



September 6, 2016 - *News for You*



TOWN OF FREEPORT

MUNICIPAL BULLETIN

Upcoming Town Council Meetings:

September 20, 2016
Town Council Meeting
6:30 p.m., Town Council Chambers

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Districts 2 & 4 Workshop
Followed by Regular Town Council Meeting
October 4, 2016
6:30 p.m.
Freeport Community Center

A full listing of upcoming Town meetings and agendas is available on the Town's website at: www.freeportmaine.com

****NOMINATION PAPERS****

FOR THE NOVEMBER 8, 2016 MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Nomination papers for all town elected positions remain available until the deadline date of 6 pm, September 14th. As of this time, we have had interest in all available positions excluding the race for Water District Trustee (3 year term). We encourage residents to consider running for any seat with an open position.

For more information, go to the Town's website at www.freeportmaine.com or call Freeport Town Clerk Christine Wolfe at 865-4743, Ext. 123 or email cwolfe@freeportmaine.com

2016 New Hires & Promotions

During 2016 the town has experienced a number of retirements from long standing town employees, a few of them with over 30 years of service to the Town! These retirements have resulted in many promotions and new hires. Congratulations to all the well-deserved promotions and a big welcome to all of our new employees this year.

Promotions:

Sue Nourse – Police Chief
Nate Goodman – Police Lieutenant
Paul Powers-Police Sergeant
Arlene Arris – Library Director
Robin Lowell – Technical Services
& Systems Librarian
Laura Collard – Adult Circulation
Librarian



Police Department Personnel Changes
Left to right: Lieutenant Goodman,
Chief Nourse, Sergeant Powers, and
Officer Marshall

New Hires:

Charlie Jordan – Fire Chief
Adam Bliss – Town Engineer
Malcolm Marshall-Patrol Officer
Meghan Williams, PT Circulation Clerk

Please stop by to meet
some of your new
town employees!

Town Manager's Report September 6, 2016

I'm happy to report that the Town of Freeport has earned a dividend of \$12,877 from the Maine Municipal Association for our favorable loss performance in both the Workers Compensation and Property and Casualty pools that we participate in. The dividend equates to approximately 5.4% of our Workers Compensation premium and 6.4% of our Property & Casualty premium. The Board of Trustees of both pools voted on May 19th to return these dividends to participating municipalities who demonstrated a low loss ratio in each category by meeting predetermined loss ratio thresholds. Credit for our successful performance goes to our current Employee Safety Committee – Johanna Hanselman, Arlene Arris, Brent Moon, Earl Gibson, Neil Lyman, Suzanne Duplissis, and recently appointed committee chair Paul Conley, as well as former committee chair Jerry Schofield. They meet on a quarterly basis and their work includes performing facility inspections, investigating workers compensation injuries, and recommending changes that make our municipal facilities and offices safer places to work. Job well done!

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On the week of August 15th, the Town underwent the first comprehensive audit of our MS4 stormwater program by the Maine Department

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2016 Election Absentee Ballots



Anyone wishing to receive an absentee ballot for the upcoming Presidential and Municipal Election may visit the following link and **apply online**:

<http://www.maine.gov/cgi-bin/online/AbsenteeBallot/index.pl>



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PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION BROWNTAIL MOTH CATERPILLARS

Wednesday, September 14, 2016

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., Freeport Community Library

The Maine Forest Service projects high levels of browntail moth caterpillars will continue in Freeport through 2017.

This will be a general information presentation focusing on:

- how to identify browntail moth caterpillars and overwintering webs;
- how to prepare and control for browntail moth caterpillars;
- precautions residents in affected areas should take.

Presenter: Charlene Donahue, Forest Entomologist, Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Maine Forest Service.

This program is sponsored by the Town of Freeport and the Maine Forest Service.



Fall Events at the Freeport Community Library

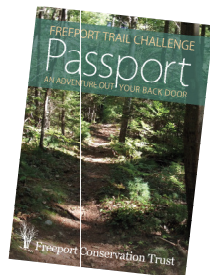
Author Talks! Bug Talks! Free Movies! Arts & Crafts! And a whole lot more!

Find out what's happening this fall at your library at:
www.freeportlibrary.com

Participate in the Freeport Trail Challenge!

Hike four of Freeport's trails in September and October, and you're in for a double treat of a local adventure and a PRIZE!

The Freeport Trail Challenge is for people of all ages to hike four Freeport trails in September and October: Calderwood, Quarry Woods, Pettengill Farm and Bliss Woods. Record your hikes in a Passport (collect stamps from each trail on the Trail Challenge) or by posting on Facebook or Instagram. Prizes available if you hike all 4 trails.



Passports are available at the Town Hall, Historical Society and at the Freeport Conservation Trust (located in the Community Center). Or contact FCT to get a card mailed to you: **865-3985 x212**,
info@freeportconservationtrust.org

For more info go to freeportconservationtrust.org

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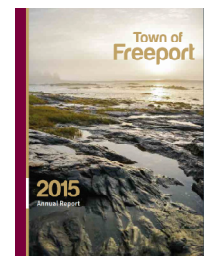
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of Environmental Protection. I'm happy that there were no major deficiencies found, however, as expected, there were several smaller deficiencies and suggestions for improvement that were made during the audit. While we will not likely receive the formal results of this audit for 6-8 weeks, we were cautioned that the likely result of anything less than a perfect audit would be a "Letter of Warning", containing required items to be addressed. While ominous sounding, this result is far preferable to the other two more serious outcomes, which would be either a "Notice of Violation – I" (effectively an enforcement order) or a "Notice of Violation – P", (effectively an enforcement order with penalty), that are issued in cases where serious violations or deficiencies are found.

Town of Freeport Annual Report

The Town is looking for photographs or artwork of Freeport that can be donated for use in the FY 2016 Annual Report. It can be of any scene, event, or activity around town and should be taken during FY 2016 (July 1, 2015 thru June 30, 2016). Photographs should be digital and of high resolution (not from a phone camera). Photos/artwork will be used as space permits.

The cover of the 2015 Annual Report (at right) features a photograph by Abigail Williams, who is a Fine Artist based out of Freeport.



Printed copies of the 2015 Freeport Annual Report are available at the Town Hall and also on the town's website.

If you have an item you would like to contribute, contact Caroline Pelletier at 865-4743 x107 or
caroline@freeportmaine.com

School's Open!
Drive Carefully

