

Town of Trenton News

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Planning Board Happenings

Special points of interest:

- *Recent Planning Board Action*
- *Building Permits Issued*
- *TVFD calls and plans*
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The Planning Board holds regular scheduled meetings on the third Wednesday of the month @ 7PM. It is an open meeting at the Town Office, where all are welcome. Regular members of the Trenton Planning Board are Chuck Starr, Rick Sprague, Michael Gilmartin, John Whetstone and Mark Remick. Alternate member John Correa is the Board Secretary. Brant Viner, Maddy Cole, and Kristin Farley recently joined the Board as Alternate members.

At the Town meeting in May, we passed the largest revision to the Land Use Ordinance since the original Ordinance was established. The revisions

provide more clearly defined conditions for Side-line setbacks, lot coverage and building standards. It also resolved a host of other issues regularly confronting the Planning Board. A major thank you to John Whetstone and the members of the Planning Board for diligent and thorough work.

So far this year there have been 3 applications for large solar farm projects, two have been approved and one is still in the review process. The majority of the work of the Planning Board has been on building/renovation and expanding of residential structures.

Mark Remick
Planning Board Chair

Applications for the Planning Board may be found on the Town web page:

trentonme.com

Applications and fee along with 9 copies should be given to the Town Clerk at least 2 weeks prior to the next scheduled meeting.

Town Office

The Town Office staff is busy as usual, especially this time of year with boat, motorcycle and mooring registrations as well as the regular vehicle renewals and new registrations. Recent weeks have seen the tax commitment and tax bills printed and mailed. We have also been working on this our pilot Newsletter. It would be useful for future

editions, to take suggestions, or questions that you may have and we will see if we could incorporate that into the Newsletter. While this first edition may not be perfect, and we may have forgotten something, we hope to refine it in the future to keep you informed about what goes on here and with our various Boards and Committees.

Recycling for the summer months may be done at EMR in Southwest Harbor. The budget allotted may not extend past the summer months.

As always, if you have questions about anything, please feel free to call us.

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Trenton Elementary

Trenton Elementary School July Update

Summer School is underway! This summer Trenton Elementary is the host school for AOS91 Summer School. We have approximately 95 children attending daily from all of our AOS91 schools. Children range from ages 5-12. We are fortunate to have partnered with Maine Outdoor School, Healthy Acadia and the Southwest

Harbor Public Library to bring outdoor science exploration, cooking classes and Maine author visits to students each week.

Registration for PreK-8th grade is now open. If you are interested in enrolling your children into Trenton Elementary School, please call Steff at 667-8447. Please remember that our PreK program has a limit of 16 students, so register

early if you are interested in sending your child to PreK.

If you have any questions over the summer you can reach me at cdagraca@mdirss.org

Happily,
Crystal DaGraca

Trenton Volunteer Fire Department



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We hope everyone is enjoying their summer. We all know how short our summer season is in Maine. Thinking about winter, and heating our homes is often the last thing on our minds. Home heating safety starts with good maintenance and if you have a fireplace or wood stove, now is the time to reach out for annual chimney maintenance!

The Maine State Fire Marshal's office has a partial list of chimney sweeps so you can call a professional, make an appointment, and get this important work scheduled. (Copy and paste link below into your browser) No doubt you have heard about contractor backlogs so making the call and getting this scheduled early is essential.

<https://www.maine.gov/dps/>

[fmo/sites/maine.gov.dps.fmo/files/inline-files/chimney_sweeps_1_13_2020.pdf](https://www.maine.gov/dps/fmo/sites/maine.gov.dps.fmo/files/inline-files/chimney_sweeps_1_13_2020.pdf)
Always remember to call 911 if you have an emergency.

Test your smoke, CO and gas alarms monthly. Prepare and practice home escape planning in case of a fire, CO or gas emergency. Have a family meeting place and always share this information with visiting friends and family.

If you have other non-emergency questions, please feel free to reach out to the Fire Department at 669-4131 or send an email at: firedepartment@trentonme.com
Looking forward to seeing you at our summer breakfasts.

Save the Dates! Our 2022 Fire Department Pancake Breakfasts are: July 16, August 20 and October 29.



Parks & Recreation News

The Parks & Rec Committee holds public meetings at 5pm on the 3rd Wednesday of each month right at the Town Office meeting room. The community is always welcomed to attend.

We signed the Mayors Monarch Pledge from the National Wildlife Federation back in March 2022 to sign this and perform local actions to help save the Monarch Butterfly population. We're planting Natural Pollinator Gardens and

encouraging our community members to do the same. We will be doing a maintenance audit of our Community Trail behind the Gateway Bus Center in the Fall with Friends of Acadia and Maine Coast Heritage Trust. We're looking for other trails to make public and help clean up, if necessary. Please let us know if you have some trails or land our town community could use publicly! We will be starting Soccer and then Basketball teams at the recreational/introductory level in September. Enrollment in our Trenton Parks and Recreation Department

Youth Sports Teams will be FREE for our Trenton Kids. The teams are 1-2 graders and 3-4 graders, with 5 graders included in the 3-4.

For your information, the town pays for limited access to the Down East YMCA that is located in Ellsworth. Just bring proof you're a Trenton Resident. You and your family can use their gyms and pools for free Fri 5:30pm-7pm, Sat 11am-12:30pm, Sundays 10am-12:30pm.

Chip Roskom, Chair

Code Enforcement—Local Plumbing Inspector

Ever wonder “what’s that development”? The Code Enforcement Officer is pleased to announce that information about recently issued building permits will be available regularly on the town Facebook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/Town-of-Trenton-Maine-101276551588755>

Permit applications are available at the town office or

online at:

<https://www.trentonme.com/code-enforcement>

Did you know permits are required for: New construction, Change of use, Fill, Solar energy projects, Signs, Driveways

July 2021-June 2022

Building permits – 58
Value of permits - \$13,364,132
Dwelling units - 14
Plumbing permits - 46

Residential solar projects -12

Notable recent projects include the new Volta climbing gym, the commercial solar farm, and the renovations and improvements to the Wild Acadia Fun Park.

For questions or additional code information, contact Angela Chamberlain, Code Enforcement Officer at 207-266-9336 or tymax@roadrunner.com

Broadband Committee News

Throughout the year we worked hard to bring a number of internet safety and broadband trainings to Trenton residents through a generous grant from the Maine Community Foundation. We utilized local expert speakers including our own DiAnne Pachecho, Head of Internet Safety at Jax and John Whetstone who used to launch satellites into space with the military, PBS and others. Check out the trainings at our own YouTube

Channel: Broadband Trenton Maine at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC5yXjIB81j4GYH2njtr-7Pw>.

Recently, you may have seen changes in the town office including a new monitor/screen that makes high resolution presentations available by Zoom and in person, a new laptop, and mics and speakers to increase sound resolution and clarity during meetings. These tools help to make Selectboard and other

meetings more accessible when people are not able to attend in person.

Do you know a highschool student looking to get volunteer hours? The town can always use help running the Zoom meeting during Selectboard meetings. We will train in how to run the Zoom and soundboard. Rachel Nobel

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Road Committee News

The results of the Trenton Road Safety Committee survey are in! After 3 months of polling online and in person, we received over 250 responses. The need for action is clear, over 75% of respondents felt that speed limits are not adequately enforced on our roads. Similarly, 85% didn't feel safe walking or biking along Route 3 while 73% don't feel safe along Goose Cove Road and Route 203. This in mind, it's no wonder that the greatest traffic related concern was safety while walking/biking (46%) followed by safety while driving (37%). Many of the ideas to address these concerns had

great support, 72% support the idea of building a road to connect community resources to allow residents to bypass Route 3. However, the idea of establishing walking and biking paths to connect community resources had an overwhelming support of 92%! As walking paths are cheaper than roads and better for health, expect to see more development on this idea soon. Conversely, 68% did not feel that a rotary at the intersection of Route 3 and Oak Point would be help with traffic. The idea of widening the roads on Bay-side, Oak Point and Goose Cove roads to give more

space for non-motorist was supported by 90% of respondents. With this feedback and all your comments, we will continue working with the Maine Department of Transportation, the Hancock County Planning Commission, and Trenton's Selectboard to enact a vision where we minimize accidents and maximize the fun outside on our roads and trails. Next up for the Trenton Road Safety Committee is providing signage for residents to help remind motorists that we live and play here...stay tuned for more!

Jarrod Rollins, Chair