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Special points of interest:

- April 9th, Happy Easter!
- Do you want to bring federal funding for building out high speed internet access? Visit our website for details and survey.
- April 17th, the town offices will be closed in observance of Patriots Day.

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From the Desk of the Town Manager

Tim Pellerin

Hello

Friends and Citizens of South Berwick

The Maine Department of Transportation has started the road construction/traffic light work at the intersection of Route 236/91.

The major reconstruction and redevelopment will continue throughout summer with the final completion being in late Fall, just prior to the holidays.

Expect traffic delays throughout Spring, Summer, and Fall.

Please use caution when traveling in and around these areas due to delays in traffic and construction.

In other news...

2,080 tons of salt was used this winter, which is less than usual but still a lot of salt use.

I'd like to give a shout out to the Highway crew for doing such a great job this winter keeping the roads safe and well maintained through several challenging storms.

I'd also like to give a shout out to the South Berwick Police Department; Chief Ruger and his team for getting the Police Department nationally accredited.

This makes the South Berwick Police Department 1 of 20 police departments in Maine to be accredited.

This was a 2-year project that involved many moving parts including the review of their policies, response procedures, equipment maintenance and use, and many other features.

This is a huge successful piece in our department and nationally.

Great job to them!

Transfer Station Reminder

The glass crushing machine at the Transfer Station has been broken for over a month. Due to the age of the machine it has been a challenge finding parts to repair it.

In the meantime we ask that you please discard your glass in the regular household trash bags.

Sorry for the inconvenience.

A Message from the Town Council

The last few Town Council meetings have been impacted by winter weather, but the Town Council has been busy with budget workshops, having completed three workshops thus far. Let's dig into the process:

1. Budget request forms are delivered to the Department Heads in January as soon as possible after the first 6 months of the fiscal year. Departmental budget requests are due to the Manager at the end of the month.
2. The Town Manager reviews the Department's requests to create the Manager's proposed budget.
3. The Council meets in workshops with the Manager and Department Heads in March. Budget workshop dates are posted on the calendar.
4. The Budget Public Hearing is held annually in April. The Town Council's budget will be finalized by the end of April.
5. The Town Council's final budget is posted to the website after the Town Report has been finalized and forwarded to the printer.
6. We endeavor to have the Town Report available two weeks before the May 16th Town Meeting.

You can review the workshop recordings on the Town's YouTube page at:

youtube.com/@townofsouthberwick8288

Book Recommendations

By Library Director, Lee Shaw

Adult Picks

Age of Vice by Deepti Kapoor—
Crime Fiction
The Drift by C.J. Tudor—
Thrill / Sci Fi
Essex Dogs by Dan Jones—
Historical Fiction
The Creative Act: A Way of
Being by Rick Rubin— Self-help /
Spirituality
The Villa by Rachel Hawkins—
Fiction / Families
Pests by Bethany Brookshire—
Nonfiction
A Psalm for the Wild Built by
Becky Chambers— Solarpunk

Kid Picks

Picture Books:

Walter Had a Best Friend by
Deborah Underwood
The Sun is Late and So is the
Farmer by Philip C. Stead
How to Send a Hug by Hayley
Rocco

Junior Novels:

A Rover's Story by Jasmine
Warga
The Ogress and the Orphans by
Kelly Barnhill
Garlic and the Vampire by Bree
Paulsen

Young Adults:

A Thousand Steps into Night by
Traci Chee
Gallant by V.E. Schwab
Our Crooked Hearts by Melissa
Albert

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Departmental Information

Economic & Community Development

Denise Clavette

The York Region Chamber of
Commerce had its Annual
Awards event on March 8th.

The Chamber presented the Vol-
unteer of the Year Award to
Bridget Pote, who works at the
South Berwick Police Depart-
ment.



The Citizen of the Year
Award went to Jack Kareck-
as, former Town Councillor.



The Business of the Year Award
went to the **Stage House Inn**
(Jim Flynn).



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 Mem-
bers.

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 "Government" 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 Jenifer McCabe for more
information.

Visit:

southberwickmaine.org

Contact:

Jenifer McCabe, Interim Town
Planner at 384-3011

or email jmccabe@sbmaine.us for
more information.

Town Clerk

Barbara Bennett

Board of Assessment Review

The Town of South Berwick is
seeking members for the Board
of Assessment Review.

The Board hears appeals from
the decisions of the Board of
Assessors.

If you are interested in volun-
teering your time as a member
of the Board of Assessment
Review, you can visit our web-
site southberwickmaine.org
for the complete posting and the
Board/Committee Application.

Completed applications can be
mailed to: Barbara Bennett,
Town Clerk, 180 Main Street
South Berwick, ME 03908 or
email bbennett@sbmaine.us.

Applications will be accepted
until all vacancies are filled.