

Poland Newsletter

CAMP CONNOR JOB OPPORTUNITIES

We are accepting applications for several job openings at Camp Connor. We are looking for staff with a variety of skills to bring positive energy to our camp. Must be responsible and dependable; able to work well with children and staff; comfortable teaching children various camp activities; able to work with large and small groups; willing to learn camp activities; and able to support children in staying engaged in various activities and programs.

OPENINGS INCLUDE:

- Camp Director
- Waterfront Director
- Lifeguards
- Art Director
- One on One Specialized Support Staff
- Counselors
- Counselors in Training

**FMI Contact Scott Segal
at (207) 838-8632**



IMPORTANT DATES

ALL DEPARTMENTS CLOSED:

Monday, January 21, 2019
Monday, February 18, 2019

TOWN MEETING ELECTIONS

Friday, April 5, 2019
8 AM – 7 PM

TOWN MEETING BUSINESS PORTION

Saturday, April 6, 2019

QUARTERLY EXCELLENCE IN BUSINESS AWARD 2018

Gathering Winds Farm and Orchard at 315 Poland Corner Road in Poland has been chosen by the Poland Community and Economic Development Committee to receive the Quarterly Excellence in Business Award.

Owners Stacey and John Bnullak purchased the farm three years ago. Gathering Winds Farm and Orchard is a small family farm located in Poland, Maine that raises hogs and poultry seasonally on pasture and has over 900 apple trees of Cortland's, Paula Reds, Honey Crisp, Gold Delicious and Macs – and of course they have cider! There is a farm stand that is open seven days a week from 9AM to 6PM until December 23rd.

Stacey and John have a strong commitment to the community – that is one of the reasons they purchased the farm. They have worked hard to bring a sense of community to the farm and have hosted a military and EMS appreciation day, a farmers market, a harvest moon yoga event at sunset, and have just hosted 32 pre-kindergarteners from Poland Community School. The children picked apples, learned what being a community means, and donated two baskets of apples to Poland Fire Rescue.

Thank you Gathering Winds Farm for being such a vibrant part of our community!

POLAND SCHOLARSHIP FUND HISTORY

In May of 1975, the citizens of the Town of Poland voted to establish a scholarship fund and to accept the initial donation of \$5,000 from W. Webster McCann in memory of members of his family. Five townspeople were appointed by the Board of Selectmen to serve as the Board of Trustees.

Since its inception, the Board has awarded nearly \$150,000 to almost 400 deserving students residing in Poland. During that same time, through donations large and small and appreciation in the value of those donations, the Fund now has an endowment of just over \$250,000. The Fund's monies are held and managed H.M. Payson, which is the same investment firm that manages the assets of the Ricker Memorial Library.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Applicants for scholarships must be year-round residents of Poland at the time a scholarship is awarded and be attending a college or technical school. They may be post-graduates. Applications are available at the Poland Town Office, Ricker Memorial Library, Poland Regional High School Guidance Department and on the Town's website. An application should be submitted from **January 1 to April 1** for consideration at the following graduation time period.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION THANKS SNOWMOBILE CLUB

In October the Poland Snow Travelers provided invaluable assistance to the Conservation Commission and Trails Committee. Using their equipment and hard labor they removed a large quantity of illegally dumped roofing shingles that had long been a problem on Bradgon Hill. They also accomplished trail work and installation of gates on the Waterhouse Brook Trail. Many thanks for this generous public service.

WINTER RECREATION ON TOWN LANDS

Winter recreation is welcome in our town conservation areas. The town road crew carefully plows parking areas for Waterhouse Park (north side of dam or at town garage), Heart of Poland (behind library or adjacent to Transfer Station), and at Bragdon Hill Conservation Area on North Raymond Rd. There are information kiosks at all of these locations.

The well marked trails provide excellent snow shoe travel. Most winters large portions have been sufficiently tracked to allow comfortable walking with boots alone. Cross country skiing is excellent in Waterhouse Park (beginner level) and on Bragdon Hill (moderate skill level). Some portions of Heart of Poland (from the Tripp Lake Rd. entrance) are comfortable for skiing (moderate to expert level).

All three conservation areas offer excellent wildlife tracking and viewing. See the "Poland Conservation Trails" Facebook page for interesting photos and posts.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

This was an active year for the Historical Society. We hosted several, well-attended events; and this resulted in the recruitment of quite a few new members.

April 2018 – The 2nd Annual Then and Now Slide Show was presented in the Old School House Museum. This year's show featured winter recreation scenes captured in and around the Poland Spring resort circa 1890 to 1950. In addition, the show included more time-lapse images of Poland homesteads.

June 2018 – The Historical Society hosted a booth at the annual Heritage Days Festival at the Poland Spring Resort. Old maps and photos were on display. This event always generates an enthusiastic response as community members reminisce about Poland's past.

October 2018 – The Historical Society hosted a walking tour of the White Oak Hill Cemetery on the grounds of the Summit Spring Golf Course. This private cemetery – containing the graves of some of Poland's original settlers – has undergone some recent, dramatic improvements thanks to the efforts of the property owner, in cooperation with town officials. Approximately 40 people were in attendance. Tours of additional Poland cemeteries are under consideration due to the positive feedback that resulted from this event.

Spring 2019 –The Historical Society will be hosting a discussion of the Maine Historic Preservation Commission's excavation of the Old Shaker Barn on SR 26. This project took place in 2005 in conjunction with the years-long highway reconstruction. This state-mandated archaeological project resulted in the collection and documentation of approximately 1000 objects. Some of the relics will be on display, and an overview of the collection process will be presented. Date and time to be announced.

Recently, the Historical Society has completed an important project; documenting the location of nearly 100 historic photographs of old Poland Homesteads and other locations from our photo archives. These photos have been uploaded to a custom Google Map environment. Users can pan around the map and view the associated photo in conjunction with its geographic location. Use the link below to view the custom map.

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1eaArmKz3gDfR4nEQxptSkEBgCnOxtHnW>

As always, the Historical Society is seeking new members. If you would like to volunteer in the planning of events or acquisition of museum/library items – or if you just like to gather to reminisce about the history of Poland – please contact Pat Moening at 207-440-3991.



FIRE RESCUE NEWS

Fire Safety for Older Adults

- **Keep it low:** If you do not live in an apartment building, consider sleeping in a room on the ground floor in order to make emergency escape easier. Make sure that smoke alarms are installed in every sleeping room and outside any sleeping areas. Have a telephone installed where you sleep in case of emergency.
- **Sound the alarm:** The majority of fatal fires occur when people are sleeping, and because smoke can put you into a deeper sleep rather than waking you, it's important to have a mechanical early warning of a fire to ensure that you wake up. If anyone in your household is deaf or if your own hearing is diminished, consider installing a smoke alarm that uses a flashing light or vibration to alert you to a fire emergency.
- **Do the drill:** Conduct your own, or participate in, regular fire drills to make sure you know what to do in the event of a home fire. If you or someone you live with cannot escape alone, designate a member of the household to assist, and decide on backups in case the designee is not home. Fire drills are also a good opportunity to make sure that everyone is able to hear and respond to smoke alarms.
- **Open up:** Make sure that you are able to open all doors and windows in your home. Locks and pins should open easily from inside. If you have security bars on doors or windows, they should have emergency release devices inside so that they can be opened easily. These devices will not compromise your safety, but they will enable you to open the window from inside in the event of a fire. Check to be sure that windows haven't been sealed shut with paint or nailed shut; if they have, arrange for someone to break the seals all around your home or remove the nails.
- **Stay connected:** Keep a telephone nearby, along with emergency phone numbers so that you can communicate with emergency personnel if you are trapped in your room by fire or smoke.

Power outages and Portable Generators

For most of us here in Poland, power outages are an unpleasant fact. Many people have purchased portable generators to supply their basic electrical power needs during these outages. If you have or use a portable generator, you should be aware of the following: The exhaust from portable generators contains poisonous carbon monoxide gas, an odorless, invisible killer.

BE CAREFUL and BE AWARE, the carbon monoxide gas from a portable generator can kill you and your family in minutes. People across the country die from carbon monoxide poisoning associated with portable generators every year.

We urge you to follow these safety tips when operating a portable generator:

- Never use a portable generator indoors, including in your home, garage, basement, crawlspace, shed or partially enclosed area – even with ventilation. Opening doors and windows or using fans **will not** prevent CO buildup in the home.
- Only use a portable generator outdoors in a dry area far away from doors, windows and vents that can allow CO to come indoors.
- Install battery-operated CO alarms or plug-in CO alarms with battery back up in your home. Test the alarms frequently and replace dead batteries.
- If you start to feel dizzy or weak, call 911 immediately and get to fresh air right away. The CO from generators can rapidly lead to full incapacitation and death.
- Be sure to use heavy duty, outdoor-rated extension cords for all generator use.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

DIAL 911

THE SCOOP ABOUT SHOVELING

Facts

While shoveling snow can be good exercise, it can also be deadly for optimistic shovelers who take on more than they can handle. The following tips will help you get a handle on safe shoveling.

Safe Behavior

- Individuals over the age of 40, or those who are relatively inactive, should be especially careful. If you have a history of heart trouble, check with your doctor before shoveling.
- Avoid shoveling after eating or while smoking.
- Take it easy. Snow shoveling is a weight-lifting exercise that raises your heart rate and blood pressure. Warm up before starting the job and stretch both before and after shoveling.
- If possible, shovel only fresh snow — it is easier to shovel than wet, packed-down snow.
- Push the snow forward rather than lifting it out of the way; pick up only small amounts when needed. Your back will thank you.
- As with any lifting activity, use your legs, not your back. Legs should be bent and back straight. Bend and "sit" into the movement, allowing large muscle groups to do most of the work.
- Never work to the point of exhaustion. Take frequent breaks. If your chest feels tight, stop immediately.
- Dress as you would for any outdoor activity. Dressing in layers is best. Take extra precautions to keep hands and feet warm.

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT PROGRAM

Ricker Memorial Library is pleased to announce that we will be hosting another Let's Talk About It Program from the Maine Humanities Council. Our new program, **Opening Windows: Women's Stories from Five Cultures**, will be held at 6:30 PM, March through May.

- Mar 18 – *Nervous Conditions* by TsiTsi Dangaremba
- Apr 15 – *Kehinde* by Buchi Emecheta
- May 20 – *The Farming of Bones* by Edwidge Danticat

SCHOLARSHIP FUND DONATIONS

While for many years the increase in the Fund's assets were the results of careful awards, modest income from interest, and donations from a few steadfast donors, going forward the Board is committed to awarding scholarships in meaningful amounts. This commitment may impact the value of the Fund's endowment. Therefore, continued growth of the endowment may only be ensured through donations from individuals who wish to support the young adults of Poland as they continue their education. The Fund welcomes donations small and large. The creation of one-time awards and of permanent, named scholarships are also possibilities.

A.B. RICKER MEMORIAL LIBRARY AND COMMUNITY HOUSE NEWS

If you are a Poland resident and would like to get a library card please bring in a picture id and one of the following: a piece of mail (such as electric bill, cable bill, etc.), renter's agreement, tax bill, or automobile registration. A person who does not live in Poland will need to pay a fee of \$15 per year for a library card. A library card is not required to participate in most of the events held here at the library and neither is one required to use a computer, copier, or fax machine. However, you will need a library card to check out books, magazines, movies, or audio books and to download e books through the Maine InfoNet Download Library.

Do you know why the name of our library includes "community house"? Well, we have a wonderful room and small kitchen downstairs that Poland residents can use for non-profit events such as club meetings and parties. While smoking and drinking are NOT allowed, the room holds about 75 people and makes a great place to gather. Any Poland resident wishing to use the community room needs to come in to fill out paperwork and check the calendar to see what dates are available. If you don't have a library card, you will need to show the same proof of residency required to obtain a library card. There is no fee to use the community room, but donations are accepted.

2018 POLAND SCHOLARSHIP FUND AWARDS

The Poland Scholarship Fund is pleased to announce its awards for 2018. This year the Board awarded \$6,500 to eight students.

Grace Banks, step-daughter of Mark Hopkins and daughter of Amy Hopkins, is the recipient of the **\$1,000 Brian and Marlene Huntress Memorial Scholarship**. Grace, a 2018 graduate of Poland Regional High School, will attend the University of New Hampshire in Durham, New Hampshire.

Morgan Brousseau, daughter of James and Cindy Brousseau, is the recipient of the **\$1,000 Louly Baer Memorial Scholarship**. Morgan, a 2018 graduate of Poland Regional High School, will attend Endicott College in Beverly, Massachusetts.

Gabe Crosby, son of Skip and Beth Crosby, is the recipient of the **\$500 Robert Hamilton-Pauline Nason Memorial Scholarship**. Gabe, a 2018 graduate of Poland Regional High School, will attend Thomas College in Waterville.

Benjamin English, son of Steven and Tamara English, is the recipient of the **\$1,000 McCann-Cobb Memorial Scholarship**. Ben, a 2018 graduate of Hebron Academy, will attend Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Worcester, Massachusetts.

Katriana Pratt, daughter of William and Nichole Pratt, is the recipient of the **\$1,000 Dana Littlefield-Matthew Pitcher Scholarship**. Katriana, who has been home-schooled, will attend St. Joseph's College in Standish.

Elesha Pratt, daughter of William and Nichole Pratt, is the recipient of the **\$500 Jason Philips-William Twarog-Gerry Walker Memorial Scholarship**. Elesha is a rising sophomore at St. Joseph's College in Standish.

Sigrid Sibley, daughter of Hiram Sibley and Sigrid Katarina Arvedson, is the recipient of a **\$500 Poland Scholarship Award**. Sigrid is a rising sophomore at University of Southern Maine in Gorham.

Katherine Walker, daughter of Ervin and Nancy Walker, is the recipient of a **\$1,000 Poland Scholarship Award**. Katherine is a rising junior at Husson University in Bangor.

**Donations and inquiries may be sent to: Poland Scholarship Fund,
c/o Poland Town Office, 1231 Maine Street, Poland, Maine 04274.**

PARKS & RECREATION NEWS:

Intro to Tee Ball (Pre-K) Registration Feb 1, 2019. Deadline March 15, 2019

When: April 29, 2019 - June 28, 2019 Time: TBD
Where: Poland Community School Cost: \$35

Tee Ball Registration Feb 1, 2019. Deadline March 15, 2019

When: April 29, 2019 - June 28, 2019 Time: TBD
Where: Various locations Cost: \$40

Baseball Registration Feb 1, 2019. Deadline March 15, 2019

When: April 29, 2019 - June 28, 2019 Time: TBD
Where: Various locations Cost: \$60

Softball Registration Feb 1, 2019. Deadline March 15, 2019

When: April 29, 2019 - June 28, 2019 Time: TBD
Where: Various locations Cost: \$60

Camp Connor Registration Res-January 1, 2019/Non Res February 1, 2019

When: June 24, 2019 - August 23, 2019 Time: 7:30 AM – 5:30 PM
Where: Camp Connor Cost: Resident \$160/wk; Non-Res \$180/wk

**There is a discount if you have more than one child attending, please contact us for those prices.*

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE THROUGH PARKS & REC

Camp Connor Camperships

- Eligibility - Must be a Poland resident.
- Eligible for free lunch. Poland home school families can apply as well. Form is available on our website or in the recreation office.

Camp Northstar Scholarships

- Application available at Polandrec.com or at the Recreation office beginning January 2, 2019. Deadline Friday April 19, 2019

Bobby Brown Scholarship – Senior PRHS Students

- Applications will be available through the PRHS guidance office beginning January 2, 2019. Deadline to turn in to recreation office will be May 10, 2019.

Jessica Pelletier Scholarship – Senior PRHS Students

- Applications will be available through the PRHS guidance office beginning January 2, 2019. Deadline to turn in to recreation office will be May 10, 2019.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

We are always looking for Adults and high school students to help with our programs. We offer an opportunity for high school students to complete community service hours as junior coaches and referees.

PARKS & RECREATION OFFERINGS

Youth sports: Baseball; Softball; Intro to Tee Ball; T-ball; Basketball; Instructional Basketball; Competition Cheering; Fall Cheerleading; Football; Flag Football; Soccer; Indoor Soccer; Karate

Classes: Art; Drama; Zumba; Yoga; Lost Valley Ski; Destination Imagination; Swim Lessons; Tumbling

Adult sports: Pickle Ball; Open Gym Basketball; Volleyball

Summer Camps: Knights Cheering; Drama; Summer Recreation @ Camp Connor; Knights football; New England Patriots Alumni; Art; British Soccer

Rentals: Town Hall; Table and chair

Scholarships: Campership; Camp North Star; Bobby Brown; Jessica Pelletier

Services & Activities: Beaches; Ball Fields; Sports Recycling; Halloween Extravaganza; Haunting on the Hill; Poland Seniors; Trails Committee; Discount tickets; Dunkin' Donuts Card; Father daughter ball; Tree lighting; Community service; Camp Fair; Seasonal Job Opportunities

REC WEBSITE & CONTACT INFO

www.polandrec.com

(207) 998-4650

ssegal@polandtownoffice.org

2019 PROPERTY TAXES

The second half of the 2019 taxes are due April 1, 2019 with interest beginning May 1, 2019. Unpaid 2019 property taxes will go to lien on July 8, 2019.

HOMESTEAD TAX EXEMPTIONS

Are you a permanent resident of the State of Maine? Have you owned a homestead in Maine for the past 12 months? Is the homestead your permanent residence? You are not claiming or receiving a homestead for property tax exemption for any other property? Then you should fill out and complete a homestead exemption form with your local assessor. It must be filed before April 1, 2019. The current homestead exemption for the 2019 taxes is \$20,000.

VETERAN TAX EXEMPTIONS

If you are a Maine resident and a veteran who served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces, you may be eligible for a limited exemption from property tax on real estate or personal property. You must have served in the U.S. Armed Forces during a recognized war period or you received an Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal; and you will be at least 62 years old on April 1 or you are receiving a total disability pension from the U.S. Government. Applications for a Veterans Property Tax Exemption must be filed with the Tax Assessor by April 1, 2019. FMI 207-998-4651.

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEWS

The Community and Economic Development Committee's mission is to create and nurture ideas and actions to help expand business opportunities for new and *existing* businesses. While developing a community that is balanced between business and community offering opportunities of all its citizens.

The CEDC is working on many items of the "Community Development" variety. One is at five major route entrances into our town; Route 26 from the north and south, Lewiston Junction road, Route 11 from the west, and Route 122 from the east. We have "Welcome to Poland" signs that were erected a while ago but we have added landscaping to improve the appearance of our town as we all enter.

We are in the process of designing and purchasing banners that will be erected, mostly along Rte. 26 near our town municipal complex, highlighting the Town of Poland with 12 designs to include many activities like golfing, hiking, fishing, snowmobiling, and swimming to name some examples you can do in our town.

TAX INCREMENT FINANCING IN POLAND REFERRED TO AS TIF DISTRICTS AND PROGRAMS

The Town of Poland has three TIF Districts in Poland. Taxes from properties located in these TIF Districts goes in the TIF funds which can then be expended for various items per allowance by State Statute. These funds have paid for multiple road projects, sewer and water lines, along with items such as our Heavy Rescue vehicle. These funds are not looked at as REVENUE to the Town, like all other property taxes, when figuring out our State Education Subsidies, County Taxes, and Revenue Sharing. This is considered to be "sheltering" this value. Because the Town has chosen to have TIF Districts and shelter this revenue for this reason it may only be expended for certain items as dictated by State Statute.

When the TIF programs end, which is year 2030, the sheltered value from these TIF districts will then be transferred as a REVENUE to the Town's General Fund just like all other property taxes to be expended with no restrictions, however it will then factor into our State Education Subsidy, County Taxes and Revenue Sharing calculations from the State. All expenses that are currently paid from the TIF funds such as CEDC expenses, water hydrants, and TIF consultants will need to be paid from the General Fund. To note is that all bonds currently paid from the TIF funds will be paid in full by the end of the TIF life. So in other words we will have MORE REVENUE coming into the General Fund but MORE EXPENSES going out of the General Fund at the end of the TIFs, which will actually balance itself out.

The whole idea behind TIF funds is to use these funds and bring the balance of these TIFs to zero by the end of the life of them otherwise the following tax year, year 2031, we will have to claim any unexpended funds as REVENUE to the Town, which would make the Town look very "rich" for that one year greatly affecting the States calculations of our Revenue Sharing, Education Subsidy, and County Taxes for that year.

The Tax Increment Financing Amendments from the Special Town Meeting held on September 13, 2018 are at the State DECD for review and approval of compliance with State Statutes. These amendments that were approved locally will allow us to expand and clarify TIF Districts within Poland, review possible extensions to water and sewer lines (to be paid from TIF finances) to support more new and existing businesses along with protecting our environment and lakes, authorize the Board of Selectpersons to negotiate Credit Enhancement Agreements, and expand the use of TIF funds. The CEDC looks forward to giving advice to the Town officials on how they feel the Town can best leverage these funds to help improve our tax base and increase desired services.

CEDC MEETS THE FIRST THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH 6:30 PM IN THE TOWN OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM

PUBLIC WORKS NEWS

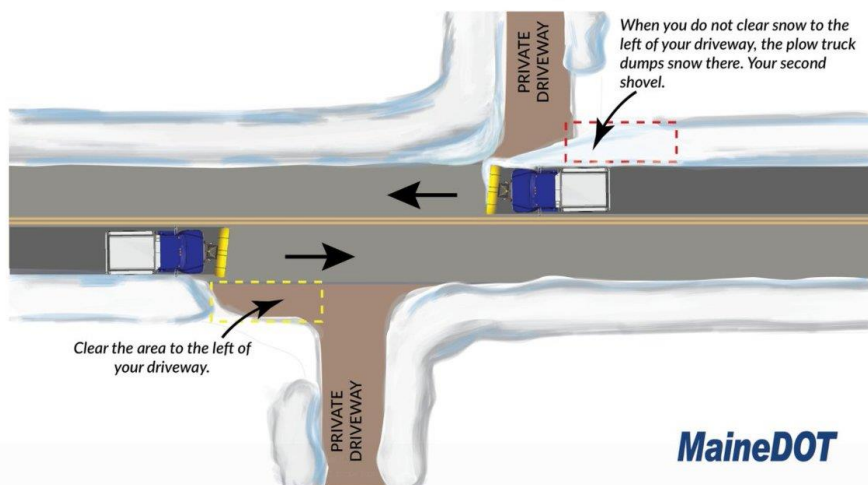
Summer was over before we knew it. We wrapped up our summer construction season and started getting the plow trucks ready for winter. Our mechanic, Mike, was busy in the garage putting a new floor in the dump body of one of our plow trucks while the rest of the crew hauled, screened, and stacked approximately 7,000 yards of winter sand. Once we had all the sand in the shed we continued on our rebuilding of the fence at White Oak Hill Cemetery. We have set new 4x4 posts and 2x4 rails all the way around and will be reattaching approximately 700 vintage cedar pickets, all of which have been repainted, in the spring.

Winter came early this year so October and November saw our trucks on the road plowing and sanding a total of 11 times. Once December came we utilized the 2 week stretch of good snow free weather to complete some much needed brush removal on Old Plains, Hines, Bailey Hill, Range, and Verrill Roads. We also took our Hyundai excavator and cut some bigger hazardous trees on Tripp Lake, North Raymond Ext, and Johnson Hill Roads.

Now that winter is here to stay we have a few reminders for the residents of Poland:

- 1) Sand is available for **Poland** residents at the Public Works Garage located at 30 Poland Corner Road. The pile to the left of the sand shed is for public use. Please do not enter the shed even if the gates are open.
- 2) Please clean the snow out from around your mailboxes so that they remain visible.
- 3) Do not push snow across the road.
- 4) If you get behind one of our trucks please go slow be patient and give us plenty of space to work. If you can't see the trucks mirrors we can't see you. Often times when we get to the end of a road we need to back up or turn around. Do not pull up directly behind us.
- 5) In order to help prevent your driveway from getting filled in every time a snowplow goes by your house if feasible clear a spot before your driveway for the snow coming off our plow and wings to dump into. Please refer to picture below.

How to Prevent the "Second Shovel"!



PUBLIC WORKS HOURS OF OPERATION
MONDAY – THURSDAY 6 AM – 4 PM
(207) 998-2570

TOWN HOURS OF OPERATION

TOWN OFFICE

Monday
9 AM – 7 PM
Tuesday – Friday
9 AM – 4 PM
(207) 998-4601

ASSESSING OFFICE

Monday – Friday
8 AM – 4 PM
(207) 998-4651

TRANSFER STATION

Thursday – Monday
8 AM – 4 PM
(207) 998-4688

PUBLIC WORKS

Monday – Thursday
6 AM – 4 PM
(207) 998-2570

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Monday – Tuesday
8 AM – 4 PM
Wednesday
By Appointment Only
Thursday – Friday
8 AM – 4 PM
(207) 998-4604

FIRE RESCUE

Sunday - Saturday
6 AM – 6 PM
(207) 998-4689

PARKS & RECREATION

Monday – Friday
9 AM – 4 PM
(207) 998-4650

RICKER LIBRARY

Monday – Tuesday
9 AM – 8 PM
Wednesday – Friday
9 AM – 5 PM
Saturday
10 AM – 2 PM
(207) 998-4390

TOWN ADMINISTRATION

Monday – Friday
8 AM – 4 PM
(207) 998-4601

GRANTS RECEIVED FOR WATERHOUSE PARK AND DAM

For a number of years the Conservation Commission has been working toward completion of Waterhouse Park, the area around the dam and pond adjacent to the Fire Department on Poland Corner Rd.. This scenic area anchors a 2 mile circular trail along the old railroad bed and behind the Community School. A bridge over the dam will complete the trail.



The dam in 1973. This has long been a scenic Poland spot. A bridge will preserve the beauty while enhancing the Brook Trail and enjoyment of the area.

Town Manager, Matt Garside has placed a priority on developing applications and seeking grants to do site work and construction of the footbridge across the dam. To date the town has received generous commitments from L.L. Bean, Northeast Bank, Norway Savings Bank, and the Davis Foundation. These grants have enabled completion of a preliminary design for the footbridge and a site plan for the park area. Engineering work to assess the condition of the dam and finalize bridge construction details is underway. ***Thanks to the donors it may be possible to begin construction in 2019.***



Poland Public Works Employee Jeffrey Tirrell Retires After 19 Years of Service

On January 31, 2019 the Town said good bye to Jeffrey Tirrell. Jeff has been employed by the Town for the past 19 years as a public works employee. We thank him for his service and commitment to the Town's Public Works Department.



IMPORTANT NOTICE

*** CODE ENFORCEMENT REMINDERS ***

- 1) If you haven't signed and paid for your permit it isn't valid. So, don't do any work.
- 2) If you haven't picked up and paid for your permit and you've done most of the work, then you can be charged double of even triple fees.
- 3) Inspections require a minimum of 24 hours' notice.
- 4) Don't forget to call for a final inspection when the project is done.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICE HOURS

**MONDAY – TUESDAY
8 AM – 4 PM**

WEDNESDAY BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

**THURSDAY – FRIDAY
8 AM – 4 PM**