

May 2016 Newsletter-

They tell me that the sun is due out any day. I'll believe it when I see it!!!

The first draft of the Town's FY17 budget is complete. Work papers have been posted on the Town's website. They give a detailed breakdown per department of all revenues and expenditures. Readers digest condensed version- Net to be raised from taxes is up over last year by \$1,000.00. The Board had meant to have no increase, but a late donation request for the \$1,000.00 was added.

The Board has adopted an employee wage grid that will be incorporated into a new Personnel Policy. I applaud the Board for accepting the wage grid and it has solidified the support that they have always shown towards their employees.

Speaking of their employees- the Board offered me a 2 year employment contract extension after placing the Town Manager position onto the wage grid. The offer was accepted. Lucky you have another couple of years of my sense of humor!!

May 19th the Select Board and the Planning Board will be hosting a public hearing on proposed ordinance changes. The Select Board is proposing a Solid Waste Flow & Recycling Ordinance. This is a new ordinance that will satisfy whatever solid waste disposal facility the Board/town chooses to enter into an agreement with. Copies of the ordinance are posted around Town, on the website, and available for pickup at the Town Office. As "waste" will be the first topic of discussion on the 19th, the Board will also present information concerning the choice of disposal facility- PERC, MRC/Fiberight, or ecoMaine. Copies of this presentation are also at the Town Office and posted on the website.

The Planning Board is proposing changes to the Site Plan Review and Land Use Ordinance. Parking is the topic. Copies are posted around Town, on the website and available at the Office.

Another important evening will be on the 24th. This is when the RSU district budget meeting will be held at the Searsport High School at 7:00 p.m.. All residents were sent a flyer from RSU#20 in their mail last week. The Mailing is VERY COMPREHENSIVE. Please plan on attending the meeting to vote on the District's FY17 operating budget. Your vote can make a difference.

May happenings:

Wednesday	4 th	Planning Board 6:30 p.m.
Thursday	5 th	Select Board 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.
Monday	9 th	Recycling 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday	10 th	RSU#20- Searsport
Thursday	12 th	Select Board 9:00 a.m. Harbor 7:00 p.m.
Thursday	19 th	Select Board 9:00 a.m. PUBLIC HEARING- ORDINANCES 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday	24 th	RSU#20 District Budget Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Thursday	26 th	Select Board 9:00 a.m.
Monday	30 th	Town Office Closed- Memorial Day Observation

Thanks for reading!

Marnie