



Bustins Island Village Corporation

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Greetings,

We hope this finds you all well and excited for the upcoming summer season at Bustins. We have been working through the off-season to ensure an enjoyable summer season. There are some changes awaiting you.

On the personnel side, Crawford and Candy, Abe, and the Adams will all be returning to their positions. Unfortunately, Ron Tozier has resigned as Code Enforcement Officer, Licensed Plumbing Inspector and Police Officer. His contracting business is going very well, and Ron feels he can no longer give those positions the time they deserve and require. While we certainly would prefer that Ron continue, we cannot express enough our appreciation that he took on those responsibilities when he did. It was a difficult time and Ron willingly stepped in and successfully committed himself to all the studying, physical preparation and training required for those positions. Going forward, we are pleased to announce that Barbara Skelton has agreed to return as CEO and LPI.

In consultation with the Freeport Police Chief, we are going to hold off on recruiting another police officer and will be seeking volunteers to assist the police. As currently envisioned, the program would have islanders in need of a police response call 911 as they do now. When the Freeport Police Department receives a 911 call, an on-island person would be notified via pager and police radio and he/she would alert other volunteers. They would go to the scene and await the police officers. Volunteers would not be armed and would not put themselves in harm's way, but they would monitor the situation, maintain communications with the police and give comfort to the caller. Chief Nourse has offered the department's assistance in developing the program and preparing the volunteers. Islanders wishing to participate can contact Crawford Taisey or Ken Barrows.

As you all know, Ron and Linda Sweatt of Bustins Builders have retired from distributing propane. They will continue to service and install propane appliances. Propane will now be available via Maine Island Energy owned by Pete Pellerin and headquartered on Chebeague Island. If you intend to purchase propane from MIE, please fill out and send the attached form to set up an account. Their email address is maineislandenergy@gmail.com. They can also be reached by telephone at (207) 415-5486.

The *Lilly B* will start its off-season weekend runs Friday, May 6, pending installation of the Public Float. Regular-season runs begin Friday, June 10.

From the Planning Board:

The Planning Board is busily preparing for the Summer of 2016. There are several important developments to report. First, as we said good bye to CEO/LPI, Ron Tozier, we welcomed Barbara Skelton as the new CEO for Bustins Island. Barbara has served as the alternate CEO for Bustins for the past several years and at one point was the CEO for the island. We are very pleased that her schedule has allowed her to return to this position. Also, the planning board welcomed new member, Jim Boone. Kevin Petrie resigned so he could focus on his position as the chair of the Finance Committee. Warren Barrows decided not to accept reappointment to the Planning Board last fall and we wish to thank him for his service and expertise in helping create the updated Comprehensive Plan. Speaking of which, we intend to submit the plan to the State of Maine for the Stamp of Consistency in the next few weeks. Many thanks to Tony DeBruyn, who was a tremendous help in formatting and compiling the document for formal presentation to the state. You may recall that the island voted to accept the Comprehensive Plan in 2014 and each year there are action items to complete. The Planning Board will be looking for volunteers to help complete the 2016 action items. Please speak to Charlotte Abramson or Dave Gosnell if you are interested.

We are coming down the home stretch with the roads left to accept, culminating a 15 year plus effort by the Roads Committee and the Planning Board to have the roads we use officially accepted as public ways. This effort is much to the island's benefit for many reasons including that the roads over time do encroach on private property therefore placing liability on the homeowner. By accepting the roads where they are presently surveyed to be located, it removes the liability and responsibility of maintaining them from the home owner.

Please check the Planning Board Bulletin Board located at the Store for any upcoming hearings dates related to the road acceptances or Conditional Use Permit hearings for the summer of 2016.

Christine Martens, Chair
Dave Gosnell
Charlotte Abramson
Jeff Leland
Simone Shields
Jim Boone

See the attached note from the Boat Advisory Committee for more information, including the schedule and rates for 2016.

Trash pickup begins Memorial Day weekend and will continue each Sunday through Columbus Day weekend. If you visit the island before Memorial Day or after Columbus Day weekend please take your trash with you when you leave.

The Superintendent has been busy during the off-season. The Municipal Building that houses the Historical Society, BIVC Office and the Safety Room has a new roof. New windows and siding on the ocean side of the building will be completed this spring.

Thanks to the many volunteers who help keep our Island the place we yearn for each Spring. All of you are greatly appreciated.

Currently there are openings on several of our Committees. If you are interested in serving the island, please contact any of the undersigned.

Please remember that the Annual BIVC Meeting will be held Saturday, August 6, 2016.

We look forward to seeing you soon on Bustins.

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From the Boat Advisory Committee:

We are getting ready for the 2016 season! We are excited to welcome Abe Whittaker back as our Managing Captain and all other returning employees!

Since winter never reared its ugly head this year, the *Lilly B's* opening weekend will be Friday, May 6th, providing the launch of the public float and completed boat repairs. We have posted the new 2016 Schedule and Rates on the BIVC.net site and the *Lilly B's* Facebook page. Please note that we have added some runs on-season and changed some run times in the off-season. As expenses increase, rates have also increased slightly this year in an effort to keep the island's subsidy within balance.

The *Lilly B* will be running excursions throughout the summer so watch for postings for these trips! If you have interest or ideas for excursions please contact Captain Abe.

We are looking to fill an alternate position on the Boat Committee. If you are interested please email tanya.sweatt@gmail.com

The Boat Committee thanks you for riding!

Tanya Sweatt, Chair
Bob Dugan
Jim Boone
Bill Ralph
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