

Update from the Stockton Springs Select Board - February 2016

Winter? Spring?? We hope you all are enjoying this snow and mud season! It seems there is nothing typical about Maine winters anymore, and as the saying goes: "If you don't like the weather, wait five minutes!"

For the last four months, we have spent a great deal of time adding and updating many town policies, and have revoked just a few. This effort addresses a wide range of issues, from complaints to gifts and donations, dock removal to universal waste collection. Many thanks to those volunteers and employees who have contributed their time and knowledge to assist us in making appropriate changes! These can be difficult decisions to make at times, but we do our best. As always, please feel free to attend our meetings at the town office and share your thoughts.

In regard to our Parking Ordinance, we have revoked it until we have more information on two different areas: one on Cape Docks Road with unclear property lines, and the other is generally referred to as the Town Square. We are still exploring options for adding some parking, but any changes will require voter approval on a few items at our next annual town meeting in June. We are very pleased to have assistance from the Planning Board at this point; their recommendations for updating the Land Use Ordinance plus many others will be invaluable going forward. Thanks so much to you all!

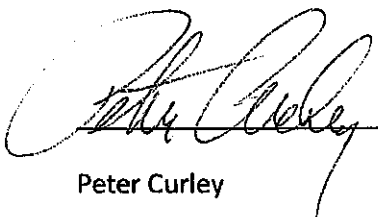
The possibility of installing solar panels on the roof of the town office was investigated, but unfortunately it appears the initial investment for such a project would take much too long to recoup. However, if you have any questions about this, we would be happy to share what we have learned.

As for the Comprehensive Plan, our discussions occur in the workshops immediately following our weekly meetings.

As for the 2016-2017 Town Budget, we will be scheduling separate meetings to review the budget proposed by our town manager, Marnie. These meetings will be posted just as our other meetings are, so if you have comments, concerns, or are just curious, please don't hesitate to attend.

Our next newsletter will be in the Annual Town Report, available in June as always, and all newsletters are now posted on the town website at [www.stocktonsprings.org](http://www.stocktonsprings.org).

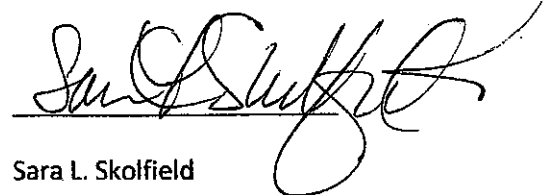
We hope to see you at the Town Meeting on June 25th!



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