



Frye Island News Service

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Island Manager's Comments

Greetings everyone: I would like to welcome everyone back for another season on the Island. I would like to thank all of the employees and volunteers that work hard to get everything ready for the opening.

FINS: The FINS is intended to be a very basic news letter that we publish every week to provide information to Islanders and guests. We do our best to eliminate personal opinions and will continue to do so. Like wise, we have avoided accepting "editorial" comments and/or "letters to the editor" and we will continue to do that as well. The Fins started out as a one or two page information sheet that has grown to 19 to 20; part of that is my rather wordy portion. However, we are going to try to eliminate repeating a lot of the information we publish every week to reduce the size of the FINS which hopefully will save some of the costs.

Ferries: At the end of last season and the beginning of this, we were able to paint both ferries and complete a number of somewhat minor maintenance tasks. In addition, we painted most of the steel structure on the gantries. We were unable to paint the underside of the Island gantry because the water level is too high but we have scheduled to have this done later in the year. As you know, the ferry / gantry systems are the life line to the Island so it is extremely important that these maintenance projects be completed on a routine basis.

NIXLE: I have applied, on behalf of the Town of Frye Island, to become an "Authorized Information Provider" with NIXLE. NIXLE is a service that provides a means for municipalities and public safety agencies to connect with their residents via text, web, and email so their residents can be informed of important notifications. The best part of this is that it is a free service to both the municipality and to residents as well. Our application is still being processed, which takes a few days. Once we are accepted, we will be able to initiate notices to all Islanders. However, in order to access the notices you will be required to subscribe. As soon as we are accepted as an "Authorized Information Provider" I will let you know how to subscribe. If you would like to learn more about NIXLE you can access their website at www.nixle.com.

Meeting Reminder: Executive Committee Meeting: The next meeting of the Board of Selectmen / Executive Committee has been scheduled for 8:00 AM Saturday May 17th. The meeting is tentatively scheduled to be held at the Administration office but may be changed to the Community Center. I will let you know.

Town Manager: The search for a new Town Manager is winding down. Hopefully, an appointment will be announced at the next Executive Committee meeting.

Charter Amendment: It has been suggested by a number of Islanders that we amend the Charter to hold the annual Town meeting on or before the Labor Day weekend instead of the Columbus Day weekend. We have scheduled a public hearing for 2PM on Saturday May 24th to discuss this proposed amendment. I have attached a proposed draft of the wording for the amendment. Now listen. This is just a draft of the wording to give us a starting point at the public hearing and is subject to change as a result of the hearing. I will have more on this next week.

Ring Road Project: If you haven't already heard, our application to construct a Ring Road / parking area on the Cape Road property we own was denied by the Raymond Planning Board. State statutes allow 30 days to file an appeal of that decision with the Cumberland County Superior Court. Unfortunately, that 30 day window would have expired before the Island opened this year so it was the consensus of the Executive Committee to file the appeal and simultaneously request a hold be put on the process to give the Executive Committee an opportunity to discuss this with the Island residents. We just learned that we were given a 90 day stay which began on April 25th. This will be discussed at the May 17th meeting.

Ring Road Project: The Ring Road project on the mainland has been put on hold until a public hearing can be held on the Island. This may be combined with the Charter Amendment held Saturday May 24th.

Public Safety: A couple of announcements.... One, Dave Bond has accepted the appointment as the Fire Chief for Frye Island. Dave was serving as the acting Chief but we were able to coerce him into taking the Chief's position. Dave picked up the pieces last season and put everything back together for us. We could still use more volunteers so if you are at all interested please contact the office. Two.... As a result of the vote at last fall's Town meeting, we have expanded the Emergency Medical Services on the Island to 24/7 for the entire season. You may recall that last year we upgraded our service to the Basic Life Support (BLS) level which allows us to legally transport patients to meet the Town of Raymond Advanced Life Support service when warranted. This worked very well for us last year. Hopefully, no one will need this service but it certainly is comforting to know that it is there if needed. If memory serves me, the average response time last year was about 2.5 – 3 minutes from the time a call for service was received until the Frye Island EMT's were able to provide patient care. This compares with 20 – 25 for Raymond EMS to arrive on scene. A significant advantage.

New Municipal Office: The construction of the new Municipal Offices has begun. The concrete foundation was poured this week and construction of the knee walls and the first floor deck are expected to follow soon after. You may recall that a warrant article on the October Town meeting to apply for a loan through the Maine Municipal Bond Bank was approved. We applied for that loan this winter and we were approved for their spring bond issue. The MMBB bundles a number of loan requests into a larger bond issue. We were able to get an excellent TIC rate of 2.084012% for this loan. TIC is True Interest Cost – an average

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of the rates.

Long Beach Marina: Installation of the docks at the Long Beach marina is scheduled for the weekend of May 17th. Please don't stick your boat in there until the docks are installed. It makes the installation much more difficult and your boat could get damaged during the installation process. Remember, that all slip fees must be paid by Memorial Weekend or you take the chance of losing your slip.

The fees for 2014 are the same as last year:

- Marina Equity Slips \$225.00 *
- Marina Rental \$900.00 *
- Quail Circle \$200.00
- Xtra wide slips add \$100.00

BOS / EC Meeting: The next meeting of the Board of Selectmen / Executive Committee has been scheduled for 8:00 AM Saturday May 17th at the Administration Office.

Public Hearing: A public hearing meeting has been scheduled for 2:00 PM on Saturday May 24th at the Community Center to discuss an amendment to the Town Charter to change the meeting date of the annual Town Meeting.

Have a great weekend.

Wayne

Draft Warrant Article -- Town Charter Amendment

Article YY. To see if the Voters of the Town of Frye Island will vote to amend the Town Charter Articles II & VII to move the Annual Town Meeting date and Budget Preparation dates as shown in following text (additions shown in red italic and deletions shown in strike-through):

Article II. Town Meeting

Section 1. Meetings. Annual Town Meeting shall be held each year in the Town of Frye Island *on or before* the *last* weekend of *August* ~~Columbus Day Holiday (October)~~ each year. *The exact date shall be published at least 30 days before the meeting.* Town Budget and Elections shall be a part of the Annual Meeting. Special Town Meetings can be called by a majority of the Selectmen or, if the Selectmen refuse to call a Town Meeting, by a notary public on the written petition of a number of Voters equal to at least 10% of the number of votes cast in the Town of Frye Island at the last gubernatorial election, but in no case less than 10. Special town meetings held during the months of November through April require 30 day advance notice by first class mail to all Frye Island Voters and property owners. There is no quorum requirement (i.e., minimum number of Voters required to conduct valid transactions) for Town Meetings or Town Elections.

Article VII. Financial Procedures

Section 2. Budget Preparation - Municipal Items. The Town Manager shall initiate and assist in municipal budget development and capital improvement plan development for the coming fiscal year no later than *July 1* ~~September 1~~, consult with the Executive Committee of the Board of Island Trustees (or Municipal Budget Committee, if one is appointed) and hold at least one public hearing *during the last weekend in July* ~~by September 10~~, and present to the Executive Committee of the Board of Island Trustees the proposed budget by *the first weekend in August* ~~September 15~~. The Executive Committee of the Board of Island Trustees will review the proposed budget and make any changes with the recommendations of the Budget Committee so noted and have available to the Selectmen by *the second weekend in August* ~~September 30~~. The Town Manager shall also review contribution requests from the public service organizations serving the local area and submit recommendations to the Executive Committee of the Board of Island Trustees by *August 1* ~~September 1~~.

Section 3. Budget Preparation - Other Items. The Town Manager shall initiate and assist in non-municipal budget development (school, county and state budget items) for the coming fiscal year no later than *July 1* ~~September 1~~, consult with the Board of Selectmen (or Budget Committee, if one is appointed) and hold at least one public hearing *during the last weekend in July* ~~by September 10~~, and present to the Board of Selectmen the proposed budget by *the first weekend in August* ~~September 15~~. The Board of Selectmen will review the proposed budget and make any changes with the recommendations of the Budget Committee so noted and have available *one week before the Annual Town Meeting* by ~~September 30~~.



Activities & Recreation

Recreation Chairperson: Tom Bishop

UPCOMING EVENTS – MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
5/17	8:00am	BOS / EC	Administration Office
5/24	10:00am	Annual Plant & Bake Sale	Old Fire Barn next to Post Office
5/24	2:00pm	Public Hearing	Community Center

Annual Plant & Bake Sale

Saturday, May 24th
10:00 AM TO 1:00 PM
Old Fire Barn – Next To Post Office

The F.I. Garden Club is having its annual plant and bake sale on the Saturday of Memorial Day Weekend from 10 AM to 1 PM. All the proceeds go to funding the beautification of the gardens at the ferry and Community Center. Islanders are invited to contribute and/or purchase plants and baked goods at this yearly event.

More details will follow.

Transfer Station

Saturday: 10 AM - 6 PM
Sunday: 10 AM - 6 PM
Holiday weekends: Saturday - Monday, 10 AM - 6 PM

Frye Island Book Group Selections for 2014

CUTTING FOR STONE by A. Verghese
BURY YOUR DEAD by L. Penny
ORPHAN TRAIN by C.B. Kline
STEVE JOBS by W. Isaacson



Free Family Fishing Days May 31 & June 1, 2014

On these days, any person (except those whose license has been suspended or revoked) may fish without a license.

All other laws and regulations apply on these days.



Frye's Leap

General Store and Café

655-4256

It's a new season at Frye's Leap General Store and Café and we are excited to be back! We have a number of things underway as we prepare for the opening of the 2014 season. There were a lot of creative juices flowing across our entire management team this past winter! While none of the ideas that we will be implementing are as large and as visible as the remodeling that was done to the kitchen last year, our intent is to continue to improve the quality of our service and the products that we bring to you. We hope that these serve to improve your experiences as you come visit us at the café and store.

Let's start off with the opening schedule. The store we plan to have stocked and open for business Wednesday May 21. I hope to have papers for sale prior to that, starting with Saturday May 17. Until we hit the high season, we will sell the Portland paper 7 days a week and the Boston papers only on Sunday.

For the café, we will open Friday May 23 at 4pm for the start of the Memorial Day Weekend. We will be open Friday thru Monday for the holiday weekend and then Friday thru Sunday for the subsequent weekends leading up to the high season.

On the store front, once again we had fun this winter selecting new designs for shirts and other apparel. We are very excited about the new designs that we are introducing and hope that you will be as well. Once we get into the high season, we will once again offer a selection of fresh produce. We are also looking to carrying a meat selection, ranging from packaged cold cuts to steaks. More to come on that front!

In the café, we will be making some subtle changes to the base menu. Most of the change will come in the form of an increased number of daily specials. One of the off season purchases we made was a smoker and we are hoping to offer smoked barbecue from time to time. We will have some fun experimenting with what we can do with that! And of course, we will be sure to offer one of the best selections of craft beer that you can find in the area.

On the digital front, if you have not already, be sure to "friend" the Frye's Leap General Store and Café on Facebook. We try to update the status on a somewhat regular basis and want to improve our use of this as a means of communicating with our customers and friends once the season kicks into gear. And be sure to check out our new, redesigned website at www.fryesleap.com. We have freshened it up some and are in the process of adding online ordering. We are really excited about it!

We look forward to seeing you in the coming weeks and having another great summer serving you at the store and café.

Amy and Dave Wagner

Frye Island Police & EMS



Rod Beaulieu
Chief of Police
Director of EMS

Dispatch (207) 893-2810
Office (207) 655-2600
Fax (207) 655-3422
police@fryeisland.com



Welcome back

This is one of my favorite times of the year as I'm sure it is yours. Everyone is getting back together and getting caught up after a long winter. I look forward to visiting with many of you as soon as possible. But first, a little bit of routine business and a couple of reminders.

How to contact the Frye Island Police-EMS Department

To avoid any confusion contacting your Police and EMS Department, please follow these simple rules.

1. For emergencies; always dial 911
2. For non-emergency business; dial 893-2810 in area code 207. This is the number to the dispatch center that the island contracts with. Contact will be made with Police, Fire and EMS in real time by way of radio, phone, pager or email via I Phone. A call will be returned to the complainant shortly after we receive the information from dispatch.
3. When calling for police and EMS services please give a landmark along with your address. Example; I live at XXX Leisure lane across from Beach #_. This will allow a quicker response.
4. Please do not leave police messages with the folks at the Town Hall, Public Works, Fire Department or other Town departments. In the past they have all been kind enough to relay messages to the police department but this is not their responsibility.

Golf Carts

As we all know the island has an island exemption from the State of Maine to utilize golf carts as a form of transportation on the island. Simply, what this means is that due to our unique situation, being island residents, we can operate golf carts on public ways. This is a privilege, not a right, and with all privileges from the State, this is governed by State Law. All golf cart operation must meet the following standards.

1. All golf carts must be registered through the Town Hall with the lot number displayed at the rear of the golf cart, (\$12.00)
2. All golf carts have to be insured the same as any motor vehicle, (\$50.00 to \$75.00).
3. All operators of golf carts must have a valid driver's license. There is no exception.
4. Golf carts that are operated after dark must have lights turned on.

Volunteer Ambulance Drivers Wanted

A one day ambulance driver's course will be held on June 21st here on the island. This 4-6 hr course will certify volunteers as AVOC Drivers and enable them to legally operate the ambulance during patient transport situations.

If you are interested and want to discuss this further, please send an email to police@fryeisland.com or just get word to the police department at 893-2810.

PUBLIC WORKS AND FERRY

Welcome back Islanders! We hope you had a safe and healthy winter.

VOLUNTEERS, I don't know how we would get the island opened or for that matter closed without them.

Thanks to Dave Bond and Todd Voltz for their work in filling and flushing water lines. Thanks to Tom Sibley, Pat Bixby, Steve Amero, Trevor Gudreau and Paul Kimball for all of their help.

John Crosby



"A view of the foundation from Fairway Lane".



"Islander Scott Flynn of Flynn Foundations putting the finishing touches on the new town hall foundation".

FERRY

The Ellie boat was on the haul out all winter after getting her paint touched up and some needed welding completed, we splashed the LLII on April 21st and hauled out the Ellie the same day, Limerick Steeple Jacks touched up the paint did some welding repairs and that boat is also in service.

DPW appropriate quote of the week;

"The loudest voice in the room is the weakest one in the room".

Unknown



Ferry News

655-4258

This Week's Ferry Schedule

	First Ferry	Second Ferry
Saturday	7 AM - 11 PM	
Sunday	7 AM - 9 PM	
Monday	7 AM - 7 PM	
Tuesday	7 AM - 9 PM	
Wednesday	7 AM - 7 PM	
Thursday	7 AM - 11 PM	
Friday	7 AM - 12 Mid	

The Frye Island Ferry Crew wants to welcome everyone back for a fun (hopefully sunny and warm!) new season.



655-3551

Leisure Lounge

Fairway Lane (next to the golf pro shop)

Open to the Public

Hours:

Friday & Saturday: 9:00 AM – Midnight

Sunday: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Last call 11:50 pm

Sports Fans:



Enjoy satellite reception on two flat screen televisions



Please:

**NO CHILDREN UNDER 16
AFTER 9:00 PM**

**At the lounge we offer a full bar
including beer and wine**



655-3551

Frye Island Golf Club

Open to the Public

Fairway Lane

Hours

Friday & Saturday: 9:00 AM – Dusk

Sunday: 8:30 AM - Dusk

Closed Monday – Thursday

(For those who would like to play on the days the clubhouse is closed, the greens keeper will collect any applicable fees.)

Sunday Scramble Fee (9 holes): \$20.00

Greens Fees

Weekday Adult: \$27.00

Weekend and Holidays: \$36.00

Twilight (after 5 PM)

Weekdays \$20.00

Weekends \$23.00

Weekday Youth (16 or younger): \$10.00

Weekend Youth (16 or younger): \$20.00

3-day weekday pass: \$60.00

Week-long unlimited golf pass: \$150.00

Cart Rentals

Gas Cart:

9 Holes: \$16.00

18 Holes: \$26.00

Pull Cart:

9 or 18 Holes: \$4.00

Club Rentals: \$12.00

Own Cart (no trail fee)

9 Holes: \$10.00

18 Holes: \$20.00

Reminder

Annual membership can be paid at the town hall or pro shop, checks or cash only.

Note:

The 2014 tournament schedule has availability for additional tournaments (both for members and outside events).

2014 Fee Schedule

- Single Membership \$675.00
- Family Membership \$1,000.00
- Trail Fee \$220.00
- Initiation Fee \$525.00

*\$25 Discount for Memberships paid prior to May 15.

Tentative 2014 Tournament Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Tournament</u>	<u>Organizers</u>
Sat, May 24	Ryder Cup	Mark Thomas
Sat, Jun 7	Superintendents Revenge	Dana
Fri, Jun 20	GE Tournament (Private)	Tom Bishop
Sat/Sun, Jun 21-22	June Invitational (Private)	John Kett
Sat, Jun 28	Summer Open (Private)	John Hodge
Jul 1 – Labor Day	Club Championship	Nisula(s) or TBD
Sat, Jul 5	Steak and Hot Dog	J.Kett/R.Thurston
Sat, Jul 19	Night Golf	J.Kett/M.Hurley
Sat/Sun, Aug 9-10	Member-Guest	Hodge(s)
Sat, Aug 16	President's Cup w/Lunch	Vic S/Laura D
Sat, Aug 23	Night Golf	T.Canty/J.Hirsch
Fri-Sun, Sep 5-7	Sebago Lake Escape(Private)	Mark Thomas
Sat, Sep 20	TKE Fall Classic (Private)	Hodge(s)
Sat, Oct 4	Captains Choice	Bob, Laura & Ken
Thurs, Oct 18	Cross Country	Bob & Todd