Enforcement since 1991. I hold a Bachelor’s degree in Public Safety Administration, an Associates degree in Legal Technology and another in Information Security. I’m a full time Certified Graduate of the Maine Criminal Justice Academy and I have served the Town of Gouldsboro during the past three years as a Selectman. We have seen the end of the Salmon Aquafarm debate and have seen some positive advancements in public safety. During this time, we also saw the purchase of the Stinson Canning Co. property and with the help of the Planning Board, were able to revise the ordinance for the use of the property to help make it a profitable endeavor for the owners. We finally have another Town Manager and we are seeing the Town of Gouldsboro move forward in a positive direction. If re-elected, I would like to continue to be a part of that.



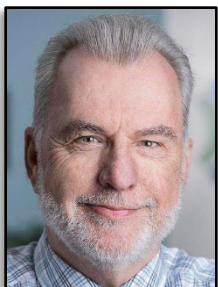
Katharine “Katie” Shoemaker

My name is Katharine “Katie” Shoemaker, a Gouldsboro resident since 2021. My husband Paul and I moved to Gouldsboro with our 3 children because of a lifetime dream of living in Maine near the ocean. I also own and operate the Schoodic Baking Company, volunteer on the Gouldsboro Fire Dept and work as an ambulance driver for Schoodic EMS. I value the way of life and beauty of Gouldsboro, a crucial part of this is being involved among the wonderful people who live here. I seek to run for a position on the Select Board to not only be involved on a deeper level, but also to collaborate with the community on the changing landscape and needs of the present and plan for the future. A younger perspective, I believe, is important to bring to the table to listen and be open to other viewpoints and ideas.

OTHER RUNNING CANDIDATES: Morris Young

PLANNING BOARD CANDIDATE

1 vacant seat for 3-year term



Arthur Higgins

I have been a Gouldsboro resident for eight years and have served continuously on the Planning Board since 2018 as either an alternate, appointed or elected member. In addressing the growth of Gouldsboro development, I support projects which can improve the town’s overall tax base without changing the community qualities that make it such a great place to work and live. The biggest project I have tackled on the Board was the American Aquafarms application, which I initially supported as a way to renovate the aging Stinson Seafood plant and preserve it as a

revenue source. Once more information came to light regarding the applicants and their process, I reversed course and recommended that the town simply eliminate large scale processing as part of its Land Use Ordinance. I am a retired Maine Newsmen who worked in newspapers, radio and television. I am also a member of the Gouldsboro Budget Committee, and play guitar and sing seasonally at the Travelin' Lobster in Bar Harbor. I am married to the Dorcas Library board chair Diane Higgins and have four children and nine grandchildren.

RSU #24 CANDIDATES

1 vacant seat for 3-year term



Eugenio Bertin

I moved to Gouldsboro in February of 2002, with the hopes of starting a farm on the western shore of Jones Pond. I have spent the last 22 years cultivating the land, raising a family, and building community. I am a proud parent of two Sumner students. I am a resident, landowner, and tax payer of Gouldsboro. I see the value that students gain from having a good environment to learn in and positive teachers and classmates to learn from. Over the last school year, I have attended many different RSU meetings that covered the building progress, policy development, and budgeting. After attending these meetings, I have grown to appreciate the effort and support the board provides the RSU, and have realized the role the

board plays in creating the space where our children learn. Seeing members from all the towns work together and provide support to the Superintendent is necessary and important work. I feel that I can share my skills and knowledge to help the community by making the schools the best place for all the students, faculty and staff.



Mary Cowperthwaite

Hello, my name is Mary and I currently serve as the interim Gouldsboro RSU Representative. I am not from Maine, but I have called Maine home for the past five and a half years. I moved here for my husband, Chris, and my stepchildren, Gaven, Kayden, and Aria. This position is important to me because my three stepchildren are growing up in our RSU 24 school system and I want to ensure they and all the students have the best experiences possible to prepare them for their futures. While the student experience is extremely important, the staff experience is equally important to me. Our teachers and staff are vital to the success of our students. I have truly enjoyed serving on the Board and it is my hope that I'll be able to continue the work I have begun.

Gouldsboro's Election Day

June 11, 2024 at the Rec Center
679 Pond Road, Gouldsboro, ME
Polls open from 8AM – 8PM

Gouldsboro's Annual Town Meeting

June 12, 2024 at the Peninsula School
71 Main Street, Prospect Harbor, ME
Starting at 7PM



The State of Maine Primary Election, RSU 24 Referendum, and Municipal Election will be held on Tuesday, June 11th, 2024. 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. Absentee ballots will be available starting Monday, May 13th, 2024. Closed period for new voters, and party changes will begin Wednesday, May 22nd, 2024, at the end of business day.**

Need to Register to Vote? The Registrar will be at the Polls on June 11th, 2024.

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.