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Important Information

Town of Frye Island

1 Sunset Road
Frye Island, ME 04071
Phone: 207-655-4551
Fax: 207-655-3422
Email: office@fryeisland.com
Web site: www.fryeisland.com
Town Manager: Wayne Fournier

Office Hours

Tuesday thru Saturday: 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Sunday & Monday: Closed

Code Enforcement Officer (Paul White)

Tuesday mornings and Thursdays 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM
and by appointment on other days. For an appointment
call 207-650-4817.

Fire, Medical, or Police Emergencies – Call 911

Non-emergencies

Frye Island Police: 207-655-2600
Email: wilgetm@maine.rr.com
Fire Department: 207-655-8618

Frye Island News Service

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Wednesday, 3:00 PM - **No Exceptions**

Transfer Station

Low Season Operating Hours

Saturday: 10 AM - 3 PM
Sunday: 12 noon - 5 PM
Holiday weekends: Closed Sundays, open Mondays
8 AM – 12 noon

During low season the Transfer Station can be open on
closed days by appointment only, Monday through
Friday, between 8am to 3pm.

To set up a Transfer Station opening please call the
Public Works Garage at 655-7493 or the office at
655-4551 (please try to call the day before)

Thank you,
Your Public Works Department

Public Works Department

Garage phone: 207-655-7493
Director: John Crosby

Transfer Station gates will be fully closed and locked
when the Transfer Station is not attended, this
requirement is Maine State law. Fees will be charged for
some items. Bagged household trash and sorted
recyclable may be deposited at no charge. Please stop at
the Public Works building or at the Transfer Station
when open for a fee schedule. All fees and operating
rules were approved by the 2004 October Town Meeting
after several public hearings.

Please note that if you are inside the Transfer Station
gates when the gates are locked and the attendant is not
present you are TRESSPASSING, the Frye Island Police
Department will take notice and appropriate action will
be taken. Also if you leave trash or other items (littering)
in front of the gate or over the gate, or household trash in
town maintained trash barrels you will be caught and
prosecuted to fullest extent of the law \$150.00 fine.
(State law).

Dust Control

Dust control for the roads should be completed by the
weekend. The product needs to be put on a damp
surface, and after this weeks rain we will proceed to
grade the roads and then put down the product. We are
trying a new system, in past seasons we cut the product
with water 50%. This season we have tried a few areas
with 100% strength which seems to work much better.
So hopefully if the weather cooperates we will have
most roads covered.

Thanks

I would like this opportunity to thank Cappy for all of
his help this year. He has been out here working since
March 22. Cappy is strictly a volunteer and has saved
this town considerable funds. THANKS CAPPY! Also
Rich Purtell worked here for a week with no pay,
THANK YOU RICH! We have also managed to get
Rich to work part time for DPW this season.

Frye's Leap General Store & Café

The Store and Café will open Memorial Day weekend.



Town News

Island Manager's Comments

Greetings Everyone,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone back to Frye Island for what, hopefully, will be another very enjoyable season. I would also like to offer a very sincere thank you to all of the employees who have worked very hard to get all of the services in shape for the opening. I think they all did a great job.

Long Beach Marina & Quail Circle Canal: The docks at the Long Beach Marina have been installed. We have also reassigned some of the slips which are posted at the Marina and on our website. Both Long Beach Marina and Quail Circle are full and we have waiting lists for both sites so if you do not plan to renew your rental slip, please call the office so that we can reassign your slip to someone on the waiting list. The fees for 2006 are as follows:

- Marina Equity Slips \$225.00
- Marina Rental \$900.00 *
- Quail Circle \$200.00

Slips 63, 65, 67, 69, 71 & 73 at Long Beach Marina are extra wide slips and will be charged an additional \$100.00 rental fee in accordance with the approved Yacht Club Policy.

Remember that your Yacht Club fees must be paid by the time the office closes on Wednesday May 31st or you could lose your spot.

If you are installing a dock at Quail Circle, please make sure you install it correctly so that it doesn't infringe upon your neighbors space.

I am sure that you will notice the activities of the busy little beaver(s) that have inhabited the marina areas. We have been in contact with the Game Warden and the State Biologist and we can't do anything, not even live trap them, until July so we are on top of it but there is not much that can be done at this point. If you are one of the people in Quail that is affected by the lodge they've built, come see me.

Lake Water Levels: Last year at this time I was writing about the high lake levels. This year the lake level is already quite low. Today the lake level is at elevation 264' 2"; last year on this date the level was 267' 3". More than 3 feet higher than it is now. I am not an expert on these things, but I would guess that it is because of the lack of snow this winter and the resultant reduction in run-off. This isn't a problem for ferry traffic at this time but it could be this fall if we don't get some rain to replenish the lake level

Ferry Service:

The crews have been working hard to spruce up the area around the trailer and have finished painting the outside. I think they have done a great job. They have also painted the decks on the ferry and the wheelhouse, relocated the life jacket locker to get more space on deck, and re-worked the anchor attachment on the Ellie Corliss. Training of the ferry crews is an on going process, but we did do emergency training with all of the crews. We also tested the new anchor arrangement by actually dropping the anchor as part of the crew training. I am happy to report that the new arrangement worked quite well, and the anchor held the ferry with a fairly stiff breeze coming out of the north through the "Gut" with waves estimated to be about 3 feet high.

I am continuing to work on an electronic ticketing system with hopes of having something available to test out this year. I would like to thank Bob Russo for helping with this project and also for donating the rebuilt computer and software for the ferry service.

Public Works: The Public Works Department has been working very hard getting the water system operational, the transfer station set-up and the roads in shape for the opening. Last year at this time we had a lot of rain and the roads were quite wet and soft. This year it has been quite dry and John and his crews have spent a lot of time raking roads and cleaning brush from the winter winds. Some of the roads have already been treated with liquid calcium for dust control and John informed me that they would be doing more after the rain earlier this week.

SAD #6: We have initiated a law suit in the Superior Court for Cumberland County challenging the constitutionality of the legislative action that denies the Town of Frye Island the opportunity to withdraw from a school district; a right that all other communities in Maine have as defined by the State Constitution. In addition, we challenge the exemption applied by legislative action that prevents the Town of Frye Island from using the student population as part of the formula for determining the amount of taxes to be paid to support education. The Town has stated on many occasions, including at the last town meeting, that it is not the intention of this law suit to NOT pay toward the education of Maine students, but only to be treated as all other communities in the State are. SAD 6 has filed a motion to intervene in this law suit even though our complaint is with the State of Maine. The court has agreed to allow their intervention. Our attorneys are now preparing documents for the Court.

I have received the school tax allocation for the 2006 / 2007 fiscal year from SAD 6. Frye Island's State valuation increased from \$69,200,000 in 2004 to \$90,600,000 in 2005. This will result in an increase in our local share of the school tax from 4.22% to 4.80% which in turn results in an increase of \$82, 466.38. This means that our school tax bill for 2006 / 2007 will increase from \$735,719 to \$818,185.

If this isn't bad enough, we already know that the State valuation for next year is over \$111,000,000. Very basically, the State valuation is based on the "fair market value" of Improved property (property with a dwelling) and is determined by an audit of the selling price of improved property sold on the Island during the selling period which is usually from July 1st of one year to June 30th of the next. With a similar school budget in 2007 / 2008, our school tax bill could be almost \$1,000,000.

Public Hearings: There will be 2 public hearings to discuss the future if the Growth Management Ordinance. The first will be held Saturday May 27th, at 9:00 AM at the Community Center. The second will be held on Saturday June 17th, same time and place. It seems the options being discussed are to modify the way the process is administered from an ever increasing waiting list to an annual lottery or to rescind the ordinance all together. If you have an opinion and would like to comment please attend the meeting. If you are unable to attend either of them, drop me an e-mail at wfournier@fryeisland.com and I will see that the Board gets it.

There will also be a public hearing / presentation of the SAD #6 budget on Saturday May 27th at 11:00 AM in the Administration Building.

Have a safe week!

Wayne

Getting Mail on the Island This Year

We have encountered many problems since our postal carrier requested that we add a box as well as our address. A main problem is that we share the same zip code as Raymond, and with the box added they contend that the mail will be delayed because it goes to the boxes in Raymond first. We have also been notified that the change of address cards you filled out from where you were to here have been altered from Frye Island to Raymond (again the zip code problem). If you encounter any of these problems, please notify the Raymond post office (207) 655-4974.

Board of Selectmen/Executive Committee

Saturday, May 6, 2006, at 9:00 AM

Admin. Bldg.

Planning Board Meeting

Saturday, May 13, 2006, at 8:30 AM

Community Center

Agenda

1. Minutes and Correspondence
2. Old Business
3. New Business
 - Review of Growth Management Ordinance
 - Update of Comprehensive Plan

Please send requests for additional agenda items to Marge Hommel.

This is a public meeting. The public is urged to attend.

Public Hearings

There will be two Public Hearings on Saturday May 27th

9:00a to discuss amending the Growth Management Ordinance at the Community Center

and

11:00a to discuss the school budget, this will be presented by SAD-6 at the Admin. Bldg.



Leisure Lounge

Fairway Lane (next to the golf pro shop)

655-3551

Open to the Public

Hours: (before Memorial Day weekend)

Monday - Thursday: Closed

Friday - Saturday: 9:00 AM – Midnight

Sunday: 8:30 AM - 5 PM



Enjoy satellite reception on our 42" plasma TV.

We have free wireless Internet access!

Full Bar

Beer, Wine, Mixed Drinks

\$3.00 Root Beer Floats

Complimentary Coffee

Snacks

\$5.00 Pizza

\$1.00 Hot Dogs

\$4.00 Chicken Wings

Complimentary Popcorn



Ferry News

655-4258

This Week's Ferry Schedule

	First Ferry	Second Ferry
Saturday	7 AM - 11 PM	
Sunday	7 AM - 9 PM	12 PM-8 PM
Monday	7 AM - 7 PM	7 AM-9 AM 3 PM-5 PM
Tuesday	7 AM - 9 PM	7 AM-9 AM 3 PM-5 PM
Wednesday	7 AM - 7 PM	7 AM-9 AM 3 PM-5 PM
Thursday	7 AM - 11 PM	7 AM-9 AM 3 PM-5 PM
Friday	7 AM - 12 Mid	7 AM – 9 AM 2 PM – 8 PM

Notes

Please pick up a new 2006-ferry schedule at the office or the ferry trailer, and note any changes. Also, remember that the second ferry LEAVES THE ISLAND at 7 am Monday through Friday.

WE WANT YOUR INPUT

Please direct any ferry complaints, suggestions or compliments to John Crosby at 655-7493 or at fidpw@pivot.net

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

The ferry service is looking for a few good islanders to work as deck crew, boat captains or captains in training. Earn valuable ferry passes while helping your community. If interested call John Crosby at 655-7493 or email at fidpw@pivot.net

THANKS!

Thanks to Ross Graham, Kevin Lamarre, Doreen Nicoli, Ken Thurston, Eric Berube and Cappy for all of their hard work getting the ferries and the ferry terminal in great shape.

In addition, a special thanks to painter, mate and captain in training Michelle Shepard our #1 worker!

Let's have a great season and thanks for your anticipated cooperation

John Crosby



Fire Department

Fire Barn: 207-655-8618

12 Fire Safety Tips

1. Install and maintain smoke detectors

Smoke detectors warn you of a fire in time for you to escape. Install them on each level of your home and outside of each sleeping area. Test them every month, following the manufacturer's directions. Replace the batteries once a year, or whenever a detector chirps to signal that the battery is low. Don't ever borrow the detector's batteries for another use – a disabled smoke detector can't save your life.

2. Smokers need watching

Carelessly discarded cigarettes are the leading cause of fire deaths in North America. Never smoke in bed or when you are sleepy. Provide large deep ashtrays. Wet butts before placing them in the trash. If you are having a party, have a designated smoking area and be particularly careful.

3. Be careful when cooking

Never leave cooking unattended. Keep the cooking area clear of combustibles, and wear short or tight fitting sleeves when you cook. Keep the handles of your pots and pans turned inward so they can't be knocked over. If grease catches fire, carefully slide a lid over the pan to smother the flames. Never use water on a grease fire – it will only spread the flames. Have an appropriate fire extinguisher available for small fires.

4. Cool a burn

If someone gets burned, immediately place the burned area in cool water for 10-15 minutes. Do not use butter or other home remedies. All burns are potentially dangerous, especially to children and the elderly. Seek professional medical assistance when needed.

5. Matches and lighters are tools

In the hands of children, matches and lighters are deadly. Use child-resistant lighters, and store all matches and lighters up high where kids can't reach them. Teach your children from the start that matches and lighters are tools for adults, not toys for kids.

6. Use electricity safely

If an appliance smokes or has an unusual odor, unplug it right away and have it repaired or replaced. Replace any electrical cord that is cracked or frayed and don't run electrical cords under rugs. Don't overload outlets or extension cords. Don't tamper with fuse boxes or circuit breakers; have a qualified electrician perform any needed electrical work.

7. Space heaters need space

Keep portable and space heaters at least three (3) feet from anything that can burn. Never leave a heater on when you are not home or when you go to bed. Keep children and pets well away from space heaters.

8. Plan and practice to escape

Even if you have lived in your home for 20 years or more, in a house fire you will not know where you are. The smoke is blinding and toxic and it will kill you long before the flames get to you. As a family, plan an escape route. Plan two ways out of each room. Choose a meeting place outside where everyone will gather. Practice your plan at least twice a year; make it realistic.

If fire breaks out in your home, get out fast. Don't stop for anything. Don't try to rescue pets or possessions. Go directly to your meeting place and call the fire department from a neighbor's house. Once you are out, stay out and don't re-enter the house. The heat and smoke of a fire are overpowering. If people are trapped, firefighters have the best chance of rescuing them.

9. Stay low and go!

Smoke is dangerous. It claims more lives than the fire that makes it. Try to exit away from the smoke if possible. If this can't be done, get down on the floor and crawl out of the area. Crawl on your hands and knees, keeping your head low to the floor. Smoke contains deadly gases and heat rises. During a fire, cleaner air will be near the floor. It will be easier to see and breathe and it will be cooler.

10. Test doors before opening

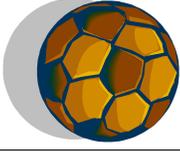
While kneeling or crouching at the door, reach up as high as you can and touch the door, the knob and the space between the door and the frame with the back of your hand. If the door is hot, use another escape route. If the door is cool, open it with caution and check the condition outside.

11. What to do when trapped

If you find yourself trapped, close all doors between you and the fire. Stuff the cracks around the door with clothing or towels to keep the smoke out. Wait by a window and signal for help. If there is a phone in the room, call the fire department and tell them exactly where you are. Stay on the phone with them if possible.

12. Stop, drop, and roll

Everyone should know how to stop, drop, and roll. If your clothes catch fire, don't run! Stop where you are, drop to the ground, cover your face with your hands to protect your face and lungs, and roll over and over to smother the flames.



Activities & Recreation

Recreation Chairperson: Andrea Sansonetti

Community Center Hours

The Community Center is closed until Memorial Day Weekend.

Labor Day Dinner Dance Is Back



The dinner dance will be on Sunday September 3. It will feature a live band, Annie and the Orphans, who performed for us last year. Talk to anyone who attended last year's performance and we think you will find that the music was great and everyone had a fantastic time. Details will follow.

Frye Island Chapel

TBD (when Community Center opens)

Weekly non-denominational religious services are held at the Community Center every Sunday from 9:00 to 9:30 AM through October. All are welcome! Dress is casual. Guest Chaplains: Rev. Ted Eckholm and Rev. Richard Petersen.

Book Group 2006

The following titles will be read and discussed in 2006:

- "The Kite Runner" by K.Hosseini
- "Disgrace" by J.M.Coetzee
- "State of Fear" by M.Crichton
- "A Walk in the Woods" by B.Bryson



Frye Island Golf Club

655-3551

Open to the Public

Fairway Lane

Hours (before Memorial Day weekend)

Monday - Thursday: clubhouse closed
(any applicable green fees will be collected by greens keeper)

Friday - Saturday: 9:00 AM - Dusk

Sunday: 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM

(Weather permitting)

**Tee times are highly recommended,
especially on the weekends.**

Greens Fees

Weekday: \$18.00

Weekend and Holidays: \$30.00

Twilight (after 5 PM): \$13.00

Weekday Youth (16 and under): \$10.00

3-day weekday pass: \$45.00

Week-long unlimited golf pass: \$100.00

Cart Rentals

Gas Cart:

9 Holes: \$16.00

18 Holes: \$26.00

Pull Cart:

9 or 18 Holes: \$4.00

Club Rentals: \$12.00

Memberships are now due

If you are interested in becoming a member, come by the clubhouse to join.

Family membership: \$810.00

Single membership: \$540.00

Pro Shop

Come to the Pro Shop for all of your golfing needs. We also have an assortment of hats, jackets, and shirts.

May 2006

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6 9:00a BOS/EC @ Admin. Bldg.
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 8:30a Planning Board Mtg @ CC
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 9:00a BOS/EC @ TBD
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 9:00a Public Hearing – “Growth Management Ordinance” @ CC 11:00a Public Hearing – School Budget presented by SAD-6 @ Admin. Bldg.
28	29	30	31			