



August 18, 2020 - News for You



TOWN OF FREEPORT

MUNICIPAL BULLETIN

Upcoming Town Council Meetings:

Regular Town Council Meeting

Tuesday, September 1, 2020

Zoom Meeting - 6:30 p.m.

A full listing of upcoming Town meetings, agendas & zoom information is available on the Town's website at:

www.freeportmaine.com

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NOMINATION PAPERS

FOR THE NOVEMBER 3, 2020 MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Nomination Papers are available in the Town Clerk's Office for persons interested in seeking the following offices in the Town of Freeport. Nomination Papers are due back to the Town Clerk's Office no later than 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 9, 2020.

Office:	Term:	Required # of Signatures:
COUNCILOR AT-LARGE – 1 seat	3 years	100 signatures
COUNCILOR DISTRICT 2 – 1 seat	3 years	50 signatures
COUNCILOR DISTRICT 3 – 1 seat	3 years	50 signatures
RSU #5 Board of Directors – 2 seats	3 years	100 signatures
SEWER District Trustees – 2 seats	3 years	25 signatures
WATER District Trustee – 1 seat	3 years	25 signatures

For more information, call Freeport Town Clerk Christine Wolfe at 865-4743, Ext. 123 or email cwolfe@freeportmaine.com

NOTICE OF ROAD CLOSURE WEST STREET



West Street is closed to through traffic from Woodlawn Cemetery to the South Street intersection through Friday, August 28. The closure may extend into the following week if inclement weather delays construction.

The Town is replacing a culvert that drains the Village Area. This important stream restoration work is made possible by two grants and local match. The depth of cut and utilities involved require the road to be closed during the replacement. Traffic detours are available around the work area via Bow and Depot Streets. Traffic control signage will be installed by the contractor.

If you have any questions, contact Adam Bliss, Engineer, 865-4743 x106

Town Manager's Report

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Important Absentee Voting information from the Town of Freeport, ME

Many people are choosing to vote absentee for the first time, given the concerns over in-person voting in November's upcoming general election. As a result, many have questions about how the process works. Below you will find answers to commonly asked questions about voting absentee in Maine.

- Any registered voter may cast an absentee ballot instead of voting in person at a voting place on Election Day. You do not need a reason or "excuse" to vote absentee in the State of Maine. Simply wanting to vote by absentee ballot is reason enough.
- If you are a voter with disabilities that may otherwise make voting difficult for you, please contact the Town Clerk's Office (865-4743 x 123 or cwolfe@freeportmaine.com) so that we can we accommodate your needs.
- You can choose to either:
 - 1) Absentee vote in person at Town Hall (starting October 5th), or
 - 2) Request that a ballot be sent to you and return that ballot to the Town Clerk by 8PM on Election Day (Tuesday, November 3rd).

Both of these options are considered forms of "absentee" voting under Maine election laws.

- To vote at Town Hall early(#1. above):

- o You can vote in person starting October 5th at the Town Clerk's Office at Town Hall, 30 Main Street.
- o Town Hall is open Monday – Thursday, 7:30 AM – 6:00 PM.

- To receive by mail or take an absentee ballot home (#2. above):

- o You can pick up a ballot in person at the Town Clerk's Office starting on October 5th. You can vote in the Town Hall, take this ballot with you and vote at home, or wherever else you feel comfortable voting, or,

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The Freeport Community Library is Open!

The Freeport Community Library is now open and they are happy to welcome everyone back! Above all else, they have worked to keep everyone as safe and healthy as possible. In order to do that, measures have been put in place that will promote good health for you and the staff.

The Library will be limiting the number of people in the building to **10 patrons**. In order to accommodate as many folks as possible, each person will be limited to **30 minutes per visit**. We ask that parents only bring children if necessary.

The Library is open the following hours:

- Monday 12pm – 5pm
- Tuesday 12pm – 7pm
- Wednesday 12pm – 7pm
- Thursday 12pm – 5pm
- Friday **CLOSED** – Open for curbside 12pm – 4pm

For more on opening & curbside pick-up go to:

<https://freeportlibrary.com/opening/>

Paving Projects: Grant Road & Cove Road

Grant Road: The reconstruction and paving of this road has begun and the final surface pavement, realignment of driveway aprons and shoulder work should be completed by the end of September (weather permitting). One travel lane will remain open; however, please allow extra time during your travels across this road.

Cove Road: Within the next two weeks, weather permitting, Cove Road will be reconstructed and repaved. We hope to start in the next couple of weeks and have it completed by the end of October. Driveway aprons will be realigned and brought up to the new pavement typically within two weeks after the road has been paved. One travel lane will remain open; however, please allow extra time during your travels.

The Public Works Department appreciates your patience and understanding during our construction season. If you have any questions, you can contact DPW at 865-4461.

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- You can request that a ballot be sent to you. Requests can be submitted online at www.maine.gov, can be made in person at the Town Clerk's Office at 30 Main Street, or can be made by phone to the Town Clerk's Office at 865-4743 x123 or x122. Requests are currently open, but please be aware that ballots requested in this manner will not be mailed to you until October 5th.

Returning your absentee ballot:

- Regardless of how you receive your absentee ballot, there are several ways that you can return your ballot. Please be aware that ballots must be received by the Clerk by the close of polls (8:00PM) on Tuesday Nov. 3rd in order to be counted.
 - Ballots can be returned in person or by an immediate family member at the Town Clerk's Office, 30 Main Street through the day before the election (Monday, Nov. 2nd). If the Clerk's Office is closed, there is a black steel drop box immediately adjacent to the side entrance door at Town Hall that can be used. This box will be marked "ABSENTEE BALLOTS".
 - Ballots returned in person or by an immediate family member on election day (Tuesday Nov. 3rd) must be returned to the polls by 8:00PM (Freeport High School, 30 Holbrook Street).
 - Ballots can be mailed using the provided envelope. Please remember to include sufficient postage (many ballots are overweight and require additional postage) and to allow sufficient time for delivery. USPS is currently advising to allow 2 weeks for delivery.
- All ballots must be signed on the back flap of the ballot envelope by the voter before being returned.

If you have more questions about Absentee Voting, please contact Christine Wolfe, Freeport Town Clerk at 865-4743 x123 or cwolfe@freeportmaine.com or you can contact the Office of the Secretary of State, Division of Elections at (207) 624-7650 or cec.elections@maine.gov.