



# The Arrow

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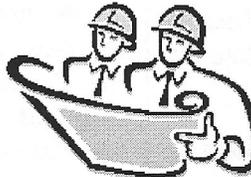
## SELECTMEN SEEKING INPUT ON TOWN HALL SITES UNDER CONSIDERATION

As many of you in Arundel may know, for the past 12 plus years the Town has been discussing an appropriate location for the construction of a New Town Hall.

Town funds have been used to determine an appropriate size of a New Town Hall (estimated @ 8,000 sq. ft) and the town has continued to look for an appropriate location to construct this building.

The Board of Selectmen has focused in on sites that have the potential to serve the town for years to come. Of the sites one (Route #1) is town owned while the other (Limerick Road) would need to be purchased.

The Town hired Sebago Technicians to review both sites and determine costs involved to have both sites ready to be built upon. Their costs looked at providing earthwork, pavement, utilities, and storm water management at the sites. They also determined location on the property to construct this building. In their review, they determined the cost for the Route #1 site to be \$816,258.50. The Limerick Road site came in at \$610,052.00 but would also require the purchase of an adequate amount of land. The Board of Selectmen have determined a minimum of four acres would be needed for a Town Hall with adequate Parking. The property owners of the Limerick Road site understand our interest in their property but the town has no exclusive right so therefore this property could be sold by the property owners at any time.



On **Monday, September 19, 2016, 7PM** at the MLD School Library a **Public Forum** will be held to provide an opportunity for folks to comment and ask questions on the sites being considered. We encourage you to attend as your input will be vital to assist the Board on how to proceed.



## DOES ARUNDEL NEED ANOTHER DEDICATED SHERIFF PATROL?

At this year's Annual Town Meeting held in June, some voters discussed Arundel's need for another Contract Sheriff Deputy.

Presently, we have one Patrol Deputy who works exclusively in Arundel 40 hours per week. He works for the York County Sheriff's Office, but the cost for his service is borne by the taxpayers of Arundel.

The present Dedicated Patrol Officer, costs the Town \$76,970.71 for FY 16/17, plus this year the Town approved the purchase of a new Sheriff's Cruiser @ \$33,000. Our total amount for FY 2016/17 is \$109,970.71. Generally these cruisers are in service 4 years, therefore every four years we are requested to purchase another cruiser for the Arundel Patrol Deputy.

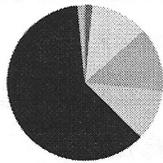
In July 2016, the Board of Selectmen spoke with Sheriff King about the possibility of another deputy. The Sheriff provided statistics and his opinion that Arundel would benefit from having another Dedicated Patrol Deputy.

The York County Manager provided a cost estimate to hire another Dedicated Patrol Deputy for Arundel. The costs ranged from a Low of \$82,781.66 to a High of \$99,240.39. Several factors play into costs with the primary motivators being if the Patrol Deputy is a new officer as opposed to an experienced officer and health insurance coverage. In addition, another Sheriff's Cruiser would need to be purchase for an additional \$33,000, giving your total for Dedicated Patrol Officer #2 estimated at \$115,781.66 to \$132,240.39, in the first year.

With an additional 40 hours of dedicated patrol services Arundel would then have 80 total hours of dedicated patrols out of 168 hours per week. This equates to 48% of the week Arundel would have a patrol deputy exclusively in Arundel.

Voters are asked to attend a **Public Forum** on **Monday, September 19, 2016** at 7 pm at the MLD School Library in order to assist the Board of Selectmen to gauge if this additional service is supported by the general public and if you are willing to have an increase in your local taxes to support it.

**Public Forums – Monday, September 19th, 7pm at MLD School Library  
Information & Public Input on Town Hall Sites & 2nd Contract Deputy**



### 2017 Tax Rate By Keith Trefethen, Town Manager

On August 22, 2016, the Board of Selectmen approved the tax rate that appears on this year's tax bill. The Rate for \$1,000 of valuation of your property will be \$15.12. For reference, last year's tax rate was \$14.95/1,000. This means last year a tax bill on a \$150,000 home was \$2,242.50 and this year that same \$150,000 property will be \$2,268 an increase of \$25.50 for the year.

Tax rates are determined primarily by the expenses approved at the School District meeting and Referendum vote as well as the Annual Town Meeting vote. Other factors that help determine the rate include the County Tax. We then factor in any and all revenues that will be used and subtract the revenue from the approved amount to determine what needs to be collected. Total funding needed to provide Arundel's services is \$8,099,467.00, we then subtract our anticipated revenue of \$1,732,798.00 which leaves us \$6,366,669.00 to be collected through taxes.

Another factor in determining the tax rate is the Town's Taxable Value. This taxable value is made up of two areas, real estate and personal property values. The combined FY 2017 value is \$412,079,698.00. Last year the Town had a value of \$401,741,509.00, therefore we experienced an increase of Taxable Value of \$10,338,189.00. This increase is factored into the formula before the rate is set.

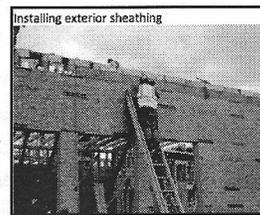
The Board of Selectmen have flexibility in setting the rate provided to them by state law. The law would have allowed the Selectmen to set a rate as high as \$15.86/1,000 which would have collected far more funds than needed to cover our expenses. The Boards choice in the 2017 rate is the minimum allowed.

### MLD School Update

*By Dr. Kevin Crowley, Principal*

Construction of the new 24,000 square foot addition to the Mildred L. Day School is currently ahead of schedule and trending to be completed below the original budget. The addition includes four new classrooms, a library, administrative offices, computer/stem lab, Spanish room and full size gym with a new kitchen. Alterations have been made to the existing wing which include a new fire alarm system, fire suppression system, security system and phone system. Additionally, the parking will be increased to 120 spaces and the student drop off and bus loop will be separate. We have been most impressed with the work of PC construction and their sub-contractors.

We anticipate moving our students to the new wing over the Columbus Day weekend in October. We will hold a grand opening for the community in the late fall.



Installing exterior sheathing

**DANGER**  
  
**POISON**

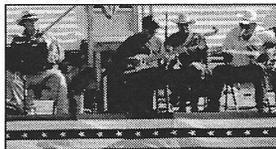
## Hazardous Waste Day

**Saturday, October 8th 8 am to 1 pm**

More info will be posted on the Town website at [www.arundelmaine.org](http://www.arundelmaine.org) as it becomes available.

### 4th Annual Heritage Day Saturday, Sept. 17th

*By Jake Hawkins, President*



This year will be the 4th Annual Heritage Day to be celebrated in Arundel. It will be held on **September 17, 2016 beginning at 10 AM** at the North Chapel Common site at the corner of Rt. 111 (Alfred Rd.) and Limerick Road.

There will be many things from past Heritage Days such as crafts, spinning wool, quill penwriting, wagon rides in the fields, working old engine demos, agricultural displays, as well as petting animals for the kids, food, music, local vendors, canning info, and much more. New this year will be a "Wellness Tent" and due to the popularity of the beanhole beans cooked up by the Scouts last year there will be a

**Bean Supper starting at 4 PM.** Speaking of cooking there will be a pie baking contest this year to be judged by discriminating palates. Also returning will be the "Reminisce Tent" which has historical displays and artifacts from Arundel's past. This tent has proven to be a favorite gathering place for friends and neighbors to catch up with each other. Other than a donation for the bean supper this family event is free and open to the general public and parking will be available as always.

We are looking for volunteers to help set up the site and tents, as well as help on Heritage Day, so if you are interested please get in touch. It's not too late to sign up as a local crafter/vendor. For any info call 283-9699. Come out and enjoy a day with your neighbors and friends. **It is always a good time!**