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Island Manager's Comments

Greetings everyone: It is hard to believe that we are almost into June the way the weather has been. Let's hope that when we turn the page on the calendar the weather changes (for the better) also.

Town Manager: I am pleased to announce that Gary Donohue has been appointed the Town Manager effective July 1st 2014.

SAD 6: The hearing on the proposed budget for SAD 6 was held last week at the Bonny Eagle Middle School. The budget as proposed passed. That was the first step in the process. The second and final step in the process is the budget validation referendum. This is just a YES or NO vote. Yes I approve the budget as approved at the budget hearing or no I don't. This validation election will be held on Tuesday, June 10th at the Frye Island Community Center. The vote is conducted by secret ballot. The polls will open at 10:00AM and close at 8:00PM. All registered voters are urged to vote. Absentee ballots are available in the office for those registered voters that are unable to vote in person.

The budget that was approved at the budget hearing last week will increase the SAD #6 assessment for Frye Island from \$1,337,705 to \$1,420,437, an increase of \$82,732. If the proposed budget passes the validation election as presented, our taxes will increase by about \$41,400 for the remainder of 2014 (July 1 – December 31) and an additional \$41,400 for the first 6 months of 2015. We haven't prepared the budget for the 2015 tax year yet but typically the tax rate changes about 1 cent for every thousand dollars of change in the budget. So, if the SAD 6 budget increases by \$41,000+, the tax rate will increase by \$0.41 (41 cents) or we will need to cut \$41,000 from the operating budget to keep the tax rate flat.

Maine State Primary Election: Primary elections will be held Statewide on Tuesday June 10th. The election will be held at the Community Center on High Point Drive. The polls will open at 10:00AM and close at 8:00PM. Absentee ballots are available in the Town office if you are unable to vote in person. Sample ballots for the Democratic, Green Independent and Republican parties have been posted on the bulletin boards at the town office. In the primary elections voters are restricted to voting for candidates in the party they are enrolled in only. There are no ballots for the "unenrolled" voters or those that have registered but have chosen not to enroll in one of the major parties.

NIXLE: We have 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. We can initiate notices to all Islanders that subscribe to the service. However, in order to access the notices you will be required to subscribe. You can subscribe by going to their website at www.nixle.com and following the prompts. It is easy.....I just enrolled myself.

Public hearing: A public hearing was held last Saturday. There were 2 items on the agenda. The first was to discuss a proposal to amend the Town Charter to change the annual meeting date from October to the end of August. There was a considerable amount of discussion but in the end it appeared that the attendees were pretty much split between leaving the date as it is and changing it. There was also a lot of discussion about allowing absentee voting at the Town meeting instead of changing the meeting date. Pat Karpacz, a member of the original charter commission, explained that the Town of Frye Island is very unique in the fact that non-registered voters are given an opportunity to speak at the Town meeting and to vote on budgetary and land use articles. Pat explained that the purpose of the Board of Island Trustees was to serve in an advisory capacity to the registered voters only. That is the reason the charter required attendance at the meetings in order to vote.

The second item on the agenda was to discuss the future of the ring road project. Wayne reminded everyone that the Raymond Planning Board had denied our application for a ring road / parking area, Frye Island did appeal the denial to the Superior Court in accordance with the required statutes and received a 90 day stay on the appeal process so that this could be discussed with the Town at this meeting. He presented an alternate proposal that provided a turn lane from the Raymond Cape Road that would allow vehicles approaching the ferry to queue off the travel lane when necessary. The plan also included the parking area for approximately 45 vehicles but eliminated the vehicle crossing at the Cape Road / Ferry access road intersection. Vehicle traffic to and from the parking area would be via the Quarry Cove Road. Pedestrians would be required to exit the parking area via a walking path and cross the Cape Road to the ferry.

Both of these issues will be discussed at an Executive Committee meeting scheduled for Saturday morning May 31st at 8:00AM in the Community Center.

I do have to correct a comment I made at the Public Hearing. I said that I had received a petition to have the Executive Committee consider changing the meeting date but the petition was to record the meetings only. It did not include the charter amendment to change the meeting date.

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Ferry Ticket Policy: We used to have a policy that required residents “not in good standing” to have to pay the full rate for ferry tickets. “Not in good standing” meant a resident was not current on their taxes or owed some other required fees. We abandoned that a few years ago but the Executive Committee has decided to revive that policy. Therefore, effective June 1st, all property owners that have been issued a lien on their property because of delinquent taxes will be required to pay the “office rate” for their ferry tickets. This means the cost for a standard automobile will be \$25 as opposed to the discounted price of \$15.

Meeting Reminder: Public Hearing: There will be a meeting of the Executive Committee at 8:00 AM on Saturday, May 31st at the Community Center. .

Ferry Ticket/EZ Ride Reminder: When sending in checks to the office to be deposited into your individual accounts - please include your Lot #'s, we do not use your badge #'s.

Vehicle Re-registration: Please bring your current registration when re-registering automobiles, trailers, motorcycles, etc., this helps the clerks locate the plate number.

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: Nancy Donio

UPCOMING EVENTS – MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
5/31	8:00am	BOS/EC Mtg	Community Center
5/31	7:00pm	Capture the Flag	Ball field
6/10	10:00am	SAD6 Validation Referendum / Primary Election	Community Center
6/25	Noon	Ladies of the Lake Luncheon	Frye's Leap Café
7/5	following parade	Fire Dept Open House and Hot Dog Picnic	Fire Station
7/5	Dusk	Fireworks	Long Beach Marina



Frye Island Chapel

Services every Sunday 9:00 to 9:30 AM

In the Upper Room of the Community Center

All are welcome. Dress is casual.

You are cordially invited to attend our weekly **non-denominational** services.

Communion is offered on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of every month and a coffee and snack hour following the service on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month.

Chaplains: Rev. Theodore Ekholm and
Rev. David DeLuca

Frye Island Book Group Selections for 2014

All Islanders are invited to join us at the Community Center Library at 7:30p to discuss the following:

June 23 ORPHAN TRAIN by C.B. Kline

July 14 CUTTING FOR STONE by A. Verghese

Aug. 4 STEVE JOBS by W. Isaacson

Aug. 25 BURY YOUR DEAD by L. Penny



Capture the Flag
This Saturday evening 7:00pm
At the Ballfield (weather permitting)

Frye Island Fitness Center

Alicia Vesprini is planning for a Fitness Center on the Island and fund-raising is an essential part of the process. There is a growing body of evidence that fitness activities improve the length and quality of one's life and also help to delay the development of Alzheimer's Disease. You have an opportunity to get in early as a founding member for \$500, or more, or at other levels from \$100-200 or any amount that you wish to contribute. A few thousand dollars have already been committed. This is a good cause and it would be a useful resource for those who are interested and another amenity that could attract renters and add value to our homes. The plan is to have the Center be self-supported by user fees.

The funds will be held in an escrow account and they will be refunded if the Center is not developed. Please e-mail me the amount that fits your interest in the project and if you have exercise equipment that you would be willing to contribute, if it were needed. The funds will be collected at a later date.

Thanks in advance,

Ed Charrette

edcharrette@gmail.com

Frye Island Trails Team

The maintenance of our Island trail system has been mainly a one-man show for the past several years. Well, the good news is that it is now time to share the feeling of accomplishment that comes from improving an Island amenity.

There are two options that those of you who are interested may select: One way is to join a new informal Trails Team that will participate in 1 or 2 after-noon work sessions early each season. The other option is independent trail work consisting of removing debris and leaf-blowing the trail(s) of your choice. Other activities include clipping over-hanging branches and covering survey pins with old tennis balls or plastic bottles and chain-sawing fallen trees that are blocking a path.

If you are willing to join the team, please e-mail me at edcharrette@gmail.com.

The independent workers can pleasantly surprise us on their own time schedule.

Thanks in advance,

Ed Charrette



LADIES OF THE LAKE LUNCHEON

Wednesday, June 25th

Yummy meal selections are being decided.
You won't want to miss this chance to meet new neighbors and catch up on island news with familiar faces.

More details to follow.



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

And opening day is behind us! We are in full swing! Actually, not really in full swing, but we are working thru the kinks. If you had the chance to make it down to the store and café this past weekend, hopefully you noticed some of the changes that we have made. In the store we replaced all of our shelving allowing us to carry more items and improve the merchandising of our stock. We also augmented our selection of wines, adding more choices in the \$10 to \$15 range. In the café we added two new high tops in the bar area as well as adding some custom made stools at the bar. They are really quite nice with images of the Frye Island logo burned into the seat. When you come to sit at the bar, you are truly sitting on Frye Island. ☺ And with regards to our docks, the short docks closest to the ferry landing have been completely re-done, with a new walkway connecting the island to the docks. Much safer!

In the store we are working on getting as much merchandise out on display as possible. This past week we were able to get our Great Bay Pottery merchandise stocked. We have a rather extensive collection of items this year, including an increased number of Christmas ornaments that have been quite popular in the past. Cross items off of your Christmas shopping list early! Something else that we have added is the Frye Island Coffee Mug club. Buy one of these travel mugs and get your first cup of coffee free and each subsequent refill is only \$1.50. What a fresh roasted deal!

At the café, we will continue to expand our menu slowly each weekend until we ultimately get to our anticipated full menu as we enter the high season. And we will continue to offer drink and menu specials. This past weekend our featured drink was a frozen Bahama Mama and our dinner special was a fish and chips platter. We will continue to innovate and offer new items throughout the course of the season so be sure to check out the specials board when you come down. Something else that we did this past weekend that was received quite favorably was having live music played on Saturday evening. This went over so well that we will be doing it again this Saturday as well starting at 7pm. Be sure to come down and listen to Alana MacArthur play some easy listening music while you dine, enjoy a drink or are having an ice cream. And if you don't feel like making breakfast on Saturday or Sunday morning, come on down and join us for our breakfast buffet.

Our hours for the coming week are as follows:

Store Hours 5/30 thru 6/05:

Friday	8:30am	8:00pm
Saturday	8:00am	9:00pm
Sunday	8:00am	6:00pm
Mon thru Thurs	8:30am	5:30pm

Café 5/23 thru 5/29:

Friday	4:00pm	9:00pm
Saturday	8:00am	9:00pm
Sunday	8:00am	6:00pm
Mon thru Thurs (limited takeout)	Noon	2:00pm

And so let the good times continue! We look forward to seeing you down at the store and café.

Amy and Dave Wagner



Ferry News

655-4258

This Week's Ferry Schedule

	First Ferry	Second Ferry
Saturday	7 AM - 11 PM	
Sunday	7 AM - 9 PM	12N – 8 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	3 PM – 9 PM

Transfer Station

Saturday: 10 AM - 6 PM
Sunday: 10 AM - 6 PM
Holiday weekends: Saturday - Monday, 10 AM - 6 PM
High Season begins June 27th

Public Works

John A Crosby
Director of Public Works & Ferry Service

New Town Hall: drainage work is completed and underground utility conduits are now being installed. We will be setting the 2000 gallon water tank for the fire sprinkler system on Tuesday. And work on the septic system will begin next week. We hope to start framing on the first weekend of June.

Many thanks to Pam (Betsey Ross) Manning for repairing Lieutenant Milley's flag which flies at his memorial located at beach 6, Thanks Pammy!

Thanks to Kenny Hanchett for his donation of office furniture.

Dust control, we will be picking up our first load of 2000 gallons of liquid calcium next week, we will be applying this to the roads starting in June.

DPW quote of the week;
"Melancholy is incompatible with bicycling"
James E. Starrs



655-3551

Leisure Lounge

Fairway Lane (next to the golf pro shop)

Open to the Public

Hours:

Friday & Saturday: 9:00 AM – Midnight
Sunday - Thursday: 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



Thank you, Lynn & Vic Solimini and Harry Holgersen for volunteering their time this past Saturday running the Ice Cream Social.



Fire Department

Fire Barn: 207-655-8618

A note from the Frye Island Fire Dept

The Frye Island Volunteer Fire Department is once again collecting returnable bottles and cans at the Transfer Station. If you wish to donate your bottles and cans, the transfer station attendant will direct you to the proper location, which is to the far right upon entering the facility. Proceeds from the bottles and cans go towards funding the Frye Island Firefighters Association to help defray the cost of community events such as the Fire Department Open House and Hot Dog Picnic held over the July 4th weekend. The Hot Dog Picnic will be held this year on Saturday, July 5th immediately following the parade, at the Fire Station on Fairway Lane.

All are welcome.



655-3551

Frye Island Golf Club

Open to the Public

Fairway Lane

Hours

Friday - Saturday: 9:00 AM – Dusk

Sunday: 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM

Monday - Thursday: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM



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

Sunday Scramble Fee (9 holes): \$20.00

Tentative 2014 Tournament Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Tournament</u>	<u>Organizers</u>
Sat, Jun 7	New Recruit Tournament	Laura D.
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

Note:

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

Ryder Cup Results:

1st place team \$80.00 each: Joe Bishop & Tom Bishop

2nd place team: \$60.00 each: John Kett & Todd Keigwin

3rd place teams \$25.00 each: Jim Hirsch & Paul Murphy
Mark Thomas & Bill Gately
Bob Thurston & Scott Leeman

Closest to the pin \$25.00 each:

#4 Paul Murphy

#8 Tom Bishop

Sunday Morning Scramble

Every Sunday morning, tee off at 8:00am, sign up starting at 7:30am.

Sunday, May 25th Scramble Results

1st Place (-5) \$27.00 each:

John Kett
Mike Morrill
Tony Torra
Trevor Gudreau

2nd Place (-3) \$15.00 each:

Paul Murphy
John Burns
Mark Thomas
Kent Anson
Jim Fredricks

Closest to the Pin \$39.00:

Hole #8 – Ron Melanson

New Recruit Tournament - June 7

Have you ever thought about becoming a Member of Frye Island Golf, but just haven't gotten around to it?

Or are you new to the Island and didn't know Memberships were even available?

Current Frye Island residents are invited to play in a golf tournament where you will be teamed with an existing Member. Sign up is simple, just call or stop by the Pro Shop, provide your name, phone number and lot number.

Time: 1:30 p.m.- 3:30ish

Format: 9 hole Scramble

Price: \$10.00/player

We look forward to getting to know you, so please also consider staying for our Membership Social Hour.

Welcome Back - Golf Membership Social Hour on June 7

Members, and their guests, are invited to gather at Leisure Lounge on Saturday, June 7 at 4:00 p.m.

We look forward to seeing you again, hearing what you've done over the winter and what your families have been up to. Please consider bringing in a snack to share.