

**TOWN CLERK-** The Town Office Staff would like to wish you a Happy & Healthy New Year!! We will be closed Thursday, January 1, 2026 in observance of New Year's Day and closed Monday, January 19, 2026 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. We will also be closed to the public on Wednesday, January 21 for a Systems Building day for staff.

❄ We would like to thank all those who made it out to our community trap tree lighting ceremony. It was a great success! In particular, we would like to again thank Bob Harmon and the crew who assisted in decorating and stacking the trap tree!

❄ Documented boat stickers are late arriving to our office from the State. Before stopping in, give us a call to be sure we have received them.

❄ **Starting February 1<sup>st</sup>, a \$25 late fee for dog registrations will take effect.** This is a state mandatory late fee. Dog licenses are an important tool for dog owners and animal control officers! This increases our ability to track and return lost dogs, and show current rabies titer for the animal should a bite happen. If you have a dog who has passed away or no longer own, please give us a call or email [bmitchell@gouldsborotown.com](mailto:bmitchell@gouldsborotown.com) so we can update our records.

❄ 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/>.

❄ As of this month, any vehicle 2001 and newer requires a title to register it.

❄ New 2026 Hunting & fishing licenses are now available for purchase!



**GOULDSBORO FIRE DEPT-** Winter is here and along with that comes added dangers. Please remember to keep your chimnies, 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 an 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!

**GOULDSBORO VETERANS' COMMITTEE-** The Committee wishes everyone a happy and prosperous New Year. Thank you to the community for making 2025 a great year for this committee. We especially thank those who helped with last month's Veteran Angel Tree by remembering our veterans with a thank-you gift. The committee will be on our winter meeting hiatus until April 2026. We have a lot planned for 2026 and we look forward to a great upcoming year. The committee sends our condolences to the family and friends of Laurence "Squeak" Bagley, US Navy, who passed on November 22, 2025. We salute him for his service to his country and community.

**VETERAN SOCIAL COFFEE HOUR-** Monthly Veteran Social Coffee Hour - On the first Tuesday of each month, starting January 6th, there will be a Veteran Coffee Hour. The social hour 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.

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

NAME	ADDRESS	PROJECT TYPE
Jacob Grover	39 Sunrise Road	New Residence
James Culver	14 McMahan Road	New Residence
James Culver	14 McMahan Road	Addition
Nicole French	596 Gouldsboro Point Road	Addition
Rebecca Sawyer	Taft Point Road	Driveway
Erika Mitchell	12 Peninsula Road	2 Sheds

**DORCAS LIBRARY**- The library will be closed Thursday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, for New Year’s Day and Monday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, for Martin Luther King Day. Children’s Story Hour will be held Thursday, January 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10:15AM. Writers Group is Thursday January 8<sup>th</sup> at 1PM. Knitting and Crocheting is Thursday, January 15<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> at 2PM. Qigong is every Monday at 9AM in the Plus Building. Quilting & Sewing is Wednesday, January 14<sup>th</sup> from 9AM – 4PM in the Plus Building. Bring your project and a lunch—we now have a microwave oven there. Game Night is January 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> from 6 – 8PM in the Plus Building. 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.

**RSU 24**- We have started the budget work for the 2026 – 2027 school year. Our student count is about the same as last year which is helpful with the state funding formula. The Budget and Finance Committee will meet on January 28<sup>th</sup> to start the conversation regarding next year's budget. We have tentatively scheduled the budget reviews for February 11<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, and March 11<sup>th</sup>. Budget and Finance Committee meetings will take place at the District Services Facility and agendas will be posted the Thursday or Friday prior to any meeting. The public is welcome to attend these meetings. Students have a half-day of school on December 23<sup>rd</sup> and will be out for twelve days returning to school on Monday, January 5<sup>th</sup>. For those planning ahead, we will not have school on Monday, January 19<sup>th</sup> in honor of Martin Luther King. Our communities continue to provide strong support as was evidenced in the past couple of weeks supporting several holiday season events. On November 22<sup>nd</sup> at Sumner, there was a Festival of Trees event that raised an impressive \$18,958. On December 6<sup>th</sup>, the Ella Lewis PTO had its own Festival of Trees in Steuben and raised an equally impressive \$13,064 Also, during the same weekend, the Peninsula PTC had a craft fair and festival of wreaths and raised an amazing \$10,000. In addition, there were a number of individuals or businesses who provided donations (trees, wreaths, etc.) to make these events happen. We are greatly appreciative of the contributions to our schools. The Friends of Sumner's Future building campaign work had a bit of a milestone recently, as the sponsorship/donor plaques were installed throughout Sumner. To those donors who contributed, I offer a huge thank you for your generosity in helping our new school become reality. From the Sumner Athletic Boosters: As the holiday season arrives and winter break approaches, the Sumner Athletic Boosters would like to extend a warm Merry Christmas to the community. This is a time not only for celebration but also for gratitude, and we want to take a moment to thank everyone who has contributed to our concessions this season. The Scott C. Jellison Concessions stand requires many dedicated volunteers to operate night after night. Thanks to the hard work of middle school and high school parents and students, we have made a fantastic start to this season. Your efforts have not gone unnoticed, and we appreciate every one of you. We would also like to express our gratitude to our local businesses that have shown tremendous support. A special thank you goes to Pat’s Pizza, Mosquito Harbor Brewing, and Tracey’s Seafood for their generous donations. It is partnerships like these that enable us to provide our Sumner Tigers with the resources they need to succeed. If you've stopped by the concession booth, you may have noticed that any donations this year are designated for the Light Up the Field project. Our goal is to install lights on the soccer field, allowing our varsity girls and boys teams, as well as the middle school co-ed team, to practice and play games beyond daylight hours. For those interested in supporting this important initiative, donations can be made by contacting Lucille Null at the school or Ginny Dennison at [ginnydennison@gmail.com](mailto:ginnydennison@gmail.com).

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

JANUARY 1 <sup>st</sup>	THURSDAY	TOWN OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF NEW YEAR’S DAY	ALL DAY
JANUARY 6 <sup>th</sup>	TUESDAY	PLANNING BOARD @ TOWN OFFICE	6PM
JANUARY 15 <sup>th</sup>	THURSDAY	SELECT BOARD @ TOWN OFFICE	5PM
JANUARY 19 <sup>th</sup>	MONDAY	TOWN OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF MARTIN LUTHER KING JR DAY	ALL DAY
JANUARY 20 <sup>th</sup>	TUESDAY	PLANNING BOARD @ TOWN OFFICE	6PM
JANUARY 21 <sup>st</sup>	WEDNESDAY	TOWN OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FOR A STAFF PROFESSIONAL SYSTEMS BUILDING DAY	ALL DAY
JANUARY 29 <sup>th</sup>	THURSDAY	SELECT BOARD @ TOWN OFFICE	5PM

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