



“We are not enemies, but friends. We must not be enemies. Though passion may have strained, it must not break our bonds of affection. The mystic chords of memory stretching from every battlefield and patriot grave to every living heart and hearthstone, all over this broad land, will yet swell the chorus of the Union, when again touched, as surely they will be, by the better angels of our nature.”

Abraham Lincoln First Inaugural Address March 4, 1861

Notes From the Town Office July 2021

You are receiving this message in July, which means that we are back on schedule after having our Town Meeting and tax commitment pushed back until August last year. What a long and strange fifteen months this has been, but this summer should be, if not quite normal, at least more in keeping with the joys and traditions of a Mount Desert summer. Many thanks to everyone who made this possible. Maine has a high rate of vaccination so this should be one of the safest places you could visit this year. If you are fully vaccinated, you no longer need wear a mask in the Town Office, but you are most welcome to continue to do so.

Our Treasurer of twelve years Kathi Mahar retired in March. Jacob Wright has been hired as Director of Finance. Although not from Maine, he got here as quickly as he could. His wife is from Hancock, Maine and he has spent a good deal of time in the area. He tells me that Amarillo Texas, where he is from, gets lots of snow and cold weather so Maine winters should not provide too much of a challenge.

The winter was mild with very little snow. We had spring this year and things got green much earlier than usual. The marina has started its changeover from fishing boats to yachts and Harbor Master John Lemoine says that dock and mooring reservations are very heavy.

There has been some landscaping work done as part of the Main Street project this year. Now that we have completed the easement process, we should be able to finish it this fall. Once the overhead wires are buried the appearance of Main Street should be much cleaner.

Be sure to patronize all the great shops and restaurants in our villages. Contact Micki Sumpter at the Mount Desert Chamber of Commerce to see what is happening with new businesses as well as all your old favorites. After a tough fifteen months of pandemic, they surely will appreciate your business.