



# SOUTH BERWICK JOURNAL

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## Special points of interest:

- **Sebago Technics** traffic study informational meeting is being held at the Town Hall on the 3rd floor. October 18th @ 6:30 PM
- **Indigenous People's Day** -October 10th-to celebrate and honor Native America peoples and commemorate their history and cultures.
- **Smart Growth**—South Berwick Candidates' Forum— October 17th on the 3rd floor of the Town Hall.

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## From the Desk of the Town Manager

Tim Pellerin

### Hello Friends and Citizens of South Berwick

Today we are publishing for the first time a new monthly newsletter in hopes of providing more information and greater transparency for our citizens.

Each month we will publish a newsletter with information of what's happening with our town. This information will include items like staff changes, projects, events, meetings and functions. It is our goal between the employees and the Town Council to provide as much information as possible to our citizens.

So, with that said here are a couple of projects that we are working on here at the town office.

First, we are currently working on updating our website,

which has been outdated for some time. We contracted with a company called Re-vize, who the website is currently hosted with. The new contract is for them to completely redesign and update our current site. It was estimated to be an 8-month process broken down into 8 phases from initial setup to completion. We are currently on step 5 and hope to have the new site up and running around the first of the year.

Another project is getting a traffic flow/sidewalk safety study completed so we can get some conceptual ideas on making some changes to help ease traffic and make using the sidewalks safer for everyone. On October 18th at 6:30 p.m. we will be holding a public forum here at the Town Office to get some input from the community. All are welcome to attend and share your thoughts with the consulting firm we hired to do the study.

These are just two of several projects we have embarked upon to provide better service and to improve the quality of life for our citizens and visitors.

As we move forward in the future, we hope to provide valuable information and some fun facts about the town in this monthly newsletter as another way to improve communications with you, our citizens.

As a reminder, we are here to help and assist you in any way we can with your questions or concerns about our community.

We have an open-door policy. Feel free to reach out to me, Jennifer Janelle (Assistant Town Manager), any of the Department Heads or members of the Town Council with your thoughts and ideas.

## Economic & Community Development

Denise Clavette

The newly established Economic and Community Development Department has been created to focus on cultivating a vibrant and healthy economic climate for South Berwick. Our primary goals are for business retention, business attraction, and business advocacy, by providing businesses with assistance in site searches, permitting, and serving as your local

government contact. In addition, our department is here to help find businesses available financial resources, grants and incentives that could be available for your businesses and to meet your business needs. By working to support existing businesses, as well as to attract new businesses to expand, our aim is to broaden our diverse tax base and help South Ber-

wick businesses compete effectively, whether that be locally, regionally, or globally; while respecting the culture, character, and quality of life that makes South Berwick a great community.

A wide spectrum of assistance is available to businesses. **Contact Denise Clavette @ 384-3005**

## FUN FACT

Maine has  
3,478 miles of coastline,  
4,000 offshore islands,  
23,000 miles of rivers  
and streams,  
6,000 lakes and ponds.



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## Departmental Information

### Library

Lee Shaw



Keep cozy reading and help our town win the trophy in the town Brrrwicks Adult Winter Reading challenge!

There are 2 different challenges to choose from Chillin' at the Base with a Good Book or Race to the Peak. Pick one or try both! Visit the library's website for more information.

[southberwicklibrary.org/adult-programming/](http://southberwicklibrary.org/adult-programming/)

### Community Center

Nikki Drake

*We'd like to thank all of our volunteer soccer coaches and referees for making this season a huge success. We couldn't do it without you!*

The **South Berwick Recreation Committee** currently has open vacancies for Committee Members. The Recreation Committee meets the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM in the South Berwick Community Center. Meeting agendas and minutes are available via the town website. Feel free to drop into our next meeting to see what the committee is all about! Contact Nicole Drake at 384-3306 or by email [ndrake@sbmaine.us](mailto:ndrake@sbmaine.us) for more information.

## We are looking for Committee Members —Be part of the process!

### Zoning Board of Appeals

The South Berwick Zoning Board of Appeals currently has open vacancies for Zoning Board Members.

The Zoning Board meets as needed at 6:30 PM in the South Berwick Police Station meeting room.

Meeting agendas and minutes are available via the town website.

Zoning Board is located under "Boards and Committees" in the black column on the left side of the page.

### Planning Board

The South Berwick Planning Board currently has open vacancies for Planning Board Member Alternates.

The Planning Board meets twice monthly on the first and third

Wednesday of the month at 7:00 in the South Berwick Police Station meeting room.

Meeting agendas and minutes are available via the town website under Boards and Committees.

Visit the Planning Page on the town website under "Departments" to find out more about all the areas that the Planning Board oversees.

Applications are available at the Town Hall and on the website.

Contact Tammy Bellman for more information.

Visit:

[southberwickmaine.org](http://southberwickmaine.org)

Contact:

Tammy Bellman, Town Planner at 384-3013

or email [tbellman@sbmaine.us](mailto:tbellman@sbmaine.us) for more information.

### Town Clerk

Barbara Bennett

### Election Day

Tuesday, November 8th.

The polls will be open from 8:00 AM to 8 PM.

The deadline to request an absentee ballot is Thursday, November 3rd.

We ask that all absentee ballots be returned to the Clerk's office as soon as possible for early processing.