Weekly Update – #02 01–10–20 newsletters@harrisonmaine.org

We made it to 2020! Looking forward to the Bright Shiny New Year… Wishing everyone a Happy & Healthy New Year!

If you have town related business, or information on events you would like included in the update, please email the information to newsletters@harrisonmaine.org.

From the Desk of the Town Manager ~ Tim Pellerin

- Welcome to the start of a new year. Wishing you all a happy, healthy, prosperous New Year!
- Take care with the weather this weekend, especially on the ice. Crews will be out; give them room.

It is that time of year, with snowstorms and holidays, to Remember to check on Friends & Neighbors, especially the Elderly to make sure they are warm and well.

Remember the Food Bank is open on Tuesdays 1:30-6:30 pm.

If you have a concern, or question please call the office or stop by and meet with me.

Stay Safe Around Snowplows
- Give snowplows room to do their work. Plows are wide and can extend across the center line.
- Don’t tailgate and don’t pass unless absolutely necessary and safe to do so. If you must pass, beware of the snow cloud created by plows.
- Remember that the snowplow operators have a limited field of vision. Though you see the plow, our snow fighters might not see you. Keep your distance and always stay alert.

From the Town Clerk ~

**Dog Licensing** – Is now happening! $6 for neutered dogs and $11 for non-neutered dogs. A late fee will apply after January 31st. For your convenience, license your dog online through our website [www.harrisonmaine.org](http://www.harrisonmaine.org). Click on the “Online Payments” option in the right top corner to find the link.

**PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY/REFERENDUM ELECTION**
The legislature has reinstated a primary election for the presidential race. It will be held on Tuesday March 3, 2020 from 7am – 8pm at the town office meeting room. Absentee ballots will be available beginning February 3, 2020. Ballots may ordered through the State online site [http://www.maine.gov/cgi-bin/online/AbsenteeBallot/index.pl](http://www.maine.gov/cgi-bin/online/AbsenteeBallot/index.pl) or you may come into the office and complete a ballot in person.

Also on the ballot, will be a People’s Veto question - Do you want to reject the new law that removes religious and philosophical exemptions to requiring immunization against certain communicable diseases for students to attend schools and colleges and for employees of nursery schools and health care facilities?

**REPUBLICAN CAUCUS**
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## HARRISON FIRE/RESCUE CALL RESPONSES

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**From the Transfer Station ~**

2020 Transfer Station Stickers are now available.

SAND * SAND * SAND * SAND * SAND * SAND

It’s that time of year to remind residents who need sand; you are limited to **two** 5 gallon pails of sand from the Transfer Station when they are open. This sand is for your walkways and steps. DO NOT fill your pick-up truck in order to sand your private road and driveway.

A reminder to please use care when entering the transfer station. Snow removal occurs even on non-snow days. Please give the equipment operators plenty of room and be sure they know you are there before proceeding around them.

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**From Public Works ~**

**WINTER PARKING BAN** - Is in effect from **November 15, 2019 to April 15, 2020**

parking on all public streets, roads and parking lots is prohibited during snowstorms. Vehicles will be towed at owner’s expense. This is being done to facilitate the plowing of snow.

Sand is available at the transfer station. 2 five-gallon buckets are allowed per vehicle. No one is allowed to enter the public works facility to get sand. It is an insurance requirement, please take notice. There is some sand on the Carsley Rd side of Public Works by the fuel building. Only 2 five-gallon buckets are allowed per vehicle at a time.

**NOTICE**

DO NOT ENTER the Public Works/Town Garage facility.
Harrison Rec Dept~ For more information contact Kayla at 583-2241 or klaired@harrisonmaine.org

January Senior Luncheon took place on the 7th. Was a full house with over 30 people in attendance.

Monday, January 13th at 9 am at the Community Room will be Breakfast Club. Kayla will be making a breakfast casserole.

January 22nd we will kick off a new 8 week program with Mad Science called Brixology! This is for children in grades 1-6. This program is unlike any Bricks program your kid as ever done and offers a unique application of the engineering design process with custom builds designed with a master Lego builder and our very own Research and Development team! Kids learn different types of engineering and then team up to construct a different engineering-themed project using LEGO bricks. They learn about aerospace engineering as they build boats and vehicles. From carnival rides to drawing machines, mechanical animals to truss bridges, your future engineer will build upon their creativity to solve real-world design challenges, while developing their problem-solving and team-building skills.

Adult Pickle Ball – Saturdays – 10:45am – 4pm - At the Harrison Elementary School

Basketball season in full swing! GO HARRISON

Mr. Drew and His Animals Too – Saturday January 25rd (Correction on date) at 3 pm at Harrison Elementary School. We have a fun family event planned at Harrison Elementary School. Mr. Drew and his Animals Too will be coming to visit starting at 3:00. We will be accepting donations. Bring the family and come check out the amazing animals Mr. Drew has to show! See brochure at end of update

4th Annual Family Ice Fishing Derby – Coming up on February 23 from 7:00 – 3 pm. You can register online or at the Town Office. Contact Kayla for more information.

Harrison Village Library ~

On view now: Scribner’s Mill: Art by John Seilonen
John was born and raised in Bolsters Mills and taught himself to paint after retiring. He has taught art as a volunteer at Market Square Health Center and Casco Country Living. We are pleased to feature two oil paintings by John of Scribner’s Mill, which he remembers seeing often as a child.

HVL Kids: Art Wednesday
Drop in anytime on Wednesdays (we’re open 1-7) and do the art project of the day!

Story Time Dates – EVERY Thursday – 10am

Thursday, January 30, 6:00 p.m.: Recycling Reform in Maine
Presented by the Natural Resources Council of Maine.
For decades, Maine people have developed a strong recycling ethic because they want to do the right thing. However, due to changes in the recycled commodities markets, some Maine towns and cities have to choose between doing what is right for the environment and their bottom line. NRCM supports a law that would reform recycling by providing a clear economic incentive for brand owners and big corporations to produce less wasteful packaging that can be easily recycled locally. Join us to learn more!

Saturday, February 1, 2:00 p.m.: Book Club
This month’s title: The Tattooist of Auschwitz by Heather Morris. Copies of the book are available for loan, and new members are always welcome!
Recurring Events ~

HARRISON FOOD BANK – Tuesdays – 1:30pm to 6:30pm
Located at the Ronald G. St. John VFW Post 9328 located at 176 Waterford Road in Harrison, mailing address: PO Box 112, Harrison, ME 04040  Telephone 207-647-3384

Upcoming Events ~

Harrison Lions Club is sponsoring a BLOOD DRIVE ~
**Friday, January 10th – 1:00pm – 6:00 pm** at the Harrison Community United Parish Congregational Church of Harrison & N. Bridgton.
Please call 1-800-RED-CROS or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter HarrisonME to schedule an appointment.

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Lakeside Grange #63 is Collecting for Yard Sale. Please call Opal @ 595-0925 for Drop off time. Please No TV’s, mattresses, AC’s or copiers…We will take most anything else.

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Notes from Select Board Meeting ~
Thursday January 9, 2019 – 6:00 P.M.
Present: Chairman Matthew Frank, Vice Chairman Raymond Laplante, Selectman Richard Sykes, Selectman Penny Bean, Selectman Henry Dumont, Town Manager Tim Pellerin, Secretary Denise Dumont, & LRTV

Pledge of Allegiance – Led by Chairman Frank

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Frank

Public Participation (Non-Agenda Items)

Town Manager Introduced Laurie Polland, Finance Director so she didn’t have to stay for the whole meeting. She then introduced and gave some background information.

Approval of Unsigned Warrants – Warrants #25 - #28 approved with signatures

Approval of Minutes – December 12, 2019

Old Business –
   a) Budget Schedule (Reminder)
      Budget should be presented to board by Jan 30th
   b) Police Contract Update

New Business
   a) Town Meeting by Secret Ballot Date – June 9, 2020
   b) Upcoming Foreclosures (2017)
      45 day letter sent out by regular & certified mail.
   c) Paris Select Board Letter.
      Letter dated 10/28/2019 regarding school board budget. Discussion followed. Tim will inform Paris Town Manager we support joining this.
Town Manager’s Report

Town Manager’s Report – January 9th, 2020

FIRE DEPARTMENT- 20 Calls. Trainings and events in December were Propane training by Suburban Propane as well as mutual aid towns, Christmas in Harrison Parade and traffic control detail, Monthly apparatus checks.

SOLID WASTE/TRANSFER STATION - Transfer station had 2105 visits in December. We shipped 148,960 lbs of msw (municipal solid waste)

RECREATION – We had a busy December with all the holiday festivities. They all enjoyed and went well.

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New Family Event on January 25, Mr. Drew and his animals too will be at Harrison Elementary. New program for students grades 1-6. Mad Science Brixology program starting on January 22nd.
Next Senior Luncheon – Tuesday, February 4th at the Community Room. The meal will be something homemade with rolls and dessert.

PUBLIC SAFETY-
ACO - The following calls were handled: 2 trespassing & barking w/written warnings, 2 found dogs, 1 dog bite victim.

Other Business
Oxford Hills Technical School Skills Challenge Tuesday, January 21st at 3:00 pm

Motion to enter executive session pursuant to 36 MRSA §841(2) to deal with a Poverty Abatement #2003 motion made at 7:04 pm

Executive Session – 36 MRSA §841(2) Poverty Abatement #2003

Motion to exit Executive Session pursuant to 36 MRSA §841(2) to deal with a Poverty Abatement #2003 motion made at 7:36 pm

Motion to adjourn made at 7:39 pm