



“NEW GLOUCESTER TOWN NEWS”

2017 Summer Edition

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Town Manager

Warm Summer Greetings!

I want to say a hearty thank you to the New Gloucester community for the warm welcome. I have, and continue to enjoy getting to know the town, its residents, and its taxpayers. New Gloucester is a gem and I am fortunate to be able to serve as your Town Manager.



Road Construction

By the time this reaches you, the Lewiston Road construction project in the Upper Village will be complete or almost complete. I want to thank St. Laurent and Son Excavation for completing the project safely and ahead of schedule. Thanks also to the subcontractors and engineers who had a hand in this project. We have had minimal complaints even with more than 20,000 cars per day travelling this road.

The Morse Road will be paved later this summer after a few minor repairs are made. In addition, a large cross culvert will be replaced sometime in

August or September. C.H. Stevenson will be doing both these projects and I look forward to working with them. The culvert project is the result of a DEP culvert replacement grant award of \$95,000.

Fairgrounds

The playground will be delivered the end of July. There will be a community build the following week. If you or someone you know is interested in being a part of this exciting project, please contact Harvey Price; 926-4126. You can also check the New Gloucester Parks and Recreation Department Facebook page for updates.

Ground has been broken on the Pavilion. I anticipate that the structure will be framed in September and a community build will be scheduled for the metal roof installation. Keep checking the Town's website for updates.

Public Works Garage

The Select Board and the Public Works Design Committee will be holding public informational meetings on this upcoming capital project. Meetings will be held in August at the AmVets. We will post the date on the Town's calendar and Website as soon as they are set. The committee has worked diligently to be as conservative as possible and not impair the needs of the public works department. We are looking forward to moving this project out of the design phase and onto the next.

Carrie Castonguay
Town Manager

Animal Control

Just a reminder to keep our community safe by following these easy steps:

- Keep New Gloucester safe by making sure that your dog's rabies vaccinations are up to date.
- Lost Pet? Don't give up! Contact Animal Control immediately at 207-893-2810.
- Easiest way for Animal Control to reunite you with lost your dog is to make sure you follow the state law and register your dog with the town.
- Be in control of your dog when they are off of your property by either leash or voice control.
- Follow the animal noise ordinance and don't let your dog bark!
- Keep your animals contained to your property. Dog at large and animal trespass can be costly violations and they are extremely avoidable!

Ryelle Atkins
Animal Control Officer



Clerk's Office

Elections

Elections for one Selectmen, one SAD #15 School Board member and School Budget Validation Referendum took place on June 13th. Joseph Davis was elected to a three-year term to the Board of Selectmen. Gary Harriman was re-elected to three-year terms to the SAD #15 Board of Directors. The SAD #15 School Budget Validation Referendum passed.

One Trustee position was open on the New Gloucester Water District. The Water District Trustee Election ended in an eight-way tie, all receiving one vote each. Per Election protocol, a run-off election must be held to elect a Trustee. Those eight people were contacted and if they did not wish to serve as a Trustee, they were to submit a notarized note stating that information. Three notes were received which leaves five candidates for the Water District Trustee Election. The Run-Off Election will be held on Monday, August 14, 2017, at the New Gloucester Town Office, during normal working hours. Only those who live in the Water District are allowed to vote for the Trustee position. Absentee ballots are now available.

Congratulations on those elected and a big thank you for serving our community. Voting results can be found on the Town website www.newgloucester.com.

Property Taxes

The new tax year begins on July 1, 2017 and tax bills will be mailed late August/early September. The first payment is due Friday, October 6, 2017; and the second payment is due April 6, 2018. If you do not receive your bill by mid-September or have any questions, please call (207) 926-4126 ext. 1. If you have a question regarding your assessment, please contact the Assessing Office at (207) 926-4126 ext. 2.

Clerk's Office (cont'd)

If you purchased your house after April 1, 2017 and did not receive a bill, please call or visit the Town Office to request one. Please note: The Town of New Gloucester accepts pre-payments on your Real Estate and Personal Property Taxes.

Sharlene Myers
Deputy Clerk

Kimberly Getchell
Deputy Clerk



Code Enforcement Office

Where do I find the codes

Since the codes are copyrighted materials you usually have to pay a lot of money to get them. However, anyone with access to a computer can view the I-codes and the NFPA codes on line for free! This is a great tool for contractors, design professionals, and codes officials.

You can access the NFPA codes on the NFPA website (nfpa.org). You can see the I-codes on line at: www.publiccodes.cyberregs.com. The ICC website is www.iccsafe.org. This is a great way to see what a particular code text says, which sometimes is all you need. Information is power. Know where to get it.

Debra Parks Larrivee
Code Enforcement Officer

Fire/Rescue Department

A reminder with the hotter temperatures coming this summer the areas around our home will be getting drier. Before starting those campfires or brush piles there are a few tips we would like to pass on:

- ❖ It is required to acquire a burn permit for any type of fire, other than a small camp or cooking fire.
- ❖ Permits can be obtained at the fire department between 8:30 am and 4:00 pm daily, or online at www.Maine.gov in the Forestry section of the web site. There is a \$7.00 fee for registering your permit online.
- ❖ The ability to burn will be determined daily based upon the fire classification set forth by the Forestry Service each morning.
- ❖ Type I and II Classification allow for open burning with the Fire Warden using his discretion based upon other factors, wind conditions and fire personnel.
- ❖ No burning will be allowed with a classification of III or higher.
- ❖ If burning is allowed there are certain requirements and guidelines for residents to abide by while performing their burns: only brush or clean lumber are allowed to be burned; no leaves, paper, trash or building materials are permitted.
- ❖ Always make sure that fires are far away from any buildings or any other combustible materials.
- ❖ Burn piles must not be any larger than 10 x 10 and at least two people must be present at all times while fire is burning.
- ❖ Fires must be completely extinguished prior to leaving the burn.



Fire Department (cont'd)

A complete list of requirements and restrictions are available on the web site (www.Maine.gov) and on your permit. For any additional questions please do not hesitate to call the New Gloucester Fire and Rescue at (207) 926-4142.

James Ladewig
Fire/Rescue Chief

Parks & Recreation

We currently have two canoes and two kayaks, along with personal floatation devices, that are located at the New Gloucester Fairgrounds and available for use. To sign-out the boats and equipment, please visit the New Gloucester Public Library. We would like to thank the Royal River Conservation Trust and LL Bean for their generosity in making this program possible.

Library Hours

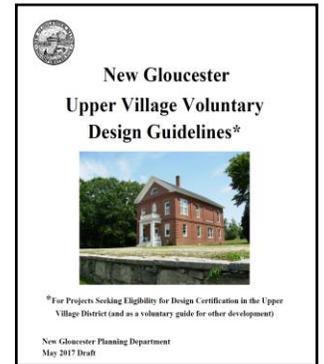
Tues, Wed, and Thurs 9 am– noon and 1 pm– 8 pm
Friday 9 am– noon and 1 pm– 5 pm
Saturday 9 am– noon

Harvey Price
Parks & Recreation Director



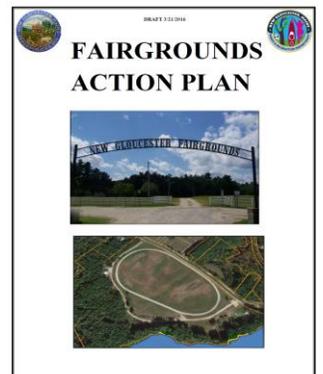
Planning

The Planning Department has been busy on multiple fronts since last fall. It worked with the Land Management Committee on several initiatives, including the development of Voluntary Design Guidelines for the Upper Villages and drafting housekeeping changes to the zoning ordinance – the latter focused on streamlining the development review process. The department



continued to provide support for the Public Works Design Committee and Economic Development Committee. During this period, development review activity increased as evidenced by more regular Planning Board meetings. Notable projects include a new “wedding barn” events venue, a gravel pit expansion, improvements to and enlargement of parking at Memorial School, and approval of new recreational facilities at the Fairgrounds. Administration and implementation of grants regarding the Fairgrounds and a new culvert on Morse Road have continued.

I will be retiring from my position as full-time planner in late August. I've greatly enjoyed my three years here and feel it has been a productive time for the planning department and the town in general. I would have liked to have seen faster progress in implementing the Upper Village Master Plan, but a revised zoning approach and design guidelines should facilitate appropriate development there. I feel especially heartened by progress at the Fairgrounds. The development of an Action Plan for the facility, the securing of a



Planning (cont'd)

state/federal grant matched by local resources, and the work by dedicated staff and volunteers have already resulted in significant improvements there, with more on the way. Beyond the physical upgrade, the Fairgrounds, to quote from the Action Plan, is well on its way to becoming a *“highly successful, multi-use park that will enhance recreational opportunities, improve public health, provide improved access to the Royal River and support community values.”*

During my tenure, I have gotten to know many of you, and it is those relationships that I will miss the most. Even when there is been spirited debate about how the community should best preserve its special values, I never doubted the passion and commitment of those citizens who choose to be involved in some way. It's been my pleasure serving the community. New Gloucester has always been ahead of the curve regarding its commitment to good planning, and I have full confidence that trend will continue under the guidance of the next planner.

Will Johnston
Town Planner



Public Works

The Public Works Crew has begun their summer road work to prepare three roads for repaving and we will also be ditching and replacing culverts on many other local roads as well.

We will be concentrating on Outlet Road, Peacock Hill Road and McIntire Road to begin with so these roads can be repaved hopefully by Labor Day if the weather allows to do our prep work first.

After these roads are complete we will then focus on, but not limited to, Durham Road, Rice Corner Road and Quarry Road to name a few.

Another job slated for this summer is a large culvert replacement on Morse Road at the intersection of Dave Snow Road, during this job the Morse Road will be closed for two to three weeks to allow the contractor to do the job. Although we are not sure of the start date as of yet, the job is scheduled to be completed before the beginning of the school year.

Also on the Morse Road, we will be putting the surface pavement on the section from the railroad tracks to Route 231, check the town website at a later date and we will post when this work is going to be done.

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

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, street signs that are not clearly visible, and even damaged shoulders of the road.

Ted Shane
Public Works Director



Public Library

Hard to believe that school is out and summer has begun so let the fun begin.



Going on at the library:

August 2 (Weds.)

Casting call for this year's Library play. Library Players welcome any child to their group. There will be speaking and non-speaking roles, as well as large and small roles. Starting time is at 6:30 pm.

August 22 (Tues.)

End of the summer reading program (sign up was week before school lets out June 13-July 8). The Library Players will be presenting the world premiere of the play; awards will be handed out; and Baxter the Library Cat will be in attendance (unless it is really hot as Baxter doesn't like the heat).

October 6 (Fri.)

First Dibs for Kids book sale, 5:30 – 7:30 pm. This sale is for the kids. Only kid's things on sale, and no adult allowed in without a child.

October 7 (Sat.)

Fall Festival of Books (book and bake sale), 8 am – noon. This one is for everyone, all ages welcome. You will find books, vintage and new, movies, audio books and baked goods.



You may or may not know that the Library has a 4H group. Mykenzie Cotiaux is the new teen leader, and her Dad, Robb is her assistant. A new goal for the group this year is to participate in the Cumberland County Fair (September 24-30). The group has planted a veggie garden and plan to take some of their crop to the fair. The group also plans on taking part in the King Arthur baking contest. If you attend the Fair, please stop by and take a look at their exhibit.

Kids bored and saying there is nothing to do? Keep in mind that the library has the following passes, thanks to the Friends of the Library:

Boothbay Railway Village Maine Wildlife Park
State Parks Shaker Village

And we are also the spot to sign out the Town's canoes and kayaks.



Readers from Saga

Thanks to Maine Librarians, they can now find things at THEIR Library.

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

*Suzan Hawkins
Library Director*

*Carla McAllister
Assistant Librarian*

Transfer Station

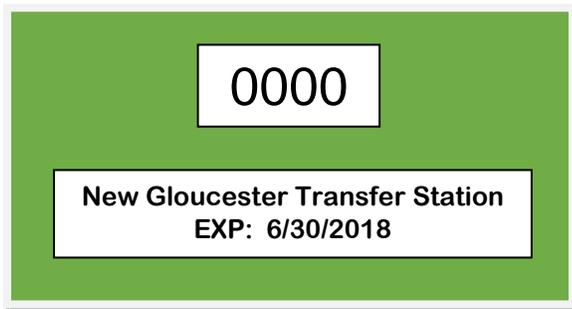
The New Gloucester Transfer Station accepts the following items through their Bulky Waste program. Bulky Waste stickers are \$5 and expire June 30th each year. The following is a list of items covered by the bulky sticker:

Baby Car Seats
Automobile/Truck Car Seats
Carpets
Chairs
Computers
Couches
Mattress
Metal
Televisions
Toilets
Tires (**4 per trip**)
White Goods
Wood (**clean**)

Brush (no larger than 4" in diameter
(No stumps, leaves or pine needles))

**No large drums or closed metal containers
allowed**

The Bulky Waste Stickers are available for purchase at the Town Office and Transfer Station. This year's color is green (see below).



Jeff Pratt
Transfer Station Supervisor

Water District

Welcome to summer! The Water District continues to work year-round to provide high-quality, reliable water service to our customers.

The July invoices will be the first since the District's new rate case was approved by PUC earlier this year. Water rates now consist of a base (minimum) rate and a metered rate for above-minimum use. For anyone interested, the District has literature available that covers a range of free and low-cost water conservation measures that you can use to save money while being environmentally conscious.

A reminder that invoices can be conveniently paid online by visiting <https://ngwd.androgov.com/>

Due to a tie in the June trustee election, a runoff election will be held to fill the vacant seat. The runoff election is scheduled for Monday, August 14, 2017, at the Town Office during regular business hours of 8:30AM-12:00PM and 12:30PM-7:00PM. All registered voters residing within the Water District are eligible to vote. Absentee ballots are also available at the Town office.

Please reach out to the District if you have any questions.

Daniel Bannon, PE
Chairman - NGWD Board of Trustees

