



# “NEW GLOUCESTER TOWN NEWS”

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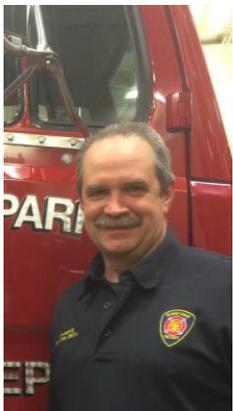
## Town Manager

This February 8<sup>th</sup> the Town of New Gloucester will welcome our new Fire and Rescue Chief.

This past November Chief Sacco retired from duty with New Gloucester Fire and Rescue. Since that time the Town has been engaged in a process to hire our next Fire and Rescue Chief.

An advisory committee composed of representatives from both the Fire and Rescue services, a Selectmen’s representative, and the Town Manager, evaluated over 60 applications. Seven were selected for first round interview. Following further review, four candidates were invited back for second round interviews. They were asked follow-up questions and taken on a tour of our community. The tour included a thirty-minute stop at the Fire and Rescue Station where they met the Interim Chief and Captains.

The outcome of this process was a unanimous decision by the advisory committee.



**James (Jim) Ladewig, the Assistant Fire Chief of Olmos Park Fire Department, located on the outskirts of San Antonio, Texas, has been selected to serve as the next Fire and Rescue Chief of New Gloucester, Maine.** Mr. Ladewig has served for 25 years with the Olmos Park Department, where he supervises department personnel and serves as incident

commander for both fire and EMS. He is a capable leader and excellent communicator.

Mr. Ladewig and his wife have made many trips to Maine, and it has been a long-time dream to re-locate here. We look forward to welcoming them to our community.

This has been an extensive yet enjoyable process. Thanks to the advisory committee members for the hard work, team spirit, and expertise that they brought to the decision, as well as the Department personnel involved in the station tours. Heartfelt thanks to Deputy Fire Chief Roger Levasseur for his leadership and service to our community during this time of transition.

Following the departure of Deputy Treasurer Harry Childs, **the Town of New Gloucester has hired Lori-Anne Wilson as New Gloucester’s Deputy Treasurer.** Lori-Anne comes to us from a local municipal auditing firm, and in this capacity formerly conducted audits for the Town of New Gloucester. We all welcome Lori-Anne as the newest member of the Town Hall team. Her municipal accounting expertise and knowledge of New Gloucester finances is an excellent match for our community. We are pleased that she has chosen to join us. Lori-Anne lives with her son Neal in Gray, Maine. The next time you visit Town Hall, don’t hesitate to stop by and say hello to Lori-Anne.



## Manager's Calendar

- **Thursday, February 25<sup>th</sup>** the Gray Town Council and New Gloucester Board of Selectmen will be holding a **community forum titled "Drug Use and Next Steps."** This is a very important topic in our community, your attendance is encouraged. The forum will be held in **Gray's Pennell Hall** and re-broadcast on community television.
- **Tuesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 pm in the New Gloucester Meetinghouse, Maine DOT** will be holding a public hearing on their plan for **reconstruction of the Route 231 and Route 100 intersection.** Please join us to learn about this upcoming project and planned improvements associated with the **Bennett Road Intersection.**
- The FY17 budget process is underway. Please note the following **budget committee meeting dates:** Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, Meetinghouse at 7pm; Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, Meetinghouse at 7pm; Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, Meetinghouse at 7pm. **The budget public hearing is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup> in the New Gloucester Meetinghouse at 7pm.**

*Paul First*  
*Town Manager*



## Animal Control

Dog licenses expire December 31<sup>st</sup> each year. Dogs must be registered by January 31<sup>st</sup>. Beginning February 1<sup>st</sup>, a \$25 late fee will be charged.

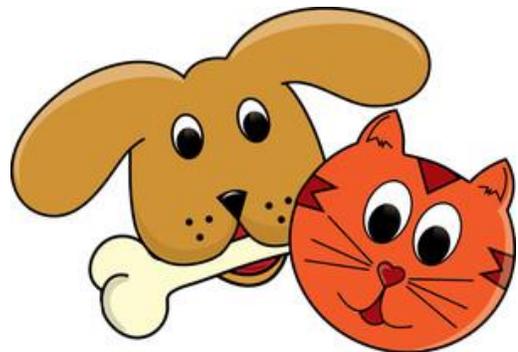
Remember that dogs tied outside need hay or straw in their doghouses and extra food when it's cold to help keep warm

Be sure your pets have fresh water in the winter, as snow is not enough to keep them hydrated. You should continue to use flea and heartworm preventives through December.

Be careful of the ice melting agents you use, as some can burn the pads on your pets' feet.

Have a safe and warm winter, and keep those pets warm and safe.

*Karen Flick*  
*Animal Control Officer*



## Clerk's Office

**TAXES:** The second payment of the 2016 taxes is due on Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup> and interest begins on Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup>. Payments may be made at the Town Hall by mail or on our website [www.newgloucester.com](http://www.newgloucester.com). We accept cash, checks, and debit or credit cards, to which a processing fee is applied. If making payment by mail and you wish to have a receipt, please include a self-addressed stamped envelope.

**SNOWMOBILES:** Snowmobile registrations for the 2015/2016 season are available, and the registration fee is \$45 plus the clerk's fee.

**BOAT REGISTRATIONS:** Boating season will be here before we know it and the 2016 stickers are available. Any boat with a motor on it must be registered.

The *Preserve Maine Waters* sticker (*Milfoil Sticker*) for boats that are used in Maine lakes or rivers is now a part of the renewal sticker. People coming into Maine with a boat who plan to use the boat in Maine must purchase a Milfoil Sticker at a cost of \$20. Boat registrations expire December 31<sup>st</sup> each year.

**ATV REGISTRATIONS:** ATV Registrations cost \$34 plus the clerk's fee. All ATVs expire June 30<sup>th</sup>.

Please remember, if the Snowmobile, Boat or ATV is bought through a private sale or out of state, a sales tax of 5.5% must be paid on the purchase price when registering for the first time.

**HUNTING & FISHING LICENSES:** Hunting and Fishing Licenses for 2016 are available now at the Town Office.

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING:** Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016, at 7:00 p.m., at Memorial School, Route 231/Intervale Road in New Gloucester.

Please check the Town's website [www.newgloucester.com](http://www.newgloucester.com) or the Town's cable access TV Channel 3 for additional announcements and news or call us at (207) 926-4126 ext. 1.

*Sharlene Myers*  
Deputy Clerk

*Yvette Dailey*  
Deputy Clerk

## Code Enforcement Office

### WOODSTOVES

Summarized below are some of the code requirements for installing woodstoves:

1. Woodstoves must be located at least 36" from combustibles (including framing members behind wallboard or plaster) unless protection is provided.
2. Floor protection must be used, extending at least 18" beyond the edges of the stove. Manufactured floor protectors can be used if they are U. L. Listed and used per the manufacturer's instructions.
3. Chimney connectors must be at least 18" from combustibles unless protection is provided.
4. Chimney connectors must be as short as possible, adequately supported with the joints fastened with at least 3 screws or rivets per joint, and made of at least 26 gauge metal (thicker if over 6" in diameter - as for specifications on pipes larger than 6").
5. Wood burning equipment must be vented into a lined, masonry chimney or approved equivalent such as factory built pre-fab chimneys, "metalbestos", or similar arrangement.
6. The chimney connector for a fireplace insert stove must extend to the lined portion of the chimney flue. Woodstoves and fireplace insert stoves can be installed in manufactured metal fireplaces if done in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.
7. Wood burning appliances can be vented into existing chimneys serving oil fired appliances if there is adequate draft and means for cleaning the chimney. Wood fired appliances cannot be vented into chimneys serving gas fired equipment.
8. Improper use of a wood fired appliance can be dangerous. Follow the manufacturer's recommendations, do not burn trash or other combustibles in the stove, etc., and have your chimney cleaned regularly.

*Debra Parks Larrivee*  
Code Enforcement Officer

## Parks & Recreation

I want to take the time to thank all of the coaches and volunteers that help make our fall programs a great success. Without you none of our programs would be possible. The Parks and Recreation Committee have been working very hard over the past year on our Parks and Recreation Master Plan. We also applied for a Land and Water Conservation grant with the help of the Town Planner, Will Johnson. We will find out sometime in January if we are awarded the grant.



Congratulations to the Lawson Mortgage team for winning the 2015 Fall Flag Football Championship.

*Harvey Price*  
*Parks & Recreation Director*



## Planning

At a Special Town Meeting held in November, citizens approved two warrant articles relating to the Upper Village. First, they endorsed a resolution expressing support for promoting a “village orientation” by implementing strategies consistent with a master planning effort. Second, they approved zoning changes aimed at promoting a viable village center there.

At the meeting, it was emphasized that the current Upper Village Master Plan is a concept rather than a site plan, and that actual development of the area may unfold in a number of different ways, depending on engineering, private sector decisions, and other factors. It was also stressed that any municipal expenditure required to implement the plan will need to go through the regular town budget process with voter approval and that the ultimate success of the plan will depend on forging private-public partnerships.



Planning for the Upper Village has been ongoing since 2003, with considerable involvement and outreach by New Gloucester citizens and committees. The latest refinements to the master plan and zoning were largely the work of the Land Management Planning Committee, which met frequently in 2015 in an effort to move the process forward. The current plan, which is available at the town office and at the Planning Webpage ([www.newgloucester.com](http://www.newgloucester.com)) is still subject to further revisions and updating, and it is expected that additional zoning refinements may be necessary in the future to accommodate revitalization of the area. The two affirmative town meeting votes, however, represent significant milestones in the evolution of this project.

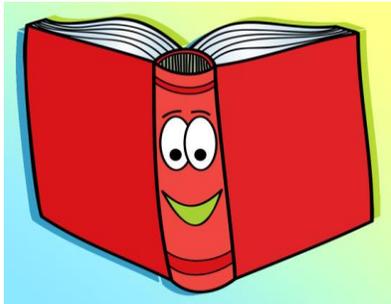
*Will Johnston*  
*Town Planner*

## Public Library

The Friends of the Library had a book sale in October, and it was the best ever.

The Library's Open House and Holiday Story Time were a success. Baxter, NGPL Gal and Guy made an appearance at the both events

Thanks New Gloucester.



### UPCOMING EVENTS:

February 13 Cabin Fever Book and Bake Sale, 8–noon. This is the sale when games and puzzles are sold. Snow date is February 20<sup>th</sup>.

March (tab) Library Sleepover. Friday night through Saturday morning. Open for kids between ages 8 and 12. Preregistration is a must.

First Wednesday of each month, 6:30 pm, is Cronc. This is a book group for teens and tweens.

Second Wednesday of every odd month, is Teen Reader's Advisory (Good Reader Polar Bear) at 6:30pm.

We have room for new members in both groups.

For more information, please call the Library at (207) 926-4840.

*Suzan Hawkins*  
Library Director

*Carla McAllister*  
Assistant Librarian

## Public Works

The Public Works Crew wrapped up the summer by completing the ditching on Rowe Station Road and Pond Road. Beginning next summer our plan is to prepare all the roads that will be paved first and then the additional roads to be ditched will be Meadow Lane, Ayer Road, Durham Road and Quarry road.

In October, the crew started preparing all equipment for winter operations. And speaking of winter, always remember to prepare yourself and your loved ones for the weather that could be ahead of us for the next five months. If you are in need of winter sand for your personal driveways or walkways, always remember that there is a stock pile for the taxpayers use outside our sand/salt building here at Public Works, located behind Links Variety.

Please remember that the Town of New Gloucester discourages any parking beside the roadways to make it easier for the Public Works Crew to do their job and effectively remove the snow and ice from the road to make them safer for our taxpayers.

Always remember to report any road hazards to the Public Works Department at 207-926-4574, such as trees in the road, pot holes, deceased animals, high snowbanks that you can't see over, and even damaged shoulders of the road.

Thanks for your help and support to the Public Works Department and have a safe and happy winter season.

*Ted Shane*  
Public Works Director

