

The Arrow

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SPECIAL TOWN MEETING TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH 7 p.m. Arundel Fire Station

By Aaron Shields, Arundel Town Planner

Over the last year, the Planning Board and Comprehensive Plan Committee have held countless meetings to work on amendments to both the Comprehensive Plan and the Land Use Ordinance and made ready many amendments that were overwhelmingly supported and adopted at the June 2007 Town Meeting. During that time and for months afterward, they have continued working on changes that were necessitated by amendments being proposed by the Town and by Individuals / Businesses that desire to make Arundel their home.

Below I have highlighted the Articles and the proposed amendments and tried to give a brief and easy explanation as to what they're about and why they are being proposed.

ARTICLE 2: Shall the town vote to adopt an ordinance entitled "Amendment to the Arundel Comprehensive Plan, Section C-6, for the BI District"? This amendment is necessary to remedy an oversight in the June 2007 amendments to the Comprehensive Plan whereas the current plan does not coincide with the adopted language of the Land Use Ordinance. This change would remove the language from the Future Land Use Plan in the BI district that states that retail sales will be limited to within the first 250' of Route One.

ARTICLE 3: Shall the Town vote to adopt an ordinance entitled "Amendment to the Arundel Land Use Ordinance Section 2.2 - Definitions, Section 6.2 - District Regulations and Section 8 - Specific Site & Use Performance Standards"? This amendment is necessary to permit Agricultural Processing and Demonstration Facilities. This is a new use proposed in the R-4 District, which covers a large percentage of the northwestern and southeastern areas of town, and was proposed by the owner of Kate's Butter who is looking to relocate his company to Arundel. This use, although commercial, is agricultural based and preserves more open space than a subdivision, requires a residence on site, and includes substantial setbacks and screening. Re-

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School Consolidation Update

As a result of Arundel choosing to consolidate with Kennebunk and Kennebunkport as RSU 57, several meetings have been held and others scheduled in an attempt to meet the December 1, 2007 deadline established by the Maine Department of Education (DOE). By that date RSU 57 Regional Planning Committee (RPC) is expected to have a plan for the creation of the new school district, RSU 57. The law expects due diligence to address 13 key components that will be translated into the plan. Whether we as a group or individuals like the new law we are as public officials sworn to uphold the law and meet its obligations until the law is changed. Therefore, we are moving ahead even though we all have reservations to some degree.

Here's what we do know.

The law gives choice of high school attendance to those towns that had it before the new law was passed. Arundel is one of those towns. Arundel high school students will still be able to attend the high school of their choice under the terms and conditions that were established prior to the new law.

The middle school contract with Thornton Academy will stay in place under the terms of the contract. Whether the Town or the new RSU 57 Board has authority to negotiate any change is unclear. The RPC has received conflicting opinions from the DOE regarding this issue.



Every attempt is being made to maintain Mildred L Day as our primary school (K-5). That has been the direction and plan from the RSU 57 PLC since our first meeting. Our plan to the DOE will include ML Day as the primary school in Arundel.

Meeting schedules and minutes of each meeting are posted on the town and school website. As we move forward other relevant information will be posted, as well. We invite you to attend all of the meetings to share your concerns and opinions. To get a copy of the law, go to www.maine.gov then the Department of Education and Public Law, Chapter 240, section XXXX-1.20A MRSA-1, Sub-20A.

Respectfully submitted,
Dana P. Peck, RSU 57 RPC Co-Chair



Special Town Meeting - Article Information

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restrictions provided by the proposed Performance Standards prevent potentially undesirable materials from being processed and limits the impact on the surrounding residences. Advantages to the Town include the required educational component, the generation of additional tax revenue and the preservation of open space in the rural area. Since this use would prevent more of Arundel's agricultural land from becoming house lots, the rural look and open space are better preserved and there is less demand on Town services than from a subdivision.

ARTICLE 4: Shall the town vote to adopt an ordinance entitled "Amendment to the Arundel Comprehensive Plan Section B-6 - Executive Summary and Section C-7 - Future Land Use Plan"? This amendment is necessary to permit Agricultural Processing and Demonstration Facilities. In order for this new use to be allowed in the R-4 district a change in the Comprehensive Plan is required. The Comprehensive Plan Committee and the Planning Board worked together for months to refine the requirements in the proposed amendments to the Land Use Ordinance in order to avoid serious compromises to the intent of the Comprehensive Plan. Although the changes to the Comprehensive Plan are far less substantial and detailed, there was a great amount of time and effort put forth to protect the overall integrity of Arundel's rural landscape.

ARTICLE 5: Shall the Town vote to adopt an ordinance entitled "Amendment to the Residential Growth Ordinance of the Town of Arundel Maine, Section 1.4 - Existing Structures, and Section 1.5 - General Requirements"? This amendment is necessary to permit Seasonal Cottage developments. With the current Residential Growth Ordinance, the individual cottages that are located within a Seasonal Resort would be required to obtain a growth permit for each unit, which would not likely attract this type of high end development to Arundel given the financial constraints that such a requirement places on a developer in getting timely building permits. The Planning Board designed an amendment that would allow this exemption for seasonal cottages that are part of a Seasonal Resort. The basis for the board's decision to propose an exemption for these cottages came from the fact that these resorts and cottages will add substantial tax base to Arundel's business districts while not adding any strains to the school system given these units' seasonal nature.

ARTICLE 6: Shall the Town vote to adopt an ordinance entitled "Amendment to the Arundel Land Use Ordinance Section 2.2 - Definitions, Section 6.2 - District Regulations and Section 8 - Specific Site & Use Performance Standards"? This amendment is necessary to permit Seasonal Cottage developments. This is a new use that would only be located in the Business Districts and would allow the development of a Seasonal Resort with Seasonal Cottages. This new use includes seasonal cottage units with amenities such as tennis courts, pools, walking trails, convenience store, and others associated with similar resorts. Since this use is a business to be located within the business districts, there is no conflict with the Comprehensive Plan. Advantages to the Town include substantial tax revenue with no impact on educational services, since these are seasonal units. Impacts on other Town services are mitigated by the seasonal nature of the business as well. This type of high-end resort will attract additional quality businesses to Arundel's business districts as well as support existing businesses both in Arundel and in the surrounding area.

ARTICLE 7: Shall the Town vote to adopt an ordinance entitled "Amendment to the Arundel Land Use Ordinance Section 11.2 - Procedure on Amendments"? This amendment is proposed so that the Town will be appropriately reimbursed for its time and expenses when working on Amendments that are requested by others. Currently there is a small fee that does not come close to covering expenses or time and this amendment will ensure that the taxpayers will not be covering costs associated with private interest zoning amendments.

Last but not least is an update on the discussions surrounding **Elderly / Senior Housing**. The Planning Board worked for many months on proposed changes to the Residential Growth Ordinance and Land Use Ordinance that would address this category of housing and possible exemptions to the growth ordinance that would make them more desirable for developers while not adversely affecting Arundel. After several public hearings the Board decided that the subject needed more time and greater discussion before moving it forward to Town Meeting. So for now there will be NO Articles on the Warrant that deal with **Elderly / Senior Housing**; but stay tuned as over the next several months this will be discussed in much greater detail at public meetings.

Copies of the proposed changes to the Land Use Ordinance, Residential Growth Ordinance and Comprehensive Plan are posted on 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



Rec Community Events

Letters to Santa:

The Arundel Recreation Department has made special arrangements with the North Pole for Arundel children to write letters to Santa and he has agreed to respond to each one! Simply write your letter and address the envelope to "Santa Claus, North Pole." No postage is necessary but you'll have to use our special North Pole mailboxes.



These **MAGICAL MAILBOXES** will be located at the main office at **ML Day School** or at the Town Clerk's Desk at the **Arundel Town Hall** during regular business hours **from December 3-December 14, 2007**. Don't forget to include your return address so Santa can write back to you!

Arundel Christmas Tree Lighting:



Back by popular demand, the Arundel Recreation Department and Arundel Fire-Rescue look forward to kicking off the holiday season with a Community Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony on Friday, December 7, 2007 at 6:30pm on the Arundel Fire Station lawn! **Local schoolchildren will entertain by singing Christmas carols under the direction of ML Day School Music Teacher Tiffany Twitchell, Santa Claus** will join us to help light the tree and then each child can have their picture taken on Santa's lap inside the fire station. Enjoy cookies & hot cocoa and a horse-drawn wagon ride. Paid for by donations from local businesses, all the fun is free as a community service! We look forward to seeing you there.



Please see the **Recreation Department** pages of the town website <http://arundelmaine.org> or **call 286-9241** for information on our upcoming winter programs including "Basketball Babes" for ages 3-5, and "Pee-wee Basketball" for K-3rd graders.

Jen Dumas, Recreation Director

Holiday Programs Offered for Arundel Residents

Arundel offers four programs to its residents each year during the holiday season. If you or someone you know may benefit from one or more of these, please do not hesitate to give me a call at 985-4201 or stop by the Town Office to see me.

Thanksgiving Baskets

– If you are financially strapped, it's hard to prepare for something as special as Thanksgiving. We are here to help families and seniors in our town who would otherwise not be able to afford to have the traditional Thanksgiving Dinner. If you would like to be placed on my list to receive a Thanksgiving Basket please give me a call no later than November 12th.



Project Pilgrim

– This is an annual Thanksgiving dinner to ensure that all members of our community enjoy a Thanksgiving dinner in the company of others. The volunteer staff prepares and serves a festive dinner, delivers dinners to the homes of community members and recipients of Meals on Wheels and also transports guests to the dinner held at St. Martha's Parish Hall on Thanksgiving Day. If you are interested in this program please give me a call in November and I can give you the time of the event.



Secret Santa

– Secret Santa is entering its 20th year of providing gifts to children of families in need. If you would like an application, please call or stop by my office to request one. All applications will need to be returned to me no later than November 8th so that the tags will be ready to be placed on our Christmas Tree. On **Monday, November 19th** the Town will have its tree set up in the lobby of the Town Hall with the tags bearing a "most wanted" or "needed" gift for a child. Anyone wishing to take a tag from the tree would need to purchase that item and **return it back to the Town Hall unwrapped no later than December 5th**. After this date Secret Santa volunteers will go out and purchase the items that have not been received so they can be boxed and distributed to the families the week before Christmas.



Elder Elves

– This is a wonderful program that provides gifts to elderly residents who live alone and do not have family around to provide them with Christmas Gifts. If you know of someone that falls into this category, please give me a call with the name and address of that person and we will be sure to make their Christmas as special as we can.

Wendy Lank. GA & Social Services Director



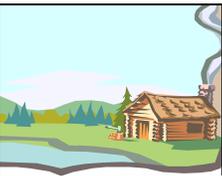
ADVENTURES "FALL" INTO WINTER

Phil Taschereau, Scoutmaster Troop 330



First of all, we would like to thank all of you for your support and dedication to our Scouting Program. We were able to FLY with the help of the "Young Eagles Program" (Biddeford Airport) earlier this year thanks to Mr. David Morrison and his volunteer pilots. We offered a **Gun Safety Course** with the help of Gary and Sherry Mariner from the Sanford Springvale Fish & Game P.A.. They also invited us to their rifle range for advanced hands-on instruction.

We asked for help and you came to our aid in finding canoes, paddles and life jackets for our **High Adventure Canoe Trip** down the Moose River into Moosehead Lake this summer. Our group had twenty-one of us who enjoyed this fantastic trip which took us from Jackman, Me. all the way down the Moose River into



Moosehead Lake where we paddled to and hiked up Mt. Kineo and ended up spending the night on Hardscrabble Point on Kineo Island. In Jackman, we stayed at Randy and Debbie Petrin's " Long Pond Camps and Guide Service " which we used as our base camp. They are two wonderful people and we would strongly recommend their camps and service. We had the perfect week of high adventure and ended up paddling fifty five miles in our own canoes. Oh yes, we took our young scouts on this trip and discovered that they

too have what it takes to measure up to high adventure.

We attended the **Maine Jamboree** at Oxford Hills Plains this fall and had quite the adventure with the rain and sudden gusts of wind that hit our area at 2 AM Saturday morning reeking havoc with the pipes of our shelters....by the grace of "GOD" no one was hurt.

Our luck did continue with our recent trip to **Fort Foster** at Kittery Point, Me. where we camped out during that last coastal storm "Noel". This is a great place to visit and explore while climbing the old bunkers overlooking Portsmouth Harbor.

We are planning on helping our food pantry again this fall with the proceeds of our **returnable bottles and cans** as part of our community service program. Next year we are planning a **weekend of winter camping at Camp Hinds** where we would stay in either a large cabin or lean-tos for a weekend of fun and training. We are also planning on traveling to East Eddington, Me., where we would spend one week of summer camp at Camp Roosevelt in Katahdin Area Council. This would be a new experience for us to camp in Adirondacks (small screened cabins that only sleep four scouts) instead of tents.....sure would be a nice change.



Troop 330 is still **looking for a permanent place to call home**. We are in need of a cabin or a small building which would provide a safe meeting place that we can establish as our own space. The Wells Troop uses an old school house that has no plumbing and only a wood stove for heat.....perfect!!! If you can help us with this request, please call us at 282-2851 and ask for Phil.

2008 Dog Licenses

Licensing fees:

\$6.00 for spayed or neutered dogs -
\$11.00 for males or females capable of producing young.

All dogs 6 months of age or older must be licensed by State Law.



A CURRENT RABIES CERTIFICATE IS REQUIRED

A \$15.00 LATE FEE will be applied on all dogs licensed **AFTER JANUARY 31, 2008** in addition to the licensing fee.

After APRIL 1st, unlicensed dogs will be placed on the Municipal Warrant along with a \$25 warrant fee per dog.

Great Stocking Stuffer for that special family member!

If you're dog has passed away or gone to a new owner since last year, Please callus at 985-4201.



Recruiting for the Arundel Conservation Committee



Over the past few years there has been a great interest in Arundel among residents who have tracts of land that they would like to pre-

serve as open space to maintain the rural nature of our town. Along with that interest, the town's Comprehensive Plan addresses the open space concept, as well. The Conservation Committee is being formed to co-ordinate efforts of the respective town boards to provide an opportunity for those land owners to desire to preserve open space. We are looking for new, fresh ideas and faces to serve the community. If you would like to serve on the Conservation Committee, please contact Town Hall.

Arundel Historical Society - Time to Capture Our Heritage



Anyone who has had time to study the history of our community goes away in awe of the role our town played in forming the United States. We still have families in town whose relatives settled here in the 1600's !! Many have extensive family archives that document the growth and prosperity of the early inhabitants as our town and country grew. Maybe it is time we assemble that rich history to share with our new neighbors from "away" so they can appreciate our Arundel heritage. If you are interested in helping form an Arundel Historical Society, please contact Dana Peck at 985-5151.

Golden Girls Recap Busy Year



The Golden Girls have had a busy year. We have gained a new member and are hoping for more in the future. This year we had a tour of Tom's of Maine in Sanford, had lunches out, picnics at Roger's Pond, two visits from Tim and John Martel who played Sax and Trombone for a sing-a-long and lunched with them afterwards, had tea with Bill Johnson and tour of his Antique Museum and surrounding buildings, a talk on legislative issues by one of our Representatives, Gary Connor and a talk on balance is being scheduled.

After we have our Christmas Party at a restaurant in December we will recess until the first Monday of April. Please join us in the spring!

Elizabeth O'Brien, For More Information call 967-5146

Arundel Little League & Softball Looking for Volunteers!



Volunteer informational meeting will be held on Monday, November 26th at 6:30 p.m. at the Dutch Elm Golf Course.

We are looking for coaches, umpires, concession workers, board members, etc. Any help is appreciated. Call Jeff Hevey at 229-6674 FMI.



SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

**Tuesday,
November 13, 2007
Arundel Fire Station
7 p.m.**

See Page 1 for information
on Articles to be voted on.

Town Offices Holiday Hours



Thanksgiving Holiday

Offices Closed
Thursday, November 22nd
and Friday, November 23rd

Christmas Holiday

Offices Closed
Monday, December 24th
and Tuesday, December 25th.

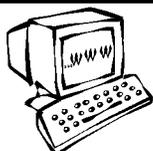


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