

Town of Dixmont

APRIL 2016 NEWS

Town Office Hours:

Monday: 8am – 1pm

Tuesday: 1pm – 6pm

Wednesday: 8am – 1pm

Thursday: 2pm – 7pm

Friday: 8am – 1pm

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CLOSED ALL FEDERAL & STATE HOLIDAYS

** Office closed Monday, April 18

Property Tax Exemptions and Required Annual Reporting

- Applications for Veterans must be received prior to April 5, 2016
- Applications for Homestead Exemption must be received prior to April 1, 2016
- Personal Property Declaration must be received by May 1st. **THIS HAS TO BE FILLED OUT EVERY YEAR...even if no changes.** Form will be included with Town Report.
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April Meetings – held @ the Town Office

Select Board – Tues, April 5 @ 6:30pm

Tues, April 19 @ 6:30pm

Planning Board – Tues, April 12 @ 7pm

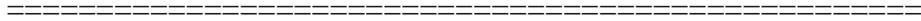
Cemetery Trustees – Thurs, April 14 @ 7pm

Conservation Committee – Mon, April 18 @ 6:30pm

Community Development – Mon, April 25 @ 7pm

American Legion – Mon, April 25 @ 7pm

Historical Society – Thurs, April 28 @ 7pm



Events around Town in April

*Saturday, April 9 – Chili & Chowder Cook off
Dixmont Snowmobile Clubhouse
5-6:30*

*Saturday, April 30 – Dixmont Scholarship Public Supper
Dixmont Snowmobile Clubhouse
4:30 – 6:30*



ETNA-DIXMONT SCHOOL

Pre-K and Kindergarten Registration for 2016-2017

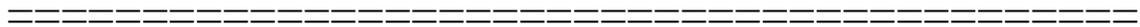
Screenings were held on March 21st and March 22nd. If you are a resident of Dixmont and your child will be 4 for Pre-K or 5 for Kindergarten by October 15th, you may register.

If you missed these days, please contact Ms. Merrill at 992-0735 as soon as possible to register. Pre-K spaces are limited. Screenings could be done at a later date or at another school.

~DIXMONT CHILI and CHOWDER COOK OFF~~

Mark your calendars for April 9, 2016 for the Dixmont Chili and Chowder Cook Off sponsored by the Dixmont Gold Crest Riders for their Max’s Fund. The Max’s fund is a fund they have to help Max attend Pine Tree Camp. Max is the grandson of Bob and Sonia Erskine. We will be looking for people to enter their favorite chili or chowder, as well as the public to come and taste all and vote for the winner. There will be live music to entertain us for the evening. More to come.....

See Attached flyer for more detail *



Dixmont Scholarship Assoc.
Public Supper – April 30th
Dixmont Gold Crest Riders Snowmobile Clubhouse
4:30 – 6:30 \$6, children under 12 \$3

Thank you to all of you who donated items or are making dishes and desserts for this supper! This is one of the biggest fundraisers for the Dixmont Scholarship so come on out and support them!



The results of the RSU19 new building project are as follows:

Town	Yes	No	Void	Total
Corinna	525	44		569
Dixmont	259	16		275
Etna	206	32		238
Hartland	259	59	1	319
Newport	735	47		782
Palmyra	432	43		475
Plymouth	311	16		327
St. Albans	<u>365</u>	<u>77</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>443</u>
	3092	334	2	3428

Transfer Station

A 2016 permit is needed for your vehicle to enter the Transfer Station. You can purchase it at the Town Office for \$10. Bag stickers are still \$1 each.

Spring Clean-up will be starting May 7. A dumpster will be available most of the month, but after it is filled the second time it will be taken away. Permits can be purchased at the Town Office. \$5 for 100lbs or \$5 for bulky items such as couches, chairs, mattresses, etc.

The transfer station is now taking passenger vehicle tires with a maximum diameter of 18". Cost is \$2 per tire. You must neatly pile the tires as directed by the attendant.

Electronics such as computers, radios, cd players, etc are **NOT** being taken at the transfer station. You can dispose of them at the Recycling Center in Thorndike for free because the Town is a member of the Center. You will need to show proof that you are a Dixmont resident. Their hours are: Tues – Fri 9am – 4pm, Sat. 8am-1pm, Sun & Mon closed.

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IF Any Town Organization has a news item they would like put in the newsletter, please let us know. Newsletters are done each month.

UNITY COLLEGE BEAR STUDY

Hello,

The Unity College Bear Study will be conducting black bear research in Dixmont this spring and summer (April-July). This will mark the fourth season of research for the project, and we hope to expand to new areas where the study has not had a presence before. The project's goal is to learn more about the demographic, behavior, and movement of bears in the region, specifically south of the interstate. Since 2013 we have captured and tagged 16 bears in the area and have deployed GPS collars on nine of them. In 2013 we established a few sites in Dixmont, but this summer we want to cover the town more thoroughly to maximize the number of bears we capture. Dixmont is of particular interest because of the number of bear sightings we receive, including reports of females with young. Our strategy for establishing trap sites is to spread them out approximately every mile so that if a bear is in the area it will eventually encounter a site. Based on our intended site layout plan for the summer, the woods surrounding the Dixmont transfer station on Mitchell Rd. look like a suitable area, especially since the stream is nearby. We hope that the town of Dixmont would be willing to give the study permission to establish a site on the parcel where the transfer station is located. Our use of the parcel would involve setting a bait site, which would be checked every other day. If a bear visits the site we set traps which are checked every morning. We make sure to put up noticeable signage at sites, and the traps we use are harmless to bears and people. I've attached the annual reports from the previous three years of the project so you can see what we have accomplished. I've also attached our landowner agreement form (drafted by Unity College's attorney) which gives us written permission to use the land. For reference, we have acquired permission from hundreds of landowners over the years, some of which include the towns of Troy and Burnham (including the Burnham transfer station). If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to email or call me.

Thank you,

Jonah Gula

Project Coordinator

Unity College Bear Study

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ATTENTION



ENROLL IN

HUNTER'S SAFETY TRAINING PROGRAM

Course Begins April 9 Ends April 10

Time 9 am - 4 pm

Contact 234-4151 Newburgh Town Office

Sponsor Newburgh Rec
Newburgh Town Office

Location 2220 Western Ave

\$10 per person

AUTHORIZED
INSTRUCTORS
ARE DONATING
THEIR TIME TO
THE CAUSE OF
GREATER
OUTDOOR
SAFETY

Lunch + Snacks
Provided

STUDENTS 10-12 TO
BE ACCOMPANIED BY
PARENT OR
GUARDIAN DURING
THE FULL PROGRAM

MAXIMUM CAPACITY:
40 STUDENTS

IF SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS ARE REQUIRED DUE TO DISABILITY, CONTACT Newburgh Town Office
AT 234-4151 NO LATER THAN 1 WEEK PRIOR TO PROGRAM.

THE DEPT. OF INLAND FISHERIES & WILDLIFE PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES ARE OPERATED FREE FROM
DISCRIMINATION IN REGARD TO RACE, COLOR, NATIONAL ORIGIN, SEX, AGE, OR DISABILITY.

PLEASE SAVE THIS DATE

On Sunday, May 1st the town will be hosting a party to honor three women who have contributed a great deal to the town of Dixmont – Sonia Erskine, Marion Dunivan, and Ruth Erskine. We hope you can all come to the Snowmobile Club from 2-4 for light refreshments, music, and memory sharing.

In the meantime, please help us build a MEMORY BOOK by completing the following sentence:

I remember when Sonia, Marion, Ruth (circle one)

Any memories can be sent to the Dixmont town Office at P.O. Box 100 Dixmont, Maine 04932