

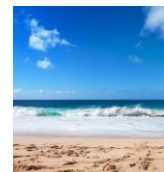


HIRAM NEWSLETTER

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CREATED BY TERRY DAY
APPROVED BY MUNICIPAL OFFICERS



MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR

WEDS. AUGUST 3RD, 2022

**NOON TO 3 P.M.
AT THE HIRAM TOWN OFFICE**

**MAINE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR CAREERS CENTER
WILL BE HERE PROVIDING JOB OPPORTUNITIES IN THE AREA,
HELP WITH JOB APPLICATIONS AND WRITING RESUMES.**

**ANY BUSINESSES IN THE AREA LOOKING FOR HELP CAN COME
AND TAKE APPLICATIONS AND MEET PEOPLE**

COME FIND OUT WHO IS READY TO HIRE YOU!!



**TOWN OFFICE HOURS
MON – THURS 9 – 3 P.M.
THURS EVENINGS 5:30 P.M. – 7 P.M.
FRIDAYS 9 – NOON**



2ND SATURDAY OF THE MONTH – 8 A.M. – 11 A.M.

TEL: 207-625-4663 FAX: 207-625-7635

WEBSITE: TOWNOFHIRAM.ORG

Marylou Stacey, clerk/tax collector, treasurer – mstacey@townofhiram.org

Terry Day, administrative assistant/deputy – tday@townofhiram.org

Karen James, chair of municipal officers kjames@townofhiram.org

Eric Durgin, municipal officer edurgin@townofhiram.org

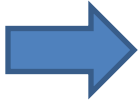
Cory Hale, municipal officer chale@townofhiram.org

Municipal Officers meet every Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m.

Planning Board meet when needed

Mailing address:
16 Nasons Wy
Hiram, ME 04041
For directions on
Google you still
need to use
25 Allard Circle

We accept
Credit/debit
Cards
It does add 2.5%
to the total bill



**RESULTS OF
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
THAT WAS HELD
JULY 19, 2022
7:00 P.M.
AT THE TOWN OFFICE**



- ARTICLE 1. Moderator – swore in Terry Day
- ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to expend a portion of the ARPA funds, being a total of \$13,680.66 for Hazard pay for Tri-Town attendants 1/3 cost = \$2,656.66 Town Office staff = \$11,024.00 **PASSED**
- ARTICLE 3. To see if Town will vote to expend a portion of the ARPA funds, being \$5,680.00 in order to replace the boat landing at Stanley Pond. **PASSED**
- ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to expend a portion of the ARPA funds, being ~~\$20,900~~ **\$19,150 ARPA FUNDS PLUS \$1,750 FROM CURRENT BUDGET** for a mapping program for the town office staff, CEO, Planning Board and public to utilize. **PASSED AS AMENDED**
- ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote expend a portion of the ARPA funds, being \$5,000 for a new server for the Town Office **PASSED**
- ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to expend a portion of the ARPA funds, being \$5,000 for completing the counter and floor in the town office. **PASSED**
- ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to expend a portion of the ARPA funds up to \$70,000 to ~~purchase the property designated as Tax Map U10 Lot 6 at 62 Main Street in Hiram for future use.~~ **REPLACE A LARGE PORTION OF THE SIDEWALK IN THE VILLAGE AREA ON THE EAST END OF HIRAM.** **PASSED AS AMENDED**
CHALLENGED BY RESIDENT PRESENT.
TOWN CLERK RESEARCHED AND THIS VOTE IS NOT VALID SO ARTICLE DID NOT PASS AND WILL HAVE TO BE BROUGHT BEFORE THE VOTERS AGAIN AT ANOTHER SPECIAL TOWN MEETING ON
AUGUST 11TH, 2022
7:00 P.M.
HIRAM TOWN OFFICE

**ATV
REGISTRATION FEES**

HAVE BEEN INCREASED

**FROM \$47.00 TO \$72.00!
(INCLUDES AGENT FEE)**

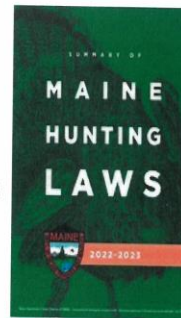


2022-2023 Hunting law book now online!

Being a responsible user of the Maine outdoors means staying informed of, and complying with, the current laws and rules.

View and search Maine's hunting laws online at mefishwildlife.com/huntinglaws

You can also download a PDF of the law book to your phone so you always have it with you, even if you don't have cellphone reception. [Learn how.](#)



[View laws online](#)

Updated and new laws

Below are a few updates and changes for the 2022-2023 hunting seasons. As a hunter it is your responsibility to view all of Maine's hunting laws.

Antlerless Deer Permits: Beginning in 2022, a licensed hunter with an antlerless deer permit can harvest an antlerless deer in the designated district **and** an antlered deer statewide. [Learn more about antlerless deer permits and apply for a permit online.](#)

Persons may take antlerless deer without an antlerless deer permit only in designated WMDs/subunits during the regular archery and crossbow season and on Youth Deer Hunting Day. An antlerless deer permit is required in non-designated WMDs/subunits. [Learn more about deer hunting laws.](#)

Bear Trapping Permit Requirements: Effective as of January 1, 2022, to purchase a bear trapping permit you have three options. Under one of these options, a person may trap a bear with their big game hunting license as long as they have taken the NEW [Black Bear Trapping Education course](#) and obtained a bear trapping permit. [Learn more about the 3 options to purchase a bear trapping permit.](#)

Civil Trespass with Hunting Dog: If you plan to hunt bear, bobcat, coyote, raccoon, and fox with dogs, OR train for bear, fox, and raccoon, [click here to learn about the new Civil Trespass with Hunting Dog law and Dog Training and Hunting Permit requirement.](#)

For more information
Go to State of Maine website
Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

TRI-TOWN WASTE FACILITY NOW HAS SCALES!!

The Scales have been installed and are up and running for residents of Baldwin, Hiram and Porter. As you may have seen in the Shopping Guide, Tri-Town has applied for an amendment to their license with DEP. The amendment is to possibly allow in the near future Parsonsfield and later Cornish residents to bring their demolition debris, metals and bulky waste to the station for a fee. The fees they will pay per pound on the scale is higher than the member town fee. **No** household waste, electronics, or recyclables will be accepted from these towns at the station. We are waiting to hear from DEP on the amendment and working out the fee schedule and paperwork for when we are ready to accept from Parsonsfield residents first.



NEW STICKERS
ARE IN!
REMEMBER
YOUR PLATE NUMBERS!
No number - no sticker!

TOWN OF HIRAM SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT Thursday August 11, 2022 7:00 PM

HIRAM TOWN OFFICE

- ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator for said meeting.
- ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to expend a portion of the ARPA funds up to \$70,000 to replace a large portion of the sidewalk on the East End of Hiram along Main Street.
- ARTICLE 3. To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$ _____ from the surplus account, being 1/3 of the cost, for the purpose of replacing the 1974 hydraulic ram to a 2018 refurbished hydraulic ram for the compactor at the Tri-Town Waste facility.
- ARTICLE 8. Entertain a motion to adjourn

NEW
PORTA POTTIES
AT
STANLEY POND BEACH AREA
&
CLEMONS POND BEACH AREA
*PLEASE APPRECIATE THE
FACILITIES AND RESPECT THE
PROPERTY
SO THAT THEY CAN REMAIN
THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER
IF THE FACILITIES ARE
MISTREATED/VANDALIZED THEY
WILL BE REMOVED*

This is a trial run the municipal officers wanted to try and see how it goes in hopes that everyone appreciates it and stops using the surrounding woods to do their business.

**PLEASE BE RESPECTFUL!
THANK YOU
ENJOY YOUR SUMMER!**



MORE PICTURES OF TRI-TOWN CONSTRUCTION



TRANSFER STATION HOURS

TUES, WEDS, & FRIDAYS

10 A.M. – 3 P.M.

SATURDAYS

8 A.M. – 4 P.M.

SUNDAYS

9 A.M. – 4 P.M.

CLOSED MON. & THURS.

Office tel: 625-4663

Station tel: 625-7633

Joe McNulty – manager

Mike Cote – attendant

Tim Caldwell – attendant

Dennis Lowd – truck driver

Scott Chapman – spare driver

208 South Hiram Rd

Hiram, ME 04041

TRANSFER STATION

ACCEPTS

Household trash

Recycling (no need to separate)

Batteries

Electronics

(computers, TVs, monitors, printers)

Fluorescent bulbs

Demolition debris

Bulky waste

Metals

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No plastic bags

No brush, trees, or grass clippings

No wire, fencing, cable

Unsure please ask attendants!



2022 TAX BILLS WERE MAILED OUT JULY 14TH, 2022



- Looks like the tax rate only increased by 11 cents this year.
- Interest will begin September 13TH, 2022. If you have your taxes escrowed through your mortgage company, make sure you forward your bill onto them or check with the office to see if your mortgage company has contacted us for the amount of taxes owed.
- Taxes are based on property conditions and completion of construction as of April 1st. Bills are mailed to the property owner as of April 1st.
 - If you demolished a building or portion of after April 1st, you will still be taxed for that building or portion of in 2022 taxes but will be removed for 2023 taxes upon notification from property owner or seen by assessor.
 - If you sold your property or purchased your property after April 1st, 2022, the tax bill will be mailed to the previous owner according to Maine State Law. The proration of the taxes should have been taken care of at your closing.
 - If you have changed your mailing address in the last year, make sure we have your current address.
 - You can get a copy of the tax bill on our website or by calling the town office and we can email you a copy.
- If you have any questions concerning your assessment or tax bill, feel free to call the office and we will assist you. Terry can go over the assessments with you and if questions not answered we can have you meet with our Assessor, Dave Ledew.



Your family may be eligible for

low or no cost child care!

The Child Care Subsidy Program lets you choose a child care provider you trust, at an affordable or no cost.

Eligibility Requirements:

Parent/guardian must be employed, in school or job training, or retired

Family must meet income requirements (at or below 85% of the Maine median income)



For a family of 4, income
eligibility requirements are at or
below \$76,643 a year!



Child Care Subsidy Program

LIGHTING A PATH FOR CHILDREN'S FUTURES
AN INITIATIVE OF THE MAINE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

See if you qualify!

Learn more or apply at bit.ly/MaineCCSP

Department of Health & Human Services - Office of Child & Family Services
1-877-680-5866 or (207) 624-7999 (Monday-Friday 8:00am-5:00pm)
ccsp.dhhs@maine.gov

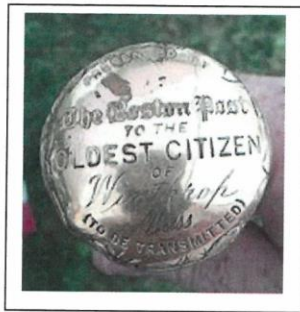
HIRAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The 2021 recipient of the Hubert W. Clemons Award for Outstanding Service to the Town of Hiram is the Grand Dame of Hiram. She has quietly participated in many Hiram organizations over many years – volunteering at the Congregational Church, cooking for suppers at the Grange, long before they closed. She is a gifted knitter and seamstress and has donated many hand-made items for their sales, as she does for Soldiers Memorial Library, and has done for the Hiram Historical Society. You can see the apron she made for her mother out of a grain sack upstairs in this Museum, Great Ossipee Museum– grain sacks weren't just for flour and their designs are beautiful, in case you don't know! She has been a trustee of Soldiers Memorial Library and the Hiram Historical Society for many years. For generations she has been the gracious hostess of Wadsworth Hall, which she has opened to the public in the Sacopee Valley Adult & Community Education program and on many other occasions. And significantly – but coincidentally - for this day, June 12, 2022, the day of the long-awaited program on Longfellow, she is the protector of the bedroom of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow at Wadsworth Hall when he visited his beloved grandfather, Hiram's founder, General Peleg Wadsworth. We are happy to present the 2021 Hubert W. Clemons Award for Outstanding Service to the Town of Hiram to Susan Douglas Moulton.

Presented by Sally Williams, President, Hiram Historical Society and member of the Award Committee.



Well deserved Sue!
Congratulations!



- The Boston Post Cane Award began in August 1909 when the then Publisher of the newspaper "The Boston Post" Edwin A Grozier forwarded to 700 Select Boards in Towns (no cities included) in New England a gold-headed ebony cane with the request that it be bestowed with the Boston Post to the oldest male citizen of the town. Towns today recognize the oldest resident, male or female.

Alice Elizabeth Wadsworth Receives the Boston Post Cane and Pin at age 97 in a ceremony at her home on 20 April 2022

In a ceremony in her home on April 20, 2022, Alice Wadsworth received the Boston Post Cane as oldest resident of the Town of Hiram. Sally Williams, President of Hiram Historical Society, presented the cane, which will be kept in the town office. Williams also presented the Boston Post Cane Pin to Alice, which is hers to wear and keep. Also attending the ceremony were Alice's son Lee Alan Wadsworth and his wife Sue, and Marylou Stacey, Town Clerk of the Town of Hiram.



Alice Elizabeth Wadsworth



Alice with Boston Post Cane and Pin, and son Lee Alan Wadsworth

Alice receives Boston Post Cane Pin from Sally Williams, President of Hiram Historical Society



Sally Williams
President Hiram Historical
Society
Town Historian
1593 Pequawket Trail
PO Box 105
Hiram ME 04041
207-615-4390

HIRAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

CONTINUED:

UPCOMING EVENTS:

August 9th Antiques Assessments with Kathy Libby.

ANTIQUES ASSESSMENTS



Bring that thing that Grandma left in the attic or the collectible you bought 20 years ago, and Kathy Libby will tell you what she would sell it for in her shop Libby's Antiques in Cornish. \$5.00 per item fundraiser – pay at the door. Walk-ins 3:30, 4:30, 5:30. Appointments fifteen minutes, call 207-615-4390 or email gardenlit@gmail.com.

Tuesday, August 9, 2022, 3-6:00pm

September 10 at 1:30 "Drinking our way through history," a slide talk by June O'Donal and a taste of cider.

October Date and time TBD. Art Show - *watercolor paintings of Hiram icons by artists Mary Cobb and Mary Burnell.*

October 15 at 12noon TRASH CAN TURKEY ROAST is back again! Museum open with a special exhibit "Remembering the 1947 Wildfires on the 75th Anniversary."

Great Ossipee Museum is open August 20, September 17, October 15, and by calling 207-615-4390. We answer your questions about family, buildings, and features of Hiram. We welcome you to come look at our genealogical records, photographs, and other documents.



WELCOME! FIRST FRUITS MARKET



We welcome First Fruits Farm Market, at the corner of Durgintown and South Hiram Roads, a market selling fresh produce grown on the Amish settlement on Sunrise Lane, and other products made in Maine. Five families contribute to the enterprise – some grow vegetables (organically or least-toxic), some bake bread and cookies, small fried fruit pies on Fridays, glazed donuts on Saturdays (delicious, we can attest!). Fried pies and donuts sell out early! Three hundred donuts sold out by noon on one Saturday, so production was ramped up to 400 for the following Saturday. Other products include jams, jellies, maple syrup, cheese, and sturdy wooden chairs, at reasonable prices, all grown or made in other Amish communities in Maine in Wales and Unity. The rocker pictured had a price tag of \$209.



The Amish community also provides other services, such as shoeing horses, applying insulation, and small carpentry jobs. The best way to contact the right provider is to inquire at the store – open Monday through Saturday, 9:00am to 5:00pm.



The store is plain and simple and easy to follow, as you can see in the photograph. The Amish do not like their photographs taken - they do not believe in “graven images” – but this is in a public setting and no individual is identified.



The store opened on June 17, and it was their one-month anniversary when we visited. We trust there will be many more!



Learn more about the Amish and their Hiram community **by taking a tour on Thursday, October 6**. Sign up at Sacopee Valley Adult Education & Community. The catalog is due at the end of August.



**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO TELL US ABOUT YOUR
BUSINESS IN HIRAM
EMAIL ME YOUR INFORMATION, PICTURES, DETAILS
AND I WILL PUT IT IN ONE OF THE NEWSLETTERS
tday@townofhiram.org**

HIRAM CULTURAL CENTER

Hiram Cultural Center has very exciting news - Soldiers Memorial Library has been awarded a grant which will allow us to increase our collection for children and young adults. This generous grant also allows us to purchase Apple iPads available for use when in the library! We have been working very hard on developing our children's program come into Soldiers Memorial Library to see all the changes! Not to be missed is Wednesday coffee hour from 1 - 2 at the library, great goodies and conversation (last weeks whoopee pies were a big hit)!

Our work continues on Community Conversations. Community Conversations is a project we have undertaken with support from the **Maine Humanities Council**. The program intent is to have community residents share their aspirations to help us shape our future. Your input is very valuable as we continue to develop programming so please contact us to let us know what your aspirations are for our community. email Andrea.guimond@maine.edu. Or fill out this online survey. [Link Fillable online Community Conversation | WIN \\$50 GIFT CARD](#)

Exciting programs are coming to the Arts Center @ 8 Hancock in Hiram-visit our Facebook page for more information. Here's a snapshot to save the date!

August

8/2 @ 8:00 a.m. - Sacopee Valley Networking
8/11 @ 1:00 p.m. - Join EcoMaine to make handmade paper
8/12 @ 7:00 p.m. - Bellamy Jazz Band - award winning Chicago style jazz
8/15 @ 10:00 a.m. - Bug mobile -Chewonki brings the bug mobile to Hiram



The Arts Center at 8 Hancock is the home of the Sacopee Valley Community Band! In April, the band presented a concert to raise funds for Save the Children Ukraine.



Our Spring Open House event featured a science presentation from the Children's Museum and Theatre of Maine!



The Annual Memorial Day BBB - Blooms, Bake and Book - Sale was a huge hit this year!

HIRAM CULTURAL CENTER CONTINUED..



The Arts Center bell rang out to start the Hiram Historical Society's Faces of Founders movie event in May. The Historical Society teamed up with the HCC and the SVCB for this enjoyable evening of local history!

September

9/6 @ 10:00 a.m. - Community Conversations **Health and the Community**

9/24 @ 6:00 p.m. - Singer Songwriter concert potluck dinner to follow

9/27. TBA -Jennifer Dupree "In conversation with Elisha Emerson

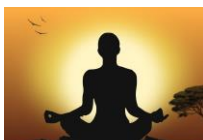


Every **Wednesday** beginning 9/7 - 3:30-4:30pm Yoga & Mindfulness for kids



October

10/12 & 10/19 11:00 a.m. - Meditation



TBA - Artisans Fair

November

11/2 & 11/9 11:00 am Food, Inflammation and you



We are now the official home of the Sacopee Valley Community Band - if interested in joining the band please contact Dr. Cassie Dove @ cassandra.dove@maine.edu or 207-413-8513

Exciting things are happening here at the Hiram Cultural Center please let us know if you are interested in joining our team of dedicated volunteers

DON'T FORGET TO ASK ABOUT BUILDING RENTAL!



Attention

PLANNING BOARD
PUBLIC HEARING
AUGUST 16TH, 2022
7:00 P.M.

AT THE HIRAM TOWN OFFICE

Planning board has received a request from Dennis & Karen James to install a mobile home on their property as a second dwelling unit on Map R1 Lot 23F on New Settlement Road.

PUBLIC WELCOME TO ATTEND

IF UNABLE TO ATTEND, BUT WISH TO COMMENT YOU
MAY EMAIL tday@townofhiram.org AND IT WILL BE READ
AT THE HEARING.

A COPY OF THE FULL APPLICATION IS AVAILABLE AT THE
TOWN OFFICE

DURING REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS FOR PUBLIC REVIEW
YOU MAY ALSO REQUEST A COPY VIA EMAIL

HIRAM RESIDENTS

Residents are reminded that they should check with the Code Enforcement Officer PRIOR to starting a project to see if a permit is required. Permits allow us to maintain safe and healthful conditions, prevent and control water pollution, control building sites, placement of structures and land uses, and provide for the general welfare of the community.

Thank you

Guy Lehouillier

Hiram CEO

207-256-2410 leave message if no answer

Email works best:

Hiramceo@townofhiram.org

OPEN
TO
THE
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August 26-27
Ossipee Valley
Fairgrounds
Hiram, Maine



Help US Kare for Kids



Shriners
Children's™

Boston and New England

- KCBS Kid's Q (Ground Beef)
- KCBS Rib Competition
- KCBS (4 meat category BBQ contest)
- People's Choice (you be the judge)

- Friday Night Parade
- Camping
- Motorcycle Ride
- ATV Ride
- Corn Hole Tournament
- Entertainment –
 - Friday: Barn Dance w/ DJ Ron Parker
 - Saturday: Live music w/The Parkers



For more information, visit our website
www.Kora-Kare-for-kids-Ride-In-and-bbq-competition

HEAP

(Fuel Assistance)

***If you pay for your own heat (whether you own or rent your home):**

A credit will be sent directly to your account at your fuel company!

***If you rent & your heat is included but you pay your own electricity:**

You may be able to choose to have a credit sent directly to CMP or receive a **direct check paid to you!**

***If you rent & both your heat and electricity are included in your rent:**

You may be eligible to receive a direct check paid to you!

***Our appointments to apply for this program are done over the phone, so you don't even need to leave your home!**

***Appointments only take about 10-15 minutes to complete!**

***Our current season ends 7/15/2022 so there is still plenty of time to apply and receive a benefit!**

Call us at (800) 866-5588 today to set up an appointment!



***See Income Guidelines below**

Monthly Income Guidelines By Household Size:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
\$2433	\$3181	\$3930	\$4678	\$5426	\$6175	\$6315	\$6456	\$6596	\$6718

Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP)

2021-2022 Season

Maximum gross household income is based on the number of people in the household.

For Households with more than 10 persons add \$568 per person.

Other program guidelines and requirements may apply – contact us for more information.

If you pay court ordered child support, you may be able to deduct the current amounts paid from your household income.

If your household income is over the HEAP income guidelines, you may be able to deduct a portion of the amount you paid for medical expenses.