

TOWN OF STOCKTON SPRINGS

NEWSLETTER

May 2018

We will be closed Monday, May 28th in observance of Memorial Day.

- Please forgive me for the length; it is all good information. PLEASE reach out to me directly if you have questions or concerns.
- The **Memorial Day parade** will start at Just Barbs and go Downtown beginning at 10am. This parade is organized by the American Legion Jerry W. Dobbins Post 157. If anyone is interested in participating, please email jayswhitesr@gmail.com.
- A **public hearing will happen May 16 at 6pm by the MEDOT for a proposed railroad crossing** as proposed by Midcoast Ventures for a road off of Maple Street to landlocked property they own on the waterfront. Another public hearing has been scheduled for **May 24th at 9am for a proposed public property use ordinance**. The ordinance will be posted May 17th for review. Both hearings are at the Town Office.
- The **Annual Report** will be available the end of the month/beginning of June. Keep an eye out, as we will be sure to spread the word.
- You may have seen an article and interview in recent days regarding our **Ambulance service**. This year, as part of an Ordinance update, we are proposing a new fee of \$100 for per call that requires no medical treatment and no transport. To be clear, the first two (non-emergency) calls of every year will be free and proper notice and information will be given. These types of calls are non-emergency and we have seen a rise in them. It is not much different than a fee we already have of \$100 for medical treatment and no transport. Rest assured, if someone calls 911 our Ambulance crew will most definitely respond. Our hope is to cut down on non-emergency calls by helping people find better alternatives while offsetting some of our costs. People who need medical assistance are always encouraged to call 911. If you have any questions, please reach out to the Town Manager or Ambulance Director!
- Every year we pave approximately 2 miles of Town Road and the funds come out of the Public Works department's budget. This year we are **paving Cape Jellison Rd.** from the Town Garage to Cape Docks Road. The road will require a lot of work as it is in rough shape, please expect some delays and possible rerouting to the back of the Cape. Also, in case you weren't aware, Cape Jellison Rd. from Main Street to the State Park (left at the Town Garage) is a State owned and maintained road. According to MEDOT, they will be patching sections of the road this year and are currently planning on fixing the road as a whole in 2020.
- **Retail marijuana update:** the State has recently passed a regulatory bill after overriding the Governor's veto. The bill differs from the previous version in several important ways. Most notably, it makes it so municipalities must "opt in," or create an ordinance allowing retail marijuana, in order for retail marijuana to set up shop in town. Additionally, the new bill does away with both social clubs and the sharing of any related tax revenue with municipalities. You will not see any article on the warrant this year related to this subject. Since we would have to opt-in for retail shops to be in Stockton, we think it would be best to take some time to gather some feedback. Citizens are encouraged to contact Select Board members (and myself) with their thoughts on the subject. Please keep in mind that this is only about retail recreational marijuana (store front, manufacturing, etc.). Medical and personal recreational marijuana are separate.

- **Mooring fees** are now past due; a \$50 late fee will be charged. Be sure to pay by May 31st or the Town takes possession of the mooring and it's hardware.
- **Debris Day** is Saturday, May 19th curbside by 7am. For a list of acceptable items, stop by the Town Office or look at the website under public notices.
- **Foreclosed property** will be going out to bid in July. If interested, keep an eye out on the website and Facebook for more information.
- **Reminder:** Election Day is June 12th from 8am – 8pm at the Town Office. Town Meeting is June 16th at 9am at the Town Office.
- Speaking of **Election Day**- I'm not sure I've told you who will officially be on the Town ballot. For Select Board: Thomas Fraser, Fire Chief: Vern Thompson, and School Board: William Cosmano and Kristina Braga. There will also be a referendum question, as I've mentioned in my last newsletter, regarding Wastewater. The wording can be found online under public notices at www.stocktonsprings.org.
- On May 8, the **School Board discussed community use of the Stockton Springs Elementary School**. From my understanding, no action was taken. They are looking into what they would need to do or fix in the building in order to allow the community to use it. It is expected to be on the agenda of the next School Board meeting on May 22 at 6:30pm at the Central Office in Searsport. Citizens are encouraged to reach out to their School Board representatives, Denise Dakin and Bill Cosmano, with questions/input.

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