

**TOWN CLERK-** The Town Office will be closed on November 11<sup>th</sup> in observance to Veterans' Day. We will also be closed November 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday!

The first half of property taxes were due October 31<sup>st</sup>. Voters approved interest beginning November 1<sup>st</sup>. Please call for an updated amount. You can now pay online at <https://epayment.informe.org/payportonline/disclaimer/1502>. If you're sending a check, please make sure it's payable to the Town of Gouldsboro. If you pay with a credit card over the phone, in the Town Office or online, there is a 2.5% processing fee for anything over \$40. Please be sure to have your bill handy.

2026 dog tags are available! Please be sure to bring the current rabies certificate along with spay/neuter certificate if applicable. This is required for all registrations. Per Maine State Law, all dogs 6 months and older **MUST** be licensed each year by December 31<sup>st</sup>. A \$25 late fee for each dog unregistered will start February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026. The cost is \$6 for neutered/spayed and \$11 for unaltered dogs. You can register online at [https://apps1.web.maine.gov/cgi-bin/online/dog\\_license/index.pl](https://apps1.web.maine.gov/cgi-bin/online/dog_license/index.pl) or in person at the Town Office.

*Trash pick-up for December will happen on Wednesday December 24<sup>th</sup> instead of Christmas Day. Please plan accordingly!*

**LOBSTER TRAP CHRISTMAS TREE ASSEMBLY-** Just in time for Christmas! The Town is looking for volunteers on November 15<sup>th</sup> to erect a lobster trap Christmas tree in the Gouldsboro Town Park starting at 8:30AM (diagonally across from Dorcas Library). This is in honor and recognition of the fishing industry's historic role in our community. The installation will be temporary for the holiday season until a design for a more permanent installation is put in place. We are looking for donations of lobster traps; lobster bodies and volunteers to transport lobster traps to the park and volunteers to help erect the tree. Donations of coffee and donuts would be welcome! Let's start our Christmas celebration, honor our Lobster men and women, and have fun!

**ELECTIONS-** The State of Maine Referendum Election and Town of Gouldsboro Municipal Election will be held on November 4, 2025. Need to register to vote? The Registrar will be available at the polls. Polls will be open from 8AM – 8PM at the Gouldsboro Rec Center, 679 Pond Road, Gouldsboro.

**GOULDSBORO POLICE DEPT-** Winter is in sights, now is a good time to give a few friendly driving reminders for the upcoming winter season. 1) Reduce driving speeds. 2) Increase following distances between you and surrounding vehicles. 3) Keep all your vehicle windows and lights completely clear 4) Do not use cruise control in snow and ice conditions. 5) Watch for danger spots and drive accordingly. Get a “feel” for the roadway. 6) Keep in mind that temperature affects traction. Please use caution on our roads, arrive safe, and check on your neighbors!

**GOULDSBORO FIRE DEPT-** *Please remember to move your clocks back 1 hour on November 2<sup>nd</sup> when daylight savings ends.* With that reminder, we would also like to remind you to check/change your smoke detector batteries and make sure your smoke detectors are working. If the detector itself is older than 10 years, we strongly suggest you replace the detector with a newer one. The new smoke detectors come with lithium batteries that will last up to 10 years.

**MOORING PERMITS-** *ALL* mooring fees were due by July 1<sup>st</sup> and needed to be paid by August 30<sup>th</sup> without penalty. As of September 1<sup>st</sup>, a late fee of \$25 has been added to all outstanding mooring permits. Please come into the Town Office to pay for your permits if you haven't paid.

**OPERATION LIGHT UP THE TOWN-** Help celebrate Gouldsboro's *FOURTH* annual peninsula-wide (Winter Harbor included!) event and decorate your homesteads with holiday lights. Residents can stroll through town and enjoy the holiday spirit with their families and friends **December 23, 24 + 25**. Let's continue to light the town up this holiday season!

**GOULDSBORO VETERANS' COMMITTEE-** The committee will be meeting on Tuesday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at 1PM. The Veterans Information event at SERC for November 6<sup>th</sup> has been canceled due to circumstances beyond our control. The event will be rescheduled for a spring 2026 date. The Veterans Appreciation Dinner will be held on Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at 5PM at the Prospect Harbor United Methodist Church. All local veterans and family members are invited to attend. We will be serving haddock chowder and baked ham with potatoes and carrots. This year, we are offering at-home meal delivery for our veterans who cannot attend but would like a meal. Please contact the committee if you want to sign up for a meal delivery. We are also seeking community help for meal preparation, serving, meal delivery, clean-up and desserts. If interested in helping or requesting a meal, please contact us through our email at [gvcveterans@yahoo.com](mailto:gvcveterans@yahoo.com). We would like to recognize the passing of two local veterans, Mike Hall, US Navy and Marvin Moore. We send our condolences to his family and friends, and we salute him for their service to our country and community.

**SECOND HARBOR IMPROVEMENT MEETING-** Fishermen, residents, and other harbor stakeholders are invited to meet at the Peninsula School cafeteria at 1PM on Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, to discuss potential improvements in Prospect Harbor, Bunkers Harbor, and South Gouldsboro Harbor. This meeting follows up on the May meeting, where participants identified critically important investments for the Town to consider in each of these harbors. Over the summer, the Coastal Resilience Committee gathered information about these suggestions. In this second meeting, we will share what we learned over the summer and ask participants about design preferences and other things that will shape the Town's work in 2026. For more information, see the Gouldsboro Shore website at [www.gouldsboroshore.me](http://www.gouldsboroshore.me).

**CODE ENFORCEMENT-** *New building permits issued:*

NAME	ADDRESS	PROJECT TYPE
Robert & Lisbeth Avakian	33 Primrose Lane	Deck Expansions
Johnathan Renwick	375 East Schoodic Drive	Greenhouse
Danald Farrar	19 Jennys Lane	Shed Addition
Martha McTavish	857 West Bay Road	Garage
Tracey Smith	41 Cranberry Point Road	Shed
Brenden Paradis	108 Timber Cove Road	Shed
Paul Whitney	Morton Emerson Lane	Shed

**DORCAS LIBRARY-** The library will be closed Tuesday, November 11<sup>th</sup> for Veteran's Day; and Thursday, November 27<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, November 29<sup>th</sup> for Thanksgiving. If you want a printed copy of the town newsletter, you can request one at the library. Don't forget you can drop off items for the Schoodic Food Pantry at the library. It is collected weekly. Children's Story Hour will be held Thursday, November 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:15AM. Writers Group is Thursday November 6<sup>th</sup> at 1PM. Knitting and Crocheting is Thursday, November 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> at 2PM. Qigong takes place every Monday from 9 – 10AM, in the Dorcas Plus Building. Quilting & Sewing will be Wednesday, November 19<sup>th</sup> from 9AM – 4PM at the Plus building. Bring your project and a lunch. **SNEAK PREVIEW:** Look for updates on our tree-lighting ceremony Monday, December 1<sup>st</sup>.

**RSU 24-** The RSU Board of Directors approved our strategic plan that will serve the district through 2030. After soliciting feedback from the various stakeholder groups, the mission statement is as follows: "Regional School Unit No. 24 educates all students through relevant and engaging instruction to become lifelong learners and contributing citizens." And the vision statement: "Regional School Unit No. 24 will empower every Pre-K through adult learner to reach their full potential in a supportive, inclusive, and future-ready learning environment. Through innovation, collaboration, and high expectations, we will cultivate curiosity, character, and a commitment to lifelong learning and community engagement." In the coming weeks, we will be sharing the complete strategic plan and I encourage you to check it out to understand the focus of our work moving forward. From the Sumner Sports Boosters: The Sumner Athletics Boosters has had a busy and rewarding fall season supporting our student-athletes through concessions at soccer and volleyball games. Our year-long goal is to provide a Sumner Athlete sweatshirt to every participating student — a symbol of pride in our teams and school spirit. We're proud to say that middle and high school athletes from soccer, volleyball, and cross country proudly wore their Sumner blue this fall! As we look ahead to winter, we're gearing up to support basketball, cheering, and indoor track. Our main fundraising efforts during this season include running concessions at all middle and high school home games. Basketball season, in particular, draws strong crowds from both home and visiting teams, making this an essential part of our fundraising. We would be incredibly grateful for any community support — whether it's volunteering in the concession stand alongside a Booster or donating baked goods or hot crockpot meals. Every contribution helps make our efforts successful and directly benefits our student-athletes. If you're interested in helping, please contact: Lucille Null – [lnull@rsu24.org](mailto:lnull@rsu24.org), Ginny Dennison – [ginydennison@gmail.com](mailto:ginydennison@gmail.com), or Cindy Crowley – [cindylcrowley@gmail.com](mailto:cindylcrowley@gmail.com). If email isn't your preferred method of contact, feel free to call Sumner Memorial High School at (207) 422-3510, and we'll gladly get back to you. Thank you for considering the Sumner Athletics Boosters, a group worthy of your time and support! We are certainly blessed to have this group working to support our students!!!! For those planning ahead, we do not have school on Tuesday, November 11<sup>th</sup> in honor of Veterans Day. A heartfelt thanks to all that have served our country! In addition, we do not have school on November 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, and 28<sup>th</sup> as we take a break for Thanksgiving.

**CALENDAR OF TOWN EVENTS AND MEETINGS FOR NOVEMBER**

<b>NOVEMBER 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>ANNUAL VOTING DAY @ THE REC CENTER 679 Pond Road, Gouldsboro</b>	<b>8AM – 8PM</b>
NOVEMBER 4 <sup>th</sup>	TUESDAY	VETERANS' COMMITTEE @ TOWN OFFICE	1PM
NOVEMBER 4 <sup>th</sup>	TUESDAY	PLANNING BOARD @ TOWN OFFICE	6PM
NOVEMBER 6 <sup>th</sup>	THURSDAY	SELECT BOARD @ TOWN OFFICE	5PM
NOVEMBER 8 <sup>th</sup>	SATURDAY	VETERANS' APPRECIATION DINNER @ THE PROSPECT HARBOR METHODIST CHURCH	5PM
<b>NOVEMBER 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>TOWN OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF VETERANS' DAY</b>	<b>ALL DAY</b>
NOVEMBER 15 <sup>th</sup>	SATURDAY	LOBSTER TRAP CHRISTMAS TREE ASSEMBLY @ THE GOULDSBORO TOWN PARK 33 Main Street, Prospect Harbor	8:30AM
NOVEMBER 15 <sup>th</sup>	SATURDAY	SECOND HARBOR IMPROVEMENT MEETING @ PENINSULA SCHOOL CAFETERIA	1PM
NOVEMBER 18 <sup>th</sup>	TUESDAY	PLANNING BOARD @ TOWN OFFICE	6PM
NOVEMBER 20 <sup>th</sup>	THURSDAY	SELECT BOARD @ TOWN OFFICE	5PM
<b>NOVEMBER 27<sup>th</sup> &amp; 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>THURSDAY &amp; FRIDAY</b>	<b>TOWN OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY</b>	<b>ALL DAY</b>

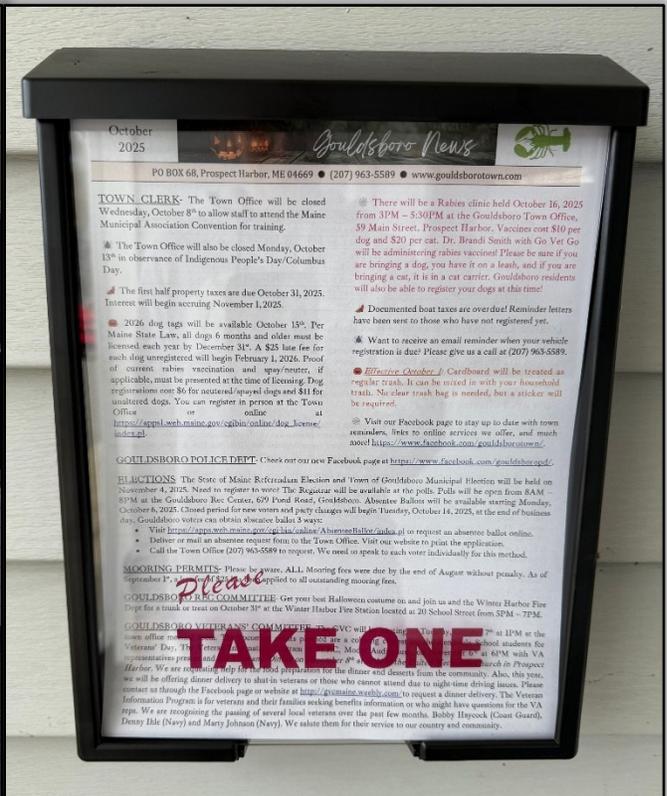
**Town Office hours are Mon + Wed 8AM – 4PM, Tues 8AM – 5PM, Thurs 8AM – 6PM and Friday 8AM – 1PM.**

# Introducing our new 24/7 monthly newsletter box!

We're excited to announce the launch of our new monthly newsletter box, available for all residents to access anytime, day or night! Stay up-to-date on community news, upcoming meetings and events, and important dates at your convenience. Whether you're at home or on the go, simply stop by and grab the latest edition or find it digitally online on our website at [www.gouldsborotown.com](http://www.gouldsborotown.com). In addition, you can also pick up a monthly newsletter at the following locations:

- Mc's Market
- Schoodic Food Pantry
- Dorcas Library
- Gouldsboro Clinic
- Winter Harbor Provisions

No matter where you are, we've made it easy for you to stay informed. Grab a copy today!



# 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 November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at the Gouldsboro Recreation Center from 8AM – 8PM.

We look forward to seeing you!

## SELECT BOARD CANDIDATES

*1 vacant seat – term expiration June 2026.*

### Jacqueline Johnston

Gouldsboro resident for over 40 years with 30 years of continuous service to the community including Selectman (2yrs as chair), Acadia National Park Advisory Commission (3yrs chair), Gouldsboro Emergency Management Director, Schoodic Food Pantry volunteer (and board member), Friends of Dixon Clinic (board member) and recipient of 2 citizen recognition awards from Gouldsboro and 1 from the state of Maine. As a Dept. of Defense employee, represented the Navy to Maine communities to identify and resolve encroachment issues by teaming with selectmen, town managers, state legislators and Congressional staffers. Each endeavor required relationship building, the ability to absorb citizen's occasional strong emotional reactions, and after much listening and establishing credibility, ultimately redirecting that energy into productive discussions.



### Johnathan Renwick

Lifelong resident of Gouldsboro, I'm a husband, father, and grandfather with deep roots in the community. I work as a lobster fisherman, worm harvester, clam harvester, dragger for shrimp, scallops, fish, and sea urchins. Over the years, I have served as a scout leader, church youth group leader, and coached baseball and soccer. A bridge between the past and the future, I carry traditions of our community while looking ahead with a vision for the future.

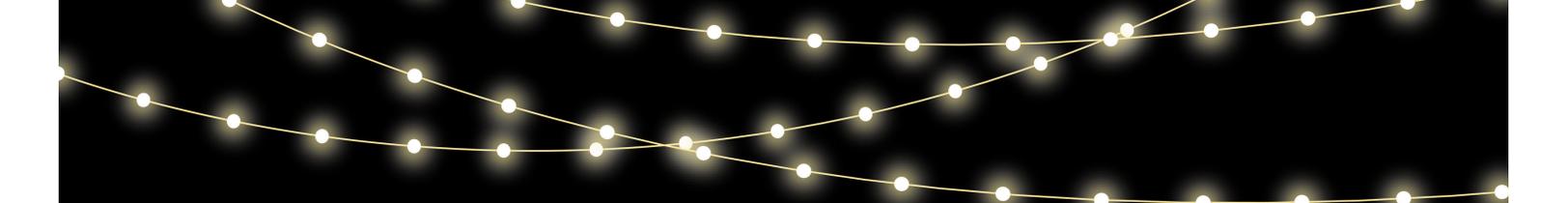
## PLANNING BOARD CANDIDATE

*1 vacant seat – term expiration June 2027.*



### Mark Altvater

Hello, my name is Mark Altvater. Currently I serve as the President/Road Director of the Peninsula Shores Road Association here in Gouldsboro. I have 30+ years' experience in Program/Project management with knowledge of planning, budgeting, scheduling, fiscal management, facilities, and staffing for military projects, along with a genuine interest in serving the community on the Gouldsboro Planning Board. My wife Lynne and I have lived in New England our entire lives. Growing up on the coast of Connecticut, waterfront living is both familiar and comfortable to me. After retiring and building our new summer house in Corea, we fell in love with the area and decided to make Gouldsboro our "forever" home in 2021. Hobbies include fishing, hiking, and golf. Please consider me when casting your vote for Planning Board.



Operation Light  
Up the Town

DECEMBER 23, 24 & 25

Help celebrate Gouldsboro's FOURTH annual peninsula-wide (Winter Harbor included!) event and decorate your homesteads with holiday lights. Stroll through town and enjoy the holiday spirit with your family and friends. Let's continue to light the town up this holiday season!



CMSLC Presents:

# HOMEGROWN HOLIDAY FAIR & FESTIVAL OF TREES

**NOVEMBER 22 & 23RD FROM 10 AM-5PM**

WIN A WREATH OR TREE  
DONATED BY LOCAL  
BUSINESSES!



ENJOY A CRAFT FAIR WITH  
LOCAL CRAFTSMEN AND  
ARTISTS!

**ADMISSION PRICE: 1\$**  
**RAFFLE TICKETS AVAILABLE  
FOR TREES/WREATHS:**

\$5 FOR 15  
\$10 FOR 30  
\$25 FOR 50  
\$50 FOR 100

**SATURDAY ONLY:  
CROCKPOT COOK OFF!**  
TO ENTER EMAIL:

**[WCRABTREE@RSU24.ORG](mailto:WCRABTREE@RSU24.ORG)**

PROCEEDS GO TO THE  
SCHOODIC FOOD PANTRY

COOKIE DECORATING,  
A BAKE SALE, HOT COCOA,  
SUMNER SWAG SALE, 50/50  
RAFFLE, FACE PAINTING  
AND MORE!

ALL PROCEEDS SPLIT  
BETWEEN THE  
CLASSES OF 2026-2030!

**WHERE: 2456 RT 1, SULLIVAN, ME**





# ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF WREATHS

**December 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> 4-7 pm**

**December 6<sup>th</sup> 9-3 pm**

**Decorated Wreath Due By Dec 4<sup>th</sup>  
Between 12 - 2 PM**

**Winter Harbor | School Street | Winter Harbor**

**Contact Morgan Jellison**

**207-546-6250**

**[peninsulaptc@gmail.com](mailto:peninsulaptc@gmail.com)**

**Proceeds Go To  
Peninsula School**



REGISTRATION FORM

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# ANNUAL CRAFT FAIR

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*Decemeber 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup>*  
THURSDAY & FRIDAY 4-7 PM  
SATURDAY 9-3 PM

NAME/BUSINESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
TYPE OF ITEM SOLD: \_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_  
EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_  
# OF TABLES: \_\_\_\_\_ OUTLET: YES - NO

TABLE FEES: \$30 TABLE/DAY  
OR \$75 ALL THREE DAYS PER TABLE

**RSVP/PAY BY NOVEMBER 20, 2025**

Winter Harbor Gym | School Street | Winter Harbor

**PTC Contact: Morgan Jellison**

**207-546-6250**

**peninsulaptc@gmail.com**

