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Election Results

BRIDGTON

• Select Board winner, Ken Murphy with 362 votes; Seth Dresser 163; Alfred Bottone IV 100.

• Planning Board (2 seats): Deborah Brusini 499, Rolf Madsen 347.

• Planning Board Alternate: Catherine DiPietro 558.

• SAD 61 Director: Debra Albert 572.

• Water District Trustee winner Wesley Gorman 382; Catherine DiPietro 252.

Question 1, Tax Assistance Ordinance, 595 yes, 109 no.

Question 2, Solar Facility Moratorium, 483 yes, 223 no.

Question 3, Land Use/Zoning Amendments, 476 yes, 222 no.

Question 4, Secret Ballot Elections, 343 yes, 361 no (non-binding advisory question).

Republican Primary

Governor: Paul LePage, 310

Congress: Edwin Thelander, 290

State Senator: Richard Bennett, 320

Legislature: Donna Dodge 230, Sierra Scribner 95

Democratic Primary

Governor: Janet Mills, 247

Congress: Chellie Pingree, 251

State Senator: Colin O'Neill, 228

Judge of Probate: Paul Aranson, 229

Sheriff: Kevin Joyce, 230

District Attorney: Jacqueline Sartoris 168, Jonathan Sahrbeck 71

CASCO

• Select Board, two seats, 3 years: Grant Plummer 215, Eugene Connolly 174.

• Select Board, one seat, 1 year: Mary-Vienna Fernandes 245.

• SAD 61, 3 years: M. Stanley Buchanan 240.

• Transfer Station member, 3 years: Write-in votes only, winner to be determined.

• Open Space Commission, 3 years: Write-in votes only, winner to be determined.

Republican Primary

Governor: Paul LePage, 146

Congress: Edwin Thelander, 129

State Senator: Gary Plummer, 137

Legislature: Gregory Foster 105, Karen Lockwood 47

Democratic Primary

Governor: Janet Mills, 105

Congress: Chellie Pingree, 102

State Senator: Timothy Nangle, 89

Legislature: Jessica Fay, 103

Judge of Probate: Paul Aranson, 90

Sheriff: Kevin Joyce, 92

District Attorney: Jacqueline Sartoris 67, Jonathan Sahrbeck 34

HARRISON

Newly-named Town Manager Cass Newell will need to rework some budget lines after Tuesday's secret ballot vote as taxpayers rejected funding for Administration and Code Enforcement. Voters also rejected a proposal to fund a full-time fire chief along with two per diem firefighters/EMTs to address lack of manpower and response concerns.

Also, in question, is rejection of a previously approved \$3.4 million Public Works building construction/renovation project. The vote was to authorize the town to secure a bond for the project.

TUESDAY'S VOTE, Page 2A



Ken Murphy beat two opponents for a Bridgton Select Board seat.



Penny Bean won in a landslide in the Harrison Select Board race.



Donna Dodge landed the Republican nomination for D-83.



Barry Jordan, received the most votes in the Sebago Select Board race.



Krystal Carriere won a seat on the Sebago School Board.

Very good 1-2 punch Celebrating the BCC dynamic duo

By Dawn De Busk
Staff Writer

Some people only dream of landing a job that they love and showing up five days a week to do something they find both satisfying and interesting.

Some people are fortunate enough to have a job that doesn't seem like work, and co-workers who seem like family.

That is how Carmen Lone and Lorraine Goldrup describe their work experience at the Bridgton Community Center.

"I say to myself, 'I cannot believe I get paid to do this,'" Lone said.

Lone has been the executive director at the BCC for the past two decades, for 20 years. She is retiring on June 30. So is the woman who worked alongside her for 18 years — Lorraine Goldrup. Both are retiring at the end of the month. A retirement party is being held next week.

During a sit-down interview, Lone turned to Goldrup and asked, "Who are you going to miss the most?"

"I am going to miss everybody," Goldrup answered. "I am not going to miss you because I am going to see you. We are going to have breakfast and coffee together."

Lone quipped that she had cleared a space on her deck



FRIENDS & CO-WORKERS — Lorraine Goldrup and Carmen Lone will be retiring from their positions at the Bridgton Community Center at the end of the month. A retirement party is being held in their honor this Wednesday from 4 to 6 p.m. at the center. (Photo courtesy of the Bridgton Community Center.)

in anticipation of Goldrup's visits.

"She is not just my boss," Goldrup said. "She's my friend. She's like family. We have shared sorrows and joys

together. We will be in touch. You do keep in touch with your family."

In the past 20 years, Lone and Goldrup have had a front row seat to the many transi-

tions at the center, shifts in services as dictated by the community's needs, and the grant funded renovations to the center.

"To think over the years, you and I always had a can-do attitude and tried to be welcoming for everybody," Lone said.

Goldrup agreed. "Yes, we always wanted it to be a warm, welcoming place — even for someone who was only waiting for the bus," she said.

On Wednesday, from 4 to 6 p.m., a retirement celebration will be held at the center. People in the community are invited to come share stories and wish the two employees well during their retirement.

"We shared a lot of things: Different ideas that we would bounce off one another. You had my back; and I had yours," Goldrup said.

"You mostly had mine. I am more needy than you are," Lone said. "She is the personable one. I am the problem solver."

Farewells are in Order

"I've been thinking about if I had to give a farewell speech and it was a perfect one, what would be in my farewell speech," Lone said. "We have been really lucky to have amazing volunteers, amazing community people who come in with talents and

RETIREMENTS, Page 5A

Raymond pursues SZO violation

By Dawn De Busk
Staff Writer

RAYMOND — The Town of Raymond recently hosted a boat ride to bring attention to a significant Shoreland Zone Ordinance (SZO) violation off Raymond Cape on Sebago Lake.

The town has hired an attorney from the legal firm Atwood Pierce as the mediation process enters the beginning stages.

"This is a massive violation and the town is pursuing fines and full, or the

best possible, restoration for the shoreline," according to Lakes Environmental Association Executive Director Colin Holme. "The town is taking this extremely seriously and fully realizes the severity of the violation and the implications for other owners. No permits for this work were granted. It is appalling."

"The owner, who owns both houses, has a previous large rip-rap violation, new retaining wall and oversized dock violation on Long Lake which took a decade

to resolve," he added.

Holme participated in the boat ride, which took place in early June. Two Raymond Public Safety boats were used for the informative ride.

Also on board for the boat ride were: Town of Raymond code enforcement department; three politicians including State Senator Bill Diamond (D-Windham) and State Representative Jessica Fay (D-Raymond, Casco and Poland); the town attorney; a representative from Portland Water District; and

the head of SZO enforcement from the Department of Environmental Protection.

"I believe the intent of the boat ride was to raise awareness as to the size and scope of violation within the community," Holme said.

The Town of Raymond "invited LEA to view the violation and provide some feedback on the size and scope compared to other violations we have seen," he said.

"No permits were obtained for the work. That

VIOLATION, Page 2A

Biz tax amnesty yields \$7K

By Dawn De Busk
Staff Writer

NAPLES — The Town of Naples brought in some revenue by offering the forgiveness of all accrued interest on business tax bills from years' past

The town spent money in the process of notifying those people who owed business tax bills and setting up the 90-day interest-forgiveness program.

The amnesty program yielded \$7,794, according to Naples Town Manager John Hawley. The business tax amnesty period, which lasted 90 days, ended May 31.

Unlike the property tax bill, the business tax bill does not list past due amounts for the customer. The business tax bill shows the amount due for the current year.

On Monday, Town Manager presented the results to the Naples Board of Selectmen.

"It had a little bit of success. I think we probably

ended up spending more on the collection effort than we gained but we did clear some records," Hawley said.

Of the 63 accounts notified, 15 accounts were paid in full and two accounts have made partial payments, according to the paperwork.

Administrative Assistant Paula Miller "provided [the selectmen] with a remaining list of those past due accounts. In her recommendation column, after some investigation, she made a recommendation on how [the selectmen] should act on some of these," Hawley said.

About a half-dozen of the accounts had a recommendation of abate and delete. Four of the accounts in the abate-and-delete category were less than \$50.

Hawley asked board members if they wanted to continue with the process of collecting the remaining amounts.

Selectman Kevin Rogers spoke.

"If we didn't break even on this, how are we going to break even if we go longer. When do we say, 'Enough is enough?' If we just made enough to cover chasing down \$77,000, is it worth it," Rogers said.

Chairman Jim Grattelo asked how the town spent \$7,700.

"Time and energy," Hawley said.

"I say we just keep going at it," Grattelo said, adding the majority of the money has already been spent laying the groundwork.

Selectman Colin Brackett asked if the town could keep a list available of the owners of trailers/mobile homes that were

parked in Naples but drove away before paying the personal property tax.

Audience member Priscilla Kyle asked if the town office gives people the option to pay personal property tax or register a camper.

"In fact, we don't suggest it. We look it up when they come in and see if there is a savings between the two. And, we offer them the cheapest way," Hawley said.

Brackett clarified that the grace period had ended.

"The benefit of the amnesty is that we would have wiped away any of the interest that has accrued," Hawley said.

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Area news

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BEFORE PHOTO of the north side of the property on Raymond Cape. (Photo courtesy of Lakes Environmental Association)



AFTER PHOTO of the north side of the property on Raymond Cape was taken in spring 2022. (Photo courtesy of Lakes Environmental Association)



BEFORE PHOTO shows the middle of the shoreline between the two houses. (Photo courtesy of Lakes Environmental Association)



AFTER PHOTO shows the middle of the shoreline between the two houses. (Photo courtesy of Lakes Environmental Association)

Raymond pursues shoreland zoning violation

(Continued from Page 1A) was revealed during the boat trip," he said. "The violation was originally spotted by DEP field staff in December 2021. They noted it and brought it to the town."

The rip-rap violation is visibly noticeable, according to Holme. If the use of rip-rap is permitted, that is

limited to about 100 feet — and only if there is proof that planting vegetation and other methods have failed in stabilizing the shoreline, he said.

The property off Fernwood Road on Sebago Lake has approximately 500 feet of rip rap on the beach, he said.

"The take away is the amount of shoreland disturbance, the amount of vegetation and the amount of shrubs removed and the fact that this was done without permitting," Holme said. "They had no permits. They have no proven permits."

Is it possible the land-

owner was unaware of the laws governing the shoreland zone?

"It would be hard for him to prove ignorance of the law, he has been through the violation process before. In Harrison, it was 10 years before it was resolved. In Harrison, it was an inappropriate amount of rip-rap and

a retaining wall," he said.

"The landowner knew about Shoreland Zoning laws. It would be unfathomable to think he wasn't aware," Holme said.

State Representative Fay commented on the boat trip, "I joined a number of officials in order to better understand the nature and

severity of this shoreland zone violation."

"I am supportive of a requirement that the violations be remediated in order to protect the water and the fish, in addition to a fine. This is a matter of fairness and environmental protection. The resource belongs to all of us," Fay said.

Recap of how area residents voted on Tuesday

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Newell, who became the town's first female town manager after serving as assistant town manager, will likely address these matters tonight when the Select Board meets at 6 p.m.

- Select Board winner, Penny Bean with 322 votes; Tony Lorrain 99, Raymond Laplante 77, George Watson 19.

- Planning Board, two seats: Colleen Densmore 380, Scott Ramsdell 312.

- Appeals Board: Jonathan Whitney 437

- SAD 17 School Board, one seat, 2 years: Rose Lacasse 258; Scott Ramsdell 161.

- SAD 17 School Board, one seat, 3 years: Mark Heidmann 433.

Question 1, taxes due, 418 yes, 117 no.

Question 2, taxes prepayment, 459 yes, 79 no.

Question 3, tax-acquired property disposal, 388 yes, 148 no.

Question 4, town-owned property disposal, 402 yes, 131 no.

Question 5, balances forward, 399 yes, 127 no.

Question 6, snowmobile registration, 431 yes, 103 no.

Question 7, unfunded emergencies, 402 yes, 133 no.

Question 8, overdraft transfers, 351 yes, 183 no.

Question 9, selectmen signatures, 394 yes, 129 no.

Question 10, gift/donation acceptance, 442 yes, 94 no.

Question 11, waive foreclosure, 386 yes, 139 no.

Question 12, \$681,100 to reduce taxes, 406 yes, 123 no.

Question 13, \$740,406 for administration, 251 yes, 285 no.

Question 14, \$727,232 Public Works, 314 yes, 224 no.

Question 15, \$151,038 Fire Department, 295 yes,

242 no.

Question 16, \$381,589 Solid Waste, 310 yes, 229 no.

Question 17, \$183,262 Parks, 301 yes, 221 no.

Question 18, \$156,209 Recreation, 297 yes, 224 no.

Question 19, \$83,300 insurance, 303 yes, 212 no.

Question 20, \$411,357 Public Safety, 286 yes, 227 no.

Question 21, \$101,950 Community Services, 322 yes, 199 no.

Question 22, \$196,166 Code Enforcement, 210 yes, 306 no.

Question 23, \$500.00 Capital Roads, 364 yes, 154 no.

Question 24, \$150,000 Capital Reserve, 224 yes, 285 no.

Question 25, \$306,054 full-time fire chief, per diem FF/EMTs (2), 182 yes, 336 no.

Question 26, secret ballot vote, 245 yes, 263 no.

Question 27, \$3.4 million Public Works garage, 236 yes, 270 no.

SAD 17 budget validation, Question 1, 352 yes, 188 no; Question 2, 383 yes, 154 no.

Democratic Primary
Governor: Janet Mills, 161

202 no.

Congress: Chellie Pingree, 158

State Senator: Colin O'Neill, 145

Judge of Probate: Paul Aranson, 145

Sheriff: Kevin Joyce, 144

District Attorney: Jacqueline Sartoris 110, Jonathan Sahbreck 41

Republican Primary
Governor: Paul LePage, 232

Congress: Edwin Thelander, 189

State Senator: Richard Bennett, 218

Legislature: Donna Dodge 133, Sierra Scribner 103

FRYEBURG
Republican Primary
Governor: Paul LePage, 114.

Congress: Elizabeth Caruso 53, Bruce Poliquin 70.

State Senator: Richard Bennett, 118.

Legislature: Caleb Ness, 116.

Register of Deeds: Cherri Lee Crockett, 116.

Sheriff: Christopher Wainright 81, Richard Murray 43.

District Attorney: Neil McLean Jr., 114.

Democratic Primary
Governor: Janet Mills, 102.

Congress: Jared Golden, 100.

State Senator: Colin O'Neill, 101.

Legislature: Nathan Burnett, 101.

County Treasurer: Elizabeth Calhoun, 103.

District Attorney: Edward Rabasco Jr., 11 (102 blank).

NAPLES

Question 1, rezone Casco Road/Hidden Acres Drive, 394 yes, 282 no.

Question 2, private event venues Rural District, 288 yes, 395 no.

Question 3, rezone Roosevelt Trail Rural to Commercial, 289 yes, 382 no.

Question 4, event venues Rural Zone, 339 yes, 339 no.

Question 5, Village District amendments, 366 yes, 288 no.

Question 6, Village District front setback, 363 yes, 288 no.

Question 7, solar amendment, 394 yes, 264 no.

Question 8, Site Plan amendment, 374 yes, 263 no.

Question 9, Subdivision amendment, 344 yes, 293 no.

Question 10, Mooring/Waterfront Ordinance, 375 yes, 269 no.

Question 11, amend Land Use, 375 yes, 269 no.

Question 12, cable ordinance, 478 yes, 164 no.

Question 13, solar farm moratorium, 422 yes, 236 no.

Question 14, Edes Falls Dam partial removal, 424 yes, 235 no.

Question 15, \$896,000 bond transfer station improvements, 407 yes, 222 no.

Republican Primary

Governor: Paul LePage, 339.

Congress: Edwin Thelander, 290.

State Senator: James Libby, 305.

Legislature: Mark Walker, 318.

Democratic Primary
Governor: Janet Mills, 318.

ELECTION, Page 3A

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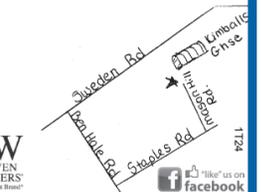
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