Happy April!
Hope is not cancelled...we will get through this: be strong and stay healthy.
Transfer Station Closed ~ Sunday, April 12, 2020
Reminder of Spring Road Posting – March 1 through May 1 (still posted)
Town Buildings are closed.

In consideration of the safety of the vulnerable populations within our community, we encourage people to use on-line services for renewal of registrations (car, trailer, boat, ATV), pay taxes, get fishing licenses, etc. links can be found through our town website www.harrisonmaine.org.

Stay strong Friendly Village, take care of yourself, wash your hands and stay home! We will be putting this all behind us before we know it. (borrowed from Kayla)

Maine Fun Facts: There are over 60 lighthouses throughout the state of Maine.

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

- In consideration of the safety of the vulnerable populations within our community and due to the Governor’s and CDC stay at home order, until further notice, we closed all town buildings until May 1st. You can still conduct business on line. Thank You for your patience and cooperation.

- The Transfer Station is still open with regular hours at this time but please observe social distancing and do not enter the buildings. This is for the safety and protection of our employees and the public. We are no longer accepting cash at the Transfer Station until further notice. You may use a credit card or check.

- We are monitoring the situation daily and are in Contact with Maine CDC and Maine Emergency Management Agency for daily updates and guidance. As this disaster progresses, know that we are monitoring the conditions and will put out the information as accurately and quickly as we get it. It is important for all of you to remain calm and not panic and follow State and Federal guidelines for safety.

- Please take a moment and be sure to check on your neighbors and friends and watch out for each other. If you know someone who needs help or are not sure how to help them, please call us for guidance and/or assistance. We know that these are uncertain times and if you have any questions or concerns please contact us.

- Let’s all be respectful and courteous to each other. Things will get better. Please stay safe. We will get through this as a Town and a family.

- We are having a problem with dog owners allowing their pets to defecate on Main Street and in Crystal Lake Park. Please be respectful and clean up after your pets. We will be enforcing this with fines up to $250 according to our Dog Ordinance (see on-line). We do not want to have install cameras and/or have to close the park to dogs so please pick up after your pets. Thank you.

Thank you for your continued support and have a good weekend.
Federal Safety Guidelines:
Listen to and follow the directions of your STATE and LOCAL Authorities.

IF YOU FEEL SICK stay home. Do not go to work. Contact your medical provider.

IF YOUR CHILDREN ARE SICK, keep them at home. Do not send them to school. Contact your medical provider.

IF SOMEONE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD HAS TESTED POSITIVE for the coronavirus, keep the entire household. Do not go to work. Do not go to schools. Contact your medical provider.

IF YOU ARE AN OLDER PERSON, stay home and away from other people.

IF YOU ARE A PERSON WITH A SERIOUS UNDERLYING HEALTH CONDITION that can put you at increased risk (for example, a condition that impairs your lung or heart function or weakens your immune system), stay home and away from other people.

From the Town Clerk ~

The Town Office is on limited staff and providing services as possible. We understand that business needs to be conducted and the best way to reach us is through email. Our emails can be located here. Many of the transactions can be done online at www.harrisonmaine.org. In the right corner is a link to Online Payments.

Car registrations - if it is a new vehicle purchased from a dealer, keep your temporary plates. You have 30 days from the time the state of emergency has been lifted to get it registered. If it is a private sale please email the clerk here.

Boat registrations can be done online. If you have a new boat please email me. 2019 sticker expiration has been extended until the end of April 2020 if you can't do it online.

Property Tax payments can be placed in the drop box located in the front of the Town Office or paid online.

If you must speak with someone you may call the office and leave a message, someone will return your call within 48 hours.

Nomination Papers – Are still available please email the clerk at mstjohn@harrisonmaine.org to get your nomination papers. Open positions include 2 Selectmen, 1 Planning Board, 1 Appeals Board. Nomination papers are due back to the Clerk’s Office by 4:00 pm, April 10th.

Also, be aware the annual town meeting will be by secret ballot. This means you can order an absentee ballot instead of coming to the polling place. This may become very helpful in the months ahead with more and more people being required to stay at home and not congregate.

MEETINGS ARE GOING VIRTUAL
Due to the State of Emergency we are currently in, the Legislature has provided allowances for official meetings to continue through phone and virtual means. We will be using the program Go To Meeting. This will provide us with an audio recording to be listened to later as a transcript of the meeting. These will be posted on our website like we post other audio and minutes so anyone can listen or read them at a later time. If you wish to attend a meeting while the meeting is happening, the log in information will be located on our website. You can log in through a computer or a smartphone.
Central Maine Power (CMP) hired contractors to cut trees/brush on rights-of-ways. The same rights-of-way will selectively be treated with herbicides. See letter at end of update to see how to request a Landowner’s Maintenance Agreement with CMP.

Fire & Rescue Responses ~

- Emergency - 911 - Non-Emergency Sheriff Dept. - 893-2810

HARRISON FIRE/RESCUE CALL RESPONSES

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The Transfer Station is closed on Sunday, April 12, 2020 for Holiday.

Spring weather is not far away and I am looking to spruce up some areas on town property. I am looking for perennial plants and shrubs anyone would like to donate. Spring is a good time to divide many plants and if anyone has some extras they would be willing to share please stop by the transfer station and let me know or email me at transferst@harrisonmaine.org. Spread the word!!!!

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.

Spring Road Posting – March 1 through May 1
Road crews start posting March 1st but they will remove the posting as soon as the roads can handle the weight. Depending on the year it can be removed before May 1.

NOTICE
DO NOT ENTER the Public Works/Town Garage facility.

Harrison Rec Dept~ For more information contact Kayla at 583-2241 or klaird@harrisonmaine.org

It has been a big adjustment not being able to see all your faces over the last month. I want you all to know how very important you are to me and that I miss you all more than you know! I hope that you are all staying safe and healthy! If you need any help, please don’t hesitate to reach out! Be sure to check in with your friends,
family and neighbors. A reminder that kindness, love, compassion and respect are very contagious, so let’s help spread those to one another.

During this difficult and scary time for families, there have been many online opportunities to help kids to stay active! Anyone that uses BeachBody on Demand, they have unlocked all children workouts! Disney has videos of several rides that kiddos can watch and pretend as though they are on the ride themselves. Many gyms and workout classes have turned to free live streaming workouts!

Let’s not forget our great outdoors! We’ve had some rainy days but try to get outside and enjoy the sunshine when we have it Vitamin D does the body SO good! Go for a walk or run. Let the kids ride their bikes or how about a scavenger hunt! If you have some creative and fun ideas share them on our Harrison Rec Facebook page! Let’s stay connected and stay positive! We can do this!

We will still be accepting registrations online for spring sports and Spring session of Mad Science. Click the link below for online registration.  

We will also be welcoming back Team Long Run for another season of Run Club once we are cleared for activities. For now, here is an outdoor video that is great for kiddos that need to get out some energy and get fresh air! Thank you Team Long Run for making these videos especially in this time of need!  
[https://www.videos.teamlongrun.org](https://www.videos.teamlongrun.org)

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Thank you for your understanding and we are anxious to be back to regular activities in the near future!

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**Harrison Village Library ~**

The Harrison Village Library is closed to the public until further notice. Please keep your borrowed materials at home until the library reopens, and please do not donate any books at this time. For more information on electronic resources available during our closure, please visit our website at [www.harrison.lib.me.us](http://www.harrison.lib.me.us) Follow us on Facebook or Instagram for virtual activities and the most recent updates, and for questions, please email Kathleen at kkramer@harrison.lib.me.us

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**Recurring Events ~**

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

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**Upcoming Events ~**

Lakeside Grange #63 Yard Sale is cancelled until further notice.

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Notes from Select Board Meeting ~
Thursday April 9, 2020 – 6:00 P.M.
Teleconference – Virtual On-line Meeting

Present: Chairman Matthew Frank, Vice Chairman Raymond Laplante, Selectman Richard Sykes, Selectman Henry Dumont, Town Manager Tim Pellerin, Secretary Denise Dumont

Absent: Selectman Penny Bean, LRTV did not record as this was an on-line teleconference.

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Call the Meeting to Order
3. Public Participation (Non-Agenda Items) no public participation although there was public on call.
4. Approval ofUnsigned Warrants by signature
5. Approval of Minutes – March 16, 2020
6. Old Business –
   a) Approval of 20/21 Selectmen Budget
   b) Approval of Warrant

Motion to amend Article #20 that currently reads Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate a sum of $869,900 from Revenue to reduce taxes, to read (Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate a sum of $799,900 from Revenue to reduce taxes). Approved 4-0

Motion to amend Article #20 that currently reads Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate $500,000 for the Comprehensive Capital Reserve Account to read (Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate $364,000 for the Comprehensive Capital Reserve Account) Approved 4-0
Town Manager clarified that due to these uncertain times and by making these changes to our warrant, it will be a 0% increase for the Town. This means the mill rate will be the same as last year (11.2%) until we get the School budget numbers. Any increase will come from the School budget increase. He is uncertain at this time what the school budget will be and in explaining to the Superintendent about trying to not increase our budget the school is still talking about between 5-10% increase.

**Motion to pass the annual warrant & budget for fiscal year 2021 as amended approved 4-0**

7. New Business  
   a) Appointment of ballot clerks  
   **Motion to approve Ballot Clerk list as proposed. Approved 3-0 (1 selectman abstained as wife is on the list)**

   b) Municipal Election on June 9th  
      Town Manager and Town Clerk agree and suggest that the Election still take place on June 9th as scheduled but be done by Absentee Ballots. Mailing Municipal ballots to all registered voters. Discussion followed and clarification on there would still be the State election and school budget on July 15th as proposed by the Governor. There would be a slight increase because of postage. Ballots we pay for anyway but not ballot clerks would be need in June but just for July election so that is same cost as budgeted.  
   **Motion to Keep and Hold the Municipal Election on June 9th as scheduled (Town Warrant and Town Officials) Approved 4-0** (Now have to wait to see what the Governor is going to do w/elections before we can proceed.)

A. Manager’s Report  
   **Town Manager’s Report – April 9th, 2020**
   No Town Manager’s Report busy working on Budget. Town Manager just wanted to recognize employees for working through this pandemic and helping him keep the town running. He said some employees are working from home but Code Enforcement (John and Jim) coming in working alternative days. He also wants to commend the Transfer Station staff for working on the front lines and he wants to thank them. They are also alternating days to come in. He wanted to thank the Town Clerk for coming in and working mornings a few days a week to answer calls etc. and also working from home. Finance Director also working from home and comes in and leaves before anyone arrives to get warrants done and bills paid etc. Road crew working as needed like tonight during snow storm. He couldn’t do what he does without all the employees doing what is needed during this time.

S. Laplante thanked the Town Manager for all his hard work. They know he has been in everyday keeping the town running and working on the budget. The thank you was echoed by all selectmen.

B. Other Business  
   • Reminder Nomination Paperwork due back by Friday April 10, 2020 @4:30 pm

C. Adjourn  
   **Motion to Adjourn at 6:39**