

The Arrow

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Planning Board / Comp Plan Committee Prepare Proposed Amendments for 2007 Town Meeting

If there were one description for my first 6 months as your Town Planner, I would have to describe it as a learning experience about its local people. It is of a pleasant surprise that there are still communities in Southern Maine that care about their Town's future and are willing to participate in the process in order to protect it. This protection comes in the form of participation in Public Meetings and / or appointments to Town Boards and Committees. So in my first paragraph of my first Arrow article I would like to thank everyone who has collaborated on these efforts and to tell you that my first 6 months would have not been as rewarding without your assistance.



The hot topics during my starting tenure have been the proposed changes to the Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Ordinance. These changes were necessitated by the defeat of Land Use Ordinance amendments proposed in June 2006, and subsequent changes that have been requested by

Arundel business owners and citizens. Since the 2006 defeat, Arundel's citizen seated Planning Board and Comprehensive Plan Committee have contributed countless hours in public meetings with local business owners and residents alike to hear their concerns and together propose changes to the Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Ordinance that would benefit all parties equally. *Inserted on pages 2 & 3 of the Arrow is a Voter Information packet that has been created by the Planning Board and Comprehensive Plan Committee, this highlights the major changes to both documents, and answers many questions that have arisen during the process.*

The **Planning Board / Comprehensive Plan Committee** will be holding a joint **Public Hearing** on the proposed amendments on **Wednesday, April 4, 2007, at the Mildred L. Day Memorial School Gym starting at 7:00 p.m.** Based on comments received at the Public Hearing, the Boards may make changes to the proposed amendments before scheduling a follow up Public Hearing. All residents of the town are encouraged to attend the Public Hearing to learn about the proposed changes and join in the discussions and/or ask questions on how they may relate to you.

Copies of the proposed changes will be posted to the town's web site. To view or download a copy, go to www.arundelmaine.org. If you do not have access to the Internet at home, access can be gained at all of the public libraries in the area. Paper copies are also available at the town office. For further information contact Aaron D. Shields, Town Planner at 985-4201 or Email a.shields@roadrunner.com

HELP STOP TAX INCREASE

Townspople of Arundel:

The Arundel Fire-Rescue is in need of members that can respond to emergency calls. At this time we have about 20 volunteers in the department and about four or five that respond to all calls if they're not gone camping, skiing, out on a family picnic or gone to work.

As one of our past Chiefs told me, the whole reason the department was started in 1959 was that townspeople weren't happy with the delayed response from out of town departments as well as the cost. They found that they could do it quicker and cheaper themselves.

We need people that are willing to learn and willing to put in the time it will take to learn the job. I will be up front with you and say the training will take a lot of your time with class room training and hands on training.

If we can not get enough volunteers from our town, we will need to hire out of town help. This will increase everyone's taxes by a large sum of money in order to pay these people to work around the clock seven days a week.

We are currently looking into a per diem program that would be less expensive to the town but it would still raise taxes and still require responders.

If you would like to talk about joining and you are not sure if you can do the job, or would like more details on the EMS Responder or the Firefighter program please stop in and talk with any one of the department members. See for yourself if it is something you would like to do to help your town and friends.

Arundel
Fire-Rescue Chief
Donald Pyer





COMPREHENSIVE PLAN & LAND USE ORDINANCE – VOTER INFORMATION 2007

Why are amendments to Arundel’s Comprehensive Plan being proposed?

- Arundel's Comprehensive Plan was approved by the voters in June 2005. After the defeat of the amendments to the Land Use Ordinance [June 2006 Town Meeting] some Arundel businessmen and other citizens gave the Selectmen a written list of suggestions for changes to the proposed Land Use Ordinance. Some of those suggestions required review and possible amendment of the Comprehensive Plan.

What was done with the suggestions presented to the Selectmen?

- Beginning in September 2006 and continuing through March 2007, the Comprehensive Plan Update Committee and the Planning Board met jointly to work on amendments to the Comprehensive Plan and the Land Use Ordinance that would benefit the Town of Arundel as a whole. Some Arundel businessmen and residents participated in these meetings and provided direction for the committee members.

How are the amendments to the Comprehensive Plan related to the amendments to the Land Use Ordinance?

- The details of the Land Use Ordinance must reflect the direction outlined by the Comprehensive Plan. Some of the suggestions made to the Selectmen, supported by the Planning Board, require that changes be made to the Comprehensive Plan before the Land Use Ordinance can be amended.

Why does the Land Use Ordinance need to be amended?

- The Land Use Ordinance must be in compliance with the Comprehensive Plan. Since the Land Use Ordinance has not been updated since the adoption of the Comprehensive Plan in June 2005, amendments are proposed to ensure that Arundel's Land Use Ordinance is in compliance with the Plan.

OK, so what are the proposed amendments to the Comprehensive Plan in the business districts?

- The business district at the southern end of Route 1, **Community Commercial South** [formerly "Community Commercial"] and the business district on Route 111, **Community Commercial North** [formerly "Limited Business"] will both permit larger retail, office, and service businesses [up to 15,000 sq. ft.*] than they previously did. In addition, low-impact manufacturing businesses [up to 5000 sq. ft.*] will be allowed.
- Both the **Community Commercial South** and **Community Commercial North** districts will permit a potentially greater density of development [to be determined by site conditions] than before.

- In **Community Commercial South**, new single-family homes would be permitted, but new single-family subdivisions would be excluded.
- Development standards in **Community Commercial South** will encourage parking to the side or rear of businesses.

These amendments* are reflected in the Land Use Ordinance, including a definition for **low-impact manufacturing** to replace "light manufacturing".

Does any amendment being proposed to the Comprehensive Plan affect residential districts?

In order to make the uses in the four residential districts more uniform...

- the phrase "...and low intensity nonresidential uses..." will be deleted from the description of the Rural Residential [R3] district.

This amendment is also reflected in the Land Use Ordinance.

What else is proposed in the Land Use Ordinance that supports businesses in Arundel?

- Front setbacks in all business districts are reduced to 50 ft. on arterial collectors and 30 ft. on non-arterial collectors.
- The requirement to maintain existing trees within 75 ft. of Route 1 is removed.
- The amount of outdoor storage and display of merchandise permitted for Retail Level 1 [up to 7500 sq. ft.] is increased from 1500 sq. ft. to 2500 sq. ft.
- Any business structure that is "non-conforming as to use" may expand one time up to 50%. This now applies throughout town, not just in the Highway Commercial district as before.
- In the Rural Conservation district [R4], height restrictions on agricultural buildings will increase to 45 feet with no height restrictions on silos.

How do proposed amendments in the Land Use Ordinance affect residents/land owners in Arundel?

- The Land Use Ordinance clarifies that tradesmen working out of their homes are not a "home occupation" and no permit is required.
- There is greater protection of residential values by limiting commercial uses in residential districts. Where commercial uses are allowed, a more consistent approach is applied.
- In Rural Residential [R3] and Rural Conservation [R4] districts, maximum lot coverage increases from 10% to 20%.

In what other ways do the proposed changes benefit the Town of Arundel?

- Protection of the Kennebunk River, Brimstone Pond,



and associated wetlands is provided by the establishment of a Natural Resources Conservation district [NRC].

- Any lots split by a district boundary are treated the same way throughout town, regardless of the districts involved.
- Farm stands are permitted in all areas of town.

What else should I expect to find in the Land Use Ordinance after all this work?

- There has been a general revision of the definition section. Some terms have been added or deleted to reflect current needs. Others have been amended to provide clarity or make them more complete.
- Illustrations have been added to the definition section to eliminate confusion.
- The Land Use Regulation chart has been revised to reflect proposed Comprehensive Plan amendments and to provide better consistency and fairness in uses permitted in the various districts.
- Additional land use types have been added to the Land Use Table to clarify past issues with use interpretations and to allow new uses that are currently applicable.

Has anything else changed in the Comprehensive Plan document?

- The Highway Commercial [HC] district [adopted June 2006] language has been added to the plan.
- Several pages outlining the evolution of the Comprehensive Plan have been deleted to improve clarity and prevent confusion regarding the current content of the Plan.
- Some editing has been done to make the document more easily understood and "user friendly".

Is there any reference to a "Village Center" in the Comprehensive Plan or Land Use Ordinance?

- No.

Where are Home Occupations/Home Businesses permitted?

- Home Occupation/Home Businesses, as defined in the Land Use Ordinance, are permitted throughout town.

What if I have more questions?

- Pick up a copy of the proposed Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Ordinance at Town Hall or download it from Arundel's website www.arundelmaine.org
- Call the Town Planner [985-4201], Aaron Shields, or stop by his office.
- e-mail the Town Planner [a.shields@roadrunner.com].

Now that I have read this, what should I do next?

- Attend the PUBLIC HEARING on Wednesday, April 4. [7pm at Mildred L. Day School]
- Attend TOWN MEETING on Wednesday, June 13. [7pm at Mildred L. Day School]

Who are the people who served on the Comprehensive Plan Update Committee?

Kitty Bassett	Simone Boissonneault	Martin Cain III
Milda Castner	Tom Danylik	Diane Robbins
Roland Drew	Donna derKinderen	Byron Kindley

Who are the Planning Board members?

Martin Cain III	Robert Coon
John derKinderen	Daniel Dubois
Tom McGinn	Roger Morin

Golden Girls Resume Meeting Schedule for Spring

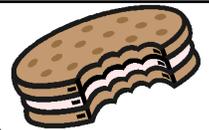


The Golden Girls of Arundel will resume meetings in April. The first and third Mondays will be at the Masonic Hall in Kennebunkport and the other Mondays of the month will be held at the Arundel Fire Station.

All meetings will be at 10:00 a.m. Programs for the upcoming year will be discussed. Guests and new members are always welcome. FMI tel: Elizabeth at 967-5146.

Got Cookies? Arundel Junior Girl Scout Troop 420

Maureen Smith & Kristin Robinson



It's cookie time again! If you didn't get a chance to place an order, we plan on selling cookies at the Arundel Market in March. Watching your calories this year? Why not purchase a box of cookies to be donated to our local food pantry, it's part of the "Cookies for a Cause" program.

It is a tradition of Troop 420 to donate 10% of our cookie profits to charity. In past years we have donated money to the American Red Cross and the Arundel PTA. This year the girls have decided to use our proceeds to make craft kits for patients at the Barbara Bush Children's Hospital and a cash donation to Habitat for Humanity of York County.

Cookie sales help fund fun and enriching programs for our girls. This year we have been exploring friendship, healthy habits, community service, hobbies, and talents. We have had a blast at fieldtrips to Happy Wheels and High Stepping Stables and look forward to upcoming trips to the Portland Pirates and the Starfield Observatory.

Information should be coming home soon with all M.L. Day students about opportunities in Girl Scouting and summer camp programs. Come join the fun!



Arundel Rec 2007 Spring & Summer Programs

Jenn Dumas, Director

Office Phone: (207) 286-9241

Easter Egg Hunt

(preschool-5th grade)

Planning for another memorable community event is underway! Join in on Saturday, April 7th at 10:00am for a good old-fashioned Easter Egg Hunt. The Hunt will take place on the grounds of M.L. Day School. Fee \$1 per person.

Absolute Registration Deadline: Tue 4/3. Please indicate which group your child(ren) will be in:

- Preschool
- Kindergarten – Grade 1
- Grades 2-3
- Grades 4-5

BRING YOUR OWN BASKET!

This event is outdoors rain or shine, Be sure to dress appropriately for the weather.

Volunteers are needed on day of event.

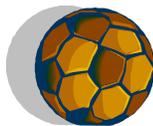


Spring Soccer

(Grades K-6)

This is a low-key spring soccer program in which the goal is learning skills and having fun. The time commitment is one game per week (no practices – coaching/instruction is done during games). **Program will run on Mondays from April 30 through June 4 between 4:00-6:00pm at Consolidated School in Kennebunkport. Fee is \$25 per child.**

Registration Deadline is Friday, April 13. *Volunteer coaches and referees are needed – please indicate on your child's registration form if you'd like to help. Please also indicate on your registration form if your child would like to be on a friend's team (teams will be a mix of Kennebunk, Kennebunkport and Arundel youth). We'll do our best to honor these requests.*



Summer Rec 2007

Grades K-5

Our "Summer Rec Camp" takes place for 8 weeks every summer. Children entering grades K-5 in the fall are separated into groups with other children close to their age. Each group takes part in a variety of age-appropriate recreational activities. We take pride in creating long-lasting childhood memories at our Summer Rec Camp! Join us for

another season of fun in the sun – a true Maine Summer Rec Camp offering daily sports, games, arts & crafts, outdoor play, along with 2 to 3 trips per week to area lakes, coastal beaches, and of course exciting trips to a variety of great amusement parks, movie theaters, roller rinks etc. in our area! Our Summer Rec Camp also offers childrens' entertainment including live theater, live animal presentations and more! An old-fashioned ice cream truck comes for a weekly visit, and we also offer Camp Lunch Day on Friday. All of this under the supervision of a carefully-chosen, mature staff of mostly college students and current teachers who are in it for the love of children!

Regular Hours: Drop off between 8:00-8:30am and pick up between 3:30-4:00pm. *Extended Hours:* 7:30am-5:00pm (additional \$10 per week).

Fees: 8 weeks ~ \$450 6/24-8/17 (closed 7/4)
4 weeks ~ \$285 6/24-7/20 OR 7/23-8/17
1 week ~ \$75 Any week until full.

The above fees must be paid in full by May 18. Payments can be made until that time. A deposit of any amount must accompany initial registration form. All prices increase by \$25 after 5/18/07 (\$475, \$305 & \$100)

Also note that if you sign up for the 4 week session, you will be charged the 4 week rate a 2nd time if you choose to re-enroll your child for the 2nd 4-week session.



Middle School Summer Trips

Grades 6-9

We are planning some great day trips for middle-schoolers throughout the summer of 2007. Registrations for each trip will be accepted separately so there is no need to commit to the whole summer -- pick and choose the trips that interest you! Join us for fun in the sun on Tuesdays for trips to the lake, and on Thursdays for field trips to local amusement parks and other cool places. Wednesday trips to coastal beaches will be offered every other week. Fees will be set based on admission fees, chaperones, and transportation costs. Adult/parent chaperones will be present on each trip. Registration deadlines will be set for the week before each trip in order to plan and provide staffing. A list of specific trip locations will be released by May 1. Fees for Beach/Lake Trips will be approx. \$15 per day, while Amusement Trips will be approx. \$25 per day.

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Family Night at the Playhouse

Our very own *Arundel Barn Playhouse* is once again offering family passes to Arundel residents for a live theater production at a drastically reduced price! Don't let your family miss Joseph & the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat on Friday, July 13 at 8:00pm. Family 4-packs are available at \$40 per pack. Packs include 2 adult passes and 2 student passes. Adult tickets can be used for students, however student passes cannot be used by adults. Tickets are sold in 4-packs only. If your family needs more than 4 tickets, more than one family pack must be purchased. The Arundel Barn Playhouse asks that families bring children old enough to use appropriate audience behavior in order to avoid disrupting other patrons. The suggested minimum age is 7 years old. Only 20 Family 4-packs are available – sign up soon! Registration deadline Friday, June 29th unless we run out before then.



Mad Science Summer Camps

Grades 1-5

New and exciting! The Mad Scientists of ME are bringing their experiments to ML Day School to share this summer! Two different sessions will be offered – the first session will be **“Claws, Codes & Constellations.”** In this session, Mad Science invites you to decipher the world around you. Use Morse code to send secret messages to your friends. Get a taste for space as you launch a 'water bottle rocket', test soil for "Martian" life and experiment with space suit design. Discover pollution solutions by baking nachos with solar power. Grow jaws and claws to feed your beastly stomach. **This 4-day program runs 7/2-7/6 (closed 7/4) from 9am,-3pm, and is \$172.00 per participant. Registration Deadline is Wed 6/20.**

The second session is called **“Blast Off Camp.”** In this program, Mad Science invites you to launch your knowledge of flight as you build your very own rockets. Experiment with different kinds of propulsion systems as you use your new knowledge to blast off, track and recover different kinds of rockets. Treat your stomachs to some rocket snacks. Have a “Rockin” good time at this rocket camp! **This 5-day program runs July 30-Aug 3 from 9am,-3pm, and is \$215 per participant. Registration Deadline is Wed. 7/11. Minimum & Maximum enrollment is 18-25. Before/After Care between 7:30am-5:00pm is available for both sessions through the Rec Dept for an additional \$20 per week.**



Summer Basketball Camp

Can't get enough of the game? Want to get together with your friends and play basketball? Join in!

Grades K-1: 5:30-6:30pm July 9-13

Grades 2-3: 6:30-7:30pm July 9-13

Reg. deadline: Tue. 7/3. Fee \$20 includes T-shirt

Grades 4-6 Boys: 5:30-6:30pm July 16-20

Grades 4-6 Girls: 6:30-7:30pm July 16-20

Reg. deadline: Tue 7/11. Fee \$20 includes T-shirt

All of the above programs will include instruction

Coaches are needed for all above levels

Grade 7-9 Boys *Open Gym* 5-7pm 7/23-7/27 FREE

Grade 7-9 Girls *Open Gym* 7-9pm 7/23-7/27 FREE

Adult Supervisors needed for Open Gym programs

ALL BASKETBALL PROGRAMS IN ML DAY GYM



Summer Soccer Camp

Come out to the ML Day soccer field for some summer soccer skills, drills and fun!

Grades K-1: 5:30-6:30pm week of 7/23-7/27

Grades 2-3: 5:30-6:30pm week of 7/23-7/27

Grades 4-6: 6:30-7:30pm week of 7/23-7/27

All programs will include instruction

Coaches are needed for all age levels

Reg. deadline: Tue 7/17. Fee \$20 includes T-shirt

April Vacation Trips available thru Kennebunk & Kennebunkport Parks & Rec Departments.

Employment Opportunities:

The Arundel Rec Dept. is currently accepting applications for:

- Before School Program Staff
7:00-8:30am weekdays April-June 2007. (Paid position).
- Summer program staff for Summer Rec & Summer Trips. (Paid positions).
- Volunteers to coach summer basketball & soccer.

Employment & Volunteer applications are available at Town Hall.



Nomination Papers Available

Nomination papers for the upcoming June Municipal Election will be available on Monday, March 19th. The following positions will be voted on by secret ballot vote on Tuesday, June 12th, 2007.

- Selectmen, Two positions for 3 year terms,
- School Board, Two positions for 3 year terms,
- Budget Committee, two positions for 3 year terms
- two positions for 2 year terms
- two positions for 1 year terms



A minimum of 25 signatures of registered Arundel voters is required in order for a candidate's name to be placed on the June ballot. The filing **deadline** for completed nomination papers is by the close of the workday (4:30 p.m.) on **April 27th**.

FYI: The New National Voter Registration Act (NVRA) requires identification (ID) and proof of residency to be shown when registering to vote for the first time in any municipality.

The Annual Town Meeting will be held the following evening, Wednesday, June 13th, at the Mildred L. Day School Gym at 7 p.m. Again, you must be a registered voter in Arundel in order to vote on town meeting warrant articles on the floor of town meeting.

TAX REMINDER



The 2nd Half of the 2007 Real Estate and Personal Property Taxes are **DUE April 12, 2007**. Interest on any unpaid balance begins April 13th.

Exemption and

Filing Reminder: If you are a new homeowner who has owned the home for a year as of April 1, 2006 or moved to Arundel from another Maine town, please remember to file your Homestead Exemption by April 1st in order to qualify for the 2008 tax year. First time Veteran's Exemptions and Blind Exemptions as well as Tree Growth, Farm and Open Space applications must also be filed by April 1, 2007 in order to be applied to the upcoming 2008 Tax Year.

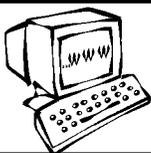
Please feel free to call 985-4201 if you have any questions on these applications or need tax balance information.

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