



ELIOT AGING IN PLACE NEWS & INFORMATION

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PUBLIC SERVICE NEWS

Residents Appointed to New Agriculture & Food Security Commission

AIP joins Eliot residents in welcoming Leslie Stevens, Sarah Plocharczyk, Norman Owens, and Timothy Johnson as members of the newly formed Eliot Agriculture and Food Security Commission (EAFSC). The Select Board established EAFSC on January 13, 2022, as a five-member ad-hoc committee. Members are appointed by the Select Board to an annual term. To date, four of the members have been appointed. Farmers, gardeners, concerned citizens, and anyone interested in sustainable and healthy foods are encouraged to apply for the fifth seat. Call Town Hall for more information at 207-439-1817.

EAFSC serves to promote the Eliot agricultural industry and encourage the pursuit of agriculture. EAFSC will advise on food security and accessibility to healthy foods for all residents. AIP looks forward to supporting and working with this valuable commission.

Town Manager's Budget Page

To view the Town Managers FY 23 Budget Information, go to the Budget Section of the Town Manager's Department Page on eliotme.org. The page is updated throughout the budget process as materials become available. Questions regarding the budget may be directed to Michael Sullivan, Town Manager by email: townmanager@eliotme.org or by phone: 207-439-1813 ext. 107.

AIP joins USA Today in applauding State Representative Meyer

State Representative Michele Meyer has been recognized by USA Today as one of the newspaper's Women of the Year, a recognition of women across the country who have made a significant impact. The newspaper noted her work in creating Eliot Strong, the Facebook group that supports our community online and has reached 1500 members in our town of 6,700 residents. Representative Meyer's outstanding work as House Chair of the Joint Committee on Health and Human Services was also applauded. AIP benefits greatly from her leadership and support as Representative Meyer is an alternate member of our committee. Michele Meyer represents Eliot and parts of Kittery and South Berwick in the Maine House of Representatives.



Open Seats on Eliot Boards and Committees

*For elected positions,
Nomination papers are due by April 15
Election Day is June 14*

AIP encourages civic participation as it makes our Town as great as it is. There are a number of current opportunities for Eliot residents to participate as an elected official or as a Town board or committee member.

There are vacancies for elected positions: two seats on the Select Board, three seats on the Budget Committee, and the S.A.D. #35 Director position. Those seeking election must be registered to vote in Eliot. The Town must receive your completed nomination paper of at least 25 and no more than 100 signatures from registered Eliot voters by 10:30 am on Friday, April 15, 2022. Nomination papers are available at the Town's Clerk Office. For additional information contact the Town Clerk's Office at 207-439-1817. Election Day is Tuesday, June 14.

Town committees help maintain and improve our Town. Residents may serve as a full voting member or an alternate member, the latter votes only as needed at the discretion of the Chair to ensure a quorum. The following boards have vacancies: **one seat on Aging In Place**, one seat on the Board of Appeals, three on Capital Improvement, one on Conservation Commission, and one on the Planning Board. You can find more information on the Town website (eliotme.org) and by contacting each board or commission's Chair.

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LOCAL HAPPENINGS

Eliot Garden Club Become a Member!

The Eliot Garden Club serves to improve members' gardening skills and to promote flower and vegetable gardening through hands-on projects, discussions, and lectures by visiting speakers. The Club also works to beautify the town's roadsides and to provide opportunities for addressing and taking action on state and national issues that affect the attractiveness of Eliot as a residential community. Advocating for the use of native trees and plants and promoting the conservation of wild flowers and birds are also key pursuits of the Club.

The Eliot Garden Club welcomes members from Eliot and nearby towns who love to garden and support the club's goals. Regular meetings are held from March through May and from September through November on the second Thursday during those time periods at 12:30 pm at the Eliot Congregational Church Hall, 1361 State Road.

Are you interested in joining the Eliot Garden Club? Contact Barbara Longstaff. She may be reached by phone (207) 748-1049 or (207) 475-6520 and by email at jblongstaff@comcast.net.



Footprints marks 30th year with new logo and continued service to the community

AIP applauds Footprints Food Pantry and its incredible staff and volunteers for their ongoing work to support people in Kittery, Kittery Point, and Eliot and solve issues of food insecurity. With its new logo, Footprints marks its thirtieth anniversary in service to others. In her letter to the editor published recently in Seacoastonline.com, Footprints President Karen Brown thanked residents, schools, churches, local businesses, corporation, and Good Shepherd Food Bank in Auburn as well as local farmers and home gardeners for providing fresh, healthy food for clients.

For more information about Footprints Food Pantry, call them at (207) 439-4673 and visit them online at footprintsfoodpantry.org.

FREE COVID TEST KITS

Every home in the U.S. is eligible to order two sets of four free at-home tests. If you already ordered your first set, order a second today. Order Free At-Home Tests online at covidtests.gov or call 1-800-232-0233 (TTY 1-888-720-7489). Tests are provided at no cost by the US government and delivered at no cost by the US Postal Service.



SOME APRIL DATES OF NOTE

Apr 2-May 1 Ramadan	April 15 Town Nomination Papers Due	Apr 15-23 Passover	Apr 17 Easter Sunday	Apr 22 Earth Day
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Aging In Place is an Eliot town committee, serving our community.
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