



SELECTMEN/TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

As usual, the Christmas lights were beautiful, assisting in the holiday spirit. Thank you to Billy Bickford and crew for decorating the streetlights and tree and monitoring the lights.

The Town Office will be closing at noon on December 31st and will be closed January 1st for New Year's Day and January 18th to observe Martin Luther King Day.

The Board of Selectmen and Town Manager hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and would like to wish you a very Happy New Year!!



TOWN CLERK

Dog licenses are **mandatory** for all dogs. The price is \$6.00 for spayed/neutered and \$11.00 if not. You must have a current rabies vaccination certificate to purchase your license. Dogs must be licensed by January 31st. A late fee of \$25.00 will be added after that date.



If you own a documented boat, you are still required to pay the excise tax to the Town in which you reside. All 2016 Hunting and Fishing licenses, snowmobile and boat registrations are now available.

WH POLICE DEPARTMENT

Winter Parking Ban is in effect from November 1st until April 1st. No vehicle shall be parked on any street, road, or public way between the hours of 11:00 pm to 6:00 am, to allow for complete snow removal.

As a reminder, when removing snow from your driveways, do not push snow across the road. It can cause a dangerous traffic hazard and your cooperation is appreciated.

Be aware as weather and road conditions change rapidly causing the roads to ice over. Watch your speed, allow yourself extra breaking distance and have a winter preparedness kit in your vehicle.

SMOKE SIGNALS-WH FIRE DEPARTMENT

Never leave lit candles or inside lights unattended. Thank you in advance for keeping driveways, sidewalks and entryways clear for emergency personnel.

LOBSTER FESTIVAL COMMITTEE

With the departure of the Navy personnel in 2002, the Schoodic Area Chamber of Commerce has taken the lead in recruiting volunteers and planning events for the annual Winter Harbor Lobster Festival. The Chamber must transition some of the activities to other organizations or individuals. A Lobster Festival Committee has been meeting monthly at the Winter Harbor Town Office and is anxious to recruit other organizations and community members to support current or new activities for the 2016 Lobster Festival. Several thousand people visit Winter Harbor on the second Saturday of August each year and it is an opportunity for fund raising, education and fun. The committee is planning fund raising for the festival

parade with Trade Day events and the South Gouldsboro Redemption Center is accepting your donation of cans and bottles. Start planning your float for the parade theme: "Party like a Lobster." The committee is seeking a group to manage the lobster dinner and help with entertainment during the day. Please attend the next Festival Committee meeting at the Winter Harbor Town Office on January 14th at 7:00 pm. or email schoodic.chamber.commerce@gmail.com.

LAST FRIDAY COFFEEHOUSE

Presented by Schoodic Arts for All – Friday, January 29th, 7:00 pm at Hammond Hall, Derrick and Tim Semler Band – A father and son steeped in traditional and modern blues take the stage with bass and drums, piano, and two guitars. Suggested donation for this event is \$15.00. Kids under- 12 admitted free–Great desserts! No reservations needed. Doors open at 6:00 pm. For more information, call 963-2569, or visit www.schoodicartsforall.org

WH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Winter Harbor Historical Society would like to wish everyone a healthy and Happy New Year. Our major fundraiser for the New Year will be an auction. Please be thinking of us when you are doing your spring-cleaning. At this time, the day of the event is pending but mark your calendar for July. If you do have items you would like to donate and would like to have them picked up, please call one of our members: Diana Young 963-7818, Deborah Martin 963-5555, Johanna Smith 963-2295, and Cathy Carruthers at the Town Office.

HELPING SENIORS ON SCHOODIC PENINSULA

We are pleased to announce that the At Home Schoodic planning group is teaming up with Friends in Action, a Hancock countywide organization that has been offering free services to elderly and disabled folks. Our goal is to enable our elderly and disabled residents to live independently, with dignity and a strong quality of life. Friends in Action have been providing services in Hancock County since 2003. Schoodic Friends in Action will focus their efforts in the communities of Sullivan, Gouldsboro, Winter Harbor, Sorrento, Franklin and Steuben. We need volunteers willing to help with services such as rides, help with light chores, run errands, make well check phone calls, etc. If you are interested, we will send you an application form. We will then provide you with training and support. For more information or an application, please call us at 422-2405 or email us at schoodicfia@gmail.com. Looking forward to hearing from you! Christina and Holly – Schoodic Friends in Action

PERSONAL NOTE: All of us in the Town Office would like to thank everyone for the holiday cards and wonderful goodies that were sent and delivered to us. We enjoyed them immensely and appreciate the thoughtfulness.





CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Event	Time/Location
Jan 11 & 25	Board of Selectmen Meetings	7:00 pm - Town Office - 20 School Street
1 st Monday	WH Water District Meetings	3:30 pm - Pump House, Newman Street
1 st Tuesday	Planning Board Meetings	7:00 pm - Municipal Bldg - 20 School Street
2 nd Tuesday	Fire Dept. Meetings	6:30 pm - Fire Station - 20 School St
Wed/Fri/Sat	Library Open	Wed & Sat - 12:00-4:00 pm; Fri-10:00 am-4:00 pm - Channing Chapel-371 Main Street
Tues & Thurs	Walking Group	9:00-10:00 am - Gym School Street
Tues, Thurs, Sat	Exercise/Dance Class (free of charge)	8:00-9:00 am - Gym-School Street
Mon & Wed	Exercise/Dance Class (free of charge)	4:00-5:00 pm - Gym School Street
Jan 1	NEW YEAR'S DAY	TOWN OFFICE CLOSED
Jan 12	WH Housing Development Corp Mtg.	10:00 am - Mill Stream Heights
Jan 13 & 27	Curbside Recycle Pickup	7:00 am - All Around Town
Jan 14	Lobster Festival Committee Meeting	7:00 pm - Town Office
Jan 18	MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY	TOWN OFFICE CLOSED
Jan 29	Public Supper	5:00 - 6:30 pm - Masonic Hall - 29 School St.
Jan 29	Last Friday Coffee House	7:00 pm - Hammond Hall - 427 Main Street
20 th Each Mo.	WH Times Deadline (emails preferred)	4:00 pm - Town Office

Winter Harbor Public Library News

Regular Year Round Hours: Wednesday & Saturday-Noon-4:00 pm; Friday-10:00 am-4:00 pm
(207) 963-7556 www.winterharbor.lib.me.us

We would like to welcome Ruth Axtel Mapleton who has been hired for the Library Assistant position.

All winter in the Maine Room - Becky O'Keefe's glorious watercolors are on display at Channing Chapel. Be sure to stop in to see her work!

BOARD MEETING: The Trustees of the WHPL will meet on Friday, January 15th at 4:00 pm at the Library. The meetings are open to the public and all are invited to attend.

STORY HOUR: Fridays 10:30 am (story hour will be taking a break) - Our young listeners have grown and are busy with their next steps in life. If you have children interested in attending Story Hour please call the Library and we will happily resume this program.

STEAMERS - Exploring LEGO Machines: Fridays at 2:30- 4:30 pm - After school STEAM Club, recommended for 1st-6th graders. Join us for activities in science, technology, engineering, arts and literature, and math. Charlie Pomaski continues concepts of working with gears, motors, and simple machines for LEGO constructions, the foundation of robotics design, and Howard Howard shares winning chess strategies. Please contact the Library if your child is interested in a particular type of STEAM project, or if you have a STEAM activity you would like to teach.

BOOK CLUB: Tuesday, January 12th at 11:30 am at Karen Wilcock's house - please note this is the 2nd Tuesday of the month - January is any book of your choice to share. February is back to the Pickled Wrinkle at noon to discuss Ann Beattie's new book The State We're In: Maine Stories.

HOLIDAY HOURS: WHPL will be closed on January 1st & 2nd.

Dorcas Library

NEW EVENT: Second Tuesdays (beginning February 9th) at 1:30 pm - The Dorcas Chatroom & Café - Read any good books lately? Seen any good movies? Learned something new? Come to the library to share your thoughts! Bring your handicrafts, or try your hand at our adult coloring books. Let's dish about ideas at the Dorcas Library.

NEW EVENT: Second Saturdays (beginning February 13th) at 10:30 am - Writer's Workshop - If you are a new or experienced writer, please drop in to share encouragement, friendly critique, resources, and writing prompts.

For more information on events please visit our website at: www.dorcas.lib.me.us.

Schoodic Institute at Acadia National Park

Maine's Acadia National Park makes Fodor's "Go List - 2016" of Top 25 Incredible Destinations worldwide! Fodor's insider tip: "Take a hike or scenic drive to see crashing surf and granite slabs, and stop by the family-friendly Schoodic Education and Research Center."

This month Acadia National Park welcomes Kevin Schneider as Superintendent. Schneider, who has 19 years of experience working for the park service and since 2011 has served as Deputy Superintendent of Grand Teton National Park in Wyoming, will assume his new duties January 25, 2016.

Movies At Moore: January's feature: "A River Runs Through It" (Rated PG) Sunday, January 24th at Moore Auditorium (follow signs on campus). Admission is \$3.00. Showtime is at 3:00 pm. Concessions will be served.

Winter in Acadia: A Creative Photography Retreat - Three-term Artist-in-Residence, ANP, Colleen Miniuk-Sperry leads this one of a kind photography workshop. Workshop runs from January 31st to February 6th.

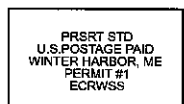
Acadia Winter Festival: February 26th - March 6th - Celebrate Acadia National Park's Centennial, Science and the Outdoors - Schoodic Point and Mount Desert Island. Check our website for details at www.schoodicinstitute.org/events.

Gift certificates to attend Schoodic Institute birding tours and events, and artist retreats in Acadia National Park make perfect gifts anytime of year! Check our events page to purchase one today.

Winter Harbor Times

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