

TOWN OF CORINNA NEWS

TOWN OFFICE NEWS

Selectmen's Meetings:

Meetings are currently being held via the zoom app. A link is posted on the agenda when they are advertised on the Town's website and the Town of Corinna Facebook page. When the Governor lifts the ban on number of people allowed to gather, we will once again be meeting at the Jones Nutter Auditorium at the Stewart Library. They continue to begin at 6:00pm the second and fourth Wed. of the month. The Minutes and the Agendas are posted on our Town Website and on the Bulletin Board at the Town Office.



TOWN CLERK-PAM PARLEE



July 14 Election

July 14, 2020- Primary and Special Referendum Election

Fire Annex 8AM-8PM

You may call into the office to request an absentee ballot which we will mail to you with a return envelope to mail back to the office, don't forget the postage. You may also request an absentee ballot on line @ maine.gov. Click on services then find absentee voting.

The Election will take place at the Fire Annex as usual. We will be incorporating the 6 foot distancing rule as best we can. The state is sending face masks, gloves etc., for all election workers. Please try to follow our guidelines and use your own protective wear for the sake of yourself and others. If you are not feeling up to par and or have a cold please use the absentee ballot options.

TAXATION INFORMATION:

TONY BENNETT

Motor Vehicle Re-Registrations can be done on line at the Maine.Gov website. You will need your registration, insurance card and a debit or credit card. The state will mail the new registration and stickers. You may also mail the information to the town office and we will process and mail back. Starting May 19th we will be doing appointments Tuesday thru Thursday for new registrations for Motor Vehicles, ATV's and Boats. April 1st deadline has been extended to July 1st for this year only for filing a homestead, veteran or widowed

veteran exemption, and Tree Growth applications with the Town.

If you should have questions as to whether or not you may be eligible for an exemption, please call the town office. **30 day Tax Lien Notices** will be sent out May 12th for any unpaid 2019 taxes. All taxes unpaid after the 30 days will have a lien put against your property through the Penobscot County Registry of Deeds and additional fees will be applied to your existing bill. Please contact the Town Office for any tax related questions at 278-4183.

CORINNA BOARDWALK RENOVATION

The Corinna Boardwalk Restoration Committee last met on March 11, 2020. The entire meeting was spent working on a fund raising campaign mailing. 75 packets were sent out in pursuit of contributions, but there are several more to be worked on and mailed as soon as we are able to assemble as a group once again. We received approximately \$1000 from the packets that were mailed, and our total amount of funds raised now stand in excess of \$19, 100. Needless to say, fund raising is not going to be easy in the near future.

Within the next week or two our committee will continue meeting once again in order to assess where we stand. Decisions need to be made regarding how and when we will begin the process of restoring the boardwalk. We will also need to discuss further efforts needed in order to continue raising funds. We have looked into a grant opportunity which has not worked out, but will continue our efforts to obtain a grant or two in the near future.

The 50/50 raffle drawing, which did not take place at the town meeting as planned due to the fact that all tickets sold had not been turned in, will be held in the near future...once we have all of the tickets and monies accounted for. This Covid-19 Virus situation has significantly slowed our progress, but we intend to complete this project as soon as possible. We appreciate your patience. We are all anxious to be able to use our boardwalk once again.

CORINNA FIRE DEPT.

If you need burn permits contact: Ken Clark: Town Fire Warden 341-0364, Allen Emerson 717-8883, Shawn Richards 416-8688, Shawn Henderson 416-6802 John Bridges 270-0701, Jeff Dorman 416-5148 or Paul White 270-1133.

STEWART FREE LIBRARY

WHAT BOOK ARE YOU READING?

Due to COVID-19, the library is closed through the month of May. We hope restrictions will be lifted so we may reopen in June. If you have any library items out



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on loan, you don't need to worry about the late fees – we will be exempting them.

We are still ordering new items for all ages, to add to our stacks. One of our orders for children's books have already arrived and will be ready for loan when the library is reopened. We are still waiting for our adult books to arrive at the library.

This summer, we are planning on having a book sale that will include children and young adult books. So keep an eye on our Facebook page and the newspaper for details.

We are still hoping to have the summer concerts and summer reading this year. Though they may be held later in the summer or year. We will let all of our patrons know, as soon as we know, about the summer reading and summer concerts. We know how much the community loves both of these programs.

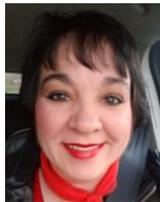
We look forward to seeing all our regular patrons as soon as restrictions are lifted or altered to allow for us to mingle, at a distance. Thank you for your continued support and patronage.

TOWN MANAGER'S CORNER

I believe Spring has finally arrived, and with it, the sun, warm weather, the birds and the peepers! Unfortunately, no one could have foretold what events would happen between the deep winter and now. Needless to say, we are all learning to cope with the daily stress of not knowing what the next day will bring – rain, snow, sunshine, virus, masks, business closings – sometimes it's a lot to take in and wonder what our community will look like in six months or a year. Please be assured that the Selectmen and the staff want only the best health and outcome for each and every one of you – the Residents of the Town of Corinna.

Keeping up with the ever-changing scenery of COVID-19 can make your head spin and we're doing our best to help you, the residents, complete daily transactions, like registrations, fishing licenses, and taxes. You have been willing participants in helping us complete your requests either over the phone or through the mail, and we cannot express our gratitude enough.

Beginning May 18th, we will be processing in-person transactions, BY APPOINTMENT ONLY. If you have purchased a new boat, car, or ATV and



would like to get it registered, please call the office for an appointment time, and for directions on what information you will need to bring. If you do not have all the information, unfortunately, we will have to ask you to re-schedule. We ask that if you are RE-registering a car, boat, or ATV, that you still complete that transaction either through the mail, over the phone, or online, if possible. You may call the office for information and directions – we will be happy to help you get your registrations done! If you have other transactions not mentioned, please call the office and we'll be happy to guide you with the best course of action – either an appointment or through the mail, etc.

To ensure the health and safety of our staff, and you, we have installed a plexi-glass shield at the counter. However, we ask that you also please wear a mask, if you are able. We will have hand sanitizer available for your use, as well. We will be disinfecting the counter, door knobs and pen between clients, but please be sure you also take the necessary precautions when you leave, by washing your hands or using hand sanitizer.

If you, or a neighbor, would like to be on a list that will receive weekly or bi-weekly phone calls – just to have someone check in with you and see how you are doing throughout this state of emergency—please call our office and let us know. We will need name and contact information to add to our growing list. We have applications for elderly residents that may need a food subsidy, once a month, through Eastern Area Agency on Aging. Please call for an application and we can mail it to you.

In addition to the scary situation we are faced with, we are continuing the business of the Town. The Board of Selectmen will be appointing a Committee for the Community Center (old elementary school facility) that will be working towards developing the building for use by residents, businesses, or the Town. We are also looking at converting the old Fernald Market to a new fire station. Other items on the agenda for the summer are paving, reconstructing Fernald Avenue, repairing the Boardwalk and Bandstand, and whatever else may come along!

Please be safe and stay healthy!

***RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
TOWN OF CORINNA EMPLOYEES, BOARDS,
COMMITTEES AND TOWN MANAGER***