

The Town Crier

T O W N O F O S B O R N , M E

2016 Dog tags
are available
now.

The last day to
get your dog tags
without
getting a \$25 fine
is January 31,
2017.

We would like to **welcome** Paul Caggiano as the newest member of the Board of Selectmen and Kimberly Murphy has assumed another role as a member of the school board. Both of these positions were a result of the election held on December 7, 2016.

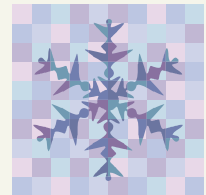
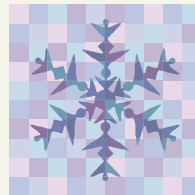
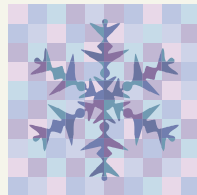
We also welcome Millie Caggiano on as the new Registrar for the Town of Osborn. This is a 2 yr. appointed position and she will assume the role on January 1, 2017.

I would like to thank Shelly Cressler for her years involved in performing the duties of this somewhat “under the radar” position, but it has everything to do with elections and voting and Shelly did an incredible job.

Seniors

The Senior
Luncheons
have started
back up every
other
Wednesday at
12 noon.

Call Kenny
Silsby for
more
information.



The Town’s Budget Committee will start working on the 2017-2018 budget at some point in February. We need two members of the community to also be members of the Budget Committee per the Town Charter. If interested contact Shelly at the town office or show up at the January 2017 Select Board meeting where those two positions will be confirmed.

As a personal plea from me, I feel all opinions and viewpoints are important on designing our town budget and even if you’re not on the committee, please try and attend any or all budget meetings and offer your input. The date for the first budget meeting will be decided at the January Select Board meeting, then we’ll follow up with additional meeting dates at a later time. We’ll keep you informed.
~Ray Slaybaugh, Select Board Chair

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If you have any issues,

Please contact

Marie Zwicker

at 460-8920.



Mark Your Calendar:

The monthly Select Board meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6 pm. **A change is necessary for the January 2017 meeting and it will be held on Monday, January 23, 2017 at 6 pm instead.** It will revert back to the third Wednesday in February.

If you are able, please attend.

As part of the **E911 project** the Town is offering to place an order for signage that you can affix to your mailbox, house or end of your driveway. These are just 4" reflective numbers that identify your address. The Town will be collecting the information from January 1, 2017 through March 31, 2017 at the Town Office, then putting in a bulk order which we'll receive later in the spring. Payment will need to be collected up front and costs range from \$6 to \$12. This project enhances response times for fire, ambulance and police. The biggest positive impact on this would be the Spec Pond community. Forms are enclosed for ordering.

Additionally, after 20 years the signage for every road in Osborn's 38.4 sq. miles has been purchased and we'll be looking for some volunteers to help put them up this spring.

We're all familiar with **Question #1** in this past General Election. That's right... Marijuana. It's still in the recount process and if it's overturned disregard the rest of my rambling. If it's passage is held, then yes it does have implications to even "the little town of Osborn". As I write this, Select Boards and Town/City Councils are taking action on whether or not they want marijuana stores, retail facilities, social clubs, testing facilities, manufacturing and cultivation facilities or any other terms defined in the act as part of their community. Before I go any further this will not prohibit the possession or cultivation of marijuana for personal recreational use as it will be defined. That's a completely separate issue.

The Select Board thought this worthy of further conversation with the Town residents and the Spec Pond community as well. The Town will have two choices if it makes it past a Town hearing process. We can vote on a 180 day moratorium which does not let any of our 21st century green thumb entrepreneurs move forward with any of the aforementioned facilities. It just gives us time to further debate the issue until the Legislature puts it's stamp of approval on the entire piece of legislation. The 2nd ordinance the Town can vote on is an overall prohibition of the aforementioned establishments. It's for infinity unless we put a time stamp on it. Some municipalities are going this route.

So it's a couple step process. A hearing (just the debate amongst the Town), and if it's decided to move forward then a vote on one of the Town choices. In my discussion with the Maine Municipal Legal Dept., their opinion was to move forward on this sooner rather than later. Already, towns all over the state have completed or are in the final stages of this process.

I know some folks may feel this is a trivial matter or a waste of time, but this legislation has a major impact for what you'll allow in your community. I feel the pros and cons of this issue should be discussed and decided by you.

~Ray Slaybaugh, Select Board Chair

HEARING WILL BE JANUARY 31, 2017 AT 6:30 PM AT COMMUNITY BUILDING