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In addition to island newsletters, directories, and policies, Bustins boasts several residential authors who have published books about, or based on, the island. Each description tells you how to obtain a copy or be placed on a mailing list.

Enabling Act

The “Enabling Act,” which was enacted by the State of Maine in 1913 and subsequently amended on several occasions, provides for the establishment of Bustins as a village corporation constituting part of the Town of Freeport. The “Enabling Act” is available on the BIVC website (www.bivc.net).

BIVC By-Laws

The governing document of the island, the By-Laws define the roles of the officers of the corporation; the roles of the Board of Overseers; when and how meetings are called; requirements for voting and how votes are counted; board of health and sanitary regulations; the role of the landscape committee; rules regarding open fires, firearms, and motor vehicles; harbor use and mooring regulations; fines and penalties for violation of By-Laws; the appeal process; and special requirements regarding assessments and disbursements. See also Chapter 7, which summarizes several By-Laws and policies. The BIVC By-Laws are available on the BIVC website (www.bivc.net).

Agreement with Freeport

The letter agreement, dated October 16, 1984 between the Town of Freeport and the Bustins Island Village Corporation, sets forth the support of the Town and the BIVC for amendments to the Enabling Act that implement the tax sharing agreement. The Agreement is available on the BIVC website (www.bivc.net).

Zoning Ordinance

The state-mandated BIVC Zoning Ordinance, which is Article XX of the BIVC By-Laws, defines the regulations regarding building, placement of structures, land use, and shore use. Its purpose is to help maintain safe and healthful conditions on the island; prevent and control water pollution; protect aquatic life and wildlife; and conserve shore cover, points of access to inland and coastal waters, and the natural beauty of the island. The Zoning Ordinance is available as a separate document on the BIVC website (www.bivc.net).

Comprehensive Plan

Under a 1971 Maine statute, all Maine communities were mandated as part of their local growth management programs to prepare comprehensive plans. These plans were to incorporate existing studies and ordinances, as well as assess the community’s historic, archaeological, and scenic resources. In 1998, the Planning Board chartered a Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee to create and implement a long term work plan for use by islanders and island organizations. The plan “would be consistent with the requirements of the Bustins Zoning Ordinance, guided by the recommendations of the Maine Growth Management statute (1988), and would reflect the

uniqueness of Bustins Island as a small summer community.” The Comprehensive Plan is published with the zoning ordinance and is posted on the BIVC website (www.bivc.net).

A second, more extensive, result of the committee’s work was *Bustins Today and Tomorrow: a Foundation for Island Planning*, published in August 2001 by members of the Bustins Island Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee and edited by Erika Morgan and Ben Carr, Co-Chairs. A copy of the plan can be viewed at the Bustins Island Adult Library. It is also available from the Clerk.

“Bustins Island Directory”

The *Bustins Island Directory* is a booklet that includes names, addresses, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses of islanders who choose to be listed. It is published by *the Store Porch* newsletter and distributed once a year, usually in July,. Copies can be purchased for a nominal fee at the Adult Library, the Post Office, and at other locations posted on the Store porch.

Additionally, every July, the current version of the directory is posted in the lobby of the Store so that islanders can update their own information. This edited version is collected at the end of the summer and used to produce the subsequent issue.

BIHS Newsletter

The *Bustins Island Historical Society Newsletter* is published and mailed annually to BIHS members. The newsletter is totally self-sufficient and depends on dues-paying members and other volunteer contributions. To receive the newsletter, become involved in the BIHS either by joining the Society, volunteering, or making a donation.

“the Store Porch news”

the Store Porch news(also known as *tSP*) is the twice-yearly newsletter written, published, and mailed out to islanders in November and May by a vigorous group of volunteers who collect and communicate news and suitable current events. The first volume was published in November 1989 and has continued without interruption.

The newsletter is self-supporting and relies completely on reader donations. It has not changed much since 1989 in that its mission is to share people news, current births and recent deaths, feature articles, committee lists and reports, calendars of events, an up-to-date ferry schedule, classifieds, editorials, features, and ads for Bustins Island services.

To receive *the Store Porch news*, contact the editor (see the contact list included as an insert in the back pocket of this guide). Donations are always welcome and needed.

“History of Bustins Island”

The book *History of Bustins Island – Casco Bay – 1660 - 1960*, was written and self-published by islander George B. Richardson in 1960. Through its stories and black and white pictures of island events and people, it was considered the “quintessential guide to Bustins Island,” and no cottage was complete without a copy.

The Adult Library has one copy that can be viewed but not checked out. Reprinted copies can be purchased through the Bustins Island Historical Society.

“A Maine Summer Island”

Islander F. Benjamin Carr recently published (May 2008), through Islandport Press, *A Maine Summer Island – The Story of Bustins*. In Ben’s acknowledgments, he pays tribute to George Richardson and many other islanders that assisted him with encouragement, information, and anecdotes.

This book no doubt will also be a staple in every cottager’s bookcase. It is widely available in local bookstores and can also be found on the Islandport Press’ website:

<http://www.islandportpress.com/bustins.htm>

Children’s Books

Children’s books inspired by Bustins Island have been written over the years by islanders Florence “Bunny” Hightower, Mia Wade and Tish Guernsey, and Darby “Grammy D” Mumford. (If you know of others, please let us know so we can include them in the future.)

Bunny Hightower’s books are entitled: *Mrs. Wappinger’s Secret* (1956), *The Ghost of Follonsbee’s Folly* (1958), *Dark Horse of Woodfield* (1962), *Fayerweather Forecast* (1967), *The Secret of the Crazy Quilt* (1972), and *Dreamworld Castle* (1978). They are pre-teen appropriate and were inspired by the author’s children Tom, Josephine, and Robert and loosely based on their escapades on Bustins Island. There are several hits for these out-of-print books on the www.Amazon.com used book site.

Darby Mumford’s books are entitled: *Grammy D’s Island Short Stories* (1997), *Grammy “D’s” Island Short Stories Vol. II* (1999), and *Grammy “D’s” Island Short Stories Vol. III* (2001). Darby’s books, which she has both written and illustrated, are dedicated to her grandchildren Joshua, Ben, and Bethany and are based on an adventure or two on Bustins Island. They are available in the Children’s Library.

The book, *Rosebottom*, written by Meta (Mia) Wade and Tish Guernsey, includes among its characters our former ferry boat captain, Archie Ross. The BIHS has a copy of this book.