



# Town of Kennebunk

## Town Tidbits • Spring 2017

### Board of Selectmen

Richard A. Morin, Chairman  
Christopher L. Cluff, Vice Chairman  
Deborah A. Beal, Secretary  
Daniel S. Boothby  
Edward Karytko  
Shiloh A. Schulte  
L. Blake Baldwin

### Town Manager

Michael W. Pardue

### Selectmen Meeting Schedule

The Board of Selectmen meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Town Hall.

Meetings are televised live on Cable TV's channel 5 and channel 121.2. They are also available live or on demand at

[www.townhallstreams.com](http://www.townhallstreams.com)

### Selectmen Outreach Sessions

These sessions provide residents with a chance to meet and talk with Selectmen on a one-on-one basis.

They are informal gatherings attended by two Selectmen.

Sessions are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of Town Hall at 8:30 a.m. Watch our website for any changes in the schedule due to weather, availability of Selectmen, etc.

### Town Hall Hours

Monday-Friday  
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Please note that the Recreation Department is closed from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. each day.



Barry A. Tibbetts

### Town Manager Announces Retirement

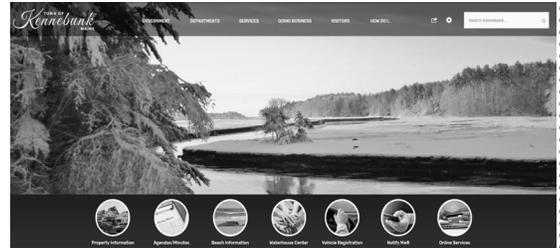
In September, Town Manager Barry Tibbetts informed the Board of Selectmen that he would not be seeking renewal of his current employment, which is due to expire in June 2017. In November, the Board moved to appoint the Town's Human Resources Director, Michael Pardue, to the position of Town Manager, effective December 5, 2016. The Board and Mr. Pardue agreed his appointment would be for an interim period not to exceed 18 months. Mr. Tibbetts will serve as Assistant Town Manager through the end of March and will then work as a consultant with the Town through the end of June.

First hired as Tax Assessor in 1993, Mr. Tibbetts was appointed Town Manager in 1998. His many accomplishments over 23 years include revitalizing the downtown and village centers, creating TIF districts throughout Town, spurring economic development resulting in over 700 new jobs, regionalizing dispatch services, consolidating and enhancing town staffing levels to better serve the community and his visionary role in the fundraising and building of the Waterhouse Center. In 2011, Tibbetts was awarded the Linc Stackpole Manager of the Year award by the Maine Town, City and County Management Association.

Stay tuned for details of a community send-off this spring for Barry, to thank him for all he has done for Kennebunk and wish him well in his future endeavors.

### ANNOUNCING OUR NEWLY REDESIGNED WEBSITE!

Visit our website [www.kennebunkmaine.us](http://www.kennebunkmaine.us) and have a look around! Updates include a responsive design which makes accessing the website on a mobile device even easier. Sign up to receive news and alerts by email and text message to stay informed of town happenings. Click on the "Notify Me" button on the home page and choose the information you want to receive.



The Town also posts information on social media.

Visit and like our Facebook page:

[www.facebook.com/townofkennebunk](https://www.facebook.com/townofkennebunk)

Find us on Twitter too, @Kennebunk\_ME1.

### STATE REFERENDUM, MUNICIPAL ELECTION & RSU 21 BALLOT VALIDATION VOTE: JUNE 13, 2017



A State Referendum, Municipal Election and RSU 21 Budget Validation Vote will be held on **Tuesday, June 13<sup>th</sup>** in the Edward Winston Auditorium at Town Hall from 6:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. **Absentee balloting will begin on May 17<sup>th</sup>**. Extended absentee voting hours will be available. All information concerning this election will be posted on the Town website by mid May. The same information is also available at the Town Clerk's office in booklet form for you to take home to better understand the many ballot questions you will be asked to vote on.

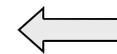
Visit [www.kennebunkmaine.us/elections](http://www.kennebunkmaine.us/elections) for extended absentee voting hours and election information or contact the Town Clerk at 604-1326.

### WOULD YOU LIKE TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY AS A MUNICIPAL OFFICIAL?

Nomination papers are available **March 17, 2017** for the following offices:

- Two Selectmen for 3-year terms
- Two RSU 21 Directors for 3-year terms
- One Kennebunk Sewer District Trustee for a 3-year term
- One KK&W Water District Trustee for a 3-year term
- One Kennebunk Light and Power District Trustee for a 5-year term

Information about any of these positions can be obtained by calling the Town Clerk at 604-1326.



To get your name on the ballot for the June 13<sup>th</sup> Municipal Election, each nominee must obtain nomination papers from the Town Clerk's office and receive a minimum of 25 signatures (with a maximum of 100 signatures) from Kennebunk residents who are registered voters.

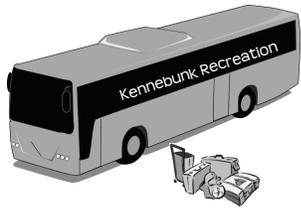
Nomination papers must be returned no later than **May 1, 2017** at 4:30 p.m.

BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR THE  
**SUMMER 2017**  
PARKS AND RECREATION  
CATALOG IN YOUR MAILBOXES  
THIS APRIL!

Resident summer program registration begins **May 2<sup>nd</sup>** at 7 a.m.

For more programs for **ALL AGES** visit [www.kennebunkrec.com](http://www.kennebunkrec.com)

The Kennebunk Parks & Recreation Department is offering an adult **Virginia Beach, Colonial Williamsburg & Historic Norfolk Motorcoach Bus Tour, Sun-Sat October 1-7 for only \$729/person** (double occupancy). Enjoy a guided tour of Colonial Williamsburg, a dinner cruise and entertainment on the Spirit of Norfolk, admission to the Nauticus and Battleship Wisconsin, a visit to Yankee Candle Village, a trip to the Virginia Beach Aquarium and Marine Science Center, time to explore the Virginia Beach Boardwalk, 6 nights lodging, 10 meals and much more. **REGISTRATION BEGINS APRIL 3!** FMI: 604-1335.



**3rd Annual Community Yard Sale**  
Join us on **Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>** at the Waterhouse Center for a community yard sale from 8am-2pm. A 10x10 space is just \$20 to rent and applications are available in the Town Clerk's office. *Space is limited so reserve your spot today!* FMI: 604-1326 or [mbrown@kennebunkmaine.us](mailto:mbrown@kennebunkmaine.us)



**SAVE THE DATE!**  
Are you looking for seasonal, year-round, part-time or full-time employment opportunities? Then save the date for the **Spring Job Fair** which will be held on March 13<sup>th</sup> from 2-5pm at the Kennebunk Town Hall Auditorium. This event is **FREE** for job seekers and \$25/table for Chamber member businesses and \$50/table for non-Chamber members. It is open to all businesses. Businesses, please call the Chamber at 967-0857 to reserve a seat!



Other upcoming adult trips...  
- Oxford Casino Trips - April 26 & May 24 (\$10/person per trip)  
-"The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie" Dress Rehearsal - March 23 (\$12/person)



**19th Annual May Day Festival**

**Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>** downtown Kennebunk will be filled with fun, family friendly activities. To volunteer or be a part of the planning, contact Linda Johnson at [ljohnson@kennebunkmaine.us](mailto:ljohnson@kennebunkmaine.us) or visit [www.kennebunkmaine.us/festivals](http://www.kennebunkmaine.us/festivals)



***News from the Assessing Office:***

All new applications for Homestead, Veteran and Blind Exemptions for all residential taxpayers must be received by **April 1st**.

In addition, all **business personal property** physically located in Kennebunk as of April 1<sup>st</sup> is subject to taxation annually. What is **business personal property**? Examples include production machinery and equipment such as industrial tools and machinery; business equipment such as furniture, shelving, desks, photocopiers, telephones and cash registers; electronics such as computers, printers and networking equipment and leased equipment. If you are leasing equipment from another company you must declare the name of the company, the item(s) you are leasing, the monthly leasing fee and the terms of the lease as well as the responsible party for the taxes.

BETE and BETR forms are available on the State's website at: [www.maine.gov/revenue/propertytax/propertytaxbenefits/bete.htm](http://www.maine.gov/revenue/propertytax/propertytaxbenefits/bete.htm) BETE and personal property declaration forms must be completed and emailed to [cdoucette@kennebunkmaine.us](mailto:cdoucette@kennebunkmaine.us) or, mailed to the Kennebunk Assessor's Office, 1 Summer Street Kennebunk, Maine 04043 by **May 15, 2017**.

**Let's get moving this spring!** You are invited to join Healthy Kennebunk for a fun and competitive exercise program beginning **March 20<sup>th</sup>**. *Participate as an individual or with coworkers as a team and submit your steps to compete with others.*

FMI: [www.kennebunkmaine.us/healthykennebunk](http://www.kennebunkmaine.us/healthykennebunk)



**Did you know the Town has a new Committee on Aging?**

The committee meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of Town Hall from 4:00-6:00 p.m. Work is underway to identify and strengthen resources in town that help residents age in place and to advise Town officials and staff about these issues. Meetings are open to the public and we welcome your input! FMI: [www.kennebunkmaine.us/coa](http://www.kennebunkmaine.us/coa)



**Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance Update Committee**

This spring, work will continue on the Town's Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance update. Kennebunk's Comprehensive Plan is a policy document which outlines a vision for the future of the Town. This document provides guidance regarding the development of the Town and a framework for the development and update of the Town's zoning and other land use ordinances. Relevant issues to be considered during the update include housing affordability, aging in place and the effects of climate change on our water resources and future land use strategies.

Sign up to receive notice of future meetings on our website, [www.kennebunkmaine.us/notifyme](http://www.kennebunkmaine.us/notifyme), and stay tuned for upcoming community engagement meetings where public input is needed.

**Library News: Spring 2017**

The Library is seeking individuals with a passion for their local library to apply to join the **Board of Trustees**. All persons 18 years of age who are residents and/or employed within the Towns of Kennebunk and Arundel are eligible to serve on the Board and are encouraged to apply. FMI: <http://kennebunklibrary.org/trustees.asp>



**National Library Week, April 9 - 15** - During this week, the library will offer their fabulous Book Bundle raffles. Visit every day and receive a free raffle ticket to increase your chance of winning.

**20<sup>th</sup> Edition Library Road Race** - This year's 5K race is scheduled for **Friday, July 14<sup>th</sup>**. FMI: [www.kennebunklibrary.org](http://www.kennebunklibrary.org)

Get your **KFL library card** and access over 6 million books and DVDs! Free library cards are offered to **Residents**, defined as persons who own property and pay real estate taxes or personal property taxes in Arundel, Kennebunk, Kennebunkport, or Wells regardless of primary domicile; or persons who rent residential property in Arundel, Kennebunk, Kennebunkport, or Wells as their primary residence (this does not include persons who are seasonal renters); or employees of RSU21 and the Town of Kennebunk regardless of residence.

**Skate Park Ad-hoc Committee**

The Committee, charged with selecting a design build consultant, finding a location, and making a formal recommendation to the Board of Selectmen for a Skate Park has begun its work. At their February meeting, they reviewed the responses to the Town's Request for Proposals. Upcoming meetings are scheduled for March 9 and March 16 at 5:30 p.m. on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of Town Hall. View agendas at: [www.kennebunkmaine.us/AgendaCenter](http://www.kennebunkmaine.us/AgendaCenter)

