

Frye Island News Service

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Welcome back to the island! This week's FINS will be brief. Please note if you did not receive an email on 4-26-16 with the Island Manager's Comments below then please stop in the office or email fitownclerk@fairpoint.net with your current email address. Periodically throughout the winter there have been emails sent to Frye Island residents. We want to be sure we are reaching all of our residents.

Island Manager's Comments

Frye Island Update

April 26, 2016

The Island will open for the season on April 29, 2016 at 7 am. As I write, I am watching it snow on this late date. Mother Nature can be a little fickle and we now have an accumulation of about 3 inches at this time. Fortunately the weather report for the rest of the week is for warmer temperatures around 50-56 degrees. I want to extend a welcome back to all Islanders and hope for a great 2016 season.

The ferries are both operational and running fine. The installation of the new engine and the sea trials were finally successful.

Check the ferry schedule to plan your arrivals and departures.

This weekend the office will be open for business on Friday and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. We will then be open Tuesday through Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. until further notice.

The Long Beach Marina will be open on May 7, 2016.

On Saturday, May 7th we will be meeting with the MSAD#6 school board members and the Superintendent to begin the process of trying to work on an amicable solution for our unsustainable school tax burden. We will provide updates in the FINS and on the town's website. Governor LePage and William Beardsley, the Commissioner of Education, are both actively supporting our effort for school tax relief. I have also been advised that our local reps and State Senator are watching this very closely.

I also want to take a moment and thank all our employees and volunteers who have worked very hard since early April to get the Island ready for the season. These folks all do a great job. This winter Richard Purtell upgraded his water license level and Tom Sibley attained a license. My congratulations to both of these gentlemen. We now have three members of our DPW that can handle our water system in a professional manner.

On March 16, 2016 our EMS Director resigned his position effective April 29th, opening day. At that time it took a couple of weeks to research the best options to reorganize our EMS for the upcoming season. I first reached out to Chief Tupper and the Town Manager in Raymond to coordinate a solution for the start of the season since they have always had a supportive roll in Frye Island safety. I am pleased to announce that Cathy Gosselin (Assistant Fire Chief and EMS Director for Raymond) has taken on the position as our new EMS Director. Cathy is a Paramedic and Firefighter with 25 years of experience in public safety. Her hope is to reestablish a solid work connection between Frye Island Fire, Raymond Fire and EMS. David Bond, our volunteer Fire Chief, and Cathy have been working hard to come up with a plan for the 2016 season. Our immediate goal is to provide 24/7 on island coverage for the entire season. At the present time our coverage will be backed up by Raymond for Fire and EMS. Raymond's equipment is more sophisticated and can provide ALS (Advanced Life Support) service to Islanders. In the past, our EMS coverage was BLS (Basic Life Support). I also reached out to Steve Persson (former 15 year volunteer Fire Chief of Frye Island) and two past volunteer Paramedics Robert Boyd and Mike Kelleher. All three of these professionals have offered to help make our EMS/Fire unified and work to design a more efficient and sustainable system for the future of Frye Island's needs. The plan is to combine volunteers and hired personnel to cover the Island with a higher level of first response with more cost efficiency. Presently, until the hiring issues are resolved, high season will be covered for 24/7 and low season will have 24/7 on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. The goal is to have 24/7 for the entire season which should be resolved in a timely manner. Until all the specifics are worked out you are always covered, with Raymond responding to all calls. I feel in the

long run our Fire/EMS service will be an outstanding department of volunteers and hired personnel. I also have been advised by Cathy Gosselin that despite some resignations, 9 to 10 AVOC (Ambulance Volunteer on Call) drivers are returning to provide their volunteer services to the Island. Cathy is now taking applications for EMTs and three of our past members have returned and she is interviewing six more new qualified EMTs. The return of EMT Services to Fire have complicated this process. Under Police, some officers under a higher wage structure, also doubled as EMTs during some shifts. Under our new direction of returning to Fire, these shifts now must all be staffed with additional EMTs.

As I mentioned in my last update we have had 4 to 5 members of the Volunteer Fire Department resign. If there are members of the community interested in becoming part of the Volunteer Fire Department I am sure that Chief Bond will welcome you at whatever capacity you can be of service.

I would also like to reassure all islanders that despite the resignation of two selectman, that Dave Wagner and James Kuiken, who stepped up to fill those positions, have worked consummately and in unison with all other board members. Despite many challenges, this board has persevered and worked in an unswerving manner to resolve many issues. I can honestly say that it has been a pleasure to work for this group of individuals as they move forward with the best interest of all island residents.

Respectfully,
Gary Donohue
Town Manager

Upcoming Meeting:

There will be a Board of Selectmen/Executive Committee Meeting on May 14th at 9AM. Meeting location to be announced. Location and agenda will be posted on Fryeisland.com, Public meeting calendar, and on the Bulletin Board outside the office on island. (When you enter Fryeisland.com, refresh your website to be sure you get the most recent information)

A Statement from the Executive Committee Regarding Public Safety Services

The Executive Committee is committed to providing 7x24 EMS service the entire time the island is open. Unless the Board of Island Trustees and town voters decide they no longer want this service, we consider it our responsibility to ensure this service is provided.

Town Manager Gary Donohue has done an excellent job guiding the island through this time of transition. His efforts are greatly appreciated and he has the full support of the Board. Fire Chief Dave Bond, as always, has provided critical assistance with his outstanding knowledge, experience, and expertise. Former Fire Chief Steve Persson and two other former Frye Island fire fighters also offered their expertise and time. It is indeed gratifying to know there are knowledgeable, professional islanders who will step up to the plate in a challenging situation. We sincerely thank these individuals and ALL the volunteers who continue to provide critical island Public Safety services.

While working on long term priorities this winter, the Ex Com identified Public Safety services as a top priority for the island. With an aging core of volunteers, islanders must work together to develop a sustainable long term model for Fire, EMS and Security. As many are aware, these important issues took on a new urgency with the recent resignation of Rod Beaulieu as Director of EMS and the need to provide EMS services for the 2016 season. We thank Police Chief Beaulieu for his tenure in this position.

We are pleased to announce the new EMS Director, Cathy Gosselin, who comes to us from the Raymond Fire Rescue Department where she serves as a paramedic and as the Deputy Chief. She started her EMS career in Windham over 25 years ago and moved with her family to Raymond in 1998. She worked as the Camp and Program Administrator for the

Boy Scouts for 20 years, where she managed their summer camps and programs. She looks forward to meeting and working with the Island volunteers on the fire and EMS departments and helping to continue to grow our public safety team.

Some have asked: Why go to Raymond for help? There are three key reasons: (1) Quality - Raymond has the premier EMS service in the Lakes Region and we are very fortunate to have a partnership with them in Public Safety. Since they already provide service to Frye Island, it made sense to see if this partnership could be expanded; (2) Sustainability – Raymond has a year round Fire/EMS service with top quality staff. They hire year round and are constantly vetting and training new staff. As a matter of fact, a number of EMS workers on Frye Island also work in Raymond. Hiring the Deputy Chief Gosselin as our EMS Director gives us access to a steady stream of qualified, trained, vetted individuals. We will also have access to training opportunities for volunteers; (3) Resources – Raymond has excellent training and other resources such as scheduling software that can be leveraged for Frye Island volunteers and employees.

While we are not 100% back to our goal of 7x24 coverage the entire time the island is open (we currently have weekend coverage and will have 7x24 during high season), we are very pleased with the progress made to date in a short amount of time. We feel we are on a great path to move forward in a positive direction.

For a number of reasons, not all of which can be disclosed, this has been a difficult and challenging situation. No doubt some mistakes have been made. Your constructive input and feedback to the Board is appreciated and very valuable. But with all due respect, the Board would urge islanders to take with a grain of salt information on social media and email chains. There are inaccuracies and, sadly, occasional derogatory comments about town officials that are dispiriting.

Finally, you will be hearing very soon about Fire and EMS volunteer opportunities. If you have ever considered getting involved with Public Safety, now is the time to do it! If you helped in the past, now is the time to come back! As we said in the winter newsletter, we are seeking to move forward in a positive direction for the long term future of the island. It is our greatest hope that all islanders will work with us as partners to find solutions to the challenges we face. We cannot fulfill our town motto, “A Community Managed by its Owners” without your help, involvement, creativity, intelligence, volunteerism, and participation.

Island Residents Input Needed!

We have discussed over the winter at the Executive Committee meetings the need to better understand how many students we have on the island throughout the season. This information would be very helpful in our SAD6 tax relief efforts. Your help in the matter is important and greatly appreciated. Please email the Town Clerk ASAP (fitownclerk@fairpoint.net) with the following information:

1. Name, Lot #
2. Winter City and Town
3. Number and grades (upcoming) of school age children
4. Any services you may need or would find valuable such as special education services, tutoring, SAT Prep., etc. Even if you don't need or want services, if you would please give the information in 1-3, that would be great.

Ferry 655-4258 4/29/16-5/6/16	First Ferry	Second Ferry
Friday 4/29	7 AM-12 Mid	
Saturday 4/30	7 AM-11 PM	
Sunday 5/1	7 AM-9PM	12 Noon-8 PM
Monday 5/2	6 AM-9PM	
Tuesday 5/3	7 AM-9PM	
Wednesday 5/4	7 AM-9 PM	
Thursday 5/5	7AM-11 PM	
Friday 5/6	7 AM-12 Mid	3 PM- 9 PM

Garden Club

Welcome back! When you spring clean your garden please remember our Frye Island Garden Club will be having their plant and bake sale May 28th. We will also be having a wonderful raffle. This is our only fundraiser of the year with the money raised used to beautify our island!

Please consider donating seedlings or baked goods but most of all we need you to come see our beautiful selection of plants and hanging baskets.

You each are members of the Garden Club!! Please consider donating your time or supporting of our clean up dates.... We need everyone's help.

Please let me know if you have something to donate, or want to be a part of our cleanup crew please let us know.

Helen Mckee

Recreation Committee

The Recreation Committee is having an art show for our Island Artists to display or sell their talents with other Islanders. The show will be July 16, 10am-1pm. If you are interested in participating please send your information to me and what you would like to share. If you have some pictures that would be helpful. We have so many talented artists on Frye we wanted to have a show sharing all those talents!

You can contact me at hjmckee1790@gmail.com Helen Mckee



LEISURE LOUNGE (Next to Pro Shop) 207-655-3551

Friday - Saturday: 9:00AM – Midnight

Sunday: 8:30AM-5:00PM

Monday-Thursday: Closed

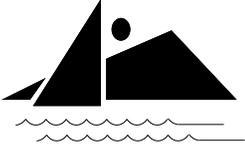
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

SPORTS FANS COME WATCH THE BIG GAMES ON OUR TWO FLAT SCREEN TV'S



Our lounge offers a full bar with wine, bottled /draft beers and a limited appetizer menu for those looking for a light snack. For those younger at heart, try our Root Beer Floats with vanilla ice cream.





Hours of Operation: 9:00 AM – Dusk (Friday-Saturday)
 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM (Sunday)
 Closed - (Monday-Thursday)
 Twilight after 4:00 PM
 (Until Memorial Day Weekend)

Greens Fees

Golf Carts – per golfer rates

	<u>9 Holes</u>	<u>18 Holes</u>	<u>Other</u> * -
Weekday Youth (16 & Under)	\$12.00	\$12.00	
Weekend Youth (16 & Under)	\$22.00	\$22.00	
Weekday Adult	\$21.00	\$28.00	
Weekend & Holiday Adult	\$28.00	\$37.00	
Twilight – Weekday Adult	\$21.00		
Twilight – Weekend Adult	\$24.00		
3 Day weekday Pass			\$65.00
Week-long Unlimited Golf Pass			\$160.00
Sunday Morning Scramble	\$21.00		

	<u>9 Holes</u>	<u>18 Holes</u>
Pull carts	\$4.00	\$4.00
Gas carts	\$16.00	\$26.00
Personal Cart (no Trail fee)	\$10.00	\$20.00
Club Rental	\$12.00	\$12.00

Annual Membership Fees

One time Initiation Fee \$540.00
 Individual Memberships \$710.00
 Family Memberships \$1050.00
 Trail Fee \$225.00, each additional cart \$125.00

Check us out on Face book (<https://www.facebook.com>)

We now have presence on Face book. Whether you are a Member of just enjoy playing golf from time to time, we'd love you to join this group to keep abreast of activities, find someone to play a round, or even see which tournaments are coming up.

SUNDAY SCRAMBLE: The Sunday scramble is open to players of all levels (sign up at the clubhouse). Come meet other golfers or guests from the island in a pressure free / relaxed environment. Sign-ups are as follows: Morning Scramble: Tees off at 9:00am, sign up from 8:30am – 8:45am.

