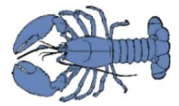


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TOWN CLERK- Effective Monday, March 2, 2026; the Town Office has changed hours of operation we are open to the public. We close from 12:15PM – 1PM Mondays through Thursdays for lunch. In addition, we close at 5PM on Thursdays. The new schedule is as follows:

- **Monday** 8AM – 12:15PM reopen 1PM – 4PM
- **Tuesday** 8AM – 12:15PM reopen 1PM – 5PM
- **Wednesday** 8AM – 12:15PM reopen 1PM – 4PM
- **Thursday** 8AM – 12:15PM reopen 1PM – 5PM
- **Friday** 8AM – 1PM

🌸 The Town Office will be closed Wednesday, April 15th for a staff professional systems building day. We will also be closed Monday, April 20, 2026 in observance of Patriots' Day.

🌸 Budget season is still in swing at the regularly-scheduled Select Board meetings. The following budget meetings will be held at regularly-scheduled Select Board meetings held April 2nd, April 9th, April 23rd, with a final meeting held on May 7th.

🌸 Absentee Ballots for the upcoming election to be held June 9, 2026, will be available at the Town Office starting Monday, May 11th.

🌸 Vehicle re-registrations may be completed online at <https://www1.maine.gov/online/bmv/rapid-renewal/>.

ROAD WORK/PAVING- Work will be performed this Spring and Summer on Crowley Island Road, Corea Road, Cranberry Point Road, and Dyer Lane. In late April or May, repair and mitigation work will be performed on the causeway section of Crowley Island Road. The Town is currently accepting bids for the road prep (ditching and culvert replacement) as well as paving on all four roads. Timing of the road prep and paving is not yet certain but should be clearer by mid-May.

GOULDSBORO POLICE DEPARTMENT- The Gouldsboro and Winter Harbor Police Department are pleased to offer a new program called “The Sunshine Program”, a free outreach service to senior residents and individuals who live alone within our communities. 🌞 **The Sunshine Program** is a simple daily wellness check designed to ensure the safety and well-being of participating residents. The way the program works is a couple times a week, in the morning, a member of the Police Departments will attempt to place a brief telephone call to program participants. The purpose of the call is to simply confirm everything is okay. If we are unable to reach a participant during the initial call, a second call will be attempted. If we are still unable to make contact, an officer may be dispatched to the residence to ensure the individual is safe. This program is intended for senior residents, residents who live alone, and resident's who may benefit from a daily check-in. Participation is completely voluntary and may be discontinued at any time at your request. Please see the attached information sheet and application for more information! We strive to continue to make sure our community and residents are safe!

CODE ENFORCEMENT- Hi, Gouldsboro! I'm Allie, and I'm thrilled to be joining the Town Office as your new Municipal Operations & Administrative Assistant. I recently made the move here with my fiancé, though this area has always held a special place in my heart thanks to family ties and many visits over the years. I bring prior municipal work experience from Connecticut and I'm eager to put it to good use serving this community. When I'm not in the office, you'll find me near the ocean or off exploring somewhere new. Don't hesitate to stop by and say hello! To view building permits that have been issued, please see the town website at www.gouldsborotown.com.

Building Permit Application — Important Updates:

The Town of Gouldsboro is in the process of revising our building permit application, so stay tuned! For questions regarding permits or the application process, we kindly ask that you reach out by email to ceo@gouldsborotown.com or by phone rather than stopping by in person. Please be advised that Allie may be your first point of contact when you call or email — she will make sure your inquiries reach the right place.

Mike is always happy to schedule a phone call or in-person meeting at a mutually convenient time. Please note that all building permit applications must be filled out in their entirety before they can be processed. Any incomplete applications will not be accepted. Once a complete application has been received, Mike has 30 days to issue or deny the permit. We appreciate your cooperation and look forward to assisting you!

SCHOODIC SHINES ROADSIDE CLEAN UP- Spring is right around the corner and you know what that means?! The Towns of Gouldsboro and Winter Harbor will continue to dedicate the month of April to cleaning up the roadsides! You can pick up your bags, grabbers and safety vests inside the tote located outside of each Town Office starting on April 1st. Make sure to leave your name and contact info on the clipboard inside the tote! The Pickled Wrinkle will once again celebrate Earth Day and your efforts with a gathering for all those who participate on Wednesday, April 22nd at 3PM! The Towns of Gouldsboro, Winter Harbor and the Pickled Wrinkle thank you for helping Schoodic Shine! Stay safe and enjoy the warmer days of Spring.

SCHOODIC COMMUNITY FUND- The Schoodic Community Fund is now accepting grant applications for 2026. They 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 (207) 546-6658.

GOULDSBORO VETERANS' COMMITTEE- The committee will kick off our 2026 season on Tuesday, April 7th at 1:30PM at the Town Office (*Please note new starting time*). You do not 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. We will be planning the town's Memorial Day Ceremony, ideas for celebrating our Nation's 250th year, and our upcoming summer raffle. We will continue to try and identify what Veteran support the Schoodic Region needs or what would be beneficial. We also want to acknowledge the passing of a local veteran, David Wilkinson on February 23rd. We salute him for his service to our country and our community.

CALENDAR OF TOWN EVENTS AND MEETINGS FOR [APRIL](#)

APRIL 2 nd	THURSDAY	SELECT BOARD BUDGET WORKSHOP @ TOWN OFFICE	4:30PM
APRIL 6 th	MONDAY	COASTAL RESILIENCE @ TOWN OFFICE	5PM
APRIL 7 th	TUESDAY	VETS' COMMITTEE @ TOWN OFFICE	1:30PM
APRIL 8 th	WEDNESDAY	SHELLFISH COMMITTEE @ STATION #3	6PM
APRIL 9 th	THURSDAY	SELECT BOARD @ TOWN OFFICE Budget workshop following	5PM
APRIL 13 th	MONDAY	HARBOR COMMITTEE @ TOWN OFFICE	5PM
APRIL 14 th	TUESDAY	PLANNING BOARD @ TOWN OFFICE	6PM
APRIL 15th	TUESDAY	TOWN OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FOR A STAFF PROFESSIONAL SYSTEMS BUILDING DAY	ALL DAY
APRIL 19 th	SUNDAY	CPR & AED CERTIFICATION CLASS @ TOWN OFFICE ~ SCHOODIC EMS	12PM
APRIL 20th	MONDAY	TOWN OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF PATRIOTS' DAY	ALL DAY
APRIL 21 st	TUESDAY	PLANNING BOARD @ TOWN OFFICE	6PM
APRIL 23 rd	THURSDAY	SELECT BOARD @ TOWN OFFICE Budget workshop following	5PM

SCHOODIC AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE- The Schoodic Area Chamber of Commerce is making plans to enjoy Trade Day on May 16, 2026. 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 – 11AM at the Winter Harbor Masonic Hall. Dorcas Library will open their Attic Treasures

+ Sale from 10AM to 4PM featuring antiques, crafts, plants and pastries. You are also invited to bring your yard sale items to the Winter Harbor Town Gymnasium and sell from your own table from 8AM –2PM. Set up will be from 7 – 8AM in the gym. For more information email schoodic.chamber.commerce@gmail.com.

DORCAS LIBRARY- Children’s Story Hour will be held Thurs., April 9th and 23rd at 10:15AM. Come see the new shelves in the children’s room, thanks to a grant from the Schoodic Community Fund and a donation from the Winter Harbor Insurance Agency. Writers Group is Thursday April 2nd, at 1PM. Knitting and Crocheting is Thursday, April 9th and 23rd at 2PM. In the PLUS Building: Art Photography and Jewelry Exhibit by Conscious Connections and Beauty with Beads on Friday, April 24th (3 – 8PM) & Saturday, April 25th (noon – 6PM) Refreshments served and 15% of the proceeds will be donated to the library. Qigong is every Monday at 9AM. Quilting & Sewing is Wednesday April 8th from 9AM – 4PM. Bring your project and a lunch—we now have a microwave oven there. Game Night is Monday, April 13th and 27th from 6 – 8PM. You can drop off items for the Schoodic Food Pantry at the library. It is collected weekly.

SCHOODIC NATIONAL SCENIC BYWAY- The Schoodic National Scenic Byway was honored with a 2026 National Scenic Byway Association Award for Outstanding Leveraging of Resources, recognizing its 25th anniversary festival as a model of community investment and economic impact. Held in June 2025, the event brought together local artisans, food vendors, musicians, and educational exhibits while showcasing the region’s working waterfront culture. Notably, all proceeds were reinvested into the host recreation center, demonstrating how tourism-driven events can directly benefit local communities. The award highlights the byway’s continued success in supporting local economies, promoting authentic regional experiences, and strengthening community connections along Maine’s coast.

ACADIAN COMMUNITY WOMAN’S CLUB- The Yellow Tulip Project: Have you spotted the yellow tulip accents “planted” around Schoodic Peninsula? Soon REAL tulips will bloom alongside them to support the **Yellow Tulip Project**, a youth-driven campaign to raise awareness about suicide prevention and *“smash the stigma around mental illness—one tulip at a time.”* The ACWC is proud to sponsor these local “HOPE” gardens in the towns of Gouldsboro and Winter Harbor, as well as the campuses of the Peninsula School and the Charles M. Sumner Middle/High School. Yellow tulips symbolize hope; these gardens serve as a vibrant reminder that help is available and no one has to struggle alone. The ACWC invites you to get involved and volunteer for this project locally or by visiting the <https://theyellowtulipproject.org> to learn more. Most importantly, if you or someone you know is in crisis, please **CALL** or **TEXT** the **988 National Suicide & Crisis Lifeline**, at any time for 24/7 support. **Also, a friendly reminder from the ACWC—it is SCHOLARSHIP SEASON—our College Scholarship application deadline is: May 1, 2026.** This scholarship is open to all 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. Applications are available at both town offices and the Sumner Guidance office.

RSU 24- Our spring sports season is right around the corner. We wish each of our teams the best of luck and thank the following coaches for leading our student athletes: Varsity Baseball - John Frye, JV Baseball - Jason Reckner, Varsity Softball - Greg Ingals, Track - Adam Lord, Track Assistant - Richie Grant, Middle School Baseball - Blake Alley, Middle School softball - Lauren Hana, Middle School Track - Ellysea Bryant. The Budget and Finance Committee will be sending the 2026 - 2027 budget to the full Board at its April 7th meeting. Once the RSU Board approves the budget, we will move on to the District Budget Meeting which will take place on May 27th at Sumner starting at 6:30PM. If you reside in one of our nine communities, you will be able to vote on the proposed budget at this meeting. The final step in the process is the school budget referendum held on June 9th. The referendum vote takes place in each of our communities at the designated voting station. The final budget information will be distributed to our communities after the District Budget Meeting and prior to the referendum and will be accessible on our website. For those planning ahead, Sumner Memorial High School class night is Tuesday, June 2nd and graduation is Thursday, June 4th. Sumner Middle School will hold its 8th grade promotion on June 8th. The Adult Education Graduation is June 9th and the Adult Education Certificate Ceremony is June 10th.

**GOULDSBORO POLICE DEPARTMENT
WINTER HARBOR POLICE DEPARTMENT**

“Sunshine Program” – Senior Wellness Check

To Whom It May Concern,

The Gouldsboro Police Department and the Winter Harbor Police Department are pleased to offer a free outreach service to senior residents and individuals who live alone within our communities.

The **Sunshine Program** is a simple daily wellness check designed to ensure the safety and well-being of participating residents.

Here is how the program works:

A couple of times each week, between approximately **8:30 AM and 10:30 AM**, a member of our staff will attempt to place a brief telephone call to program participants. The purpose of this call is simply to confirm that everything is okay.

If we are unable to reach a participant during the initial call, a second call will be attempted. If we are still unable to make contact, an officer may be dispatched to the residence to ensure the individual is safe.

This program is **free of charge** and is intended for:

- Senior residents
- Individuals who live alone
- Residents who may benefit from a daily check-in

Participation is completely voluntary and may be discontinued at any time **at your request**.

If you or someone you know would benefit from this service, please visit your local Town Office to fill out an enrollment form.

We appreciate your help in spreading the word about this program so we can continue to support the safety and well-being of our residents.

Sincerely,

Chief James Malloy
Gouldsboro Police Department

Chief Danny Mitchell
Winter Harbor Police Department

**GOULDSBORO POLICE DEPARTMENT
WINTER HARBOR POLICE DEPARTMENT**

GOOD MORNING PROGRAM

Participant Enrollment Form

Date: _____

Participant Information

Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Physical Address: _____

Mailing Address (if different): _____

Best **Phone Number** to reach you at: _____

Do you live alone?

Yes No

Do you have a hidden key?

Yes No

If so, where is it located? (This will be kept confidential) _____

Emergency Contact or Key-Holder

Name: _____

Relationship: _____

Telephone: _____

Address: _____

Nearby Contact and Key-Holder

Name: _____

Telephone: _____

Address: _____

Medical Information (Optional)

Primary Care Physician: _____

Physician Phone: _____

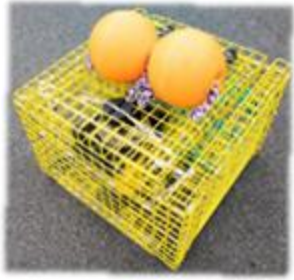
Important Medical Conditions / Notes:

Program Agreement

I understand that the Gouldsboro Police Department and Winter Harbor Police Department will attempt to contact me as part of the Good Morning Program. If I cannot be reached, an officer may be sent to my residence to check on my well-being. I consent to an officer entering my home in these circumstances.

Signature: _____

Date: _____



Alternative Lobster Fishing Gear Demonstration: Gouldsboro

Wednesday, April 15th, 2026

WHAT: View **Demonstrations** of alternative lobster fishing gear and/or **engage in discussion** about alternative gear and the testing program. **Registration is not required.**

WHERE: Gouldsboro, ME: Town Pier, Prospect Harbor

WHEN: 10 am to 2 pm

WHO: Open to area fishermen and the public

WHY: The Gouldsboro demonstration day is an effort to familiarize fishermen and the public with alternative gear, specifically acoustic on-demand systems. Alternative gear technology is still among the possible solutions being considered to reduce risk to North Atlantic right whales and other large whales.

This event is hosted by Maine Center for Coastal Fisheries. For questions, please contact Molly Miller at mmiller@coastalfisheries.org.

Check coastalfisheries.org and the Maine Center for Coastal Fisheries' Facebook page for updates due to inclement weather.



Winter Harbor Yacht Club

Junior Sailing Program



Learn to Sail from Certified Instructors – All welcome

Casual sailing to racing

Great Fun – Beginners and all levels welcome

Must be 8 years old and be able to pass swim test

Sail Optis, 420s, and Bullseyes

Slots available June 22 – August 13

9:00 – 3:00 Monday -Friday

For more information contact:

Richard Brown (617) 515-7403 rbrownarchitects@yahoo.com

Peter Drinkwater (207) 460-1458 wh5n10@myfairpoint.net

Scholarships available