

TOWN OF STOCKTON SPRINGS NEWSLETTER

January 2018

Happy New Year! I think it's going to be a good one.

We will be closed Monday, January 15 in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

-**Select Board meets the first and third Thursday of the month at 9 am and the third Thursday of the month at 6 pm.** ALL meetings are open to the public. With the exception of Executive Sessions, which are confidential, the public is encouraged to attend. Meetings are subject to change but notice is always posted.

- A few things I'm (and others) are working on this month: budget prep, updating of harbor records, and ordinance review.

-By summer we will have a brand new **Town website**. It will be easier to navigate, easier to read, and provide better information for Citizens and other visitors. I think, and I believe the Board agrees, that having a user-friendly and helpful website is an important building block for attracting residents and business.

-Let's talk about **winter roads**. It's Maine. We all know the roads aren't perfect no matter where you go. Snow coupled with the below freezing temperatures for weeks on end has added to the challenge of clearing roads. Recently, with the warmer temps, a lot of the frozen ice and snow on the roads has melted and created slush. Our Public Works department has gone out recently to clear it off. Keep in mind that we have 38 miles of roads to clear. That is a lot. In the last snow storm, our (three) guys plowed/sanded/salted nonstop. They do a great job. If you have specific concerns, please feel free to call me. Quick Tip: If it's snowing or a storm is expected, please be sure to call ahead (no matter where you are going) as places may not be open! Also, please consider staying off the road whenever possible during these conditions.

-Reminder: The Town is **currently seeking a Harbormaster**. If you are interested in applying, check the website under Public Notice for the notice, job description, and application. Applications are due January 16 by 5pm.

-The docks, as I mentioned were pulled last month (see photo). It was freezing out but there was a beautiful sunrise. Thank you to everyone who helped and, in particular, members of the Harbor Committee!

- 2015 delinquent taxes foreclose on February 20, 2018. Notices will be sent out soon.

-On January 9, I attended a School Board meeting. They were discussing what to do with the **Stockton Elementary School**. No decision was made. A lot of leg work must be done first. I'm sure they will revisit again in the coming months. Unfortunately, it is costing the RSU approximately \$50,000 a year to maintain the empty building. As a quick side note, should it be offered to the Town, it would need to go to Town Meeting for approval (including approval for the cost to purchase it). Make sure to check school board agendas if you'd like to keep tabs on what's going on. Also, please reach out to your School Board members, School Administration, or myself should you want or need additional information.



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

A HUGE thank you to all the volunteers who helped clean up the Sandy Point Trails after the big wind storm. It was immensely helpful and appreciated!!!!

-Courtney, TM