



Whitefield News

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In April, Selectmen met with Whitefield citizens to seek input and encourage participation in Town activities. We heard that people were often unaware of Town events and issues. Our newsletter is one effort to improve communication regarding the following:

- Town Meetings
- Regular meetings of the Selectmen, Planning Board and School Board
- Community activities sponsored by organizations.
- Volunteer opportunities to improve Whitefield
- News around town and about our people

To add events to our newsletter and the online calendar, please contact us at whitefieldtownnews@gmail.com or call Sue McKeen at 207-440-7170.



The Whitefield Newsletter Team: Dennis Merrill, Sue McKeen, Tony Marple, Debbie Rogers, and Suzanne Balbo. (Absent: Jim Torbert)

Clary Lake Dam Meeting

Approximately 70 Whitefield citizens and several from Jefferson attended a Town Meeting held on May 30th to discuss a proposal to proceed with negotiations to acquire the Clary Lake dam.



View of the Clary Lake Dam

The meeting and the proposal were part of a process required by the DEP as a result of the dam owner's (Pleasant Pond LLC represented by Paul Kelley) request to relinquish the dam. A lengthy discussion included a variety of perspectives including

those of Mr. Kelley, several Clary Lake Association members and other taxpayers.

Property owners are concerned about the lake level and the condition of the dam. There was considerable concern expressed

regarding the lack of a stated price for the property, the unknown cost of repairs and maintenance and uncertainty about the owner's right to set dam flowage levels.

The attendees voted against proceeding with negotiations, but recognized that the town may play a continued role in trying to resolve the longstanding and complex dispute by means other than ownership.

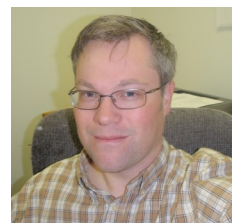
Welcome Aaron Miller, Town Clerk

Aaron assumed the position of Town Clerk in October 2012, replacing **Gwynn Dixon** who had served ably in that role for 20 years. Aaron lives in Alna with his wife Rachel Greene and four year old son. He brings town gov-

ernment experience, having served as Deputy Clerk in the town of Boothbay Harbor. Aaron has also brought enthusiasm and energy to his position.

There are also a variety of new services offered at the Town Office, such as

free notary service and fire permits for residents.



Calendar of Events

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Kings Mills 4th of July Parade

Whitefield creativity is on the move at the 4th of July parade starting at 10AM. After the parade there are hot dogs, hamburgers, fries, a cakewalk, an auction and more. You'll see people you may not see for the rest of the year.



Call for Whitefield Days

Some have called "Whitefielders" an eclectic, sometimes rebellious group, but I, for one, think this is why we are so unique and what makes Whitefield a great place to live. We are a town of many talents and these will be showcased on **September 14th** when we celebrate Whitefield Community Day. This all-day event will be held on the grounds of the fire station and town office. It's a time to celebrate just who we are!

Below is a list of some of the events in the planning stages:

- 5K road race and kids fun run
- Local crafts

- Flea market
- Antiques "road show"
- Scarecrow contest
- Quilt show
- Art show
- All day baseball games
- Flag pole and Firefighters Memorial plaque dedication ceremony
- Children's games
- Food
- Supper under the tent
- 50/50 Raffle

- Special Open Mic Night at Sheepscot General

Stayed tuned for more information. If you have ideas or just want to help, contact Sue McKeen at whitefieldtownnews@gmail.com.



Downtown North Whitefield

If you like all our American flags along the road, please thank Ken Marden, who has been the "flagmaster" for 4 years!

June:

22: Farmers/Flea Market, Arlington Grange Hall. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. For \$10 Booth space call 208-7457

July:

4: Parade

17: Planning Board Meeting 7-8pm

21: Open Farm Day:

24: Arlington Grange: Supper at 6pm, Meeting at 7pm

27: Sheepscot General - Sheepscot Valley Drum Circle 6pm

August:

14: Arlington Grange: Supper at 6pm, Meeting at 7pm

21: Planning Board Meeting 7-8pm

28: Arlington Grange: Supper at 6pm, Meeting at 7pm

- First Friday of every month: Food Bank from 1-3pm, Sheepscot Church
- Every Tuesday: Selectman's Board Meeting 6pm, Fire Station
- Every Wednesday: Yoga at the Sheepscot General @ 6:30pm

Do you have an event?

Contact *Sue McKeen* @ whitefieldtownnews@gmail.com or 207-446-7473. We'll add you to the town calendar website and newsletter.

You can receive the newsletter by email by signing up at www.townofwhitefield.com/Newsletter.html or pick up a hard copy at The Superette, Health Center, Country Corners, Sheepscot General, Town Office, & Recycling Center.