


JULY 2024

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<p>Assessing Agent: Joe Salley typically in the office Thursdays 9am-4pm, email to make an appt or check his availability.</p> <p>Code Enforcement: Greg Lumbert typically in the office Friday mornings, email to make an appt or check his availability.</p>		Selectboard Meeting at Pownalborough Hall 5:00pm Bridge Academy Library 2pm - 7pm Transfer/Recycling Station 1pm – 4:30pm	Fire Department 6:30pm Richmond Area Food Pantry 4pm - 6pm	Town Office/Facilities Closed 		Bridge Academy Library 9am - 12pm TOWN OFFICE OPEN 9am - 12pm Swap Shop 9am - 3pm Transfer/Recycling Station 9am - 4 pm
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The Dresden Communicator – July 2024

Town of Dresden, P.O. Box 30, Dresden, ME 04342

TOWN NOTICES

For information on board meeting agendas and minutes, please go to our website:
dresdenme.org

Any town related board meetings via Zoom can be reached with this Meeting ID: 615 788 4935



Congratulations to Dresden Fire Dept. Firefighters Gerald Lilly Jr., Brandon Klimko, and Kianna Keaton, who recently graduated from the Firefighter Basic Training program!

Great job, the town thanks you for your dedication!

DRESDEN SELECT BOARD

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tax@dresdenme.org

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assessor@dresdenme.org

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207-441-3006

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207-751-4751

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ceodresden@dresdenme.org

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

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REMIND YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS TO SIGN UP AT THE TOWN OFFICE TO RECEIVE THE DRESDEN COMMUNICATOR BY MAIL

The deadline for submissions to be in the Communicator is the 20th of each month.

Submissions can be sent to:

clerk@dresdenme.org

Transfer Station/Recycling Center

Just a friendly reminder the household trash weight limit per bag is *35 lbs.* Richmond transfer stickers may be purchased at the town office for \$25 (cash or check only.)



Swap Shop

Share your unwanted books, clothing, and household items with the Swap Shop! We happily accept gently used donations available to shoppers and treasure hunters FOR FREE! **(As a reminder, please only donate clean and usable items, we will not accept items that should be disposed of.)** Weight limit of 20lbs per bag/box of items. As a safety measure, we ask that you properly *wrap and label* any sharp objects.

Thursdays 1:00pm-3:00pm

Saturdays 9:00am-3:00pm

Dresden Fire Department members meet every Wednesday at 6:30 pm in Pownalborough Station for any truck/station maintenance or checks and or training. Congratulations Gerry Jr., Brandon, and Kianna for completing their Basic Firefighter Course. Please remember you need to have a burn permit for any outside burning of debris. Permits may be obtained at no charge www.wardensreport.com or from an issuing agent. Burning can be done after 3 pm during the week and after 9 am on the weekends. Please be careful when doing any outside burning. **WE ARE LOOKING FOR PEOPLE INTERESTED IN BECOMING A FIREFIGHTER.** Our town is growing, and we hope the department will gain more members. Training is provided.

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

RSU 2 School Board meets the 1st Thursday each month, at 6:00pm at the Central Office in Hallowell, or on zoom.

Dresden Planning Board will meet on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month. Notices and agendas are posted at the town office, Dresden Take Out, the Dresden Post Office and on the Dresden website. They will be working on some changes to the GA & E911 ordinances. If you have any questions or would like information on a project, please contact the Chairman, Jeff Pierce at 441-3006 or leave a message at the town office. Our meetings are open to the public.

Dresden Education Exploratory Committee is preparing a presentation on their research and data to present to the townspeople. It is planned for September, but the date, time and place will be posted. All available residents are urged to attend.

Note from the Town Administrator: do you have any input or ideas about improvements you'd like to see to our town website? Send them to townadmin@dresdenme.org or call (207) 737-4335 and ask for the town administrator.

Dresden Recreation Committee - *Fun for the family at Dresden Summerfest!* The grounds of the historic Pownalborough Court House in Dresden will be filled with the sounds of a perfect summer day on Sunday, July 14 from 10 am - 2 pm. ***This annual free event, open to everyone,*** features horse & wagon rides, goat petting, live music by Halfmoon Jug Band, Dresden's own violinists the Olsen Twins, face painting, fanciful balloons, food by Dresden Fire Department, and vendors with local items for sale. You're never too young or too old to enjoy a horse & wagon ride at Dresden Summerfest. Dresden Summerfest is hosted by the Lincoln County Historical Association, a nonprofit organization that provides stewardship for the 1761 Pownalborough Court House in Dresden. It is also supported by the Recreation Fund and the Kenyon Fund.

Dresden Broadband Committee Please help the town get a grant for affordable, reliable, high-speed internet in Dresden! We encourage you to reach out to Andrew Butcher, head of the Maine Connectivity Authority, and let him know about the difficulties you are having with the lack of internet service in Dresden. Even sending him a brief message about your personal situation is helpful! abutcher@maineconnectivity.org

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

Dresden Elementary PTF If interested in the PTF, meetings are held at 6 pm at the DES on the second Wednesday of each school year month. Contact the school if you are interested in attending remotely.

Dresden Masonic Lodge #103

Website: <https://103-me.ourlodgepage.com/>

Facebook: @Dresden103

Dresden Veteran's Memorial Committee is looking for new members to join the committee! Fundraising efforts are in the works and volunteers are welcomed.

Dresden Historical Society will have a monthly business meeting on Monday, July 08 at 6 pm in the Yellow Schoolhouse. THE MUSEUM IS OPEN NOW EVERY SUNDAY FROM 1 – 4 PM. We hope you'll stop by sometime and check it out. Members are still working on cataloging and itemizing historical materials. **WE are looking for new members so stop by if you have an interest in helping to preserve our history for the future.**

Dresden Fire Association will have the monthly business meeting on Wednesday, July 10, at 7:00 p.m in Pownalborough Station due to the Fourth of July. We will be participating in the SummerFest activities on July 14 with our ever popular bar-be-que. We still have some reflective address signs for sale at \$20.00 each as well as some of our Collector Coins for \$10.00 each. Order forms are at the town office. Anyone interested in becoming a member of the association to help raise funds for our fire department is welcome to attend our meetings. You DO NOT have to be a Firefighter, just someone willing to help.

Bridge Academy Public Library hours:
Tuesday & Thursday - 2:00pm - 7:00pm
Wednesday & Saturday - 9:00am - 12:00pm
Sunday, Monday & Friday – CLOSED

Bridge Academy Trustees Are you or do you know a college student? Dresden students who are in their second semester of higher education can apply for one of the Bridge Academy Scholarships that are awarded twice a year. Information and forms to apply are available at Bridge Academy Library. The application forms must be turned into the Library by July 01. The scholarships will be awarded the first of August. **The pickleball court at Bridge Academy is now open for the summer.** A locked drop box will be installed for those who can donate to help with upkeep on the court. (The court can also be used for tennis, badminton, or volleyball.) We enjoy seeing people of all ages outside using the court. Hope to see you there.

SEEN IN DRESDEN by G. Leiter

Beech Leaf Disease was mentioned in an earlier column. Another tree stressor in the area is White Pine Needle Damage. There are two issues which affect the health of the needles:

needlecast and brown spot. Both are caused by fungi which take advantage of wet springs and summers to proliferate. Young understory trees may be more at risk than mature overstory trees, unless there are cumulative stresses from other sources.

OBSERVATIONS:

~ Multiple turtle rescues were reported by one resident, including a painted turtle on the Indian Road, and 3 **SNAPPING TURTLES** (*Chelydra serpentina*) on the Dresden side of the Richmond bridge and the Alexander Rd. Early June is the time that female 'snappers' look for nesting spots. The typical number of perfectly round eggs in a nest is 20-30. The temperature at which the eggs are incubated determines whether the hatchlings will be male or female.

~ The **FIREFLIES** (Genus *Photinus*, *Pyractomena* or *Photuris*) have been their usual stunning selves of late. There are more than 2000 species of this soft-bodied beetle; a few dozen live in Maine. Their light is caused by a chemical reaction, used to attract a mate. Habitat loss and pesticide use are contributing to declining numbers, but diversity in native plants and grasses can help improve the future population. For those interested in helping to track and conserve fireflies, check out

<https://www.fireflyatlas.org/>, a citizen scientist research project started in 2022.

~ A non-native species, **VALERIAN** (*Valeriana officianalis*) popped up in meadows and along roadsides in June. Its straight, hollow stems can be as tall as 5'. The sweetly scented pink flowers are a food source for some butterfly and moth species, and the leaves can have a catnip-like effect on cats.

~ There's something ancient leaping out of the Kennebec River in Dresden...**ATLANTIC STURGEON** (*Acipenser oxyrinchus*). They are referred to as 'living fossils' in that they have changed little since fossil records. Atlantic sturgeons were present 200 million years ago, when dinosaurs roamed the earth. They can be as large as 12' long and, in Maine, are considered a threatened species. Rather than scales, they have bony plates called scutes. Cast an eye along the river to see if you can catch them when they jump completely out of the water.

~ A tiny (about 2" long) **RED EFT** was spotted on a dirt road in town. These are the juvenile terrestrial stage of the olive/dark green eastern newt (*Notophthalmus viridescens*). The other two stages (before and after the eft stage) are aquatic. The time it takes from larval (1st stage) to eft is about 3 months. After 2 or 3 years on land the eft finds a pond and moves to stage 3, the adult stage, which is the eastern newt. The bright red color of the eft serves as a deterrent to predators, as their tissues are toxic.

Photo of a Red Eft by Tim Nason:



~ Other reports by residents include nest observations of: bluebirds (soon to start brood #2), hairy woodpecker (young fledged from a dead poplar in early June) and chestnut-sided warblers. In addition, kingfisher young were seen pestering adults, and a black-throated green warbler made a successful recovery from hitting a window. Another flying squirrel was found in a chimney clean-out, a red-bellied snake was found in a toolbox, and another harbor seal was seen cruising the Kennebec.