



**Upcoming Town Council Meeting:
April 7, 2015
6:30 p.m.
Town Council Chamber**

A full listing of upcoming Town meetings and agendas is available on the Town's website at: www.freeportmaine.com

**Congratulations to the recipients of the 2014
Citizen of the Year Award!
Freeport Community Services "Founding Mothers"**



(left to right) Suzie Harding (daughter Linda Harding standing in for Suzie), Carol Southall, Betsy Ruff, Sherry Smith, Vaughndella Curtis and Janice Fogg

**FREEPORT DAY
At the NORDICA THEATRE!
Tuesday, April 7th**

Residents of Freeport are welcome to view a movie absolutely free!

Donations for the Freeport Historical Society will be collected. *Proof of residency is required.*

**Town Manager's Report
March 17, 2015**

Solarize Freeport

This program has kicked off over the past few weeks with a flurry of activity. Town Planner Donna Larson has received the following update from the selected installer for the project:

- Three PV systems are currently under contract, and three additional households are reviewing proposed contracts.
- Three additional households have been provided formal quotes for consideration.
- Twenty-six additional households are currently at the phone consultation stage.
- Eight households have dropped out of the process due to various reasons such as a poor site, too much initial cost, didn't want to invest at this time, etc.
- One hundred forty-four households in total have requested a quote.
- There are 188 subscribers on their mailing list.

The program was designed with a three-tiered pricing plan, and prices drop for all purchasers as each successive "tier" is reached. It's expected that twelve to thirteen average residential installations will be required to reach the top, most affordable tier, although we hope to surpass that number by a wide margin. It appears that we are well on our way, and we look forward to regular updates throughout the process.

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County Tax Information

We have received certified notice of the Town of Freeport's FY16 County tax obligation. Our total tax levy payable to Cumberland County will increase this year by 7.14% to \$941,811. The overall county-wide tax burden for this year has increased 5.35% from \$25,413,304 to \$26,773,596. Freeport's apportionment

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TOWN OF FREEPORT - MUNICIPAL BULLETIN



HEAVY LOAD ROAD POSTING EFFECTIVE MARCH 11TH THROUGH MAY 15TH *Depending on Weather*

Heavy Load Road Postings are in effect town-wide. All regular delivery route trucks are exempt (Oil trucks, Propane Gas Trucks, Trash Haulers, Municipal Vehicles and other necessary vehicles). For a current list of posted roads, information on permit to travel on a posted road, or questions, please contact the Public Works Department (865-4461) or go to www.freeportmaine.com.

2nd ANNUAL EDIBLE BOOK FESTIVAL

You CAN have your books & EAT them too!

On Wednesday, April 15th, Freeport Community Library is hosting their 2nd Annual Edible Books festival. Whether you are a professional chef or just like to play with your food, a child or an adult, you're invited to participate. All entries must be edible and based on a book or a poem. Community members are encouraged to attend and cast their vote for their favorite edible book. Full details will be available soon at www.freeportlibrary.com and in handout instructions at the library.



Rob Wilson's take on "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" from last year's festival

ANNUAL BOOK SALE – April 4th – 9th, 2015

Mark your calendars and come enjoy the hunt for great books! Book sale hours start at the opening of the library each day and close 30 minutes prior to the library closing. If you want to donate books, drop off week is 3/30 – 4/4!

Town Manager's Report

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of the total county-wide tax burden increased was higher than the county-wide rate of 5.35% because our total state valuation increased by 3.7% this year, while the total county-wide state valuation only increased by 1.97%. Due to our higher growth in taxable valuation this year as compared to other Cumberland County Municipalities, we are assessed a proportionally higher portion of the county-wide tax levy.

In a worst case scenario (assuming no increase to the local property tax base) this would increase the County portion of the local property tax rate from \$0.66 per \$1,000 of valuation to \$0.71 per \$1,000 of valuation. A taxpayer with an average residential property value of \$220,000 would pay an additional \$11 as a result. It is likely that the actual impact will be somewhat less than this estimate. A breakout of impacts by Town as provided by Cumberland County can be found on the Town's website (look under Municipal Bulletin/Town Manager's Report 150317).

Unclaimed Property Announcement Reminder

Every year, tens of millions of dollars are turned over to the state when account owners cannot be located.

To see if you have any property on this list, go to the State's webpage at:

https://www1.maine.gov/treasurer/unclaimed_property/online/

Fiscal Year 2016 Budget Schedule

Tuesday, March 17, 2015	Council Workshop on 5-Year Capital Program
Tuesday, April 7, 2015	Public Hearing on Capital Program
Tuesday, April 14, 2015	Adoption of the 5-Year Capital Program
Thursday, April 30, 2015	Manager Transmits Operating, Capital and TIF Budget to Council
Tuesday, May 5, 2015	Manager Presents Operating, Capital and TIF Budget
Wednesday, May 13, 2015	5:00 – 6:00 PM Department Head Public Informal Q & A Session
Thursday, May 14, 2015	7:30 – 8:30 AM Department Head Public Informal Q & A Session
Tuesday, May 19, 2015	Council Workshop on Operating, Capital and TIF Budgets
Tuesday, June 2, 2015	Public Hearing on Operating, Capital and TIF Budgets
Tuesday, June 16, 2015	Target Date for Budget Adoption – Capital, TIF, and Operating Budgets