
South Bristol Town News

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1. **Voting:**

Absentee voting and early voting have begun. Both are available during office hours Tuesday to Thursday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. You can also request an absentee ballot at [Maine.gov](https://www.maine.gov).

Election day is Tuesday, November 3rd. The Town Office is the voting location and poles are open from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm.

2. **Property Taxes:**

Annual property taxes are due by November 30th. A 2% interest rate will be assessed on all late payments starting December 1st.

3. **Dog Licenses:**

Annual dog licenses, required for all dogs in the State, are available on October 15th. A \$25 fine is assessed after January 31st.

5. **New Solar Panel Property Exemption:**

Starting in 2027 the Town will be offering a property exemption for homes with qualifying solar panels (renewable energy equipment exemption). The link below provides an explanation and eligibility requirements as well as the required application to be completed and provided to the Town Office. The amount of exemption is dependent upon the capacity of the solar array and energy value provided by the solar array. [Tax Bulletin Application](#)

The Solar Panel Exemption is one of three property exemptions available to our residents. The other two are an exemption for eligible veterans and a homestead exemption for residents who's primary (full-year) residence is in

South Bristol. Information on these exemptions is available at the Town Office or online at [State of Maine Property Exemptions](#).

6. **Town Office Job Opening:**

Our Town Clerk, Jill Barbera, will be retiring at the end of the year, so we are accepting applications for Town Clerk/Deputy Tax Collector. A [job description](#) can be found on our website. Please spread the word!

7. **Mooring / Harbor Software:**

Our Harbor Committee is hard at work to prepare for the implementation of new software for harbor and mooring management. For 2027 we will roll out a new process for renewing moorings and paying for mooring permits. Stay tuned for an update in the Spring with new procedures.

8. **Thanksgiving Baskets from Ecumenical Food Pantry:**

If you have a neighbor, or know of an individual or family who will benefit from a Thanksgiving food basket, please ask them to drop by the Town Office and sign up for delivery. Baskets include a full meal with turkey, potatoes, stuffing, gravy, onions, squash, pumpkin pie ingredients, cranberry sauce and vegetables. Baskets will be hand delivered by our Select Board on November 24. Sign ups are due by Wednesday, November 5.

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