

Town Tidbits

March 1, 2014



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Town Office Hours

Mon. through Fri.
8 am—4:30 pm



Board of Selectmen

Albert J. Searles, Chairman

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Deborah A. Beal

Kevin P. Donovan

William A. Ward, Jr.

Town Manager

Barry A. Tibbetts

Selectmen Meeting Schedule

2nd & 4th Tues. monthly,
6:30 pm, at Town Hall.

Meetings are also televised live
on Cable Channel 5 and
streamed live on

www.townhallstreams.com

Remaining 2014 Holidays

(Town Offices Closed)

Mon., April 21 (Patriots' Day)

Mon., May 26 (Memorial Day)

Fri., July 4 (Independence Day)

Mon., Sept. 1 (Labor Day)

Mon., Oct. 13 (Columbus Day)

Tues., Nov. 11 (Veterans' Day)

Thurs., Nov. 27 (Thanksgiving)

Fri., Nov. 28 (Thanksgiving)

Thurs., Dec. 25 (Christmas)

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

BEGINS - Sunday, March 9th

Turn your clocks ahead 1 hour

TOWN OF KENNEBUNK, MAINE

www.kennebunkmaine.us

FROM THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE ...

June 10th Primary Election. Voters who are enrolled in the three recognized parties in Maine (Democratic, Republican and Green Independent) have the opportunity to select candidates for the General Election on Nov. 4, 2014.

Who can Vote in a Primary Election? You must be enrolled in one of the three recognized parties listed above. If you are not enrolled in a party, you may do so up to and including Election Day. Once enrolled you must stay in that party for 90 days. If you wish to change your party choice you must do so fifteen (15) days before the Primary Election.

Kennebunk will have new legislative districts which will take effect on January 1, 2015. Persons will be chosen during the Primary Election as candidates for the November election. The new districts are Number 8 which is most of Kennebunk and

Number 9 which is south of Durrells Bridge Road and Heath Road to the beach. Maps are available at the Town Clerk's Office for viewing.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING BUDGET

BY
REFERENDUM ELECTION
Candidate & Budget Ballots



Date: Tues., June 10th

Times: 8 am—8 pm

Location: Town Hall Auditorium

Nomination papers for Municipal Officers become available on Mon., March 17th and must be returned by April 25th. Kennebunk will be selecting two (2) Selectmen, a Town Clerk, two (2) RSU Directors and one (1) trustee each to the Water and Sewer Districts. More information is available at the Town Clerk's Office.

FROM THE ASSESSING DEPT. ...

RESIDENTIAL TAXPAYERS—All new applications for Homestead, Blind, and Veteran's Exemptions must be received by April 1st.



All business personal property physically located in Kennebunk as of April 1st is subject to taxation annually. What is business personal property?

- * Production Machinery and Equipment: Includes machinery and equipment used to produce products such as industrial tools and machinery.
- * Business Equipment: Includes furniture, furnishings and fixtures. Examples are shelving, desks, cash registers, photocopiers and telephones.
- * Electronics: Computers, printers networking equipment.

- * Other: Personal property that does not fit into any one of the above categories.
- * Leased Equipment: If you are leasing equipment from another company, please declare the name of the company, what you are leasing, the monthly leasing fee and the term of the lease. Also, please make it clear who is responsible for the taxes.

Businesses need to file on or before May 1st in the Assessor's Office. Failure to file this form may bar the right to appeal. In addition, failure to return the Personal Property Declaration will require the Assessor's Office to estimate the value of the Personal Property to be taxed to you.

For more information on any of this as well as information on the Business Equipment Tax Exemption (BETE) and Business Equipment Tax Reimbursement (BETR) please visit the website. All information can be found on the [Assessing Page](#).

SAY HELLO TO THE NEWEST MEMBERS OF THE TOWN'S STAFF ...



Thomas H. Martin, Jr. was hired as the Public Services Director in January. Tom returns to the public sector after serving as the CEO of a successful general contracting firm in central Maine for the past 13 years. Prior to that he served for 11 years in the public sector in various capacities with MaineDOT, City of Auburn and Town of Windham, holding responsibilities from Project Inspector to Operations Manager to Public Works Director. Tom has served as president of the Maine Better Transportation Association and Maine Chapter of American Public Works Association. Tom's diverse background in civic organi-

zations and the public and private sector are a welcome complement to the Town staff and citizens of Kennebunk.

Police Chief Robert MacKenzie is pleased to announce the recent hiring of Officer **Robert F. Brown** as a full time police officer. He has 8 years of prior law enforcement experience with the Eliot Police Department where he had attained the rank of Lieutenant. Prior to beginning his law enforcement career, Officer Brown had been enlisted in the U. S. Marine Corps for 10 years. He holds a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from Husson University and is a certified Maine Criminal Justice Academy firearms instructor and Field Training Officer.



16TH ANNUAL MAY DAY FESTIVAL

Saturday, May 3rd downtown Kennebunk once again will be bustling with fun, family-friendly activities! The Downtown Committee has been planning since soon after last year's event but there is always time for residents to be a part of the planning or volunteer that day. Contact Linda Johnson at magicj@gwi.net.



DO YOU WANT TO GET HEALTHIER this year? The Town is participating in a pilot program called Healthy Maine Streets. Sign up to receive a quarterly newsletter and learn more about the program, enjoy healthy tidbits from local businesses, try some new recipes and learn what the Town in conjunction with local businesses is doing to support and encourage healthy lifestyles. For more information please visit:

www.kennebunkmaine.us/healthy

KENNEBUNK FREE LIBRARY is excited to be returning to our normal hours on March 1st.



HOURS:

Mon. & Tues. 9:30 am – 8 pm
Wed. 12:30-8 pm
Thurs.-Sat. 9:30 am-5 pm

All programs, including story times and exhibits in the Speers Gallery will resume their normal schedule.

SAVE THE DATE!

Faerie Festival and Book Sale—May 3rd, 17th Edition Road Race—July 11th and Blueberry Festival Book Fair—July 26th.

For more information:
www.kennebunklibrary.com



FEMA MAPPING UPDATE... Community Development staff have been monitoring the proposed revisions and updates to the Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) over the past several years. FEMA released PRELIMINARY MAPS in November 2013, which are currently available for PUBLIC viewing in the Community Development Office and are also available on the Town Website under the Code Enforcement page. In January of 2014, FEMA held an informational meeting for municipal staff. FEMA offered a "Timeline" for the publishing of the final maps and the process necessary to adopt them. Some of the important dates are:

- 1) March 2014 - Start of 90 day appeal period
- 2) January 2015 – Final maps to be published
- 3) July 2015 – Local adoption of maps with Flood Ordinance update

These are the key dates and events associated with the FEMA FIRM mapping update. Local property owners that may be impacted by the revised maps are encouraged to consult with a survey professional to verify the potential impact. The mapping is a tool for the identification of a significant risk and its government sponsored insurance program. If you have any questions please contact the Community Development office at 985-2102, x 1303.

PUBLIC SERVICES DEPT. NEWS... Posting of Roads Closed to Heavy Loads. It is the time of year where the roads are beginning to feel the effects of the winter freeze, the rainy/snowy weather and the warm sun during the day. To help protect and minimize damage to the roads the Town has closed the following roads to any non-exempt vehicle or combination of vehicles registered for a gross weight of over 23,000 pounds. These roads will remain closed to these vehicles through April 30th.

Alfred Rd. (beginning Warrens Way), Cole Rd., Downing Rd., Durrells Bridge Rd., Harriseckett Rd., Heath Rd., Middle Rd., Mill St., Old Falls Rd., Old Port Rd., Perkins Lane, Ross Rd., and Thompson Rd.

The posting does not include Home Heating Fuel trucks and Municipal Curbside Collection vehicles. For more information, please contact the Public Services Dept. at 985-4811.



KENNEBUNK FIRE RESCUE is proud of its commitment to the community and the service we provide but we need your help as well. *Did you know that Kennebunk Fire Rescue has an average response time of just over 4 1/2 minutes from the time of a call for help to the time we arrive on scene?* The national average is just over 8 minutes. We do this with 5 full time employees and a robust compliment of per diem employees. To keep this level of service we also rely on residents for our on call members. Most of the per diem employees work full time in other departments or live outside of Kenne-



bunk meaning they are not available if they are not scheduled. We responded to just under 3,000 calls for service in 2013; so far this year we have responded to over 400 calls, an increase in call volume. Please consider stopping by Central Station to see what we do, talk with our staff and perhaps pick up an application to join our ranks. The dedicated service we receive from our community members is what allows us to provide these lifesaving services promptly, professionally and at a great value to the taxpayer. Stop in and say hello!



WATERHOUSE YOUTH ENDOWMENT ... The Town has been blessed to have the Waterhouse Youth Endowment fund (\$1.5 million) established for downtown activities at 51 Main Street (next to the Kennebunk Inn). This generous endowment was established by Geraldine Waterhouse and her granddaughter, Paige Schroeder. The proceeds from the endowment will sponsor youth and family activities, including ice skating, the arts, theater, music, dance, movies, sports exhibitions, educational and health activities, along with Town events. Ice skating will always be free along with many of the year round events. The endowment was created to enhance the health and well being of local youth by providing recreation and educational opportunities in a safe and healthy environment in downtown Kennebunk. Many businesses and residents have come forward to donate funds, materials and in-kind services to build this open sided pavilion in the heart of downtown for year round events. With donation commitments to date reaching \$564,000, we are getting very close to achieving our funding goal of \$729,000.



If you would like to make a donation, please contact the Town Manager's office or visit the [Projects](#) section of our website for details. *Thank you for your support.*



Look for "[Notify Me](#)" on the home page of the Town's website to sign up to receive email and/or text message notifications when the following items are posted: Town events, news announcements, committee agendas/minutes, bid postings, job postings, road closures, parking bans, trash/recycling changes, closures due to severe weather, etc.