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## **Report on the Special Town Meeting 03/21/2024**

Warrant Article 2 passed after some questions were answered.

The questions were mostly about what this means for the First Church Renovation Project. The answer is that there is still \$100,000 +/- in the First Church Renovation reserve fund. That project has stalled because the repairs needed will cost significantly more than the reserve fund plus these ARPA funds. The ARPA money needs to be committed by 12/31/2024 and it seems unlikely that the First Church project could move forward in time.

More importantly, storm damage repairs to the Town Wharf and floats are a crucial immediate need and we can use this money to replace the damaged commercial floats or raise the money through a tax increase. FEMA funds may be available for some of the other necessary repairs.

The Special Town Meeting was necessary because the replacement floats needed to be ordered so they can be built and ready for installation in time for the summer season.

Hopefully, I have summarized this correctly. I welcome corrections.

# SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT 2024

TO: Donald Cowing, citizen of the Town of Georgetown, Maine, GREETINGS:

You are hereby required in the name of the State of Maine to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Georgetown, Maine, qualified to vote in Town affairs, according to the Constitution and laws of this State, to assemble at Georgetown Central School, Georgetown Center, on **Thursday, the 21<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2024, at 5pm**, then and there to act on the following articles:

Art. 1. To elect by ballot a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art 2. To see if the Town will vote take the following actions concerning Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (aka American Rescue Plan or ARPA funds) received by the Town from the federal government:

- a) To re-appropriate \$51,000, previously dedicated towards First Church Renovations, under the ARPA eligible use category of "governmental services replacing lost revenue" to be expended toward replacement of the Commercial Floats at the Town Wharf;
- b) To re-appropriate \$54,284.46, previously dedicated towards First Church Renovations, under the ARPA eligible use category of "governmental services replacing lost revenue" to be rededicated towards projects at a future Town Meeting;
- c) To establish a non-lapsing ARPA Reserve Fund, to place funds appropriated under paragraphs (b) into the Fund until needed; and
- d) To authorize the Select Board to execute any documents or agreements necessary to accomplish said purposes.

The Registrar of Voters will be at the Georgetown Town Office on Thursday, the 21<sup>st</sup> of March, 2024, at nine o'clock in the forenoon to correct the list of voters.

You are hereby required to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies in public places in the Town of Georgetown at least seven days before the time of this meeting.

Given under our hands this 13<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024:

**TRUE COPY ATTEST**  
*Alexandra Kelley*  
**TOWN CLERK**

*Bronwen Tudor*

Bronwen Tudor  
*Richard Donaldson*

Richard Donaldson  
*Jonathan Collins*

Jonathan Collins, Chairman  
Selectmen, Town of Georgetown

Attest: *Alexandra Kelley*

Alexandra Kelley

Town Clerk, Town of Georgetown

*Donald Cowing*

Donald Cowing

Citizen of Georgetown





**CITIZEN OF THE YEAR**

# **NOMINATE YOUR LOCAL HERO**

Join us in recognizing exceptional contributions to the Georgetown community and submit your nomination for Citizen of the Year now

**DEADLINE: APRIL 1ST  
SUBMIT NOMINATIONS VIA EMAIL  
TO [ARIA.EEE@GMAIL.COM](mailto:ARIA.EEE@GMAIL.COM) OR DROP  
OFF IN PERSON AT TOWN OFFICE**

Be sure to attend the  
Get to Know Your Neighbor event  
on April 28th at 12pm  
at The Osprey to meet the winner!



Join the GRC for the Annual

# GET TO KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOR



Sunday, April 28th

12 - 2pm

The Osprey

Open to all Georgetown residents  
Includes lunch and the Citizen of the  
Year award announcement!