

TOWN OF STOCKTON SPRINGS

JANUARY NEWSLETTER



- **Town Offices will be closed Monday, January 21st in observation of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.**
- Special Attachment: The Value of Your Taxes.
- On January 11 from 10-11 am, our Town Manager, Courtney O'Donnell, will be participating in a radio broadcast on **WERU** Community Radio called Talk of the Towns. Listen at 89.9 FM in Blue Hill or 99.9 in Bangor or stream at www.weru.org! Call in at 1-866-625-9378 or 207-469-0500 to ask questions of her and other nearby Town Managers. Photo: From Left: Courtney, Chrissy, Angie, & Amber.
- For the past year we have tried out extended hours on Tuesdays. Turns out we don't get many people during the later hours. I suspect most people are able to make accommodations when they need to visit us or they use mail or online services (such as online re-registrations). As such, the Select Board has voted for **Town Office hours to return to normal: Monday through Thursday 9-5 pm.**
- Don't forget to **license your dog(s)** before the end of the month to avoid a State mandated late fee of \$25. (Proof of rabies vaccination may be needed).
- With the start of the new year comes budget prep, ordinance review, & public hearings. The Select Board has set this year's **Town Meeting for June 15, 2019 at 9am!** Mark your calendars! The more the merrier!
- R.S.U. 20, Searsport, and Stockton officials have met about the **Stockton Springs Elementary School** (keep in mind that the school still belongs to the R.S.U.). We are waiting on updated information about the mold issue, however, I anticipate public hearings and likely a referendum vote in June about the building, so keep an eye out!
- Did you see the article about **drainage issues at the Town Office?** To clarify/elaborate, a combination of things has led the drainage system to be ineffective during large rain storms. This creates an issue as we don't want water backing up in the back-parking lot and entering the building. It will be fixed in the spring but in the meantime our Public Works dept. is keeping an eye on the situation and is doing what's necessary about the water in the meantime. We may have to dig up portions of the back-parking lot and that may affect use of the downstairs room. However, we will keep disruptions to a minimum (as much as possible) and will likely repave it as part of next fiscal year's paving budget.
- **Recycling Tip:** Batteries can be dropped off at the Town Office and Town Garage during normal business hours for recycling. Don't throw them away!
- 2016 **delinquent taxes** foreclose on February 17, 2019. Notices will be sent out soon.



Community News:

- **Tai Chi** is offered (for free!) downstairs at the Town Office on Fridays from 9:30 – 11 AM for Stockton Residents (space may be limited). Sponsored by the Stockton Springs Community Library and the Town of Stockton Springs.
- The **Stockton Springs Community Library** has received yet another grant! This time to improve health literacy by increasing access to and awareness of the National Library of Medicine free, easy-to-use health resources. This will include community events designed to increase knowledge Sunday, January 27th and Tuesday, January 29 from 1-2pm. Call 567-4147 for details!

-Courtney, TM