

## MARCH NEWSLETTER....

Well we made it to March, though I honestly thought that February would never end, or maybe that snow falling would never end!!!

It is Town budget discussion time with the first of three workshops starting this Friday at 9:00 a.m. The second one is scheduled for Wednesday the 11th at 9, and then again on Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> at 9. The workshops are open to the public. I will also be placing the draft budget worksheets on the Town's website for everyone's review.

The discussion of the FY16 budget will be a different one this year. In past years the amount of each department's share of the mill rate could be reasonably estimated during budget time. This year, with the revaluation in progress, that calculation and/or comparison can not be made. The total taxable value of the Town will not be known until September- long after Town Meeting has taken place.

### Other Town happenings:

- The revaluation project is going full steam ahead- and with better weather on the horizon, more house inspections will be on tap to be completed; Map R3 is the current map being worked on.
- 2015 dog licenses are REALLY LATE. If you have not licensed your dog, the Animal Control Officer will be stopping by to give you one last chance before issuing you a court summons. Town Office staff has placed calls to everyone on our list. If you received a call, and still have not licensed your dog, please come to the Town Office and do so.
- Ordinance public hearings will be set for the end of the month on draft ordinances that are expected to go to Town Meeting. Keep an eye out for the hearing posting that will include the date and the specific ordinance to be discussed.
- The ability to use credit cards at the Town Office to make "purchases" will be coming this month. The Town is working with InforME, an established Maine company, to complete the set up process. When done, all major credit cards and debit cards will be able to be used at the Town Office.
- 2015 Harbor rates will be set at the Select Board's March 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. Some mooring fees will see a slight increase.

Don't forget day light savings time. We lose an hour this coming Saturday. It will be dark again during the morning dog walk! Mud season is coming, or so they say.

*Marnie*