

# Fund Established for Schoodic Peninsula

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**GOULDSBORO** — Residents of the Schoodic Peninsula have started a non-profit entity — the Schoodic Community Fund — to benefit the peninsula.

To date, the fund has received \$60,000 in gifts and pledges and the first awards will be made in August, said Roger Bowen, chairman of the board and resident of the village of Prospect Harbor.

Bowen said that because this is the fund's inaugural year, applications will not be sought; the board will decide which entities to support. In future years, the fund will provide grants annually based on applications received by community organizations and schools.

Applications for next year can be sent to the fund beginning in March 2011 with a deadline of April 30, 2011.

The fund's stated mission is to improve the quality of life of all residents of the Schoodic community with particular concern for the education, culture, environment, well-being and economic vitality of the peninsula.

Bowen said the first donation was made by Bumble Bee Corp., former owner of the Stinson sardine factory in Prospect Harbor.

"We welcome donations both large and small," he said. "We want everyone to get involved and own a part of this fund by investing in their community."

Bowen said numerous Schoodic residents have made annual pledges for the next five years.

The 11-member volunteer board includes, in addition to Bowen, Jeff Alley Jr., Lucile Anderson, Nick Bayley, Addison Berkey, Dick Gilchrist, Alison

Johnson, Murray Joy, Gail Ruland, Mary Lou Weaver and Ann Woodward.

The Schoodic Community Fund is operating under the umbrella of the Maine Community Foundation in Ellsworth.

The Maine Community Foundation manages \$230 million for a variety of organizations.

Anyone wishing to contribute to the fund can do so by making out a check to the Maine Community Foundation.

The mailing address is Maine Community Foundation, 245 Maine St., Ellsworth 04605-1613.

The envelope should be addressed to the attention of Karen Hartt and be accompanied by a note stating the beneficiary is the Schoodic Community Fund.

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