

The Arrow

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Fiscal 2005 Budget



A complete summary of both the Town budget and the School Budget may be found on our Website, www.arundelmaine.org, or in this year's Town Report Book which is now available at the Town office and local convenience stores.

The NET Town budget, which includes a new request for \$44,000 to begin paying the Town's Fire/Rescue personnel, is up only \$41,465. Once again, the primary culprit was insurance increases. However, the School was less fortunate in that they had to deal with not only soaring numbers of secondary students (necessitating a \$163,775 budget increase), but also escalating special education costs. When I first arrived in Arundel, almost twelve years ago now, Special Education was only costing the Town \$169,600. This year's increase alone is \$272,206 for a total budget line item of almost \$1,000,100! These two items alone are responsible for much of the 19% increase in the NET School Budget. Unfortunately, this will lead to a 17% increase in the Mil rate this year.

John Fraser, Town Manager



VOTE YES ON QUESTION 1!

In 1984, the State Legislature committed to fund 55% of K-12 education costs. Unfortunately, they have never done so because they continue to balance their budget at the expense of your property taxes. Question 1 will require the State to fund 55% of the costs of education (the State will also be obligated to pay 100% of Special Education services mandated by state or federal law)! Arundel is currently receiving just over 45% of its total education cost from the State. Although it is obviously not this simple to calculate, an extra 10% could provide Arundel with an additional \$500,000 that would not have to be raised by property taxes (this would translate into **2.5 mils less** that the Town would have to raise through property taxes). Please **support QUESTION 1** when you go to the polls next Tuesday!

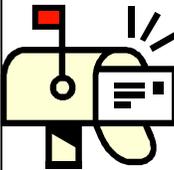
Revaluation Update – May 2004

The revaluation is ongoing. Vision Appraisal is winding up residential call back appointments. They are also listing new building permits. Real Estate Research Consultants, Inc. has been hired by Vision Appraisal to complete the Personal Property valuations. On May 11, 2004 the Personal Property Appraisers began visiting all the businesses in town to make a list of the Personal Property.

Many people have asked why their properties have been visited more than once. The data collectors initially visited properties, they may have been visited again because of a building permit that was issued and then again when the callbacks were done. After those visits, the appraisers review the information. If any questions arose from the review, the property may be visited again. Vision Appraisal continues to be very conscientious of their work. They want to make sure that the most accurate information is attained. Even after all of their diligence, there still may be some changes that need to be made. That is why I encourage all taxpayers to take advantage of the hearing process.



When the new values are completed, letters will be mailed to all property owners informing them of the new value and once again giving the opportunity to set up an appointment to review your property record cards and ask questions. When you receive the letter, call as soon as possible to make an appointment. When the call back letters were mailed, there were several people that called after the deadline date. I want to give everybody a chance to review his or her property record cards. But at the same time we do need to set a window of time for the hearings so that we will have ample time to make any necessary changes before values are finalized.



The tax rate is calculated by dividing the amount to be raised by taxation by the value of the town. I would like to remind everyone that when the value of the town increases, the tax rate decreases. Exactly how much it will decrease will depend on the amount to be raised by taxation that the town meeting votes on. My job as the Assessor is to make sure that everyone pays his or her fair share of the tax burden. The "actual tax burden" is what every resident has an opportunity to vote on at Town Meeting.

I have to say that I have been very happy with Vision Appraisal, they have continued to be knowledgeable, professional and courteous. Also I would like to thank all the residents of Arundel for their continued support. As I have stated before, a revaluation can be very unnerving for all. But I will continue to keep the lines of communication open, and I encourage questions. It is important to understand the process, and to understand that all taxpayers are being treated equitably. I realize that understanding your assessment doesn't necessarily mean that you will like your tax bill, but at least you will know it is your fair share. Kristen Plante, Assessor



Superintendent's Report

By Richard E. A. Marx



This year's gross budget is up \$589,098 (12.6%) and the town's share is up \$449,300. Of these

amounts, the following increases are required by state law, state regulations or contracts:

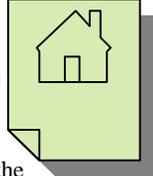
Health Insurance	\$ 39,244.00
Worker's Comp	18,371.00
Special Education	272,206.00
Secondary Tuition	<u>163,775.00</u>
Total	\$493,596.00

The bottom line, comparing the town appropriation 2003 and the town appropriation 2004 required to meet this budget minus the above listed mandates is a minus \$44,296. The problem is increased tuition along with Special Education tuition and programs. In order to reduce the budget we would have to decimate the elementary portion and neither your School Board nor I can recommend that course of action.

The town meeting warrant will show a budget of \$5,072,220 with the town's share being \$2,783,570. I encourage you to attend town meeting and hopefully you will support this budget.

Comprehensive Plan Update Committee Revises Plan

The Comprehensive Plan Update Committee has been meeting twice a month and discussing the issues that have been raised during the winter public meetings. The Committee has already decided to make a number of changes to the Comprehensive Plan Update, including changes to the Future Land Use Plan map and changes in the polices and action steps for the future of the town. The Committee meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month at the Fire Station meeting room. Notes of the Committee's discussion are posted on the town's website within several days of the meeting. Check the website frequently to keep up to date.



The committee has had substantial discussion about the future of the Route 111 (Alfred Road) corridor. The draft plan that was sent to voters last November called for the corridor to be in a Rural Conservation area, along with most of the town west of the Maine Turnpike. This area would be similar to today's Rural Residential zoning, except that some of the commercial uses that are currently permitted in that district, such as auto repair garage, service business, and light manufacturing would not be permitted. In addition, the draft plan called for the establishment of an overlay district along Alfred Road that would not affect use or lot size, but appearance.



The Committee has heard a number of comments that Alfred Road should be a commercial district, because of the increase in commercial uses along that highway in Biddeford and Lyman. The Committee has discussed the issue for the several meetings and still has not reached a decision on the future of Route 111.

On other issues, the Committee has decided to restore the proposed commercial areas along Portland Road to a minimum of 1,000 feet wide and changed the boundaries of the proposed Village Residential areas. A revised Future Land Use Plan map can be seen on the town's website. At the left of the home page, click on departments and then choose Planning Department. Then scroll to the bottom of the page and click on Comprehensive Plan Update.

The Committee will hold several public information sessions and hearings during the summer, in preparation for a November 2 vote on the revised Comprehensive Plan Update. If you have questions about the update, contact the Town Planner, Dan Fleishman.



MLD HONOR ROLL



3RD QUARTER

Fourth Grade	Fifth Grade	Sixth Grade	Seventh Grade	Eighth Grade
Abaroa, Joanna	Brice, Bry-anna	Abaroa, Sariah	Beaulieu, Amie	Asselin, Amanda
Benson, Scott	Buttarazzi, Colin	Acquaviva, Brianna	Gaudette, Rubie	Brochu, Katie
Fedder, Bryce	Couture, Lauren	Boudreau, Chelsea	Gauvin, Michelle	Buttarazzi, Samantha
Gott, Angelinna	Demers, Lee	Cote, Gavin	Guarino, Cassidy	Dumas, Jeremy
Goulden, Tyler	Dore, James	Daggett, Zachary	Monk, Katelynn	Hans, Dawn
Hansen, Jenna	Hans, John	Douston, Alexandra	Mowery, Megan	Laflamme, Chelsea
Holbrook, Douglas	Harrison, Stephanie	Douston, Garth	Nickerson, Hayley	Laroche, Stephanie
Letellier, Shayleen	Hill, Shelby	Giard, Sarah	Raymond, Kylie	Laverriere, Chelsea
Madore, Anna	Izbicki, Adrian	Gillespie, Christopher	Stevens, Jordan	Lessard, Nerrissa
Morgan, Audrey	Keller, Kaleigh	Grant, Kristen	VanSickle, Annie	LoGalbo, Anthony
Mowery, Ryan	Lovely, Paige	Hayes, Casey		Lunt, Melanie
Nault, Joshua	Madore, Jacob	Hill, Kason		Martemucci, Amanda
Nezol, Brandon	Moody, Taylor	Leskowsky, Tyler		Parker, Ashley
Pelletier, Elizabeth	Munroe, Ethan	Letellier, Derick		Petrin, Alicia
Philbrick, Kristen	Palacios, Alexander	Martemucci, Samantha		Renell, Melanie
Powers, Jamie	Raymond, Blaire	McNamara, Deirdre		Stevens, Michael
Radley, Robert	Raymond, Brooke	Nunan, Molly		Thyng, Shawn
Raine, Taylor	Read, Helen	Palacios, Nickolas		
Raymond, Nicholas	Sarcione, Anthony	Parker, Trevor		
Read, Anne	Shook, Christopher	Parker, Tyler		
Saunders, Alana	Tanguay, Daniel	Renell, Dylan		
Sumpter, Maria	Titus, Lauren	Roy, Matthew		
Trottier, Santana	Ylonen, Tina	Strassler, Sarah		
Wessels, Hannah		Sylvain, Benjamin		
Worthing, Amelia		Woodcock, Steven		High Honors in Bold



ARUNDEL REC ANNOUNCES SUMMER PROGRAMS



SUMMER REC YOUTH CAMP: (minimum age 5 yrs old by 6/28 AND entering kindergarten in fall of 2004. Maximum age: entering 5th grade in fall of 2004). This program runs 5 days a week from 8:00am to 4:00pm, our base camp is M L. Day school. A true recreational summer camp which includes weekly field trips to locations such as the movies, Funtown, Jokers' etc., and weekly trips to the beach, along with daily camp activities including sports, arts & crafts and outdoor activities. Children are grouped age-appropriately and activities are designed accordingly. On non-field trip days, mornings begin with an "open gym" period, then the children move into structured activities such as arts & crafts, sports, playground time etc. After lunch, the staff plans 3 periods which include one active activity (usually sports or outdoor water games) and one low-key activity (such as arts & crafts, board games or an occasional movie). Children get to choose which activities they'd like to take part in during the afternoon. Special events planned throughout the summer include live children's entertainment, dress-up theme days, scavenger hunts, and carnival days. The local ice cream truck comes for a visit one afternoon per week, and we like to plan a pizza party or two during the summer as well (children must bring their own \$ for ice cream and pizza parties). There are a limited number of spaces available SPACES ARE LIMITED!!

NEW!!: SUMMER OUTDOOR ADVENTURE CLUB (children entering grades 6-9 in the fall of 2004). This new program is being geared to meet the needs of middle school-aged children who want higher-level activities. This program will run 3 days a week (Tues, Wed and Fri) from 7:30am-4:30pm, and will involve youth and staff from Arundel and Kennebunkport. Parent's drop-off and pick-up location will be M L. Day school, but all activities of the program will take place at off-site locations. The program will include adventurous field trips such as sea kayaking, mountain biking, hiking, rock-wall climbing, as well as some traditional amusement field trips, along with weekly trips to the beach, and community activities such as a car wash to collect goods or donations for the Animal Welfare Society, and planning Carnival Days for Arundel and K'port youth summer rec programs. This program will also include TWO overnight trips. There will be two Certified Maine Guides on staff to provide the highest level of safety for participants. There are only 20 spaces available in this program SPACES ARE LIMITED!!



SOCCER CAMP: Our one-week soccer camp will be held July 12-16 at the ML Day school soccer field from 9 am to noon.. The program is CO-ED and open to 7-12 year olds. Soccer camp will be run by the professionals of **PLAY SOCCER** and will focus on instruction and fun! On Wednesday, participants will take part in the Euro-Champ tourney in which they will be split up onto teams representing different European countries. They will learn about the country they represent, and put together a song and dance routine to perform for the other teams followed by the tourney! Thursday will involve water games related to soccer. On Friday, participants will celebrate with a party and end with a soccer game; coaches and parents against the kids! The program takes place rain or shine (participants should dress accordingly) unless it becomes too dangerous to play or there is a risk of lightning. If any days are cut short or cancelled due to inclement weather, **PLAY SOCCER** will do everything they can to make up lost time before they leave town on Sunday by extending daily program times or playing on Saturday and/or Sunday.



HORSE CAMP: This program is intended to provide a basic foundation for beginners to learn about safety around horses, proper horsemanship and horseback riding which includes the care and keeping of horses, horse and barn-related games, and some riding in the ring. The program will take place August 2-6 from 9am-noon., and is open to boys and girls entering grades 2-5th in the fall of 2004.



Adult Yoga – Summer Sessions
Yoga instructor Joan Smaldone teaches Iyengar Style Hatha Yoga which emphasizes body alignment and proper form and is suitable for all levels, ages 18 and up, from beginner to intermediate regardless of experience, flexibility or strength. Classes will run Monday evenings from 7:15-8:45pm at the Surya Yoga Studio on Limerick Road. Session Dates: May 24 - July 12



Family Night at the Arundel Barn Playhouse

Families are invited once again this year to enjoy a show at Arundel's own Playhouse! This year's show will be **Oliver!** on Thursday, July 1st at 8pm. We have 20 sets of 4 tickets (2 adult tickets and 2 student tickets). A student can use an adult ticket, but an adult cannot use a student ticket. Arrangements may be made if more or less tickets are required for a family. Seats will be reserved on a First Come, First Serve Basis, but no registrations will be accepted after June 11. The earlier you sign up, the better seats you'll get!



One-Week Summer Sports Camps

CHEERING CAMP: Cheering camp will take place Tuesday-Friday, July 6-9 at ML Day School from 9:00am to noon. It is open to boys and girls entering Grades 1 thru 5 in the fall of 2004. This program will be run by Arundel Middle School Cheering Coach Maria Martemucci and some of the very talented AMS Cheerleaders and includes cheering, dancing and fun! Parents are invited to the show on Friday, July 9th at noon to see what participants have learned in cheering camp! T-shirts will be provided.



For program fees or to register for Arundel Rec programs, you can stop by the Arundel Town Hall or go to our website: arundelmaine.org, click on "Departments," then go to the main Recreation Department page. From there, you can print out a registration form and mail it in with your payment or pay at the Town Hall. Payment is due in full at time of registration unless otherwise noted. You will be notified as soon as possible if a program is full or has been cancelled due to low enrollment. If you have any questions, please email at arundelrec@adelphia.net; or call the Rec office at 286-9241.



Scouts Troop 330 Plan Busy Summer

We have been very busy the past month working with our new scouts who have adapted quite well to our outdoor program. They have earned their scout badge, totem chit card, and have completed their Art Merit Badge while at the cabin this spring. We tried something very different this trip for our Saturday night meal, deep fried turkey. Well, let me tell you that we deep fried two ten pound turkeys that meal in order to satisfy the thirty of us ...oooooooooh so good!!! We had French fried potatoes (thanks to Dennis from the Seafood Center), corn, peas and even cranberry sauce. The scouts also had fun making and baking cakes for our evening dessert. The lights in the cabin went out early that night which didn't surprise anyone who had the opportunity to hike up Rattle Snake Mountain earlier that day. It may have been windy at the top but the views were spectacular overlooking Sebago Lake.



May is the start of our monthly "Cruise Night" fundraisers that will last till September. If you haven't been to a "Cruise Night" yet, then you are missing a real good time and a chance to try one of our "Steam Hot Dogs". The shows are getting larger each month with plenty of old cars to enjoy and remember your youthful days.....See you there!

We are planning to attend the 2004 York District Spring Camporee that will be hosted by Troops 312 & 327, and will be held in Berwick the weekend of May twenty first. The theme for the camporee is "Taking Aim" which will include rifle and shotgun shooting, fire hose competition, archery and patrol built throwing devices. See you at the North Berwick Rod and Gun Club and the North Berwick Community Center.



June is already booked up for the scouts, which means that we will be helping out at the annual Fishing Derby on June 19th, hosted by the 19th Masonic District for the residents of Camp Waban which is always a fun weekend for anglers. June also means Ordeal Weekends for our scouts and scouters who will have a chance to do their Ordeal and seal their Brotherhood in the Order of the Arrow, the National Honor Society of Scouting. One of our leaders will be traveling to Hidden Valley Scout Ranch in New Hampshire to represent our lodge at the annual 2004 Order of the Arrow Conclave Weekend

July and August are busy as well with the scouts heading for Camp Hinds, in Raymond, Me., for a week of summer



camp fun, while one of the adult leaders heads for Ames, Iowa to attend the National Order of the Arrow Conference. Our new Senior Patrol Leader is planning to attend the "Trail to Eagle Week" at Camp Hinds the first of July to work on his Silver Border Merit Badges that are required for Eagle Scout.

Troop 330 is proud to announce that Andrew Gagnon has completed this Eagle Scout Project which was to restore the "Arundel Station" at the Seashore Trolley Museum. Andrew was able to complete his project totaling 245 hours with help of his troop and nine students from the Mildred L Day School during the "National Youth Service Day" on Friday, April 16th. Troop 330 would like to



thank Lavalley Lumber Co., the Douston Construction Co., and the Seashore Trolley Museum for their support of the Scouting Program. We are also proud to announce that one of our scouts, Sam Morse, is planning to host a Community Blood Drive this July to help our community and the men and women who are fighting in Iraq. Please watch for our signs announcing the blood drive this July.

One of our new scouts would like to let you know that he is enjoying our program even though he has to use his chair or his crutches to discover all the challenges that the Maine woods has to offer. Donovan has a "Great Attitude" and hopefully will reach his goal. He enjoyed his weekend at the cabin with the scouts and is looking forward towards his week at summer camp.

Our program wouldn't be what it is without all of your help! We have supporters that stand in the background expecting nothing in return, but to hear about the fun our scouts had at their events. People who save their returnables and travel to MM & J Garage to put them in our trailer for collection. We had two fine supporters who helped the troop by setting up a new computer that really works without black-outs.....maybe my hair will grow back now! Special thanks to Jay Doyle and Jeff Colmer for our new computer and all their help. A "Special Thanks" to all the fine troop leaders that give so much of themselves for our scouts. Our town is very rich in its service to our young men and women. We lead by example and we should be proud of ourselves for knowing what is really important in a child's life.....someone who cares and takes the time to make a difference in a child's life. May GOD bless you all for the gifts that you share.





Village Center Committee Chooses Alternate Location

Following a generally receptive reaction from those in attendance at the March public forum, the Village Center Planning committee has decided to change the location of the proposed village center. The Committee had previously selected an area between Portland Road and Old Post Road, north of River Road. However, upon being approached by the representative of the owner of a parcel of land near the intersection of Campground Road and Portland Road, the committee determined that the second location presented a number of advantages. Among these advantages were the opportunity to work with one willing and cooperative property owner rather than six property owners, a more central location within the town, more usable land due to the compact nature of the wetlands, and an oral offer of a donation of land to the town for the proposed civic uses.



Cynthia Hopkins is the owner of approximately 45 acres of land behind the Rainbow Market, Nathan Anthony’s Deli, and Goodwin’s Auto Body business on Portland Road. The property has about 900 feet of frontage on Portland Road as well as access to Campground Road. Preliminary estimates are that there are about 8 acres of wetlands on the site. Using the conceptual site plan that was developed for the original site, a new conceptual site plan for this site has been developed that continues to incorporate a commercial area near Route One, a civic core and an area for residential uses.

In late April, the Maine State Planning Office informed the town that it would be eligible for a “Great American Neighborhood Planning Grant” to continue the town’s efforts. The grant, with an equal match approved by the Board of Selectmen and provided by Ms. Hopkins, will be used to conduct more site-specific investigation of existing conditions. The Committee has hired a team of consultants put together by Port City Design that includes Casey and Godfrey Transportation Engineers, CLD Engineers and Gates, Leighton Associates. Their work program will be to conduct site evaluations to determine soils suitability for a community subsurface wastewater disposal system, map and identify wetlands, and conduct a preliminary traffic impact analysis. The work will also include an analysis of the feasibility of connecting to the Kennebunk Sewer District and a recommendation for the location of a street network within the village. Under the terms of the grant from the state, the work will be completed during the month of June.

The Committee will hold additional public meetings as its work progresses. Check the town’s website for updates of our progress and contact Dan Fleishman, the Town Planner, if you have questions.

June 2004

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
MLD 8th Grade Graduation June 8th -7 pm		1 Middle School Concert 6:30 pm MLD	2	3 Grades 2-5 Concert 6:30 pm MLD	4 MLD K-5 Field Day /Volunteer Cook-Out 5 pm	5
6	7 Grades K & 1 Concert 6:30 MLD Plann Brd Public Hearing 7pm FS	8 State & Local Election 9 am-8pm at Fire St	9 Town Meeting 7 pm MLD Gym	10 Planning Brd 7 pm FS	11 Last Day of School for MLD	12
13	14 Selectmen's Mtg 7 pm FS	15	16	17	18	19
20 Father's Day 	21	22	23	24 Planning Brd 7 pm FS	25	26 
27 Summer Rec Youth Camp Begins at MLD	28 Selectmen's Mtg 7 pm FS	29	30			



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State Primary & Referendum
& Municipal Elections
June 8th - 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
At the Arundel Fire Station



Town Meeting
Wednesday - June 9th
7 p.m. at the MLD Gym



Notice to Business Owners

Real Estate Research Consultants, Inc. has been hired to conduct the Personal Property Valuations for 2004-2005. During the next few weeks a representative will visit your business to list the Personal Property. They will list all furniture/fixtures and machinery/equipment used in your business. Make sure that if any of your business equipment is owned by a leasing company that you give this information to the appraiser. After the values are established, you will be mailed a letter with the new value. You will have an opportunity to review the list as well as the depreciation schedule used. I would like to thank you in advance for your cooperation. Kristen Plante, Assessor

Tax Reminder



Per State Law, tax status is determined as of April 1st each year. Tax bills are committed and mailed to the "owner" as of April 1st. Unfortunately, sometimes the town does not receive the new ownership information for months after a sale takes place. If you have sold your property after April 1st, please make sure to forward any correspondence to the new owner. This will give the new owner the opportunity to take part in the revaluation hearings. Thank you very much, your cooperation is appreciated.
Kristen Plante, Assessor.

Rabies Reminder

Baby foxes and other wild animals are cute and many have adapted to living in populated areas. Game Wardens have called to remind residents to please remember that these are still WILD animals and should be left alone. Once the young are a little older they will leave the den, whether under a porch or garage.

Also Arundel Animal Control Officer Bruce Martin has informed us that a positive rabies case was confirmed in a gray fox in Arundel last month. **PLEASE VACCINATE ALL YOUR PETS.** If your pet is NOT vaccinated and comes in contact with a rabid animal, the only recourse is to have it euthanized as there is NO treatment for unvaccinated pets after contact.



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