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Town Meeting by Todd Shea, Town Manager



Town Meeting is upon us once again. Elections will be held on Tuesday, June 12 from 8 AM until 8 PM at the Arundel Fire Station. Open Town Meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 13 at 7 PM in the ML Day School Gym at 600 Limerick Road. All residents are invited to attend. There are several ordinance revisions proposed by the Planning Board that will be considered this year pertaining to Land Use in the Town of Arundel. Residents are encouraged to review the Town Meeting Warrant online for a description of these changes. This year the residents of the Town will also be asked to vote on the Town of Arundel Consumer Fireworks Ordinance. A yes vote on this item will make the use of consumer fireworks illegal in the Town, with monetary penalties imposed upon residents who choose to violate this ordinance. A no vote will mean that the Town does not enact the ordinance, and residents are free to use consumer fireworks in Arundel. This warrant item has been necessitated by the State of Maine lifting the ban on consumer fireworks, and allowing each individual municipality to make the choice for themselves. Members of the Fire Department as well as the Sheriff's Department will be on hand to answer questions pertaining to this item.

Total municipal expenditures, the cost of operating the departments and funding capital improvements, for FY 2012-2013 have increased by just under \$10,000 from this current fiscal year. RSU 21 appropriations have increased by approximately \$190,000 in this same timeframe. In FY 2011-2012 (current budget year) the Town voted to utilize \$450,000 from the Undesignated Fund to lessen the mil rate increase. This is an amount that could not be repeated this year. As proposed the FY 2012-2013 budget will utilize \$300,000 from the Undesignated Fund, with the eventual goal of \$0 being taken from this fund in order to maintain a healthy fund balance. The purpose of the Undesignated Fund, per Town policy, is to ensure the wellbeing of the Town's financial administration in a manner that assists in providing for a stable cash flow, reducing short term borrowing costs and meeting the town's long term capital investment objectives while ensuring that year to year fluctuations do not allow accumulation of an excessive undesignated fund balance. The target level for the Undesignated Fund Balance is 20% of the approved appropriation for the municipal budget, the Town's school budget,

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Rundown on Proposed Land Use Ordinance Amendments

By Tad Redway, Town Planner

This year the Arundel Planning Board is not offering any earthshaking changes to the Town's Land Use Ordinance. Not because changes are not needed but more because the Planning Board seeks more input from the newly formed Economic Development Committee, business owners, and the residents before proceeding with major initiatives in the business and residential districts. Therefore, Articles 3-8 on the Town Meeting Warrant correct some long-standing errors, oversights, and regulatory relief from existing design standards. A quick synopsis of the land use changes can be summarized as follows:

Article 3 defines both *Farm Retail* and *Museums* as distinctly different land uses from the "farm stand" and "recreational /educational" classifications these uses were formerly lumped into. Farm Retail operations are essentially year-round farm stands that are not limited in size or scope and can sell agricultural products not produced on the premises as a secondary use. *Museums* are non-profit institutions like the Trolley Museum that display and preserve important historical or artistic artifacts and works.

Article 4 specifies that both Farm Retail and Museums can operate as conditional uses in the R-2, R-3, and R-4 districts as well as the business zones.

Article 5 clarifies what types of private ways provide sufficient legal access for a lot to qualify for a building permit. In the past, property owners have been confused and misled by the vagueness of the original language. The proposed changes remove the vagueness from the Ordinance.

Article 6 also clarifies the definition of legal access for "back lots" and preserves the right to build a single use on such properties. In addition the article also provides relief from road construction standards for private ways and subdivision roads approved prior to 1995, and private ways upon which a certificate of occupancy was issued on a lot served by a private way prior to 2010. It should be noted that this relief applies only for undeveloped lots between the public street and the farthest house that received such a certificate of occupancy on the established private way or subdivision road. Any extension of a pre-existing private way or subdivision road must meet current standards. Finally, in order to avoid cost sticker shock, the proposed

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county tax and overlay. This target balance using the FY 2011-2012 budget figures is approximately \$1.4 million, and the balance of the Undesignated Fund after the \$300,000 proposed use for the upcoming fiscal year will be approximately \$1.7 million. This decrease in fund balance use will result in a mil rate increase for FY 2012-2013 of approximately \$.70 per thousand dollars in valuation, translating to approximately a \$140 increase for a \$200,000 home. A definite mil rate will not be able to be determined until the assessor commits taxes in early August. I would like to thank the Budget Board and the Board of Selectmen for their input and hard work on the proposed budget.

Please make an effort to attend Town Meeting on June 13 at 7 PM in the ML Day School Gymnasium. Those who attend will be the ones deciding on all of the matters before them. I look forward to seeing you there.

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Section 7.7.B.2 requires each new road section of private ways to be constructed to standards based on the maximum build out of the property.

Article 7 essentially standardizes the name of the Staff Review Committee in those sections of the Ordinance where the same review committee was given confusingly different labels.

Any questions about the specifics of these changes, please contact me at 985-4201 or townplanner@roadrunner.com.



Arundel is NOT a Can of Soup by Tad Redway, Town Planner

Townpeople will note that Article 25 calls for the appropriation of \$25,000 for a “branding study” to be conducted by the Arundel Economic Development Committee. Since Arundel is NOT a can of soup, residents have asked why we need branding? The simple answer is that the “branding study” is in reality a **market study**. One of the principle missions of the *Economic Development Committee* is to develop a comprehensive plan for attracting and retaining commercial and business operations in Arundel. Rather than making uninformed assumptions, the proposed market study will help us to identify what type of existing and emerging businesses are available for the Town to attract, what kind of support services do these businesses need, and what strategy can we use to recruit these new businesses. Such a study prepared by market experts will help the Town avoid costly infrastructure and investment mistakes and concentrate our limited resources into strategies that produce the biggest bang for our economic development buck. The *branding* component of the market study focuses on creating a unique image and attractive identity that will help Arundel outcompete our neighbors in recruiting new businesses.

So when you think of Article 25, don't think tomato soup, think about a judicious use of taxpayer funds that will help the town to avoid pitfalls while increasing business tax revenues in the future.

Online Tax Payments Available

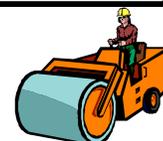
Todd Shea, Town Manager



Residents now have another option when it comes to paying Real Estate and Personal Property tax payments. If you visit the Town of Arundel website at www.arundelmaine.org you will find a link to the ONLINE PAYMENT CENTER which offers a resident the ability to pay with a check, credit card or debit card. There are additional fees associated with this service, please click on the FEE SCHEDULE link on the home page and understand what you are paying prior to choosing a payment option. These fees will be assessed to the user above and beyond the payment amount that is selected for payment of taxes, and will be clearly marked on the invoice prior to checkout. Please keep in mind that payments are applied to the oldest outstanding taxes due to the Town, regardless of the tax period that is chosen. This option is not available to taxpayers who have received notice of impending foreclosure, in these situations you must come in to town hall to make payments. Payments in person at Town Hall will still be limited to cash or checks at this time.

Arundel Public Works

Roger Taschereau, Public Works Director



With spring coming early, Public Works was able to get started on several projects. The usual sweeping and roadside trash cleanups were done weeks ahead of time. Approximately 10 miles of road shoulders were re-graded and culverts also were cleaned.

A few minor drainage issues were corrected on River Road and Limerick Road and they are now ready for paving. The Irving Road project is under way with hopes of a timely completion to take advantage of early season paving prices.

Roadside mowing will also start early this season to maintain sight distances and keep a neat appearance on our roads.

Several large culverts are scheduled to be relined and with some cooperation from the weather all other projects should be completed this construction season.



Arundel Recreation

by Jenn Dumas, Parks & Recreation Director

Another year of school is drawing to a close, and the Rec Department is gearing up for summer programs! Please visit the main Rec Department page of the town website to find information about our programs for adults, families, and children of all ages! <http://www.arundelmaine.org>. To register for Arundel Rec programs, you can download & print a registration form from the town website. Completed registration forms & payment by check can be sent to ML Day School through your student's backpack in an envelope labeled "Arundel Rec," or dropped off/ mailed to ML Day School or Arundel Town Hall 468 Limerick Road, Arundel, ME 04046. (Cash payments are accepted in person at the town hall). Questions? arundelrec@roadrunner.com or 286-9241

SCHOOL'S OUT! Day Trips for grades K-5 June 20, 21 & 22. Registration Deadline for any/all "School's Out" trip days: Thursday 6/14/2012.

Wed., 6/20: Join us on the last day of school for an afternoon of mini-golfing, a human maze, and arcade fun at WONDER MOUNTAIN FUN PARK in Moody. We will depart shortly after noon dismissal from school, and will return to the MLD Gym/Playground by 4pm. Pick up between 4:00-5:30pm Fee: \$20. Minimum/maximum enrollment: 20/50.

Thurs., 6/21: Join us for a special trip to Canobie Lake Park. Please drop your child off between 7:00-8:00am in the MLD Gym. We will load the bus and depart at 8am. Please pick your child up at 5:30pm in the MLD back parking lot. Fee: \$40. Minimum/maximum enrollment: 25/50.

Fri., 6/22: Join us for a day at Funtown! Drop off between 7:00-9:00am in the MLD Gym. We will load the bus and depart as close to 9am as possible. We will return by 4:30pm. Please pick your child up between 4:30-5:30pm in the MLD Gym. Fee: \$30. Minimum/maximum enrollment: 25/50.

SUMMER REC (entering grades K-5 in the fall) & MIDDLE SCHOOL SUMMER TRIPS (entering grades 6-9 in the fall): Registrations for the 2012 MIDDLE SCHOOL SUM-

MER TRIPS program are now being accepted. Registrations for the first week (6/26-6/28) will be accepted until Thursday, 6/14/12, and thereafter by Thursday of each week throughout the summer for the upcoming week. Go to the main Recreation Department page of the town website and scroll to the bottom of the page to click on the link to find the trip details! <http://arundelmaine.org>. The 5/17 registration deadline for SUMMER REC has now passed, and the program is nearly full with only a few spaces left in each age group. Additional registrations will be accepted as space allows, first come, first serve, with payment in full. Please call or email the office to inquire. arundelrec@roadrunner.com or 286-9241.

Family Night at the Arundel Barn Playhouse -- CINDERELLA!

Show Information: Friday, July 20 at 8pm. Tickets are sold in "Family 4-packs" for \$50 per 4-pack. Each 4-pack includes 2 adult passes and 2 student passes. Adult passes can be used by students, however student passes cannot be used by adults. The

Arundel Barn Playhouse requests that families consider the late hour of the play when determining if this is appropriate for your family (approximate end time of the show: 10:00pm). Only 20 Family 4-packs are available, first come, first serve. Arundel residents only. All sales final. Final registration

deadline: Thursday, 7/5 or when all tickets are sold, whichever occurs first.



Adult ZUMBA: Certified, high-energy, and super-fun Instructor Monique Robitaille teaches ZUMBA classes on Monday and Thursday evenings in the ML Day Gym. We will be offering a 6am class one morning per week in July & August – check the town website for details which will be posted soon! <http://arundelmaine.org>

FACEBOOK Follow our adventures on Facebook! Program information, updates, & photos of the fun we have. Send a request to join our group "Arundel Recreation Department." Our Facebook group is a *closed* group, in which you must request membership and prove that you have ties to the Arundel community.



Volunteers Needed by Todd Shea, Town Manager



Currently the Town of Arundel is in need of volunteers to serve on several boards and committees. To date we are looking for members to appoint to the **Budget Board, Economic Development Committee, Zoning Board of Appeals, and Board of Assessment Review** as well as a potential opening on the Planning Board. Anyone who is interested in joining any board or committee can get an application on the Town's website, www.arundelmaine.org. Please go to **Committee and Board Positions Available** on the left hand side and then click on the **VOLUNTEER APPLICATION** link to print an application. You may also obtain a copy by calling the Town Manager at 985-4201, or you can pick one up during normal business hours at Town Hall. Applicants must be residents of the Town of Arundel and must be registered to vote as such.



**Tuesday, June 12th
State Primary Election
& Municipal Election
Arundel Fire Station
8 am to 8 pm**

**Annual Town Meeting
Wednesday, June 13th
M L Day Gym - 7pm**



Sample Ballots & a copy of the Town Meeting Warrant & Appendix is available on the Town's website. Town Report Books are available at some of the local stores and at the Town Office.

YEAR END CLOSING

Arundel Town Hall will close at 3 PM on Friday, June 29, 2012 for end of fiscal year accounting purposes. Sorry for the inconvenience.



**Hutchins Bridge
Replacement Schedule**

Todd Shea, Town Manager

Beginning **Monday, June 4, 2012** the Maine Department of Transportation will begin reconstruction of the Hutchins Bridge, over the Goff's Mill Brook, at the intersection of the Log Cabin Road and the Lombard Road in Arundel. One lane signalized traffic is set to begin the week of July 9, 2012 with an anticipated one lane traffic duration of 84 days.

On or about **Monday, August 13, 2012** it is anticipated that the Log Cabin Road will be **CLOSED for a 48 hour period** in order to replace the culvert. Traffic will be re-routed to the River Road and Lombard Road primarily, and will be well marked by the DOT for the duration of the project.



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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE BUSINESS REGISTRATION FORM

On the reverse side of this page of the *Arrow* is a business registration form for Arundel businesses, agricultural operations, and home occupations. The intent of the form is to provide information for inclusion in an **ARUNDEL BUSINESS DIRECTORY** to be posted on the Town website.

If you own/operate a **business, agricultural operation, or home occupation** in Arundel, please take a few moments to fill out the form as completely as possible. Then return it to Town Hall via mail, e-mail townplanner@roadrunner.com, fax 207-985-4201, or by dropping it off in person.



The Economic Development Committee is committed to supporting Arundel's businesses, agricultural operations, and home occupations in any way possible. The business directory is an important piece of that support and an excellent way to advertise your business! Please visit Arundel's website, www.arundelmaine.org, to find out more about the Economic Development Committee.

Thank you for your time and cooperation.