

# HIRAM NEWSLETTER

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APPROVED BY  
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## TOWN OF HIRAM SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

**December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020  
7:30 P.M. AT HIRAM TOWN OFFICE**

To Nicole Day\_, a resident of the Town of Hiram in the County of Oxford, in the State of Maine.

### GREETINGS:

You are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Hiram, in said County, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the **Hiram Town Office on THURSDAY DECEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2020** at 7:30 o'clock in the EVENING, then and there to act on the following articles, to wit:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator for said meeting.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the town will vote to transfer the sum of \$ \_10,033.00\_\_ and appropriate the sum from the Municipal Officers Compensation and Municipal Officers mileage accounts as follows: \$3,120 into the town office staff account for reimbursement for insurance payments and \$6,913 to be put into the capital improvement account to be applied in the future towards a standby generator for the town office.

Municipal Officers recommend to do so.

ARTICLE 3. Entertain a motion to adjourn

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Durgin, chairman

Herbert J. Marshall

Karen James

Town of Hiram

Municipal Officers

PUBLIC  
ENCOURAGED TO  
ATTEND

SOCIAL DISTANCING  
REQUIRED

## NEW TRANSFER STATION STICKERS WERE HANDED OUT IN JULY 2020



**If you have not picked yours up yet from the town office, you need to do so ASAP or you will not be allowed to dispose of your waste at the station.**

***PLEASE remember you will need the license plate of the vehicle it is going on to. Limit 2 per household, if additional stickers are needed, it will be \$5.00 per sticker.***

***If you have temporary visitors to your seasonal camp or are borrowing a vehicle to haul the trash with, you will need a temporary card from the office which also requires the license plate number.***

# TOWN OFFICE CLOSURES FOR THE REMAINDER OF 2020



WEDS. NOV 11<sup>TH</sup> – remember the Veterans  
that fought for this country

NOV. 26<sup>TH</sup> & 27<sup>TH</sup> Thanksgiving – give thanks  
for all you have



DEC. 24<sup>TH</sup> & 25<sup>TH</sup> Christmas



DEC 31<sup>ST</sup> Closing Town books  
&



JAN. 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2021 bring in a better year!



## MUNICIPAL OFFICERS CONTACTS

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[edurgin@townofhiram.org](mailto:edurgin@townofhiram.org)

H. Jamie Marshall – officer  
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Karen James – officer  
[kjames@townofhiram.org](mailto:kjames@townofhiram.org)

Marylou Stacey – town clerk, tax collector,  
treasurer  
[mstacey@townofhiram.org](mailto:mstacey@townofhiram.org)

Terry Day – administrative assistant, deputy  
[tday@townofhiram.org](mailto:tday@townofhiram.org)



WHAT A  
WONDERFUL  
COMMUNITY  
WE LIVE IN!!!!

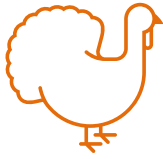


If you missed the convoy of trucks  
going through Hiram on Main St a few  
weeks ago then you missed a heart-  
warming tribute to one of our long-  
time residents birthday/semi-  
retirement celebration

## JOE FOSTER

Has been driving truck for over 50  
years and is now “slowing down”. All of  
his acquaintances and business’s he  
every dealt with showed up with a  
convoy of trucks, fire trucks, and  
antique cars to celebrate his loyal  
dedication to his work.





*Holiday Season  
Is fast approaching....*



As we all struggle through this unprecedented year of social distancing, masking, sanitizing and confinements, it is almost too difficult to even think of celebrating holidays. But we all need some joy this year and warm-hearted feelings for ourselves and each other.

I will be doing the same process as last year for Thanksgiving by giving out gift certificates to families that may need a little help or just need a gift of “we are thinking of you”. If you know of someone/families that could use a little something, please contact Terry at the town office at 625-4663. Deadline for request is **November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020.**

The giving tree will be handled the same as usual with new items donated accepted, monetary donations accepted as well. Most items will be purchased by “Santa’s elves” and then wrapped and bundled for delivery. Again, we ask that if you or your family has received from us in the past 2 years that you find alternative assistance so that we may be able to help some new families that have moved into town or have unfortunate situations in their lives. If you know of a family, neighbor or your own family that needs assistance, please notify Terry at the Town office at 625-4663 and I will see what Santa can do for you. **Deadline for applications is December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at noon.**

LET'S GIVE A LITTLE WARMTH AND KINDNESS  
TO OUR FRIENDS, NEIGHBORS AND FAMILIES OF  
HIRAM







# HIRAM VILLAGE UPDATES

BY DAN HESTER



## We get by with a little help from our friends... and volunteers.

### Update of some recent efforts around Hiram Village

In these times of the pandemic that we are all doing our best to survive, many events and activities that we have come to expect are just not happening.

But, friends, neighbors and other volunteers are still making their best of what we can do. The several **"Music-in-the-Park"** events that have happened right across the road from Four Corners Store are a good example. This is

The Troubadours enlivened Hiram's village square park with country music on several weekends.



the "Troubadours" band, that has evolved from the band that Howard Allen led for more years than we can recall. Howard was here, and it deserves notice that last year he received the "Lifetime Legend Award" of Maine Country Music. I listened to them do some awesome covers of a few Eagles tunes. And, of course, the village is overjoyed to have **Four Corners Store** open, and we wish for them to have a great future serving our community.

The **Mt Cutler Park** was exceptionally busy around

Memorial Day and July 4th, when many people were looking for safe outdoor recreation, and many places for recreation had been closed. At times we had nearly 20 cars at each of the trail heads. Now the use has become more reasonable; on most weekends, each parking lot may have up to a dozen cars, and on week days, we can usually expect 3 or 4 cars at each trail head.

During spring and early summer we had several reports about the mess of trash at a contraband campsite up on the main ridge of **Mt Cutler**, near the **South View Ledge**. This crudely-made tent and all the things associated with it has actually been there for several years; we saw it many times while working on new trails on the mountain, but never had an opportunity to take time to work at cleaning it up. It has been a problem, because it is an eyesore, and it "invites" people to camp where they should not, and then build a fire where there should be no fires.

Fortunately, during the summer, Sarah Simaitis got in touch, explaining that she has used the mountain trails many times and would like to help with any work that would be useful. She was willing to take on this project! On August 20, Sarah and a friend cleaned up and back-packed all of that mess from



Sarah with help at bagging the trash at the campsite on Mt Cutler.

the main ridge down the more-than-half-mile descent of the mountain. With very sincere thanks, we are grateful that this problem has been resolved.

Another Mt Cutler problem is that, regardless of all trail improvements that we have made on the north slopes during the past two years, the **Ridge Walk Trail** and the **Saco Ridge Trail**, trails that have existed for more than 40 years, have been lacking for attention. Some complaints have been made from folks who had some trouble following those trails. The problem is that, although the trails are well-established, the red paint blazes have not been re-painted since the Healthy Sacopee group helped us about ten years ago.

More volunteers have now helped us with



Maine Chapter AMC volunteers at the Mt Cutler Hiram Depot trailhead on Sept 21. Patsy and Rob with Phil Coyne and supply of red paint.



this. Phil Coyne is the current Trails Chairperson of the **Appalachian Mtn Club Maine Chapter**. As part of our original agreement for planning the Mt Cutler Park, the Maine Chapter has agreed to provide at least a day of trail work every year, and Phil got in touch to offer that work. On September 21, Phil arrived along with two other volunteers, and with a supply of red paint, brushes and other tools. Now, the red paint blazes are refreshed to be a very visible, bright red! Again, we are very grateful for the help.

If you want to hike **Mt Cutler**, there are information kiosks at both trail heads (on Mt View Avenue and on Hiram Hill Road), and each parking area has a map box with a free Trails Guide that we provide for all visitors.

Also, you can see complete trail descriptions at the web site: [Mainetrailfinder.com](http://Mainetrailfinder.com)

Also at: [Alltrails.com](http://Alltrails.com) AllTrails has frequent hike reports, but the trail information is not all updated.

Mt Cutler is not the only trail system around Hiram. **Ingalls Pond** is also well worth a visit for a very age-friendly and scenic afternoon walk. Most of Ingalls Pond is actually in West Baldwin, but - by an agreement between the Town of Hiram and the Francis Small Heritage Land Trust - the Old County Road Trail continues across the Baldwin-Hiram town line and runs for about another 500 ft along Town of Hiram river shore. The Mountain Division railroad is also part of that trail system, both in Hiram and Baldwin.



An inviting path along the Saco River shore at Ingalls Pond. Mt Cutler in the distance.



Matt Hester and family at blow-down on RR in Hiram with Mt Cutler in distance.

A photo shows the family of Dan Hester's son where we found that an oak tree had split and fallen on that RR. Dan has since removed that tree, and also cut it up, and hauled it away to supplement winter fire wood. The RR needs to be kept clear, not just as a trail, but also because there is occasional rail traffic. Some people have their own rail cars, and the Maine DOT also has rail vehicles for doing track inspections. And this is also a major winter snowmobile trail.

The fallen tree was not the only recent problem on

our traveled ways. There have been unfortunate accidents at several places on our highways. A photo shows the **Hiram Fire Department** responding to an incident just south of Hiram Village, where a truck went off the road and snapped off a power pole. We owe deep gratitude to the volunteers of both fire departments for the many lives and properties that they have worked to save from damage or destruction.

Other volunteers work on less dramatic problems but their efforts are also of value to our community. Our public library closed in March, when COVID-19 infections resulted in needing to cancel events and to close offices and businesses. As guidance

developed to assure safe reopening, volunteers worked to enable having the **Soldiers Memorial Library (SML)** open with safety for both staff and for visitors. A transparent safety guard was installed for the Library Director desk, sanitation stations were developed for each entrance, and other preparations were made for sanitation and safety. To help with these costs, the Library trustees were successful in applying for a **CARES-Act grant** for \$5700. In addition to equipment and supplies, this allowed us to hire an assistant Sanitation Manager, to work with our Library



Hiram Fire Department responding to the August 29 accident on Pequawket Trail highway south of Hiram Village.





Director, making it possible to reopen the library on August 19. Since then, the library continues to be open



Funding has been provided by The Maine Humanities Council and the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) as part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act economic stabilization plan of 2020.

Wednesdays 10 AM - 5 PM and Saturdays 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM. This is half of our normal hours, and the library expects to stay on this schedule until there are conditions that allow the library to be open without need for two staff persons. There have also been special purchases that the library was able to make with approval of the **Maine Humanities Council** for these uses of the grant: we have a new book cart, a new outside book drop, and we added over \$2,000 of new titles to the collection of books and DVDs. Visit the library to see the changes and then take out a new book or movie.

There are also other changes going on with the library. As requested by the municipal officers, the trustees of the library are working

to make the management of the library become separate from the town office. (This does not mean that the public library will move; the Town of Hiram will continue to own the SML building, and there will be an agreement for the library organization to use the building.) Since the early 1990s the Library Director has been an employee of the town, and some expenses, such as salary and heating fuel, have been paid by the town office. These expenses have always been paid by using the library appropriation that the town has made at the annual town meeting, and the library has always reimbursed the town for any expenses that exceeded that appropriation.

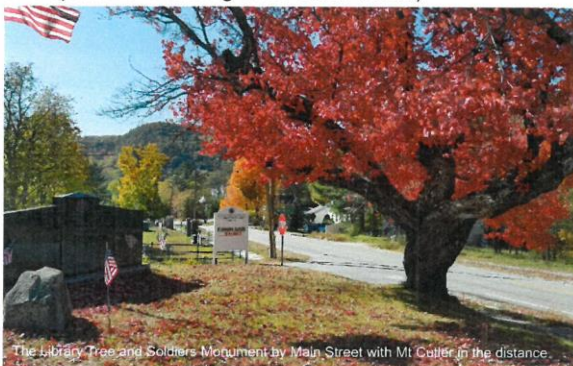
To accomplish this change, the library has hired a payroll service, and is working with the **Friends of the Library (FoSML)** to accomplish a merger of SML into FoSML. FoSML is a 501c3 non-profit corporation that was originally developed to do fund-raising and grant applications for the library. Since then, FoSML has expanded to own the Arts Center building (the former church), and to have a series of educational and entertainment programs. Unfortunately, the pandemic resulted in cancellation of those programs for this year, but the Arts Center is still being used as a place for having meetings that use the large space to assure safe distancing. In fact, about once each month the combined boards of SML and FoSML have been meeting there to work on planning this merger.



Library and Arts Center Board members meeting in the Arts Center building on July 24. Sally Williams, Erin Barber, Dianne Jewett, Amy Wentworth and 8 others, all with reasonably safe spacing.

A photo shows how the

**Arts Center** building gives adequate room to meet in safety. (The "Knotty Knitters" community group is also using this space for meeting once each week.)



The Library Tree and Soldiers Monument by Main Street with Mt. Cutler in the distance.

Hopefully, the volunteer board members will accomplish these necessary changes by end of this year, and then the Library Director and Sanitation Manager will be employees of FoSML. The expectation is that you will visit the library to find that little has changed except continuing improvements of the services at both buildings. Board members are hoping that all will be pleased with changes that are developing, and that the Town will continue to support your public library in Hiram Village.

The last photo shows the view with the **Library Tree** showing its brilliant autumn leaves. It makes a colorful effort, in spite of the aged, gnarled shape that has resulted from road-side trimming and storm damages. Main Street with Mt Cutler in the distance. - Dan Hester, 2020 Oct 18.

# ELECTION DAY

TUES. NOVEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2020

## POLLS OPEN

8 A.M. – 8 P.M.



In person absentee voting available now at the town office during regular business hours

IF VOTING ON ELECTION DAY  
BE PREPARED – MASK & SOCIAL  
DISTANCING REQUIRED

WE HAVE A SMALL VOTING AREA WITH  
ONLY A FEW ALLOWED IN AT A TIME DUE  
TO COVID-19 REGULATIONS

For more information, please  
Call Marylou at 625-4663

“be aware there is a lot of misinformation  
out there”



## DOG LICENSES WILL BE AVAILABLE MID NOVEMBER



If you got a new rabies certificate since you last licensed your dog(s), please bring that certificate into the office with you so that we may update your information.

\$11.00 per dog or  
\$6.00 if spayed/neutered  
Dogs must be licensed at the age of 6 months.

ACO is Cindy Eaton  
1-207-890-5313



## 2020/2021 Snowmobile Registrations Are Available

All snowmobile registrations expire in June

**Fees: Resident Snowmobile Registration \$46.00\***

\*Including \$1.00 agent fee.

Proof of payment of sales tax required for new registrations (Maine residents only).

### Nonresident Snowmobile Registration

- 3-day \$50.00\*
- 10-day \$76.00\*
- Season \$100.00\*

\*Including \$1.00 agent fee.

## 2021 HUNTING & FISHING LICENSES WILL BE AVAILABLE IN DECEMBER 2020

*Make great gifts!*

See price list

On next page

See Maine website for complete



# License Fees

	License	Fee
Maine Residents	Big Game Hunting (16 and older)	\$26.00
	Junior Hunting (0 to 15 years)	\$8.00
	Small Game* Hunting (16 and older)	\$15.00
	Combination Hunting & Fishing (16 and older)	\$43.00
	Combination Fishing & Archery (16 and older)	\$43.00
	Serviceman (resident) Combination Hunting & Fishing	\$3.00
	Serviceman (dependent) Combination Hunting & Fishing	\$20.00
	Serviceman (dependent) Hunting	\$10.00
	Disabled War Veteran	FREE
	Archery Hunting (16 and older)	\$26.00
	Apprentice Hunter License (16 and older)	See <a href="#">Apprentice Hunter Licenses</a>
	Superpack	\$201.00
Nonresidents	Big Game Hunting (16 and older)	\$115.00
	Combination Hunting & Fishing (16 and older)	\$150.00
	Small Game* Hunting (16 and older)	\$75.00
	3-Day Small Game* Hunting (valid for 3 consecutive days)	\$50.00
	Junior Hunting (0 to 15 years)	\$35.00



# *Hiram Historical Society*



## **2021 Calendar Antique Autos \$20**

**Available at Four Corners Store, Hiram Town Office, Soldiers  
Memorial Library in Hiram**

**By mail, add \$3.00 postage & handling contact Sally Williams,  
PO Box 105, Hiram ME 04041 or [hiramhistoricalsociety.org](http://hiramhistoricalsociety.org)**



# THAT WHITE STUFF IS COMING!!!

## REMINDERS.....



### SNOWPLOW CONTRACTORS FOR 2020/2021 SEASON:

#### GREG SAWYER – SO. END

207-256-2854 CELLPHONE

##### ROADS CONTRACTED:

BEN GILPATRICK RD	PEAKED MTN PASS
ALLARD CIRCLE	PILGRIM DR
BOBBIN MILL RD	PLAINS RD
BROWNFIELD RD	SO HIRAM RD
DERBY BARN RD	TRIPPTOWN RD
DR. TEG RD	
DURGINTOWN RD	
GARDEN DRIVE	
GERRISH RD	
GOULD FARM RD	
LEAVITTS RD	
NEW SETTLEMENT RD	
NOTCH RD	

#### P.Y. ESTES/KYLE ESTES – NO. END

207-272-3908 CELLPHONE

##### ROADS CONTRACTED:

AARON DR	SCRIBNER MILL RD
BULLRING RD	SEBAGO RD
DOUGLASS RD	SHOTGUN GULCH
HAMPSHIRE ST	TEARCAP RD
HANCOCK AVE	WARDS HILL
HIRAM HILL RD	
HISTORICAL RIDGE	
KING ST	
MAIN ST	
MAPLE ST	
RICHARDSON RD	
RIVER ROAD	
SARGENT RD	



**REMINDER:**  
**DO NOT PLOW, PUSH,**  
**BLOW, OR SHOVEL**  
**SNOW INTO THE TOWN**  
**WAYS**

### TRANSFER STATION HOURS



**CLOSED – MON & THURS.**  
**OPEN: TUES, WEDS, & FRI'S**  
**10 A.M. – 3 P.M.**  
**SAT – 8 A.M. – 4 P.M.**  
**SUN – 9 A.M. – 4 P.M.**

### ATTENDANTS WORD IS FINAL!

**STATION MANAGER – JOE MCNULTY**  
**ATTENDANTS: MIKE COTE**  
**TIM CALDWELL**

**STATION TEL: 207-625-7633**  
**OFFICE TEL: 207-625-4663**



### Unsure which bin to put it in?

- Are your recycling  
assumptions correct?

(1) **STOP**

(2) **SEARCH** the ecomaine

RECYCLOPEDIA to see if item is recyclable

(3) **RECYCLE WISELY** - only

put recyclable items into  
your single-sort bin.

More than 750 waste items are searchable at  
[ecomaine.org/RECYCLOPEDIA](http://ecomaine.org/RECYCLOPEDIA) or on our FREE app!

Learn more at [ecomaine.org](http://ecomaine.org).



***You have been doing great on recycling!***  
***We have only had a few plastic bags still***  
***appearing in the recycling compactor.***

**PLEASE REMEMBER NO PLASTIC BAGS**  
**ALLOWED!**



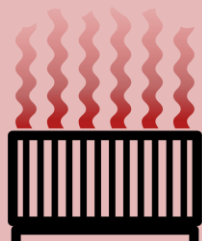
# Community Concepts Is **now** scheduling appointments for Fuel Assistance Applications for 2020/2021



**DUE TO COVID, APPLICATIONS WILL  
BE TAKEN OVER THE PHONE  
ONLY!**

Call to schedule your  
Appointment today.

**207-743-7716**



### **New Address for the Town Office**

**Town of Hiram** Phone 207-625-4663

**16 Nasons Way** Fax 207-625-7635

Hiram ME 04041 [www.townofhiram.org](http://www.townofhiram.org)

Additional Information can be found on our website

**All Emergency Calls Dial 911**

**Town Office Hours Mon – Thurs 9am to 3pm**

**Thurs evening 5:30 pm to 7pm, Fri 9 to noon**

**Open the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the Month 8am-11am**

Selectmen Meetings Thursday 7pm

**Town Office Staff Email New April 2020**

Marylou Stacey – [mstacey@townofhiram.org](mailto:mstacey@townofhiram.org)

Terry Day – [tday@townofhiram.org](mailto:tday@townofhiram.org)

**Planning Board** Meets as Necessary

Please call the Town Office 625-4663

**Code Enforcement / Electrical and Plumbing Insp.**

Guy Lehouillier 256-2410

[Hiramceo@townofhiram.org](mailto:Hiramceo@townofhiram.org)

**Road Commissioner**

Greg Sawyer 256-2854

**Winter Roads**

So End Greg Sawyer 256-2854

No End Kyle Estes 272-3908

**Animal Control Officer**

Cindy Eaton 890-5313 or

1-800-733-1421

Dispatched through Oxford County

**Soldiers Memorial Library** – 625-4650

Temporary hours – Weds 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Saturdays 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

**Tri Town Waste Facilities** - 625-7633

**Burn Permits**

No End – Darryl Ward 625-4790

So End – James Siracuse 625-3604

Cell 281-3180

Concealed Weapons Permits 624-7210

Game Warden – Gray Barracks 657-2345

Historical Society Sally Williams 615-4390

MSAD 55 Supt Office - 625-2490

SV High School- 625-3208

SV Middle School- 625-2450

SV Elem School - 625-8116

Post Offices-

Hiram- 625-4068

Parsonsfield- 625-8624

Cornish- 625-3218

**Dog Licenses Due Dec 31 Annually**

**Snowmobiles and ATVs Expire in June**

**Boats, Hunting & Fishing Expire in Dec**

### **Tri Town Transfer Waste**

**625-7633**

**\$\$ Recycling Saves Money \$\$**

**It's Simple – No Sorting Required**

Paper, paperboard, cardboard, plastic,  
glass, tin & aluminum cans &  
empty aerosol cans.

Household trash is paid for by the  
tonnage we take in to EcoMaine  
the more we recycle  
the more we can save!

*Please see the attendant on*

*Duty to dispose of Paint*

*Dry empty paint cans are considered  
household waste.*

**Stickers are issued every even year beginning in  
June, we need the license plate # from the vehicle  
the sticker will be used on, 2 issued per address at  
no charge additional stickers are \$5.00 each.**

**FMI please go to [www.townofhiram.org](http://www.townofhiram.org)**

**Transfer Station Page &**

**Look for Demo Fees**

**Universal Waste in Now Accepted Also  
Computers, monitors, TV's, fluorescent bulbs as  
well**

**as cellphones anything with mercury switches.  
Please see Attendant for Instructions on Disposal**

The Transfer Station is overseen by the  
Selectmen from Baldwin, Hiram and Porter.

**Attendants Word is Final**

### **Station Hours**

**Weekday Hours**

**Tues, Wed & Fri 10am to 3pm**

**Closed Mon & Thurs**

**Weekend Hours**

**Sat 8am to 4pm & Sun 9am to 4pm**

**Updated 4/2020**



# YOU MAY HAVE



# HEARD



We are very fortunate to welcome an Amish community to our town.

They are moving here from Unity, Maine and developing the land off South Hiram Road/Durgintown Road. Their hopes are to have farm products and homemade items available for sale in the future.

*Please be respectful and watch for their horse/buggies and bicycles on the town/state roads in the South Hiram and Cornish area.*

*We are looking forward to meeting all of you and having the opportunity to purchase your wares in the near future.*

***WELCOME TO HIRAM  
ABNER, NELSON, MARK  
AND FAMILIES!***

