HIRAM NEWSLETTER

VOLUME 86



WINTER EDITION

Created by Terry Day Approved by Municipal Officers



FEBRUARY 2020

candidates running for office.....

Selectman Assessor and Overseer of the Poor - 3 year term

Cory Hale Karen James Joyce Síracuse

Annual Town Meeting
Election - Friday
March 6th, 2020
Polls open 4 pm - 8 pm
Absentee Ballots available
Town Meeting
Sat. March 7th, 2020
9 am
At the
Sacopee Middle School



Cafeteria



HIGHLIGHTS OF TOWN MEETING ARTICLES



Article 13. - Saco River Corridor requesting \$300

Article 14. – Riverside Food Pantry requesting \$750.00 per petition

Article 15. – Sacopee Snowdrifters requesting \$500 per petition

Article 58 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate up to \$5,000 from the vehicle purchase reserve account for the South Hiram Fire Dept in order for them to retro fit the pump truck so that the pump is located at the back of the truck instead of on top causing a hazard for the operator.

Article 64. – To see if the Town will vote to enter into another 30 year term interlocal Solid Waste agreement with the Towns of Baldwin, Hiram and Porter. (A copy is available at the town office or you can request one to be emailed to you)

Article 68 – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate up to \$40,000 from the Public Works Reserve Account, for the purpose of purchasing a second Backhoe in order to have one located at each end of town, which alleviates the need for a larger dump truck (which requires a CDL driver) and a large trailer at this time.

Article 70 and 71 – extend Bobbin Mill to South Hiram Road, eliminating that portion of Allard Circle and Article 71 laying out and accepting as a town road, the new Nasons Way to the town office, post office boxes, Rescue barn and South Hiram Fire Dept.

Continued......

HIGHLIGHT OF ARTICLES CONTINUED......



Article 72 – Shall an ordinance entitled Town of Hiram Driveway Permit Ordinance be enacted? (a copy is available at the town office or you can request one to be emailed to you.

Article 80 – To see if the town will allow the officers to sell a vacant parcel of land on New Settlement Road (Map R1 Lot 44) aka the old South Hiram Dump site. 13.6 acres.

Article 81 - To see if the town will allow the officers to sell a vacant parcel of land on King St. (Map R14 Lot 5) 2.8 acres on the Saco with erosion on parts of the riverbank.

Article 82 – To see if the Town will allow the officers to sell a vacant parcel of land on Pequawket Trail (Map R14 Lot 20) aka the old Hiram Dump site with 32 acres and 2,000 feet of steep riverfront. Proposing to sell as a commercial site.

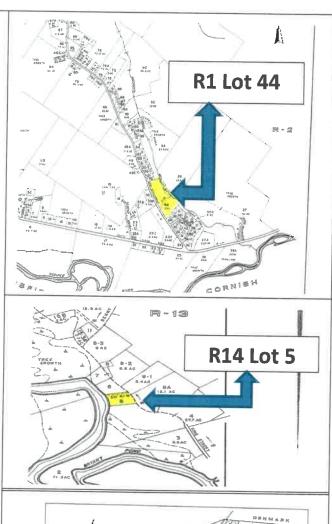
Article 83 – To declare the deeded 30 foot right of way between lots #57 & #58 of Map R14 located on Gould Farm Rd, a public easement into the town owned property on Map R14 Lot 50 with no summer or winter maintenance done by the town. This is so we have access over the railroad tracks.

There are maps in this newsletter showing the location of the parcels proposing to be sold as well as a diagram of the new layout of Nasons Way leading to the town office.

Two Informational meetings were held giving details on these parcels. One was held at the town office Feb 13th and the other meeting was held at the Soldiers Memorial Library Feb. 24th.

A public hearing was held also on Feb. 13th, explaining the Driveway Permit Ordinance being proposed.

If you have any questions prior to the town meeting, please call or email the office and we will assist you and answer any questions or concerns you may have.







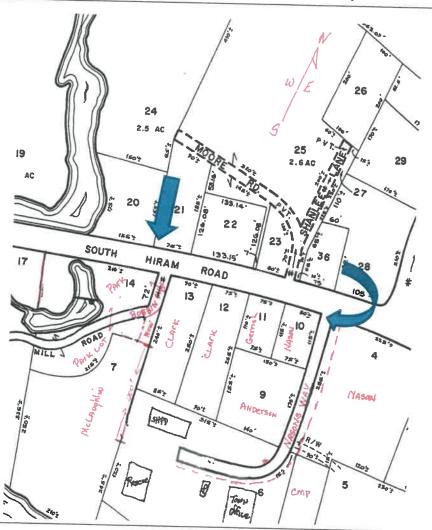


ALLARD CIRCLE HAS CHANGED



In January of 2019, the Allard parcel Map U1 Lot 7 was purchased and the new property owners did not want traffic to continue traveling over their land (Allard Circle). In doing research, Allard Circle was created back in the 60's as a matter of convenience for plows and buses. The town never officially voted to accept Allard Circle as a town way, therefore we are now changing the access road to the town office, post office boxes, South Hiram firestation and the Sacopee Rescue Barn. There is also new trails for the snowmobiles as well since there is no thru traffic across lot 7, vehicular or pedestrian. In Nov, a special town meeting was held and approved to spend up to \$50,000 from the Capital Reserve Account to improve the access road for safer travels with emergency vehicles coming in and out of the access road.

Now there are articles in the annual town meeting warrant to describe the new layout of Bobbin Mill Road and Nasons Way (formerly Allard Circle) and accept them as town ways with summer and winter maintenance. All property owners on Nasons Way will be assigned a new address since the numbering will change and the property owner of U1 Lot 7 will also receive a new address off Bobbin Mill Rd. Below is a diagram showing the new layout.





HAVE YOU APPLIED FOR YOUR EXEMPTIONS YET?



There is a Homestead exemption that can be filed by April 1st to be applied to this years taxes if you qualify. You had to have owned a home in Maine for 1 year, claim permanent residency in Maine, and have not claimed a homestead exemption in any other town. If you meet these three questions you qualify to receive a \$25,000 exemption off your property valuation for 2020. This amounts to approximately \$360 off your tax bill! Once you have applied you do not need to reapply unless you have moved.

There are also exemptions for veterans and blind property owners. Check out the forms on our website at townofhiram.org. All forms must be submitted to the town office prior to April 1st in order to apply to this years taxes.



HIRAM
PLANNING BOARD
WILL BE
CONDUCTING A
PUBLIC HEARING
ON



March 25, 2020 7p.m. At the Hiram Town Office

Ed and Barbara Thompson requesting a conditional use permit in order to install a double wide on their property at 17 Aaron Drive on Map R13 lot 17. This is where their house and garage is also located.

All property owns within 500 feet of the applicants property lines have been notified by certified mail of the hearing. If unable to attend the meeting but wish to comment, you may write to the Hiram Planning Board at 25 Allard Circle, Hiram ME 04041. Any questions, contact Terry at 625-4663. PUBLIC ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.

The full applications may be reviewed by the public at the Hiram Town Office during regular business hours or you may request a copy via email.

HIRAM ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

MARCH 6th & 7th, 2020 Voting for Candidates

Friday afternoon
Polls open 4 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Absentee Ballots are available

Saturday morning
Annual town meeting at 9 a.m.
At the Sacopee Valley Middle
School
Cafeteria

Coffee and refreshments served by Friends of the Soldiers Memorial Library

ecomaine Recycling Guidelines

YES Recycle

- All Clean Cardboard, Paperboard & Pizza Boxes
- Newspapers & inserts
- Magazines
- Mail & Catalogs
- Poper Bags
- Office Paper & Envelopes
- Wrapping Paper
- Phone Books
- Books
- Paper Plates (clean)
- Milk & Juice Cartons
- Drink Boxes & Aseptic Contoiners
- Shredded Paper (in clear bags only)

- Water Bottles
- · Milk Jugs
- Detergent Bottles All rigid containers
- marked with a #1-#7 (except Styrotoam)

- Tin Cans
- Aerosal Cans (empty)
- · Aluminum Cans/Foil
- · Pots & Pans

GLASS (all colors) All glass Bottles & Jars

All rigid containers can be mixed together and must be EMPTY (but not perfectly clean).

NO Don't Recycle

Please keep these items OUT:

Trash/Garbage Needles & Sharps Large metal parts car, boat, truck, etc. Wood/lumber

Propone, hellum or other gas cylinders Pipes, plastic or metal Clothing & shoes PLASTIC BAGS:

- trash/shopping bags
- frozen vegetable pellet bags
- bread bags
- newspaper bagspotato or snack
- · sandwich
- animal food bags

Plastic wrap or film Bedding & Pillows Garden hoses Batteries:

- alkaline
- button-cell

 rechargeable
Boat shrink-wrap/tarps Bubble-wrop Diapers (baby/adult) Envelopes that are

plastic or Tyvek* ood or plants (compost) Kitty litter

Knives & Blades Light buibs (any type; return CFLs to store)

Paper napkin & towels Styrotoam® or polystyrene foam (even if #6) Toys

Vinyl siding Wax-coated paper or boxes (poly-coated OK) Rope, String, Chain

NO PLASTIC BAGSI



Know Which Plastics to Recycle

With the exception of polystyrene (Styrofoam), your plastic is recyclable if the answer to all three of these questions is YES:

- Does it have a number (1-7) in the middle of the chasing arrow symbol?
- 2. Is it rigid or hard?



3. Is it a container?

Many supermarkets & retail stores accept plastic bags and film for recycling. Find drop-off locations at plasticfilmrecycling.org.

No hazardous waste – ever!

The following items, categorized as "hazardous waste" must be disposed of carefully and cannot be included with your trash or with single-sort recycling.

- 36 Ammunition
- 36 Anti-freeze
- 36 **Button-cell batteries**
- CFL light bulbs (compact fluorescent lights)
- Chemicals
- Computers & related parts
- 36 Fertilizers
- 36 Fluorescent bulbs (of any kind) 30
- Fuel (gasoline, diesel, kerosene)
- × Mercury (in any amount) 36
- Oxygen tanks
- Paint thinner Pesticides
- 30 Propane tanks
- Rechargeable batteries
- 20

However, area transfer stations and recycling centers often offer programs to take this kind of waste.

For more information:

- Go to www.ecomaine.org
- Call ecomaine at 773-1738
- Call your town office or transfer station

Got more recycling questions? We've got an app for that!

Download the free ecomaine RECYCLOPEDIA app to your device or visit ecomaine.org/RECYCLOPEDIA





EVEN WITH ALL THE SIGNAGE AT THE STATION



THERE ARE STILL PEOPLE TRYING TO PUT PLASTIC BAGS

IN THE RECYCLING BINS!



NO PLASTIC BAGS!!

WE GET CHARGED A FEE FOR THE ENTIRE LOAD IF THE RECYCLE LOAD IS CONTAMINATED WITH BAGS AND/OR HOUSEHOLD TRASH!

Town Clerk & Tax Collector Corner

Unpaid Taxes

If you have outstanding taxes from 2019, you will be getting a reminder notice from me in late March regarding your balance. This will give you advance notice of the outstanding amount prior to receiving the legal notice referred to as the "30 Day Demand Notice" which is mailed via certified mail late April which will include mailing costs and fees. Once the 30 Day Demand notice is received you have approximately 30 days to pay the outstanding tax amount prior to a lien being place on your property. If you have any questions in regards to your outstanding taxes please do not hesitate to contact me. I would be happy to assist you in any way possible. All payments received on taxes are applied to the oldest outstanding amount first.

Questions on your taxes please call 625-4663 and speak with Marylou

Comprehensive Plan
Committee meets
the third Wednesday of each
month at 6pm at the Hiram
Town Office.
Please join us if you are
interested.

Election Schedule for 2020

Tuesday, March 3, 2020
Presidential Primary & State Referendum
Polls open from 8am to 8pm

Friday, March 6, 2020 Municipal Election Polls open from 4pm to 8pm

Saturday, March 7, 2020

Town Meeting

Begins at 9am at the

Sacopee Valley Middle School

To Be Determined School Budget Dates Usually held in May

Tuesday, June 9, 2020 State Primary Election Polls open 8am to 8pm

Tuesday, November 3, 2020 General (Presidential) & Potential State Referendum Election Polls open 8am to 8pm



Town Clerk & Tax Collector Corner

WE NEED YOU!

We have one opening for Alternate Planning Board Member, and may possibly have a full time opening in the near future. The planning board meets as needed typically on Wednesday evenings.

We are also looking for one member to join our Appeals Board.

Please contact Marylou at 625-4663 or email at hiramclerk@roadrunner.com if you are interested in any of the above appointments



Please help us better serve you

If you are coming in to re-register something (cars, boats, ATV etc) if possible please bring in the old registration. For vehicle registrations please check to see that you have a valid insurance card and the current mileage before coming into the office this will help us better serve you.

Registration Helpful Hints

The State is starting to crack down on the bill of sales for motor vehicles, snowmobiles, ATV's and boats. They are requesting what they refer to as a valid bill of sale. A valid bill of sale fully describes the vehicle being purchased – the year, make, model, color and VIN; it also contains both the seller and buyers information, including names, signatures and addresses for all parties. If the title transfer is incomplete and you have a valid bill of sale we may be able to process the registration using the documents you have. When registering a previously owned snowmobile, ATV or boat if it has been registered in Maine before please try to bring in the sticker number and year from the previous registration this is extremely helpful trying to locate the vehicle within MOSFS



THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH!



This year I did things a little different for Thanksgiving. I gave out gift cards to Calls Shop n Save instead of baskets because it had been stated that some of the families that received them in the past, were unable to cook the turkeys, or had food allergies etc. It seemed to work out well and the families were able to purchase what they could have for their Thanksgiving dinner.

For Christmas, it was also handled a little differently, if a family had received gifts for the past two years or more, they were ineligible for gifts this past Christmas, unless there was extenuating circumstances. This gave us a chance to reach out to other families new to Town or that had never requested assistance before. The list was also compared with the school list and Toys for Tots list so that there were no duplicates. This also worked out well.

None of this could be accomplished without the help of all my Santas helpers! Kathy Day and my hubby for shopping, Denise Martus, Sylvia Pease, Anne Marie Kilbride, Priscilla Howard and Patty Davis for doing the wrapping, James Siracuse and Dave Paro for delivering the packages. If I have forgotten anyone I truly apologize and I will be on Santa's naughty list for sure! Love you all!





** REMINDER**

IT IS AGAINST THE LAW TO SHOVEL, PLOW, BLOW, OR PUSH SNOW INTO A PUBLIC WAY

According to: MRSA Title 29A SS 2396

4. Snow. A person may not place and allow to remain on a public way snow or slush that has not accumulated there naturally. This can cause an accident that you could be liable for!







NEW CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER



Building & Plumbing Inspector GUY LEHOUILLIER



207-256-2410

Or call the town office 625-4663, he is in the office 3-4 days a week usually 8:30 – noon or by appointment

Contact the Code Enforcement Officer before proceeding with building or remodeling plans. Permits allow the enforcement of codes, which have been adopted as law by Federal, State, and Town. No matter what the specific project may be; code enforcement is carried out to protect the public health, safety, and welfare.

Permits are required for all, but not limited to, foundations, new buildings, structural alterations to existing buildings, work involving the installation, replacement or relocation of plumbing fixtures, the installation of new or replacement septic systems, installing new or altering old driveways, new swimming pools and demolition of existing buildings and blasting.

The following activities shall not require a building permit: repairs, replacement and/or normal maintenance not requiring structural elements, decorative changes in existing structures or buildings. This means you are not rewiring, removing walls, or replacing plumbing. Structural changes within a building would require a building permit.

A final certificate of occupancy is required before new buildings and additions can be occupied.

Any question? Please call first...

Let's work together to make the process work as it should.













TRI-TOWN TRANSFER STATION FACILITY



Located across from the South Hiram Elementary School on So. Hiram road Serving Towns of Baldwin, Hiram and Porter

Office tel: 625-4663 Station tel: 625-7633



HOURS
TUES, WEDS & FRI'S
10 A.M. – 3 P.M.
SAT'S 8 A.M. – 4 P.M.
SUN'S 9 A.M. – 4 P.M.
CLOSED MON. & THURS.
Some holidays











You can dispose of all of your electronic waste at the transfer station for free! Check in with the attendant.



METALS





CAN BE TAKEN TO THE TRANSFER STATION FOR FREE AS WELL. IF THE ITEMS USE FREON, THEN YOU WILL HAVE TO PAY \$15.00 FEE BEFORE DISPOSAL. ALL OTHER UNITS ARE FREE.

BULKY WASTE

We collect your bulky waste such as: sofas, bed mattresses, furniture, stuffed chairs, countertops etc.







See the attendant before disposal to pay a fee per item.



Demolition Debris





You can dispose of construction, roofing and demo debris at the station, there is a fee according to what the items are. You must see the attendant PRIOR to disposal and pay the fee.

All items must be generated from one of the three towns, no one is to bring in debris that was collected outside of the three towns to the station.

ATTENTION TRI-TOWN WASTE FACILITY PATRONS



NEW DEMO PRICES EFFECTIVE JUNE 17, 2019



Due to rising tipping fees and cost of operation, we have had to increase our demo fees at the station.

All roofing materials - \$40/cy to \$55.00/cy min. \$20
Pressure treated wood - \$40/cy to \$55.00/cy min. \$20
Sheetrock/plaster - \$40/cy to \$55.00/cy min. \$20
All construction wood - \$20/cy to \$30/cy min. \$20

Insulation in contractor bag - \$5.00/cy to \$8.00/cy Insulation in trash bag - \$2.00/cy to \$5.00/cy

Toilets - \$5.00 to \$8.00 each

Bathtub - porcelain, concrete, or similar - \$10 to \$15 each

Bathtub - plastic type - \$5 to \$10 each





If you have any questions, contact your municipal officers at your town office, or the attendants at the station.

Thank you
Tri-Town Waste Board
Representing Towns of Baldwin, Hiram & Porter



TOWN OF HIRAM SEEKING BIDS FOR TWO SEPARATE JOBS BIDS WILL BE DUE BACK APRIL 16TH, 2020 BY 3 P.M. TO THE HIRAM TOWN OFFICE



FIRST – CARPENTRY WORK AT THE TOWN OFFICE, TOWN GARAGE, HIRAM FIRE DEPT AND SOUTH HIRAM FIRE DEPT.

SECOND – PAINTING AT HIRAM FIRE DEPT, HIRAM TOWN OFFICE AND TOWN GARAGE

CONTACT TERRY AT THE TOWN OFFICE FOR BID SHEETS 207-625-4663 OR EMAIL hiramtwnofc@roadrunner.com

Awarded contractor shall supply the Town of Hiram a certificate of insurance showing active liability insurance.

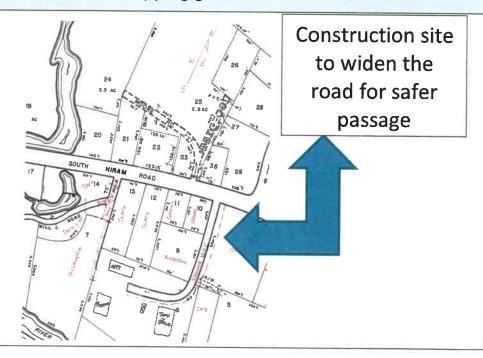
It is understood that this contract bid is an offer only and that the Inhabitants of the Town of Hiram, acting through the Municipal Officers, reserves the right to reject any and all offers submitted which are not in the town's best interest as determined by the Municipal Officers.



COMING SOON! REQUESTS FOR BIDS ON CONSTRUCTION OF NASONS WAY (AKA ALLARD CIRCLE)



We are hoping to have a set of plans available by town meeting to show the layout of the roadway. Once reviewed and approved by the municipal officers, it will be going out to bid this spring for construction to any qualified insured contractor. Watch the local shopping guide for ad in near future.



HIRAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY (HHS)

has great plans to celebrate the Bicentennial of Maine Statehood in 2020!



Program calendar for 2020



Sat. March 28 at 1:30, Soldiers Memorial Library. Tom Parent, head of the Northeastern Forest Fire Protection Compact, presentation on historical forest fires. Joint with the Library.

Sat. May 16 at 6pm, Arts Center at 8 Hancock Ave. – "Faces of Founders" community event. Real people introduce 20 Hiram founders – men who debated and voted on statehood and the women who supported them - to celebrate the Bicentennial of Maine Statehood. Period music, costumes, refreshments. Student participation. (No business meeting)

Sat. June 13 - Henry Wadsworth Longfellow by John Babin of Maine Historical Society.

Tues. July 14 at 6 pm—Natural Ciders by cider makers David Buchanan & Jared Carr, Heirloom apples by Sean Turley. Tasting (dependent on receiving State License and Town approval for Special Tasting Event).

(No business meeting)



-

Sat. and Sun. August 1 & 2 – Trolley tours of the exteriors of 20 historical buildings in Hiram by 1820 – 3 sessions. Ticket price TBA. Bicentennial of Maine Statehood Event.





Sat. August 8 - "Lost Tribes of Western Maine", the numerous Native Americans, by Peter Stowell.

Sat. September 12 -. "The Brushians", an extraordinary group of Maine artists, by Doug Noble.

Sat. October 10 – "The Recipe for Revolution", new book by author Carolyn Chute, joint with Soldiers Memorial Library to be held at the Library.

Sat. October 17 – Trash Can Turkey Roast 12 noon. Hiram Community Center & Great Ossipee Museum Open House 1:00, Life in Hiram in 1820 special exhibits for the Bicentennial of Maine Statehood.



HHS meets at Great Ossipee Museum on the second Saturday of months May to October unless otherwise noted, with free programs open to the public. Business meetings start at 1:00 pm. Programs start at 1:30 pm, unless noted. Exceptions in 2020 are Sat. May 16 at 6pm, Tues. July 14 at 6pm (no business meeting).

Great Ossipee Museum is open the 3rd Saturday of months May to October 9:30 am-12:30 pm and by appointment 207-615-4390.

Join us - Hiram's hidden history revealed!

Submitted by Sally Williams, President Hiram Historical Society



Hiram Town Office Hours

Mon. – Thurs – 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.Thurs evenings 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.Fridays 9 a.m. – noon



2nd Saturday of the month 8 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Municipal Officers meeting every Thursday evening at 7 p.m.



Phone 625-4663 Fax 625-7635

Staff:

Marylou F. Stacey - Town clerk, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Registrar of Voters, Stanley Cemetery Treasurer/Secretary, Town Web designer/administrator, Notary, Outlying Cemetery committee Secretary/Treasurer - email - hiramclerk@roadrunner.com

Terry L. Day - Administrative Assistant to Municipal Officers, Deputy Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Treasurer, E911 Addressing Officer, General Assistance Administrator, Assistant Assessing Agent, Newsletter designer/administrator, Planning Board, Appeals Board secretary, Notary and Tri-Town Secretary/Treasurer. - email - hiramtwnofc@roadrunner.com

Municipal Officers -

Joyce Siracuse - jsiracuse@townofhiram.org Eric Durgin - edurginhfd49@yahoo.com H.Jamie Marshall - jmarshall@townofhiram.org



Road Commissioner – Greg Sawyer – 256-2854 Plow Contractors - Greg Sawyer - south end - 256-2854 Kyle Estes – North end – 272-3908



Animal control officer - Cindy Eaton - 890-5313 or 1-800-733-1421



Planning Board and Appeals Board meet when necessary

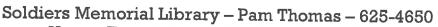
Burn Permits -

North End – Darryl Ward – 625-4790

South End - James Siracuse - 625-3604(H) 281-3180(C)



Historical Society - Sally Williams - 615-4390



Hours: Tues 2-5 p.m. Weds & Thurs 10 am. - 5 p.m. Sat. 9:30a.m - 12:30 p.m.



SOLDIERS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Cabin Fever Cures !!

Join your friends and neighbors, make new friendships, and begin or return to a new hobby @ the Library - all for free!

Weekly activities: Tuesdays: Yoga @ the Arts Center, 9:30-10:30 DVD led



SCRUBBLE

Wednesdays: Scrabble with Friends, 1:00 - 2:30 - Challengers welcome!

Thursdays: Knotty Knitters - 12:30 - 2:30 - any hand crafting welcome!



Monthly program: SML Book Club meets the third Thursday of the month, 11:30 - 12:30. A delightful variety of titles!

Visit our table at the Saturday, <u>March 7th Town Meeting</u> - Raffle for signed copy of Bruce Coffin's fourth novel featuring Detective John Byron: <u>Within Plain Sight!</u> Friends of SML return with their delicious treats!

Upcoming programs: FREE!

Sat., March 28th - 1:30 - 2:30 <u>Joint program with the Hiram Historical Society</u> - <u>Tom Parent</u>, head of the Northeastern Forest Fire Protection Compact, presentation on historical forest fires. Saturday, October 3rd, 1:00 - Maine author, <u>Tim Caverly</u>, slide show and talk with the writer of the Allagash Tales.

Saturday, Oct. 10, 1:30 - <u>Joint program with the Hiram Historical Society</u>: "The Recipe for Revolution," new book by local author Carolyn Chute.



<u>LIBRARY HOURS:</u> Tues. 2-5, Wed & Thurs 10-5, Sat. 9:30-12:30 (207) 625-4650 <u>www.soldiers.lib.me.us</u> "Friend" us on FaceBook