



TOWN CLERK- The Town Office will be closed Monday, February 16th in observance of Presidents' Day.

♥ The final draft of the Comprehensive Plan is available for viewing at the Town office or on our town website at www.gouldsborotown.com.

♥ All dogs that have not been registered by January 31st are now subject to a state mandated late fee of \$25 plus the normal licensing fee of \$6, if spayed or neutered, or \$11 if not. If you no longer have your dog, please call us so we can update our records.

♥ **REMINDER** Trailers weighing over 2,000lbs have an expiration date of February, so be sure to check your registration!

♥ We finally received 2026 documented boat stickers from the State! We have not received state registered boat stickers yet but keep an eye on our Facebook page for an update!

♥ 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/>.

♥ The budget season will kick off starting at the regularly-scheduled Select Board meeting on February 26, 2026. Additional budget meetings will also be held at regularly-scheduled Select Board meetings held March 12th, March 26th, April 9th, April 23rd, with a final meeting held on May 7th.

♥ Want to receive an email reminder when your vehicle registration is due? Please email bmitchell@gouldsborotown.com to set this up as we no longer send reminder post cards.

♥ We have continued Animal Control services through Hancock County for 2026. If you have Animal Control needs, please contact the Hancock County RCC Dispatch at (207) 667-8866 and they will direct your message to the Gouldsboro Police Department. The Police Department will handle calls and direct to the ACO as needed.

GOULDSBORO SCHOODIC EMS- We are happy to introduce a newly hired Paramedic, Matthew Perry, to our team! "First off, I do have to thank the leadership of the town for the opportunity to serve the community at large. My family and I have called Gouldsboro home for the last 5 years. I am a father of three wonderful girls and married to the wife of my youth for 20 years. My full-time job is a career firefighter paramedic with the City of Ellsworth. Before that I worked at County Ambulance from 2011 to its close in 2018. I enjoy spirited conversations over a cup of coffee and try to use humor, whenever appropriate, to ease pain. I am pleased that events have allowed me to finally get involved in Schoodic EMS and look forward to serving you all for the foreseeable future."

COASTAL RESILIENCE COMMITTEE- After a holiday break, Gouldsboro's Coastal Resilience Committee will resume it's regular monthly meetings on Monday, February 2nd at 5PM in the Town Office. Topics on the agenda this month include wrap up of projects concluded in 2025 and plans for new work.

VETERAN SOCIAL COFFEE HOUR- On the first Tuesday of each month, there is a Veteran Social Coffee Hour. The social will start at 6PM at the Prospect Harbor United Methodist Church fellowship room. These informal gatherings provide an opportunity for veterans to network and engage in chat. All veterans are cordially invited to attend this recurring monthly event, which will continue through the winter season. We hope you will join us.

GOULDSBORO VETERANS COMMITTEE (GVC)- The GVC meetings remain in hiatus until April. Did you know that Maine has many benefits for service members, Veterans and their families including property tax exemptions, income tax exemptions, employment assistance, employment preference, tuition assistance, state parks and campground reduced fees, special vehicle license plates, as well as hunting and fishing privileges. The Maine Bureau of Veterans' Services has Veterans' Services Offices located throughout the state that can assist in applications for benefits under federal, state, and local laws. All their services are provided free of

charge. <https://www.maine.gov/veterans/veterans-services-offices> The committee acknowledges the recent passing of veteran Phyllis Peterson, US Army. We extend our sincere condolences to her family and friends. We salute Phyllis for her service to this country and to our community.

CODE ENFORCEMENT- *New building permits issued:*

| NAME | ADDRESS | PROJECT TYPE |
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| IMK Properties LLC | 1288 Route One | Apt Building |
| Brian Eaton | 862 Pond Road | Shed |
| John Zito | 163 Lighthouse Point Road | Deck Extension |

DORCAS LIBRARY- The library will be closed Monday, February 16th, for Presidents’ Day. Children’s Story Hour will be held Thursday, February 12th and 26th at 10:15AM. Writers Group is Thursday February 5th at 1PM. Knitting and Crocheting is Thursday, February 12th & 26th at 2PM. Qigong is every Monday at 9AM in the Plus Building (including holidays). Quilting & Sewing is Wednesday, February 11th from 9 – 4PM in the Plus Building. Bring your project and a lunch—we now have a microwave oven there. Game Night is February 9th and 23rd from 6 – 8PM in the Plus Building. Jane Austen Society of N.A. Tea and Movie will be Wednesday, February 18 at 3PM. You can drop off items for the Schoodic Food Pantry at the library. It is collected weekly. There is a copy in the library of the draft of the Comprehensive Plan 2025 for the Town of Gouldsboro. Anyone who would like can view it there as well as at the Town Office.

CHARLES M. SUMNER LEARNING CAMPUS- The SMHS After School Program is looking for donations of gently used (or new!) cribbage boards and sets of playing cards. We are going to teach our students how to play!! If you have any lying around, please drop them off in the office at SMHS. Thank you!

RSU 24- The Budget and Finance Committee will meet on January 28th to begin discussions for next year’s budget. Tentative budget review meetings are scheduled for February 11th and 25th, and March 11th. All Budget and Finance Committee meetings will be held at the District Services Facility, and agendas will be posted on our website the Thursday or Friday prior to each meeting. Members of the public are welcome to attend. Students and staff will have a half day of school on February 13th, with Sumner releasing at 11:30AM. The remaining schools will dismiss once buses arrive. February vacation follows the next week, with students returning to school on Monday, February 23rd. In addition, there will be no school for students on Friday, March 13, due to a scheduled teacher workshop day. The Sumner Athletic Boosters greatly appreciate the continued support from the community, particularly those who have provided crockpot meals and sweets for the concession stand this winter. Sponsorship letters have been sent for the upcoming Scott Jellison Memorial Tournament, scheduled for February 6th – 7th. Anyone interested in sponsoring the tournament is encouraged to contact Lucille Null at the school at (207) 422-3510 or lnull@rsu24.org.

CALENDAR OF TOWN EVENTS AND MEETINGS FOR FEBRUARY

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| FEBRUARY 2 nd | MONDAY | COASTAL RESILIENCE @ TOWN OFFICE | 5PM |
| FEBRUARY 3 rd | TUESDAY | PLANNING BOARD @ TOWN OFFICE | 6PM |
| FEBRUARY 4th | WEDNESDAY | TOWN OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FOR A STAFF PROFESSIONAL SYSTEMS BUILDING DAY | ALL DAY |
| FEBRUARY 12 th | THURSDAY | SELECT BOARD @ TOWN OFFICE | 5PM |
| FEBRUARY 16th | MONDAY | TOWN OFFICE CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF PRESIDENTS’ DAY | ALL DAY |
| FEBRUARY 17 th | TUESDAY | PLANNING BOARD @ TOWN OFFICE | 6PM |
| FEBRUARY 19th | THURSDAY | TOWN OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FOR A STAFF PROFESSIONAL SYSTEMS BUILDING DAY | ALL DAY |
| FEBRUARY 26 th | THURSDAY | SELECT BOARD @ TOWN OFFICE Budget workshop following | 5PM |