

Last September, Baldwin approved the purchase of the Baldwin Consolidated School and funding to move the town meeting facility to two classrooms in the new wing of the school. That move is now on hold pending completion of the work of the School Use Committee (renamed the Community Center Use Committee). The committee is waiting for approval of an occupancy permit for the facility from the State Fire Marshall's Office. The committee is hoping the occupancy permit will allow the town to continue to use the multipurpose room, where the town had traditionally held town meetings, with minimal modifications for fire and safety upgrades. Meanwhile, the selectmen are pursuing repair of the flat portion of the roof on the new wing. This work was included in the budget approved at Town Meeting in March. See the Community Center page for other information about the Community Center Use Committee's progress.

As promised last fall, the Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing in June to consider proposed closings of roads for winter maintenance. The road closure findings of last fall were for one year only, pending approval of a new determination by the voters authorizing the selectmen to make final determinations regarding the closing or opening of roads for winter maintenance. Article 46 of the warrant approved 12 March 2016 gave the Board of Selectmen that authority. Watch the town website and the Shopping Guide for further information on the public hearing.

The town has awarded a contract to John Kiehl & Sons for the replacement of the Dearborn Bridge. The work will be completed sometime between July and the end of September. This will likely include a one-week closure of Dearborn Road to vehicle traffic. The Road Commissioner will pave the road and new bridge immediately after completion. We're very pleased that the contract came in significantly below estimates.

The Board of Selectmen thank our Administrative Assistant, Danielle Taylor for developing the new town website. We hope you find it an improvement. We experienced problems with the old website which suffered from limited bandwidth and provided a different appearance depending on the web browser and operating system used. Because the town's website has become ever more important as a means of communicating with Baldwin residents and because we've received requests from townspeople to include ever more information on the website, we decided it was time to upgrade. Danielle is fine tuning it but please provide us your feedback.

Thank You
Sincerely
Baldwin Board of Selectmen