



Bustins Island Village Corporation
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Happy Spring,

That was certainly a memorable winter for those of us in the northeast. The Board of Overseers, clerk, treasurer, superintendent and other officials worked through the off-season to ensure a successful 2015 season. We are very happy to report that all key members of the island management are returning. The following projects are scheduled for this year: re-roof and re-side the municipal building section that houses the Historical Society Museum, BIVC office and Safety Room; install the former Community House outhouse at the Golf Course; re-staining the Public Float runway and possibly erecting a garage to house island vehicles at the site of the former Brewer Barn; and lastly, a combined volunteer/BIVC effort to refurbish the Schoolhouse and make it available as a media center and device charging station. If you would like to participate in this or any BIVC activity, please inform any island official.

If conditions allow, the Lilly B will commence service on May 8th. Additional information on the ferry and some changes to the schedule are on the attached report from the Boat Advisory Committee. Pickup of household trash will start on May 24. Visitors to the island before Memorial Day weekend are reminded to take their trash when they leave. We have met with a Maine official that assists communities with composting. He will be visiting the island this spring and we expect to initiate a composting program this summer. There will be no large trash pick-up this year. Last year's record haul went way over budget. It will return in a year or two.

Bustins is now recognized as a Firewise Community, and the Firewise Board has provided the attached report. There will be a presentation on July 18 with a Maine Forest Ranger. The Public Safety Committee will be holding a Safety Day on August 8.

A word from the Clerk: those creating a trust for their island property are asked to put their family name in the name of the trust to help us identify the holder, e.g. Doe Family Trust rather than Bustins Cottage Trust. Islanders with trusts are reminded that any changes in trustees must be filed with the Clerk in order to meet voting qualifications. For more information please see "Letter to Trustees" in Forms on bivc.net.

We all look forward to another great summer on Bustins,

Board of Overseers

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Bill Cooper, Vice-Chair
Ken Barrows
Pat LaFleur
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Clerk

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From ***The Planning Board:***

The Planning Board has nearly completed the process of the state required revision of the island's comprehensive plan and will be looking for island volunteers to help complete the 2015 action items. The board continues its work to bring various sections of island roads forward for acceptance at the B.I.V.C. Annual Meetings. Thank you to Roger Leland and Bill Cooper for their continued assistance with this effort. The Planning Board will also be bringing forward for acceptance this summer an amended island zoning map. There have been many changes that have occurred with lot lines, zoning, and road acceptances since the map was last approved at annual meeting in 1985. For more information regarding the roads to be brought forward this year or the proposed island zoning map please plan on attending the related hearings scheduled for the June 27th at 9:00 a.m. at the Community House.

Warren Barrows, Chair

Christine Martens

David Gosnell, Vice Chair

Kevin Petrie

Charlotte Kahn

Simone Shields

Jeff Leland

From ***The Boat Advisory Committee:***

We are looking forward to the 2015 season opening day despite our cold weather here in Maine! We are glad to welcome back Abe Whittaker as our Managing Captain. We will have some new faces this season as well as returning crew. The Lilly B is scheduled to begin service on May 8th. If you intend to ride the Lilly B before Memorial Day weekend, please confirm it is in service by calling the Lilly B phone (207) 751-2283.

In an effort to maximize the Lilly B's time in the water we have made some adjustments to our schedule for 2015. Please be aware that the timing of the off season runs have changed on Saturdays and Sundays. We have added some runs around the 4th of July weekend and noted additional runs surrounding the holiday weekends throughout the off season. All fares remain unchanged.

The Lilly B will be running some excursions throughout the season so watch for postings for these trips! If you have any interest in putting an excursion together please talk with Captain Abe.

The enclosed schedule can also be found online at bivc.net as well as The Lilly B Facebook page.

Tanya Sweatt, Chair

Bob Dugan

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2015 Bustins Island Ferry Schedule and Rates

Boat: **Lilly B**
Managing Captain: **Abe Whittaker**

Ferry Phone: **(207) 751- 2283**
Truck Phone: **(207) 233-8368**

Regular Season Schedule

Friday, June 12th – Monday, September 7th

Day	From South Freeport	From Bustins Island
Daily	8:00 AM	8:40 AM
Daily	11:00 AM	11:40 AM
Sunday only	1:00 PM	1:40 PM
Daily except Tue & Thur	3:00 PM	3:40 PM
Daily	5:00 PM	5:40PM
Friday only	7:00 PM	7:30 PM
Additional Runs- NEW		
Thurs.-July 2 nd	7:00 PM	7:30 PM
Sun.- July 5 th	7:00 PM	7:30 PM

Off Season Schedule

Friday, May 8th – Thursday, June 11th
Tuesday, Sept. 8th – Tuesday, Oct. 13th
Regular fares apply

Day	From South Freeport	From Bustins Island
Friday	1:00 PM	1:40 PM
	5:00 PM	5:40 PM
	7:00 PM	7:30 PM
Saturday- NEW	9:00 AM	9:40 AM
	11:00 AM	11:40 AM
	3:00 PM	3:40 PM
Sunday- NEW	11:00 AM	11:40 AM
	3:00 PM	3:40 PM
	5:00 PM	5:40 PM
Memorial Day Weekend Additional Runs		
Monday	11:00 AM	11:40 AM
	1:00 PM	1:40 PM
	3:00 PM	3:40 PM
Tuesday	11:00 AM	11:40AM
Labor Day Weekend Add'l Run (Monday 7th see regular schedule)		
Tuesday	11:00 AM	11:40 AM
Columbus Day Weekend Additional Runs		
Monday	11:00AM	11:40 AM
	1:00 PM	1:40 PM
	3:00 PM	3:40 PM
Tuesday	11:00 AM	11:40 AM

Fares

	Adult	Child
Individual	\$12	\$6
Ten Trip Book	\$95	\$45
Same-Day Round Trip	\$18	\$8
	Dogs \$1	

Fare Notes:

- Same day, round-trip ticket is good for any day of the week. Can originate from Bustins or South Freeport.
- Child is less than 12 years old
- Tickets are NOT valid for Specials

Specials

All specials are one way "Private Specials"

	Fare
Specials operating between regularly scheduled trips	\$65
Specials operating outside of scheduled runs	\$150

Specials Notes:

- Regular Season: 24 Hour Notice
- Off Season: 48 Hour Notice
- Regular fares will apply if there are enough passengers that their combined fares are greater than the Special Trip Price.
- Tickets are NOT valid for Specials.

Freight

- Regular baggage is free.
- Other freight and animals will be charged according to published list.
- NO Gasoline or Propane aboard
- NO Smoking or Drinking Alcohol
- Dogs must be on a leash

From ***The Firewise Board:***

We are proud to announce that our Bustins Island community has earned Firewise Communities/USA® recognition from the National Firewise Communities/USA Program for 2014. This recognition is due to the island community's efforts last summer to reduce the vulnerability of cottages and island properties to wildfire by initiating brush chipping and fire and safety education programs in cooperation with the Maine Forest Service and Freeport Fire/Rescue Department.

Bustins Island is the 8th community in the state of Maine to be recognized by Firewise Communities/USA, joining many other communities nationwide that have been recognized since the program's inception in 2002. Residents of Bustins Island should be honored to be awarded this recognition from Firewise Communities/USA, and should continue, as a community, to participate in Firewise education and wildfire prevention practices.

Firewise Communities/USA is a nationwide initiative designed to encourage and acknowledge community action that minimizes home loss to wildfire. This program is of special interest to small communities and neighborhoods that are willing to mitigate against wildfire by adopting and implementing programs tailored to their needs. Because of our remote location, presence of old, wooden cottages, abundance of trees, and the time it takes for Freeport Fire/Rescue to get to us, it is important that we, as a community, take every step possible to *prevent* wildfire on Bustins before it happens.

Benefits of being a Firewise Community are:

- 1) Allows us to receive priority status for participating in the Maine Forest Service's "Defensible Space Chipping Program." which creates defensible space around cottages and prevents fires from advancing and endangering our island homes and lives. (all cutting must done in compliance with state Shoreland and Bustins Zoning Ordinances)
- 2) Improves property value while reducing the risk of loss.
- 3) Improves community relationships with Freeport Fire/Rescue Department and state agencies.
- 4) Encourages good neighbors and offers peace of mind.
- 5) Could possibly lead to Federal grants for hazardous mitigation and / or possible reduction in home insurance costs.

In 2014, to earn recognition from Firewise Communities/USA, the Bustins Island community, including property owners, brush committee and public safety committee members, our island superintendent and municipal officers, worked with the Maine Forest Service to conduct a wildfire hazard assessment, and to develop a plan to address safety concerns. We also worked with the Freeport Fire/Rescue Department to implement safety education days and fire safety plans. To receive Firewise Communities/USA recognition, the Bustins Island community met a rigorous set of requirements, which can be found on www.firewise.org.

The Bustins Island Firewise Board is in the process of planning our next "Defensible Space Chipping Program" day with the Maine Forest Service in July, and that date will be announced soon. **Our 2015 "Firewise Day" is planned for July 18th at 10:00AM at the Community House, and all island residents are encouraged to come.** At that event, Bustins Island

will be officially recognized by Firewise Communities/USA, and will be presented a plaque by Maine Forest Ranger and Fire Prevention Specialist, Kent Nelson of the Maine Forest Service.

Please join us for this very special event!

Bustins Island Firewise Board

Chair, Faith Baker
Ken Barrows
Roger Leland
Crawford Taisey

From ***The Bustins & Bay Foundation:***

Tax-deductible donations for general use or specific island causes can be made to the
Bustins & Bay Foundation Inc.
c/o Baker, Braverman & Barbadoro, P.C.,
300 Crown Colony Drive, Suite 500,
Quincy, MA 02169.

Several great sources of Bustins information are available on-line:

All Bustins official business, minutes, forms and schedules are available at: www.bivc.net

Information on the Lilly B, including fares, schedules and special trips is available at
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Lilly-B/228662623816012>

Social news and photos are available at
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Bustins-Island-Community/101927616162>

Note: You do not need to be a member of Facebook to view these sites.

Save some trees:

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