Weekly Update – #37– 09-13-19 - newsletters@harrisonmaine.org

- 1st Installment Due – 2019 Taxes – Monday, September 16th – Interest begins 09/17/19
- CLERK’S OFFICE CLOSED – Wednesday & Thursday – October 2 & 3

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.

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TRAFFIC ALERT

September 10th – September 24th

MDOT will be replacing culverts along Route 35 between Waterford and Harrison. You will experience temporary road closures. Traffic will be detoured during those times. If you are trying to get to Harrison from Waterford, the detour will begin at the intersection of Rt 35 and Rt 37 at Bear Pond and will take you to Route 117 near North Bridgton. If you are in Harrison trying to get to Waterford, you’ll be detoured to North Bridgton via Route 117 and can follow Rt 37 back to Rt 35. See Map.

If you live along the Road Closure route you will be able to get home either directly or via detour.

From the Town Clerk ~

The Clerk’s Counter will be closed for business on Wednesday and Thursday, October 2nd & 3rd to so the staff can attend the MMA Convention.

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Have you come across banned, unusable, pesticides in or around your property? Now is your chance to “get rid of it”.

Each October, the Maine Board of Pesticides Control conducts a program to collect and properly dispose of banned and unusable pesticides from homeowners and farms. Preregistration is required and collections are held at four sites across the state.

Next collection will be in October 2019, one day each in Presque Isle, Jonesboro, Augusta, and Portland. Registration by October 7th is required, no drop-ins will be accepted.

Follow this link to find out more….

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Notes from The Selectmen’s Meeting ~ 09/12/19 6:00pm

Present: Chairman Matthew Frank, Vice Chairman Raymond Laplante, Selectman Richard Sykes, Selectman Penny Bean, Town Manager Tim Pellerin, Secretary Melissa St. John
Absent: Selectman Henry Dumont

Public: LRTV, attendance sheet (not attached)

1. Pledge of Allegiance – Led by Chairman Frank

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

3. Public Participation (Non-Agenda Items)

4. Sheriff Joyce, Captain Scott Stewart, and the deputy, Andy Ward, gave an update on some changes to communicate better and provide information to the town as needed.

5. Approval of Unsigned Warrants – Warrants #7 - #11 Approved

6. Approval of Minutes – August 8, 2019

Motion to approve the minutes of August 8, 2019 - Approved 4-0.

7. Old Business

   a. Public works engineering plans

   Discussion of the evaluation of the current site public works is located on given by Eric Labelle from Mainland Development. The recommendation is this site is not suitable to reconfigure for the future of public works. Discussion included moving into phase 2 to look at other sites the town owns first and then perhaps look at other options if we find we don’t currently own something appropriate.

   The Board would like to move forward on phase 2.

   b. Gravel pit

   Discussion on the findings of the test pits. Pit found to be played out for any amount worthwhile.

8. New Business

   a. Mooring Regulations Ordinance draft

   Discussion on some of the points – fees for moorings, size of boats on moorings, etc. The ordinance will go to the ballot in November.

   Motion made to hold a public hearing on the mooring ordinance on September 26, 2019 - Approved 4-0.

   b. Engine 2 repairs

   Work needs to be done to make this truck more useful. Pictures were included to show what it should have looked like and how it currently looks. It will take about a month to get the work done and bring the truck into a more functional use. The truck should last about 5 – 10 years with the changes. The quote is from Lakes Region Fire Apparatus.

   Motion to accept the quote ($6690.00) to refurbish Tank 2 - Approved 4-0. Motion amended to change the amount to $8000 to cover any unexpected expenses. Approved 4-0.

   c. Parks & Recreation building
Insurance company requires the garage be fire proofed or move it. A design has been developed for a park & rec building to be located on Mill Street. The next step would be to sheetrock the garage and put code enforcement and assessing there.

**Motion to authorize the town manager to put out an RFP for the building - Approved 4-0.**

d. Paving Update

The final coat will be going down on Maple Ridge this fall.

e. Concert approval

**Motion to approve permit for a Song festival concert at RADR for next summer - Approved 4-0.**

f. Christmas in Harrison – Event Permit

**Motion to approve the permit for Christmas in Harrison - Approved 4-0.**

9. Kayla presented a video of the summer rec program for the board members.

10. Executive Session (scheduled for 7:30 pm) – 1 MRSA §405(6)(E) – consult with legal counsel pertaining to a court case.

**Motion to enter executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA §405(6)(E) at 7:30 pm. to deal with a legal matter - Approved 4-0.**

The Board came out of executive session at 7:45 pm.

11. Town Manager’s report

1) **ADMINISTRATION** -

a) Introduce New Sherriff - Andy

b) Catherine Pinkham – New Health Officer

c) Thank you note – John Wentworth

d) Interaction with Harrison Citizens visits – 5, calls – 6

2) **PUBLIC WORKS** – Cape Monday ditching finished for the season. Parking lot completed waiting for repaving. Filled in and graded Crystal Lake Park parking lot. Working on RADR fixing drainage on all 4 ditches starting next week. Then will begin getting ready for winter...starting in October hauling sand and tuning up trucks & equipment to make sure they are ready for Winter. Announce who won sand bid and how much.

3) **FIRE DEPARTMENT** - Calls 32 for July. Tanker 6 sold for $24,500. Need Vote to use money to purchase equipment for new truck.

**Motion to use the $24,500 from the sale of tanker 6 to outfit the new pumper/tanker - Approved 4-0.**

4) **SOLID WASTE/TRANSFER STATION** - Another busy month with almost 3000 visits. Sent 46,100 lbs. of recycles to Eco Maine in August w/ a contamination rate of 2% or less.

**Eco Maine** has an open house **Sat Sept 28th 8am to noon**. Free breakfast, free recycle bins (limited supply) Free E-waste disposal. Free tours
5) **RECREATION**—Soccer season has begun; we have 3 soccer teams and a Little Kicks team that will be starting soon. Games start on 9/7.

- Senior Luncheons have returned and had our first one was on Tuesday, Sept. 3. Pork loin, mashed potatoes and veggies were served.
- Field trip to the Fryeburg Fair set for Tuesday, Oct. 1st.
- Next Senior Luncheon is Tuesday, October 8th menu is Fish Chowder.
- Looking for volunteers to help with the haunted walk at RADR. John has been working on the trail itself to cover roots.
- Halloween Party at the Fire Station in early stages of planning.
- Trip to the Polar Express scheduled for Dec. 7th and is full. Still selling tickets at a discounted rate with the understanding they will provide their own transportation.
- Looking into a field trip to Disney on Ice in mid-late December.

6) **PUBLIC SAFETY**—Update on Sheriff’s Department and new Deputy Sheriff.

7) **PARKS**—Mowing and regular maintenance. Removed vines and cleaned up around gazebo and working on cleaning out flower beds, also power washed Gazebo and bath house in preparation for painting. Will be painting Doors and trim on Bathhouse at Crystal Lake park.

RADR Field: Have been Aerating and fertilizing RADR and Crystal Lake Park. Fixing and mulching trails for Haunted walk. Fields ready for soccer.

Working on Repeater site getting ready for new building.

8) **ACO**—Calls Covered included the following: Well-being check for multiple cats & dogs at one residence. Warning issued for dog reg. Multiple reports of missing dogs, no response needed for found dog put owner and finder in contact with each other. 2 stray cats calls transported to Harvest Hills Animal Shelter.

9) **ON-GOING PROJECTS**
   B) Working on Generator installation for radio tower site.
   C) Phone Update – completed – New greeting working well.
   D) Computer update – completed still working on some training
   E) Fire Truck update - New Chassis arrived @ factory – production to start shortly
   F) Update –Cable TV – working to meet w/Law Firm.
   G) New sign installed and working.
   H) Still working on Policies for Board
   J) Bids are in for the replacement of the overhead doors at the fire station. We received two bids, one from Overhead Doors for $21,000 and the other from Robert’s Overhead Door for $17,900. Doors are over 25 years old.

**Motion to approve the bid for Robert’s Overhead Door for $17,900 - Approved 4-0.**

12. Other Business

Tim and Ray went to the EMA meeting and there are some grants we can apply for and there are a lot of pieces to the handling EMA. Ray has appointed Tim as his deputy.
13. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. - Approved 4-0.

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Notes from The Assessor’s Meeting ~ 09/12/19 8:15pm

Meeting called to order at 8:15 pm. Assessor Dumont absent.

1. Approval of July 25, 2019 minutes

Motion to approve the minutes from the July 25, 2019 meeting - Approved 3-0. Assessor Laplante abstained, absent from the meeting.

2. Abatements – Personal property

I. Elms Puzzle – no longer in business - $8800 value $98.56
II. Dish Net Satellite – $363.60 value - $4.07
III. Richard Schieferstein – QC Services - $10,000 value - $112.00
IV. Campers
  i. Jesse & Juanita Thurston - $3000 value - $33.60
  ii. Jennifer Rudman - $6000 value - $67.20
  iii. Krystall Rudman - $4000 value - $44.80
  iv. Paul & Ena Derenburger - $3000 value - $33.60
  v. Michelle & Mark Pepler - $5000 value - $56.00
  vi. Tony Carlos - $10,000 value - $111.91
  vii. Mobile Mini Inc. - $600 value - $6.72
  viii. Helen & Billy Fretz - $5000 value - $56.00
  ix. Daniel Gray - $5000 value - $56.00

Motion made to grant abatements on all items in list - Approved 4-0.

3. Abatements – Real estate

i. Brassard – tri-site – 93 Plains Road - $10,000 value - $111.91
ii. Philip & Mary Devlin – homestead exemption – 109 Ridgeview Road - $22,000 value - $246.40
iii. Jody Bedard & Anthony King – homestead exemption – 930 Maple Ridge Road - $22,000 value - $246.40
iv. Brian White – homestead exemption – 438 Plains Road - $22,000 value - $246.40
v. Harrison Historical Society – Haskell Hill Road – exempt - $44,200 value - $495.04

Motion made to grant abatements on i thru v - Approved 4-0.

4. Supplemental

i. Anton Sveinsen – camper purchased from Helen & Billy Fretz - $6000 value - $67.20
ii. Krista Ladd – 97 Bolsters Mills Road - $1158.08 – building omitted from billing

Motion made to approve a supplementals - Approved 4-0.

5. Abatement Application – Michael Heavy – Map 21 Lot 103, Pitts Road

This lot was listed as ½ acre but it is actually .98 acre. We were assessing it as extra acreage. It is in fact a buildable lot in the subdivision. A letter was sent to the applicant to let him know of the date of the meeting. The applicant was unable to attend due to a medical issue. He has no authority to ask for an extension.
However, the Board may request an extension of the applicant in order to push this application to the next meeting so the applicant can attend. The Board would need to request this because the application would be outside of the 60 days. To allow the applicant a chance to speak, John requested the Board allow him to write a letter.

Motion made to have John write a letter to ask the applicant for an extension of time in order to hear the abatement request at the October meeting - Approved 4-0.

6. Adjourn

Motion made and 2nd to adjourn at 8:45 pm. Approved 4-0.

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It’s Always GAZEBO Rental Season!!!
Go to: [https://www.harrisonmaine.org/](https://www.harrisonmaine.org/)

**FEE CHANGE:** $25 reservation fee plus $5.00 per hour reserved
This applies to reservations received after 06/17/19.

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**Fire & Rescue Responses ~**

- **Emergency - 911**
  - 9-4-19 - EMS call
  - 9-5-19 - Vehicle fire
  - 9-7-19 - Vehicle crash
  - 9-8-19 - EMS call
  - 9-10-19 - EMS call

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

For more information contact Kayla at 583-2241 or klaird@harrisonmaine.org

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**From Public Works ~**

- **Summer Hours** - Monday – Thursday - 6am to 4:30pm

  Will be working at RADR complex fixing drainage on all 4 ditches next week.

  **NOTICE**

  DO NOT ENTER the Public Works/Town Garage facility.

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**Harrison Rec Dept~**

RADR – Open all day.

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

**CHECK OUT THE FUN STUFF AT THE TOP OF THE NEXT PAGE!!!**
Field of **SCREAMS!!!** – **Weekends** – October 18th & 19th, and October 25th & 26th
Kayla is working hard to bring back this much-loved event. **She will need volunteers!!! Contact Kayla and let's get this event moved into the “Upcoming Events” section.**

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**Harrison Village Library ~**

Introducing the Friendly Village Tote! This bag is roomy (19” wide and 12” long, with a 4.5” gusset at the base) with long handles that swing over your shoulder to make carrying it a breeze. This fundraiser for the library is available now for $20. Get yours and show your Harrison pride! For more information, please contact the library at 583-2970.

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

**Story Time Dates – EVERY Thursday – 10am**

**Saturday, October 5, 2:00 p.m.: Book Club**
This month’s title: *The Last Days of Dogtown* by Anita Diamant. Need a copy of the book? Let us know! New members are always welcome.

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**Upcoming 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

**FARMER’S MARKET – Fridays – 1pm – 5pm**
Located at the pull off on Rte. 117 South, as you leave Harrison headed for Bridgton.

**COMMUNITY LUNCHES – 3rd Thursday of every month – 11:30 Doors Open – Noon Lunch**
At Caswell Conservancy Center, 42 Main Street in Harrison. Donations accepted. There will be free bingo with prizes following the luncheon. A main menu of a full hot meal, which varies monthly, includes salad, a main course, dessert and beverage. Occasional entertainment maybe be provided.
HARRISON VILLAGE LIBRARY 10TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT – Sunday, September 15th
At the Lake Kezar Country Club to benefit the library. **Come Golf with us!** Shotgun start at 8:30 am. Come enjoy the day for $75 per person, $300 per foursome. This includes cart and a meal. Register at the library or call 583-2970 to have a form mailed to you. Have some fun while contributing to a vital part of our community. See brochure at end of update.

**FRYEBURG FAIR – ADULT TRIP** – Wednesday, October 2nd
See the attached brochure for details. Bus fare is free to Harrison/Bridgton residents. Non-Resident round-trip bus fare is $5. Gate fees at Fair are free for the 65+ group, $12 for adults.

**HARRISON HISTORICAL SOCIETY** – Wednesday, October 2nd – 7:00pm
The October 2nd program, 7 p.m., at Harrison Historical Society, 121 Haskell Hill Road, will be a panel discussion featuring EJ Bosworth, Jill Ghi, Jane Seeds, and Barbara Dalgard. This is destined to be a lively discussion on life as young ladies in the Lakes Region. For more information call Gerry Smith at 207-583-2213.

**SENIOR SOCIAL** – Tuesday, October 8th – 11:00am (Doors Open)
At the Fire Station Community Room. Lunch is served at 12:00 pm. On the menu; homemade fish chowder, rolls, and strawberry shortcake. **BINGO!** **FEE:** $3 per person

**CHRISTMAS IN HARRISON – Volunteer Meeting** – Thursday, October 10th – 6:30pm
At the Caswell Conservancy Center. Please come join us for a meeting on **Christmas In Harrison.** We need volunteers badly for the event. Any little bit of time helps. Can’t make the meeting? Message us and we can add you to our volunteer list. Thank you ~ Maryalice Nile

Also, returning **crafters/ artisans** from 2018 fair, your invites were mailed today. Deadline is Oct 1, 2019 for response. If you were in last year’s fair and do not get one by end of next week please message us. If you do not wish to be in this year’s fair, please let us know ASAP, we have a waiting list.

https://www.facebook.com/pg/ChristmasInHarrison/posts/?ref=page_internal

**ANNUAL HALLOWEEN PARTY** – Thursday, October 31st – 4:30pm to 6:30pm
Our annual event, please contact Kayla to volunteer!

**POLAR EXPRESS TRAIN RIDE** – Saturday, December 7th, 2:00pm
Our Polar Express Trip is FULL! However, if you would like to attend this event still, you can register for the discounted price and provide your own transportation! Please contact Kayla to register! Board the bus at the Harrison Town Office at 2:00pm, stop for dinner at the Seadog Brewing Company, board the train at 5:15pm for this Holiday Adventure! Harrison/Waterford Residents $30, Non-residents $35. See brochure at end of update.
HARRISON VILLAGE LIBRARY’S TENTH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

TO BENEFIT THE LIBRARY

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15
LAKE KEZAR COUNTRY CLUB
SHOTGUN START AT 8:30 A.M.

$75.00/INDIVIDUAL, $300.00/TEAM

INCLUDES GOLF, CART AND MEAL!

PLEASE REGISTER AT THE LIBRARY
583-2970
**SENIOR LUNCHEON**
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8TH
COMMUNITY ROOM DOORS OPEN
AT 11:00. $3 PER PERSON

HOMEMADE FISH CHOWDER
ROLLS
STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE
BINGO

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**The Polar Express Train Ride**
Saturday December 7th at 5:15

Join us as we venture to the North Pole on the Polar Express!

- 2:00 Board the bus at the Harrison Town Office
- 3:30 dinner at Seadog Brewing Company
  - 4:45 leave for train station
  - 5:00 Arrive at Train Station
- 5:15 board train for 40 minute ride with hot chocolate, cookies and a bell for all!
- 6:20 board bus to return

Harrison/Waterford Residents $30
Non-residents $35

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