



*Bustins Island Village Corporation*  
*Established 1913*

Spring 2013

Greetings islanders,

Spring has returned, and the Board of Overseers is pleased to report that the island has survived another Maine winter in fine shape. In the absence of the discontinued and dearly missed, *the Store Porch*, we have returned to the practice of sending a Spring Newsletter.

Many islanders prefer to return to the island each year and find everything and everybody as they last saw them. Unfortunately, time and nature do not allow that, and there will be some noticeable changes this year. After seven years of providing the island with excellent service as boat manager and captain, Lesley (Berry) Taisey is leaving us for a new job, motherhood. Please join us in sending Lesley and Ben Taisey the very best wishes as they become first-time parents. The boat manager position will not be vacant, as that position has been filled with a person familiar to the Bustins community, Captain Abraham Whittaker. We have another new hire to announce as well. In response to the safety concerns of many islanders, Ron Tozier has agreed to be our Island Police Officer in addition to being our Code Enforcement Officer. He is currently undergoing the necessary training and state certification. Please welcome Ron and Abe to their new positions. We are pleased to report that Crawford and Candy Taisey's firm, Straight Edge Construction, has been re-contracted to provide superintendent services, Dan Adams and his family will return as truck driver and trash collector, while Ron Sweatt will again provide propane and sanitation services. Rob Taisey will continue as Harbormaster and wishes to remind islanders that all Bustins moorings must be registered with him. The registration form is available on the Bustins website <http://bivc.net/docs/Forms/Mooring%20Registration.pdf>.

Weather permitting and pending the launch of the Public Float, the Lilly B will commence service on May 10. If you intend to ride the Lilly B before Memorial Day weekend, please confirm it is available by calling the Lilly B phone (207)751-2283. The schedule and fares are enclosed. Fares will be unchanged from last year.

To be consistent with state law, considerable time and effort has been expended to update our job descriptions and employee files. Current job descriptions are available for viewing on the bivc.net website.

Also on the website is an updated dog policy <http://bivc.net/docs/Policies/102%20Dogs%20Control%20Policy%20v1.3.pdf>. After an incident last year in which an islander was seriously injured in a non-biting encounter, the policy was updated to include non-biting actions causing injuries as actions that could lead to a dog being ordered to be restricted to its owner's property or removed from the island. Dogs are much-loved by many, and they significantly add to the enjoyment of the island, even for many non-dog owners. That affection, however, cannot be allowed to compromise the safety and well-being of islanders.

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Trash pickup and removal is always a challenge, and we are fortunate to employ conscientious people to collect it and transport it. Sometimes, however, too much advantage is taken of their good nature. After witnessing several abuses last summer, we have reissued guidelines for islanders in disposing of their trash. Please review the guidelines on the bivc.net webpage <http://bivc.net/docs/Other/Trash%20Disposal%20Guidelines.pdf> .

With *the Store Porch* no longer being published, we have been asked where islanders can advertise their cottage rentals or contractor services. There is a link on the BIVC webpage to the Bustins Island Community webpage <http://bustinsislandcommunity.com/> . Islanders wishing to advertise may do so on this site by emailing their information to [info@bustinsislandcommunity.com](mailto:info@bustinsislandcommunity.com) . Please note that this webpage is run independently of the Board of Overseers.

Through the diligent efforts of many, including the Treasurer, the Boat Advisory Committee, the Finance Committee, and the Board of Overseers, the island is saving money and building its reserves. Several years ago during a period of unanticipated and large expenses, the island withdrew \$50,000 from the CASCO fund to cover its operating needs. This winter, we were able to return \$25,000.00. We are also in the process of appointing an Auditor to assist us in complying with state requirements.

Several capital improvement projects are slated for this summer. At the top of the list is a new ADA-compliant sanitation facility at the Community House. Currently, we are soliciting bids and hope to see construction begin later in the summer. If tests are satisfactory, we will be installing a well pump in the "Bible Belt" area as source of water for the end of the island formerly served by the no longer viable Indian Springs well. Our appreciation to Connie Richardson for generously allowing the island to develop her drilled well on lot A40. The ways upon which the Public Float is stored need to be repaired. The options we looked at last summer were deemed to be too expensive so we are looking for new solutions. Finally, we are looking at several repairs for the building housing the Post Office, Adult Library, Historical Society Museum and Nature Center.

In addition to the Board members, many others contribute significantly to the well-being of the island. If you happen to see them, kindly show your appreciation with a thank you: Tanya Sweatt has spent countless hours as chair of the Boat Advisory Committee during the past year updating procedures, job descriptions, financial reporting and then finally, recommending recruiting a new boat manager. Tanya and the rest of the BAC are to be congratulated for reversing the trend of the Lilly B requiring a larger subsidy every year. Kim (Monzeglio) Anania and Anita Krieg of KMA Associates provided their time and expertise to our hiring and employee record-keeping practices to make them consistent with state law. Freeport Police Chief Jerry Schofield has been instrumental in the development of the Police Officer position. Tony DeBruyn, in addition to his role as Island Treasurer, maintains our website.

There is always much to do. The island benefits immensely by having so many volunteer their time, efforts and expertise to the welfare of the island. If you haven't recently volunteered but would like to, please contact any Board member or other island official. Regardless of any limitations you may have, there is a need for what you can offer.

Finally, this year is the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Bustins Island Village Corporation. Faith Baker will be coordinating the centennial celebration with activities throughout the summer, including a Pot Luck supper and fireworks after the Annual Meeting. The CABI and BIHS will also be sponsoring activities during the summer for the celebration. Anyone wishing to make a donation to offset the costs may



make a check out to the *Bustins Island Village Corporation* and write "Centennial Celebration" on the memo line. The checks can be sent to Tony DeBruyn, Treasurer, 175 Bluff Road, Yarmouth, Maine 04096.

We look forward to a happy, healthy and safe summer.

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