

JUNE 2023

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TOWN NOTICES

Clear-wing hummingbird moth (Photo by Patrick Moore)



Shredding event June 3rd 9am to 11am
at the Town Office

Town Election is June 13th

Open Town Meeting is June 20th

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Local
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DRESDEN SELECT BOARD

JOHN RZASA 207-737-4130

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townadmin@dresdenme.org

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tax@dresdenme.org

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assessor@dresdenme.org

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207-737-4305 x205

Jeff Pierce, Planning Board, Chair

207-441-3006

Steven Lilly, Fire Chief

207-737-9434

Transfer Station

207-737-4758

TOWN OFFICE HOURS

Sunday CLOSED

Monday CLOSED

Tuesday 9-4

Wednesday 9-4

Thursday 9-6

Friday 9-4

First Saturday of each month 9-12

Phone: 207-737-4335

Fax: 207-737-2191

Dresden Fire Department members always meet every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in Pownalborough Station at which time station and truck maintenance, any scheduled training or other events are held. **We are still hoping more interested people will join so please stop by the station on Wednesday night to get an application or contact Chief Steve Lilly at 737-9434. PLEASE REMEMBER that you need to have an open-burn permit for outside burning of debris. Permits can be obtained online, at no charge, from www.wardensreport.com or from an issuing agent. Hours to burn are after 3 p.m. during the week and after 9 a.m. on the weekends provided the conditions are favorable for burning. Always use caution when burning, check the area around the fire and have the proper tools handy.**

Transfer Station/Recycling Center

Spring cleaning is here! Just a friendly reminder household trash should **NOT** weigh more than 35 lbs. Richmond transfer stickers may be purchased at the town office for \$25 (cash or check).



Swap Shop

Share your unwanted books, clothing, and household items with the Swap Shop! We happily accept donations available to shoppers and treasure hunters FOR FREE!

BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Dresden Planning Board meets on the **second and fourth Wednesday** of the month at 6:30 p.m. **provided there is business to address.** Agendas for the meetings are posted at the town office, Dresden Take Out and the Post Office. Currently, discussions are ongoing on a proposed Solar Energy Ordinance. Plans are also being discussed for public hearings on this issue. If you have any questions on a project or need information, please contact Chairman, Jeff Pierce, at 207-441-3006 or leave a message at the town office.

Dresden Education Exploratory Committee will meet on the **second and fourth Mondays** of the month, at 6:00 p.m. in Bridge Academy Library. We welcome anyone wanting to attend our meetings.

Our education exploratory committee has been hard at work meeting with School Superintendents at RSU2, RSU1, Gardiner, Richmond and soon to be Wiscasset. Our hard-working members have also come up with a questionnaire for each school district to complete with a deadline of July 15th, 2003. The questions range from security in the schools, to curriculum, recess time, transportation, extracurricular activities, budget and much more. The questionnaire will be available to the public on the town of Dresden website in the coming weeks. Our committee is looking for more members! If you're interested, please reach out to the town office and they'll help you get started! We would appreciate additional research

power, knowledge and experience to benefit our town and community. We meet on the second and fourth Monday of every month. We look forward to seeing you!

Dresden Broadband and Technology- is working with a group from Lincoln, Knox and Sagadahoc Counties to obtain funding so all in Dresden will have the equipment, skills and financial resources to allow them to take advantage of the benefits fiber optics will provide. Meetings are open to public. **June 5th at 7:00pm at Bridge Academy Library**

Dresden Board of Appeals- will be meeting in June, meeting date and time is TBA

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

Dresden Historical Society will hold off on the suppers until later this year. The group wants to thank everyone who has made our suppers successful. We hope you enjoyed them. We enjoyed hosting them and getting together with friends, family and anyone stopping in. We'll have our monthly business meetings on the **first Monday of the month at 6 p.m.** in the Yellow Schoolhouse now that warmer weather is here. We would love to have more people join. Membership dues are \$5.00 per person/per year. The dues help us to continue our efforts to preserve the collections we have acquired, which currently total more than **1500 items.** That's not counting the list of genealogy that is available. Check them out sometime when the Museum is open again on Sundays only beginning June 25th. Our meetings are open to the public.

Lincoln County Historical Association- June 3rd
All Lincoln County residents are invited to be LCHA's guest at all three museums on Community Day 2023. Admission is waived for tours at the 1754 Chapman-Hall House in Damariscotta, the 1761 Pownalborough Court House in Dresden, and at the 1811 Old Jail/1839 Jailer's House Museum in Wiscasset.

Dresden Fire Association will meet on **Wednesday, June 7, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.** for our monthly business meeting. Reflective Address Signs are still available at \$20.00 each. Order forms are at the Town Office, the fire station (on Wednesday nights) or call Shari 207-737-2566 to get your home address numbers onto a metal sign for outside installation. These signs are a great if/when the fire department or other emergency agencies are requested to respond to your home. We still have some Collector Coins for sale at \$10.00 each. Our meetings are open to the public.

Dresden Recreation Committee-The purpose of the Committee is to improve and expand recreational opportunities and Activities for all Dresden residents. If you are interested in joining the group, or getting more information about it, please contact Peter Walsh at 207-446-2807. Email is mpwalsh2807@gmail.com.

Dresden Sno-Valley Riders held their final meeting for this season. Elections were held resulting in the same slate of officers – Rick Graffam, Pean Lilly, Shari Lilly and Gary Blau. Thank you to everyone who helped on the trails, even though we didn't have a lot of snow. We hope to see you again in September. Thank you to the landowners for their support of our trail system.

RSU2 - Meets **1st Thursday of every month at 6:00 PM**, Location varies.

Property Tax Reminder- Tax liens will be filed on Thursday, June 29th.

**Seen in Dresden, May 2023
by KD Vitelli**

May arrived rather violently with a noisy, windy storm that dropped over 5" of rain, took down trees, knocked out power, and prompted flood watches. A number of cool, gloomy days followed, and then suddenly, it was (false) summertime. Temperatures jumped into the 70's, the sun shone, birds started arriving in rapid succession, leaves began to pop, spring flowers to bloom. Many gardeners believed in the early spring and started setting out plants. On the 18th we woke to a frost. Mother Nature is fiddling with us (perhaps to remind us what we have done to her). I found only minor frost damage around my garden, though others report a good deal. Word is that knotweed does not like frost, a blessing to many. I haven't tried cutting open apple blossoms to see if the insides have turned brown and died. I'm hoping that any frost will only have culled a portion of the fruit, sparing us the job of doing so later.

The Merlin bird app (free download) helps identify birds we have missed in the past and make it easier to look for them. One result is a lot more warbler reports than usual: black-throated greens, chestnut sideds, parulas, yellow throats, yellow-rumps, and black and whites have multiple reports from all around Dresden. A male oriole arrived on the 7th, as did a couple of hummingbirds. The latter are still around, busy at almost every flower, fighting over quince blossoms. The oriole took one sniff of the mandarin and grape preserves I put out—all I had on hand—and flew off leaving them untouched. Even the newly arrived catbirds wouldn't touch the preserves. I borrowed a single orange to fill in until the next grocery shop. On the 15th two gorgeous males orioles fought over it, cleaned it out, and disappeared. Others around town have reported seeing an oriole, but not the usual singing or nesting activity, and no reports of females have come in yet. My fresh orange and real grape jelly have gone untouched for a week. I hope the beauties are just waiting for settled weather and will be back soon.

On the 6th, I finally decided to check out the bluebird eggs of a month earlier that should have hatched by then: stone cold, in a very soggy nest. Abandoned. Very sad. I removed the nest. Next day, the male bluebird spent the

whole morning going in and out of the neighboring nest box, while the female did the same in the abandoned box. What had I wrought? But a day later, both had settled on the new box and busily delivered nesting materials. They even mated on top of the box, and are now sitting on a new batch of eggs, while dad has effectively driven off all the tree swallows.

The woods off the Middle Road are said to be full of hermit thrushes and ovenbirds. What joy. (note: recent studies have shown bird song is good for mental health!) A neighbor saw a yellow-bellied sapsucker and a scarlet tanager. A veery, often heard but seldom seen, landed on the bench right in front of me. A brown thrasher called from the woods. A broad-winged hawk flew into the woods carrying sticks in its beak. Chipping sparrows frantically collected dried grass for their nest. Lots happening.

While the peepers are slowing down, the tree frogs are still going strong. One, named Stella for the star on its back, is starting its 4th year living under a hot tub cover (average life span is 5 years in the wild), but now with two friends, they have become rather loud for such close quarters. Several healthy, large foxes are cavorting around town. By the 21st, pink and yellow lady's slippers were already in bloom, with white ones about to open. It seems several weeks early for these lovelies, but then, lilacs and iris used to bloom in June, too. Wild lady's slippers almost never survive transplanting, which is why it is illegal to dig or pick them from federal lands. It is simply stupid to dig or pick them anywhere. Look and enjoy. That must be good for mental health, too.