



**Upcoming Town Council Meetings:**

**Regular Town Council Meeting  
March 6, 2018  
Town Council Chambers  
6:30 p.m.**

*A full listing of upcoming Town meetings and agendas is available on the Town's website at: [www.freeportmaine.com](http://www.freeportmaine.com)*

**2018 Freeport Town Council Guidelines**

The Freeport Town Council is committed to engaging our residents, and one another, in respectful, constructive dialogue about issues facing our community. Freeport is a wonderful place to live, work and visit, and has a reputation for inclusiveness and kindness. It is within this organizing principle that we adopt these guidelines:

1. The Council will prioritize, evaluate and control expenditures in operating and capital budgets to mitigate the impact on the tax payers and maintain a stable tax rate, while providing the highest quality services possible within the resources available.
2. The Council will promote transparent intercommunication, information exchange and collaboration on direction and process between Councilors, while conducting town business in a fair and efficient manner. The Council will prioritize: (a) transparency of decision-making and of Town government operations; and (b) attendance at Town Council and assigned Committee meetings.
3. The Council will promote efforts to engage Freeport residents and businesses in the governance, operation and activities of the Town of Freeport.  
In 2018, the Council will conduct a review of the Town's boards and committees to assess their effectiveness, their tasks, their criteria for membership and the board and committee oversight role of the Council in an effort to streamline the Town's review processes for its residents and businesses.
4. The Council will be active in maintaining a strong relationship with the RSU5 Board and neighboring municipalities.
5. The Council will explore solutions related to renewable energy and energy efficiency to reduce the energy costs of the Town of Freeport.
6. The Council will explore infrastructure opportunities that will promote active lifestyles for Freeport's residents and visitors.

**Town Manager's Report  
February 27, 2018**

Officers Malcolm Marshall, Keith Norris, and Rebecca Kavanaugh of the Freeport Police Department will be participating in the ICE OUT plunge on March 17th to benefit Special Olympics. They have each set up donation pages online, which can be accessed through the Freeport PD Facebook page.

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As of 02/26/18, many local roads have been posted to heavy truck traffic. A full list of posted roads is available on the Town's website at [www.freeportmaine.com](http://www.freeportmaine.com). Local roads are posted annually during the time of year when freeze/thaw cycles occur (otherwise known as "frost heave" season!). During this time of year, the road sub-base is softer, and more susceptible to damage from heavy loads. Posting roads to heavy truck traffic helps lengthen the lifespan of a road, reducing the frequency of reconstructions. This in turn saves tax dollars that would otherwise be needed for road reconstruction. Please note that regular delivery trucks such as fuel and garbage pickup are exempt under state law from these postings. Permits can be issued for required deliveries by contacting the Public Works Department at 865-4461. Permits are usually coordinated time-wise for when the road sub base is below freezing, therefore reducing the risk of damage to the roadway.

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Maine Forest Service's winter survey for browntail moth indicates that the moth populations continue to be increasing and the footprint of impact is expanding in the area. They advise property owners to survey their

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## Express Bus Service Portland, Falmouth, Yarmouth, Freeport & Brunswick

The Towns of Freeport and Yarmouth are **providing income eligible Freeport and Yarmouth Residents and Employees of Freeport and Yarmouth Businesses with Free Metro Breez Bus passes.** For an application and details on this program (and income guidelines), please visit the Town's website at [www.freeportmaine.com](http://www.freeportmaine.com) or contact Johanna Hanselman at the Freeport Town Hall, 865-4743 x120.

And, Metro Breez Ten Ride tickets are also available for purchase at the Freeport Town Hall for \$27.00. For more information on Fare Rates and updated schedule and route map go to: <http://gpmetrobus.net/>

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land and decide if they need to take precautions to reduce the effects of potential browntail moth activity in 2018. Be on the lookout for a townwide mailer which should hit mailboxes within a couple of weeks. Along with other town news, this flyer will include information on the browntail moth, links to videos showing how to remove browntail moth nests which are within reach, a list of licensed pesticide applicators and state law specific to browntail moth control near the ocean. This information and video will also be available on the Town's website and FCTV3.

## Freeport Community Library

There is always a lot going on at the Freeport Community Library. Children and family activities in March include the Lego Derby, Board Game Café, Therapy Dog Story Hour and others. Adult activities include a Coloring Group, Author Talks and the Armchair Travel Series. For details on these and other programs, stop by the library or go to [www.freeportlibrary.com](http://www.freeportlibrary.com)



## Maine Unclaimed Property Database

According to Maine State Treasurer Terry Hayes, each and every year, tens of millions of dollars go unclaimed by Maine residents. These financial assets are turned over by thousands of national and local businesses and organizations. His office holds these assets, free of charge, until claimed by the owner or heir. You can use this website to search your name, your business, and the name of your friends and family:



<https://www.maineunclaimedproperty.gov/>

## Fiscal Year 2019 Budget Schedule

Tuesday, February 27, 2018	Manager and Finance Director Present 5-Year Capital Program to Town Council
Thursday, March 1, 2018	Joint Meeting with RSU5, Town of Durham, Town of Pownal (Community Center)
Tuesday, March 6, 2018	Council Workshop on 5-Year Capital Program
Tuesday, April 03, 2018	Public Hearing on 5-Year Capital Program
Thursday, April 26, 2018	Manager Transmits Operating, Capital and TIF Budget to Town Council
Tuesday, May 01, 2018	Adoption of the 5-Year Capital Program
Tuesday, May 01, 2018	Manager and Finance Director Present Operating, Capital and TIF Budget
Tuesday, May 15, 2018	Council Workshop on Operating, Capital and TIF Budgets
Wednesday, May 23, 2018	5:00 – 6:00 PM Department Head Public Informal Q & A Session
Thursday, May 24, 2018	7:30 – 8:30 AM Department Head Public Informal Q & A Session
Tuesday, June 05, 2018	Public Hearing on Operating, Capital and TIF Budgets
Tuesday, June 19, 2018	Target Date for Budget Adoption – Capital, TIF, and Operating Budgets