



FRYE ISLAND NEWS SERVICE

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NEW OFFICE HOURS
MONDAY THRU SATURDAY—9:00 TO 3:00
SUNDAY—closed

2003 MEETING SCHEDULE

BOARD OF SELECTMEN-B.I.T.—

Sat., May 10th, 9 AM—Administration Office

FII BOARD OF DIRECTORS—

Friday, May 23rd—8 PM—Administration Office

MARINA COMMITTEE

SATURDAY, May 17th—9 AM—Community Center

GOLF COMMITTEE

Sunday, May 18th—After Scramble at Clubhouse

RECREATION COMMISSION

SATURDAY, May 24th—Time to be Announced

PLANNING BOARD

SATURDAY, May 24th—4 PM—Community Center

APPEALS BOARD

TO BE ANNOUNCED

GARDEN CLUB

2nd & 4th Saturday of each month—9 AM—Community Center

ANNUAL PLANT SALE

SATURDAY, May 24th—9AM-1 PM—Administration Building Lot

INDEPENDENCE DAY FIREWORKS CELEBRATION

SATURDAY, July 5th—DUSK—Long Beach Marina

MSAD #6 BUDGET REFERENDUM—(Vote for Town Residents)

Tuesday—June 10th—Community Center—Polls open @ 10 AM to 8 PM

MSAD #6—Public Hearing for Budget Referendum

Saturday, May 24th—10 AM—Community Center

Island Manager Comments



I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of all of the Island employees, to welcome everyone back to Frye Island for what we hope will be a very enjoyable 2003 summer season. We had a busy winter trying to get things organized for the coming year and the summer is shaping up to be a very busy time also. As you drive onto the Island I am sure you will notice our newest addition. The "ferry haul-out facility" was installed after the Island closed last fall. There are still some "punch list" items to be completed but we have pulled the ferries out of the lake and visually they look to be in good condition. The Town has assumed the operation of the Golf Course and the Marina as was voted on at the October town meeting. This has created a bit of a glitch in the opening of the Leisure Lounge. Because the lounge is under new management, we had to get all of the inspections redone and we have not been able to get the Department of Human Services to the Island yet for their inspection. Consequently, we do not have the license to sell or consume liquor at the lounge. We have been assured that they will be here next Wednesday so we should be set for the weekend of the 17th. Until then it will have to be an "alcohol free" weekend. Please bear with us as we get things started up. The store and Frye's Leap Cafe are under new ownership. Bob and Jean Russo, and Buddy Rogers are the new owners and Bob and Jean, (mostly Jean I am told) will operate the facilities. We thank Lois O'Connor for the many years she provided this service to the Island and look forward to working with the new owners. As we begin the new season, we will do our best to keep you abreast of all of the activities taking place on the Island. The Department Managers and their crews will be working diligently, as will the office staff, to provide the services and amenities necessary to make this an enjoyable year for everyone. That being said, I am sure there will be times when we have some unsatisfied customers. The only thing I ask is that you don't take out your frustrations on the crews. Please come to see me and I will do my best to help. Compliments can go to the crews, complaints come to me. Again, welcome to a new and exciting year on Frye Island!!!!



AT THE PRESENT TIME RUBBISH WILL BE PICKED UP ON
SUNDAYS AT 1:00. PLEASE HAVE YOUR RUBBISH READY

Dear Frye Islanders:

As you may be aware, after 17 years of owning and managing Frye's Leap General Store & Café, I have sold it to two island families: Bob & Jean Russo & Buddy & Ann Rogers. I'm very happy for them as I know it will be a great partnership. They are enthusiastic, talented, and most importantly hard working people. Bob & Buddy have strong corporate backgrounds. Jean has had a very successful catering business in the Boston area (note to frequent diners at the café: expect yummy new additions to the menu). The net result will be new energy and creativity for the store and café, and especially for our growing island.

I could not transfer the ownership without thanking you for your support. I'm especially grateful to those that have given their personal weekend or vacation time to help me. The business has offered me a unique opportunity to know so many wonderful people on this special island. One of the most rewarding aspects of the business has been working with the island children, watching them mature and hopefully contributing to their development. I'd like to think that I started what will be a lasting fixture in our community; a tradition that our grandchildren and their children will enjoy for many years. For that reason, it was important that my successors shared my high standards and values. Many parties were interested in purchasing the business, but I'm confident that the Russo's & Rogers are a very qualified team who will work very well with our island's management and residents.

It will be a considerable challenge for me to transition my business, which has been like a third child for me. However, it is time for a new chapter in my life and I'm thrilled to re-explore many of the things I've missed over the last 17 years, primarily my growing family. In the short-term, I will work with the new owners on a consulting basis. In the long-term, I will look forward to my future meetings with you taking place on the beach, golf course, or tennis courts. Please stop in to introduce yourselves to the new team. I'm sure they too will enjoy knowing you and serving you as I have. Thanks again for your support.

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Garden Club Meeting

The first meeting of the Frye Island Garden Club will be held at 9:00 am, Saturday May 10th at the Community Center. We will be making plans for our annual Plant Sale which will take place on Saturday, May 24th. Please take just a few minutes from your busy schedule to join us. It's a great opportunity to catch up with old friends after the long winter. We need your participation and support to make our sale a success. The proceeds are used to make Frye Island even more beautiful. We will need people to shop for plants, set up, help with sales, and clean up (hopefully not much will be left-over). We also ask for contributions of baked goods and plants. If you can't attend the meeting and would like to help, please contact Debbi Anthony or Mary Ann Niles for further information.

Revaluation Update

By Bob Tripp, Assessor

The field inspection phase of the Frye Island revaluation will start up again on Saturday May, 10, 2003. Over the next few weeks myself and three professional assessors will be visiting the cottages on the island that weren't inspected in the fall. In order to expedite the project I have enlisted the aid of Richard Main, former Freeport Assessor, Pat Dow, Windham Assistant Assessor, and Matt Sturgis, Cape Elizabeth Assessor. All three are Certified Maine Assessors and have many years of experience between them.

They will be reviewing the current information in the assessing records on each cottage and verifying the dimensions. Any changes will be noted on the new property record cards. Digital pictures will also be collected. If the cottage is vacant they will inspect the exterior and note if a later interior inspection is necessary. They will also make note of land details of importance. If we are unable to view the interior of your cottage you may make an appointment at a later date when you may be on the island.

The goal is to complete all inspections by mid to late June to allow valuation notices to be available in late July. At that time I will be available on Saturdays to discuss the new values and conduct any re-inspections that are necessary. I will be posting a list of recent sales, both on the website and the bulletin board at town hall. The final valuations will have to be ready for the fall town meeting. You should remember that although the property valuations will increase substantially, the tax rate will drop. Your tax may not increase, depending on several factors.

CONCERNED YACHT CLUB MEMBERS

I would like to personally thank the seventy or so individuals who have taken the time to sign and return the letter sent out by Doug King. The many handwritten letters offering support to our cause have been very gratifying. We have forwarded all the results to our town manager Wayne Fournier, and he has given the results to FII and the Marina Committee. We had recently made a request through Wayne to add our issue to the May 17th agenda, but in retrospect, this meeting date would not be in the best interest of all of our Yacht Club members. We would ask that FII and the Marina Committee change the date of this meeting to sometime in late June or July. This change would give many more of our members the opportunity to attend this important meeting, thus the democratic process would be restored. To date, we have not received a reply from either FII or the Marina Committee, even though they have been aware of the results from the letter in favor of abolishing the newly proposed 2003 Yacht Club Operations Policy Handbook for more than two weeks. We hope that FII and the Marina Committee will open a dialog with its Yacht Club members soon, so that we can together serve each others best interests. We will keep you informed via the mail. Thanks again.

Respectfully,
Kerry Kells

COMMUNITY CENTER NEWS: MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND!

On Sunday, May 25th, at 10 am, a dedication ceremony will be held at the community center (rain or shine). Several "memory benches" will be dedicated by the families and friends of Frye Islanders they have loved and lost. All are welcome to join in this time of reflection and celebration. Food and refreshments will be served.

(For more info, contact Jeanne at 978-948-7821 or 207-655-2454).

CHILDREN'S FAIR MEETING – MAY 25

Mark your calendars: The Children's Fair Committee will meet on Sunday, May 25, at 10:30 a.m. We'll gather in the Upper Room at the Community Center to discuss our plans, refresh our memories, and talk about business in general.

If you agreed to help with this terrific project, we'll see you

FRYE ISLAND BOOK GROUP 2003 SELECTIONS

EMPIRE FALLS by R.Russo

LOVELY BONES by A. Sibold

LOVE IN THE TIME OF CHOLERA by G.G. Marquez

FOUNDING BROTHERS by J.J.Ellis

FRYE ISLAND GOLF CLUB



KICK-OFF CLASSIC - MAY 24 1:30 TEE TIMES START, 4-PERSON/ 18 HOLE

SCRAMBLE (abcd)

MEMBER/MEMBER, RYDER CUP - MAY 31 1:30, 2-PERSON /18 HOLE (pick your own partner,net)

MORE INFO @ CLUBHOUSE

**MARINA NEWS:**

DUE TO THE LATE OPENING OF THE ISLAND, THE MARINA COMMITTEE MEETING, ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR MAY 10TH, HAS BEEN RE-SCHEDULED FOR MAY 17TH, AT 9AM, AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER. THE PRIMARY FOCUS OF THIS MEETING WILL BE TO HEAR THE INDIVIDUAL CASES/REQUESTS FOR GRANDFATHERING BY MULTIPLE SLIP RENTERS, WHO WISH TO PRESENT THEIR CASE TO THE MARINA COMMITTEE. THIS IS AN OPEN MEETING, AND AS ALWAYS, THE PUBLIC IS WELCOME TO ATTEND.

MARINA COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA:

1. HEAR GRANDFATHERING REQUESTS
2. REVIEW ASSIGNMENTS/WAITING LIST
3. DISCUSS REVISED POLICY CHANGES

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