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TOWN MANAGER HIGHLIGHTS

- The wayfinding signs that were designed in 2019 are now ordered and should be installed by the end of May. Thank you to all of the volunteers and staff who worked to decide on a design and figure out where all these signs should be placed. The buoys and waves that are on this newsletter are the same as will be on the signs. The bold colors and clear images will make clear to people that they are in Wells, a distinct place with a unique character.
- Our budget process continues with weekly meetings of the Budget Review Committee. You can join these meetings via Zoom or watch along on the Town's Facebook page. So far the Committee has reviewed the Town Manager, Finance, Planning, Codes, Assessing, Town Clerk, Library, and Information Center budgets. Next week they will review the Parks & Rec, Human Resources, Harbor, Police, Dispatch, and Animal Control budgets. Thank you to the members of the Committee for volunteering their time; it takes many hours to read through the proposals and to meet with each department and your efforts are appreciated.
- Next Tuesday the Select Board will hold the annual public hearing on posted roads. Spring is coming quickly and roads will be posted soon, please plan ahead to help keep our roads in good repair.
- Storm activity has caused damage to the railings at Rachel Carson Lane and Crescent Lane. These stairs have now been closed and repairs will happen in the next month or so as the weather improves. In the meantime, you can access the beach by using the nearby entrances at Gilman lane and Casino Square.

UPCOMING EVENTS

3/1/2021

Planning Board @ 7PM

3/2/2021

*Board of Selectmen Workshop @ 5PM
Board of Selectmen Meeting @ 6PM*

3/3/2021

*Budget Committee Meeting @
5:30PM*

3/4/2021

*Comprehensive Plan Update
Committee @6:30PM.*

HARBOR UPDATE

February is billing month. I have been working on getting everyone an electronic invoice through E-Mail, as well as a hard copy sent USPS. Every mooring holder slip holder and wait list holder should receive these by the end of this month.

Although February has not been a pleasant month to visit the harbor, for those who ventured out I am hoping you got a glance of our resident seal. Sunny, the name we have picked for it, shows up in the middle of the day and hauls out on the floating dock just in front of the pier.

Lastly, I just want to ensure everyone that Spring is just around the corner. Only 6 weeks till boat launching time!

HUMAN RESOURCES UPDATE

The Human Resources Department is seeing an increase in fraudulent unemployment claims for both current and former Town employees. We have also received fraudulent claims on behalf of Town employees from the state of Kentucky. For existing employees, the Maine Municipal Association acts as the Town's third-party administrator for unemployment claims which provides an added layer of protection when it comes to alerting us of fraud. When we receive a claim we believe to be fraud we typically know about within a few days of it being filed and will make contact with the employee to confirm that it is in fact fraud and report that accordingly to the Maine Department of Labor. This system isn't fool proof, but it certainly has helped in almost all the fraud claims we have seen.

If you are alerted that a fraud claim has been made on your behalf, you should immediately contact the Maine Department of Labor to report it and take steps to protect your identity.

For more information on protecting your identity or to file an unemployment fraud claim, please [click here](#).