



# MUNICIPAL BULLETIN

May 9, 2024

## Upcoming Town Council Meetings:

### Regular Town Council Meeting

Tuesday, May 21, 2024

Town Council Chambers & ZOOM  
6:00 PM

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

## Spring Sustainable Landscaping Event!

Have you considered transforming your lawn into a beautiful alternative landscape requiring less maintenance? Lawn alternatives such as groundcovers, pollinator gardens, and other types of landscaping can allow your yard to provide additional benefits to the ecosystem, while reducing the time and cost of maintenance and keeping lawn chemicals out of our water.



Learn how at the Town-sponsored 'From Lawns to Landscapes' workshop on **June 4 from 6-8 PM** at the Freeport Community Services Center.

**Next Election: June 11, 2024:**

State Primary, RSU5 Budget validation

**Absentee Balloting: Monday, May 13 until Thursday, June 6**

**Unenrolled voters** can now choose to vote in either the Democratic, Green Independent, or Republican party primary without enrolling in the party. Last day to unenroll or change parties is *Thursday, May 23*. If you have questions about your party enrollment, contact the Clerk's office.

Request your absentee ballot online by visiting [Maine.gov](http://Maine.gov).

## Online Services Available

Go to [https://www.freeportmaine.com/online-payments](http://www.freeportmaine.com/online-payments) for:

- Alarm Applications
- Automobile, Boat & Snowmobile Re-registrations
- Hunting & Fishing Licenses
- Burn Permits
- Property Tax Payments & Viewing Property Information
- Parking Ticket Payments

## Employee News

Welcome to Shane Gerow—Public Works



**Congratulations to Robin Doak (Finance) on her retirement!**

**Reminder: The Second Half of Property Taxes are due May 15<sup>th</sup>!**

There is a secure drop box by the main entry to Town Hall for payments or you can pay [online](#). As a reminder if paying online with a credit card, there is a processing fee added to each transaction.



## The Town of Freeport Kicks Off Update of the Town's Comprehensive Plan

***We hope the community will participate in this process to create an updated vision for the future of Freeport!***

The Town of Freeport Planning Board is in the early stages of updating the Town of Freeport's 2011 Comprehensive Plan and hopes that all members of the community will participate in this process and share their thoughts and ideas to create a vision for the future of Freeport. The Comprehensive Plan is an important document for the Town as it will be used in the coming decade to guide land use policies and as a guide for municipal capital improvement planning.

The Comprehensive Plan will build upon some of the ideas presented in the recently completed Freeport Downtown Vision Plan and the Freeport Climate Action Plan. The Comprehensive Plan however, looks at the community as a whole and will address important topics such as housing, transportation, the economy, public facilities and services, natural resources and historic and archaeological resources to name a few. Together, the community will create the vision and input from the community will be used to set goals and implementation strategies to complete the vision.

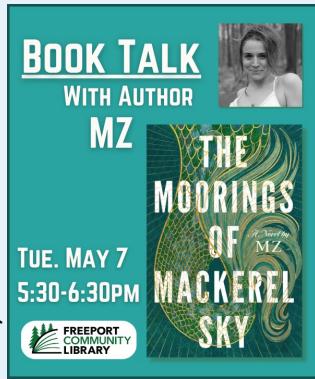
To read the complete press release visit our [website](#).

## FREEPORT COMMUNITY LIBRARY—ADULT EVENTS

### Book Talk: *The Moorings of Mackerel Sky*

Tuesday, May 7 at 5:30-6:30PM

Please join us for an evening of wonder with Maine debut novelist MZ, who marries fantasy with the everyday in her contemporary novel of a Maine lobstering town whose local myths come to life. In this close-knit town famous for its infamous mermaids, community is built through love and lore—willful elements that the townsfolk will have to harness if Mackerel Sky is to endure for another three hundred years. Interested parties will be able to purchase copies of *The Moorings of Mackerel Sky* from Kelly's Books to Go.



### May Spice Club: Greatest Hits

Friday, May 17 at 10:00AM



Did you miss out on a recently featured spice? Did you love one so much you wish you had more? Well, good news! This May, adults will be able to select from an assortment of previous Spice Club flavors. Each grab-and-go kit contains a free sample spice and an accompanying pamphlet of background information and recipe suggestions.

## FREEPORT CLIMATE ACTION NOW

**The ReFashion Show at Meeting House Arts, Friday, May 31, 7 PM.** Doors open at 6:30. FreeportCAN joins two local fashion consignment shops, Kargas and ReStyle to host an evening of fun, fashion and sustainable style in downtown Freeport. Visit <https://freeportcan.org/events/> for more information.

**Freeport Farmers Market Opening Day at Memorial Park, Friday, May 31, 10 AM to 1 PM.** Every Friday, June through September the market features locally grown produce, meats, oysters and homemade baked goods and crafts in a lovely, shaded park. Musicians, special events and food trucks keep the market fresh.

**Free Plant-Based Supper to Celebrate the Planet at Freeport Community Services, 53 Depot Street, Saturday, June 1, 5 to 7 PM.** Freeport families will be treated to a variety of homemade, locally prepared tasty vegetarian dishes. All are welcome.

## Interested in receiving Town information via email? You can sign up to receive the following:

*Town Council Agendas* – contact [cwolfe@freeportmaine.com](mailto:cwolfe@freeportmaine.com)

*All Planning Department related Board and Committee agendas and minutes* – contact [cpelletier@freeportmaine.com](mailto:cpelletier@freeportmaine.com)

*The Municipal Bulletin* – contact [cweeman@freeportmaine.com](mailto:cweeman@freeportmaine.com)

*Freeport Community Library Monthly Newsletter* – subscribe by going to [www.freeportlibrary.com](http://www.freeportlibrary.com) and click on “Newsletter” in the header.

 Notices of Public Hearings are posted on the Town’s website under “Municipal News”.

## FREEPORT COMMUNITY LIBRARY—YOUTH EVENTS

### Henna Designs

May 15, 2024

Fast and fun henna designs done by an experienced artist! Wicked Good Henna will be visiting to do henna for kids of all ages at the Freeport Community Library on Wednesday, May 15 from 2:15 - 4:15. Kids under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. The henna will last one to two weeks. The program may be outside if the weather is nice. This event is free and open to the public.

### Little Roots at Freeport Community Library

May 30, 2024

Little Roots (from 317 Main Community Music Center in Yarmouth) is bringing their 45-minute music and movement program to Freeport Community Library on Thursday, May 30 at 10:15 AM. Sing, play, and move with other kids ages 0-5 and their caregivers. Gather in the Meeting Room at the library, where the capacity for this program is 50 people. This event is free and open to the public. The library thanks L.L.Bean for sponsoring this event.

### Explore

#### Wednesdays and Thursdays at 2:30-4:30 PM, Grades 6-12

The Explore after-school program series is presented by RSU5 and meets at Freeport Community Library Meeting Room. Sign up or drop in. Offerings change monthly. For more information, see the [RSU5 Community Programs](#) website or contact Chris at [cprecreation@rsu5.org](mailto:cprecreation@rsu5.org).

*May Explore Schedule:*

Matchless Firestarting: Wednesday, May 1

Unplugged Board Games: Thursdays, May 2, 16, and 30

Dungeons & Dragons Candlekeep Mysteries: Thursdays, May 9 and 23

Disc Golf: Wednesdays, May 15, 22 and 29

### Storytime for Toddlers

#### Mondays and Thursdays at 10:15 AM.

Storytime continues at Freeport Community Library (FCL) each Monday and Thursday at 10:15. During nice weather, meet outside by the parking lot and during inclement weather, meet in the Little Room. When indoors, storytime capacity is 40 people.

Come share stories, songs, and rhymes! Each Monday and Thursday has different programs. Storytime runs about 15 minutes and is designed for ages 0-4, but all are welcome. Please check the events calendar on the FCL website for cancelations or closures. In the case of cancellation, Story Kits will be offered for in-library use at the Youth Services desk. This program is free and open to the public.

### Paws & Read with Therapy Dogs

#### Mondays from 3:30 - 4:30 PM.

Paws and read to one of our therapy dogs, or just sit and spend time with them. The dogs will visit every Monday from 3:30 – 4:30 PM at Freeport Community Library.

Sign up for a 15-minute session by calling, stopping by the Youth Services desk, booking a slot online at <https://www.timetosignup.com/fclsignups/>, or you can drop by on the day of the program in case of an opening. This program is for kids of all ages and is free and open to the public.

For questions or directions to the Library, visit [www.freeportlibrary.com](http://www.freeportlibrary.com), call 865-3307, or stop by the library at 10 Library Drive, Freeport ME 04032.