

Report on the Special Town Meeting held Tuesday October 8, 2024

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The meeting was moderated by Mike Field

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- c) To authorize the Select Board to dedicate any remaining previously appropriated excess funds to projects outlined in the "2024 Energy Audit" prior to December 31, 2024.
- d) To establish a non-lapsing ARPA Reserve Fund, to place funds appropriated under paragraphs (a, b, and c) into the Fund until needed.
- e) To authorize the Select Board to execute any documents or agreements necessary to accomplish said purposes.

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PASSED: Article 5. Shall the proposed 2024 amendments to the Solid Waste Disposal Ordinance be enacted?

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT 2024

OCTOBER 8, 2024 at 6:00 PM

GEORGETOWN CENTRAL SCHOOL

TO: Robert "Bob" Trabona, 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 **Tuesday, the 8th day of October, 2024, at 6 pm**, then and there to act on the following articles:

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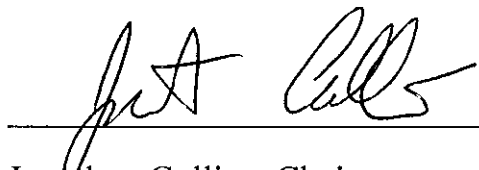
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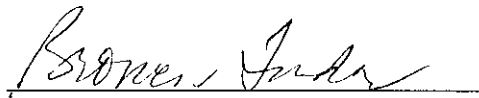
The Registrar of Voters will be at the Georgetown Town Office on Tuesday the Eighth of October, 2024, at nine o'clock in the forenoon to correct the list of voters.

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.

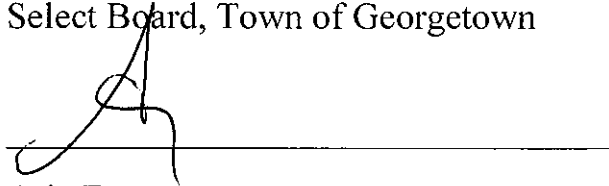
Given under our hands this 1st day October, 2024:



Jonathan Collins, Chairman
Select Board, Town of Georgetown

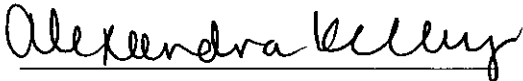


Bronwen Tudor
Select Board, Town of Georgetown

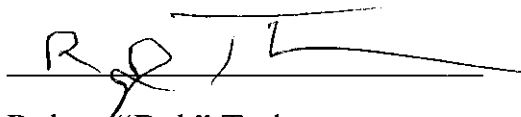


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Select Board, Town of Georgetown

Attest:



Alexandra Kelley
Town Clerk, Town of Georgetown



Robert "Bob" Trabona
Citizen of Georgetown

ARTICLE IV – DEBRIEF

TEXT: *To authorize the Select Board, in its discretion, to negotiate and enter a lease agreement with the owner of Map 04R, Lot 14 for a 10,000 square foot portion of the property, and a sublease agreement with Sagadahoc County for the leased land so that the County may construct and maintain an emergency communications tower on it.*

WHAT IT MEANS: *If passed, this Article will give the Select Board permission to finalize Lease and Sublease Agreements between Sagadahoc County and a landowner for the purposes of erecting an Emergency Communications Tower.*

WHY: *For almost two decades, the Town of Georgetown has been aware that our Emergency Communications on this island are deficient – with some areas on the island unable to communicate with other areas due to ledge. With its remaining ARPA Funds, Sagadahoc County is eager to erect this Tower to improve connectivity on the island and around the County.*

WHERE: *Higgins Mountain*

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SUBJECT TO MINOR CHANGE – NEGOTIATIONS ONGOING...

CURRENT TERMS SAGADAHOC COUNTY	CURRENT TERMS LANDOWNER
50-year lease, broken up over 5-year renewal intervals	50-year lease, broken up over 5-year renewal intervals
Option to cancel <u>with</u> notice	Option to cancel <u>with</u> notice
Sagadahoc to Georgetown, Lump Sum of \$33,000	Georgetown to landowner – check in amount of taxes on parcel annually, less amount on developed portions
Sagadahoc to Georgetown – 30% of any future cell carrier revenues.	Georgetown to Landowner – 40% of our portion of future cell carrier revenues

Other details in the proposed contracts include roadway, snowplowing, and other incidental responsibilities.

Also allows for surveying to be done.

SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL ORDINANCE

for the Town of Georgetown, Maine

Adopted 18 June 2005
For Amendment TBD

Amended 14 June 2008

Amended 17 June 2017

Section 1. Purpose

This Ordinance is designed to regulate solid waste disposal, establish a Solid Waste Committee, govern the operation of the Georgetown Transfer Station, encourage recycling as an environmentally and fiscally sound method of reducing the waste stream, protect the environment of the Town, and otherwise protect the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Georgetown.

Section 2. Authority

This Ordinance is adopted pursuant to and consistent with municipal home rule powers provided in Article VIII, Part 2, Section 1, of the Constitution of the State of Maine and 30-A MRSA § 3001.

Section 3 Definitions

The definitions in 38 MRSA § 1303-C shall govern the construction of words contained in this Ordinance unless defined below. Any words not defined here or in statute shall have their common and ordinary meanings.

A ~~**Attendant:** the person or persons employed by the Town to supervise the Transfer Station and operate necessary equipment.~~

Transfer Station Manager or Designee: the person employed by the Town to supervise the Transfer Station, coordinate disposal and transfer of municipal solid waste and universal waste, oversee recycling operations, supervise employees, and direct members of the public as to the policies of the Transfer Station.

Transfer Station Attendant: person or persons employed by the Town to assist in operating the Transfer Station and direct members of the public as to the policies of the Transfer Station.

- B **Bulky Waste:** any acceptable waste that is not construction waste, municipal solid waste, or recyclables.
- C **Commercial Hauler** is any person who is paid to take solid waste to the Transfer Station or who takes solid waste to the Transfer Station as part of a service for hire.
- D **Construction Waste:** Defined by the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) as Solid waste resulting from construction, remodeling, repair, and demolition of structures. It includes, but is not limited to: building materials, asphalt, and wall board. It excludes: partially filled containers of glues, tars, solvents, resins, paints, or caulking compounds; friable asbestos; and other special wastes.
- E **Hazardous Waste:** A waste substance or material, in any physical state, that exhibits a hazardous characteristic, or is designated and listed as hazardous under Maine Hazardous Waste Management Regulations.
- F **Household Hazardous Waste (HHW):** Any hazardous waste material excluded from identification as a hazardous waste under Maine Hazardous Waste Management Regulations because it is generated by households.
- G **Municipal Solid Waste:** Defined by the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) as solid waste emanating from household sources.
- H **Person:** anyone operating under this Ordinance, including residents and non-residents.
- I **Public Way:** any road, highway, street, lane, private way, or similar thoroughfare, whether public or private, that serves two or more properties.
- J **Recyclables:** items suitable for separation from the regular waste stream for reuse or recycling.
- K **Resident:** any person owning or renting real property in Georgetown, regardless of residence, and long-term renters of three months or more.
- L **Seasonal Renter:** anyone who rents real residential property for a period of days or weeks, as opposed to a long-term renter.

- M **Special Waste:** Defined by the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) as a solid waste generated by sources other than household and typical commercial establishments that exists in such an unusual quantity or in such a chemical or physical state, or any combination thereof, that may disrupt or impair effective waste management or threaten the public health, human safety or the environment and requires special handling, transportation and disposal procedures.
- N **Structure:** any building, deck, dock, pier, trailer, or boat.
- O **Universal Waste (UW):** A hazardous waste that is widely generated, as defined by the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) in the Maine Hazardous Waste Management Regulations. UW includes, but is not limited to, electronic devices and items that contain mercury.

Section 4 Solid Waste Committee

- A The Solid Waste Committee created under this Ordinance shall consist of as many as seven members and a number of alternates appointed by the Selectmen for staggered three-year terms. The Committee is empowered to elect its own officers.
- B The Committee shall advise the Selectmen and the Town on a budget for the Transfer Station and shall manage the budget as approved at Town Meeting.
- C The Committee shall monitor operation of the Transfer Station and advise the Selectmen and the Town as to trends, issues, and possible efficiencies in its operation.
- D The Committee shall review operating procedures for the Transfer Station and recommend any necessary changes to the Selectmen.
- E The Committee shall advise the Selectmen and the Town on issues, trends, and mandates of waste disposal and recycling at the local, State, and Federal levels.
- F The Committee shall promote recycling as an environmentally and economically sound alternative to waste disposal when appropriate.
- G The Solid Waste Committee shall endeavor to provide as much space as is appropriate and feasible for waste disposal and recycling.
- H The Committee shall budget, arrange, and publicize town participation in Bath-Brunswick area HHW collection events.
- I The Committee shall provide information to the public about recycling procedures and disposal options for items that are not accepted at the Transfer Station.

Section 5 Georgetown Transfer Station

- A The Transfer Station is designed as a place where Georgetown residents and seasonal renters can recycle or dispose of municipal solid waste, where those materials can be stored temporarily, and where waste haulers can remove those materials easily. It shall be operated in ways consistent with applicable Federal and State laws and regulations.
- B Admission to the Transfer Station shall be by permit sticker only. Permit stickers are available at the Town Office on request with proof of residence, as defined above in Section 3.K. Seasonal renters must obtain permit stickers from their landlords. Permit stickers must be displayed on vehicles or in their windows to gain access to the Transfer Station. Permit stickers issued to persons no longer resident in Georgetown are void. The Selectmen may revoke a permit sticker following notice and hearing of a violation of this Ordinance or operating procedures.
- C The Selectmen, in consultation with the Solid Waste Committee, shall establish operating procedures for the Transfer Station. Operating procedures, hours, and any other relevant information shall be displayed at the Transfer Station and at the Town Office.
- D Anyone who uses the Transfer Station shall do so at the strict direction of the Attendant. No person shall violate the operating procedures set forth for the Transfer Station or any directives issued by the Attendant. Security cameras are in place at the Transfer Station and will be used in part to assist with finding and documenting violations of this Ordinance and other inappropriate actions. If a person's conduct is criminal or is posing an immediate safety risk to Transfer Station employees or the public, the individual may be asked to leave the Transfer Station.
~~If any person refuses to obey any directives or operating procedures, the Attendant shall have the authority to deny access to the Transfer Station for that person until he or she complies or until the Selectmen have had the opportunity to hear the complaint.~~
In the case of any violation the Transfer Station Manager or designee shall file a detailed incident report with the Select Board within 24 hours. If the Town Office is closed, the chairperson of the

Select Board shall be contacted by telephone within 24 hours of the violation. The Select Board, upon reviewing the report, may assess a penalty against the violator in accordance with section 7. Failure of a violator to pay an assessed penalty within 30 days of notice, or to correct the violation, may subject the violator to legal action to collect the penalty and/or impose restrictions on the violator's future access to the Transfer Station.

- E ~~No person shall enter~~ Unauthorized entry or use of the Transfer Station outside of the regular posted hours of operation shall constitute Trespass.
- F No waste generated outside Georgetown will be accepted.
- G No commercial haulers will be allowed to dispose of waste at the Georgetown Transfer Station.
- H No person shall dispose of Household Hazardous Waste at the Transfer Station. The attendants are prohibited from accepting HHW.
- I Items classified as Universal Waste (UW) must be handed directly to an attendant.

Section 6 Illegal Dumping of Waste

- A No person shall discard any municipal solid waste, construction waste, bulky waste, abandoned vehicles, or other litter along public ways, on public land, or on any private property other than his or her own.
- B No person shall transport municipal solid waste, construction waste, bulky waste, rocks, gravel, or other materials on the public ways in an unsecured manner that allows them to become deposited on or along the public ways.
- C No person shall operate a junkyard without appropriate licensing under applicable State law and Town ordinances.
- D No person shall dispose of hazardous wastes anywhere in Georgetown in a manner not allowed under this ordinance or applicable Federal or State law.

Section 7 Enforcement, Violations, and Penalties

- A Any person who violates the terms of this Ordinance shall be subject to a fine assessed by the Selectmen of not less than \$50 or more than \$500 for each violation, as well as the cost of cleanup.
- B Any person assessed a penalty under this Ordinance may appeal to the Board of Appeals.
- C Any person found guilty of a violation under this Ordinance shall be liable for the legal costs of the Town, as well as the cost of cleanup.

Section 8 Validity and Conflict of Ordinances

- A If any part of this Ordinance is found to be invalid, unconstitutional, or inapplicable, that finding shall not affect or impair the remaining provisions of this Ordinance.
- B If this Ordinance conflicts with other ordinances of the Town of Georgetown, the strictest provisions shall apply.
- C This Ordinance does not preempt any similar Federal or State laws or regulations that are more restrictive.
- D By adopting this Ordinance, the citizens of the Town of Georgetown hereby repeal the Abandoned Automobile Ordinance (adopted 8 August 1973), the Dump Ordinance (adopted 8 August 1973), the Hazardous Waste Disposal Ordinance (adopted 20 June 1981), and the Litter Ordinance (adopted 6 March 1971).

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FREE ACTIVITIES NOT TO MISS

- **Flu & high-dose flu shot/COVID booster** walk-in clinic courtesy of Northern Light Home Care & Hospice and Martin's Point Health Care (please bring your insurance card)
- **Swag Bags** for the first 500 attendees!
- **Technology Help Desk** courtesy of Carpe Diem Tech Support - Bring in your own device and questions
- **Repair Cafe** courtesy of Curtis Memorial Library - Bring your items from home - get help with mending clothing, lamp repair, book repair, jewelry repairs, sharpening tools, and general electrical repair
- **15-minute massages** and **balance screenings** courtesy of Coastal Orthopedics & Sports Medicine Physical Therapy
- **Raffle drawing** for Two Amtrak Downeaster round trip tickets!
- **Raffle drawing** for a People Plus Lifetime Membership!
- **Live Music** Performances by Nor'easters Barbershop Chorus
- Mid Coast Hunger Prevention Program **Sharing Table**
- **Live remote broadcast** from the Expo with Jim Bleikamp and Radio Midcoast WCME!
- **"Expo Special" People Plus Membership Deal:** \$35 for new members for the first year!
- Yellow Dot, Good Morning, and Volunteer Transportation Network (VTN) **program registration**
- **Books signings & chats** with the People Plus Write On Writers
 - **Tours** of the Brunswick Recreation Department's Fitness Center
 - **Free Wicked Joe Coffee** and healthy refreshment choices including fruit, granola bars, and more!!



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HAPPY HALLOWEEN!!

This fall at GCC!

19 Old Schoolhouse Road

Stuff-Your-Own-Scarecrow Party!

Saturday October 19th, Rain Date October 20th

1-3 PM

**Clothes and hay/leaves provided OR bring
your own outfit!**

Doughnuts & Cider

Pizza & Trick-or-Treat

**Thursday October 31st at 5 til we
run out!**

Pizza, etc, and CANDY!

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BEING A TRICK-OR-TRUNKER
AROUND THE SQUARE IN FIVE ISLANDS, PLEASE EMAIL the
Rec Committee at georgetownmainerecreation@gmail.com.

Join us at GCC for a WICKED good time!



Georgetown Community Center, Inc.

Have you heard about the Community Cupboard at GCC?

Open to any Georgetown resident, we are offering these staple items on a once monthly Monday afternoon. Help us get the word out!! When you come to the Community Cupboard, a sheet is available with the list below and you can choose the items you'd like in the bag. It is 100% confidential. We do not ask for your name or address or any financial info. Can't get to us? Send an email to Tiffany at TheTiffanystudio@yahoo.com and we will make arrangements to get a bag to you.

Number in Household _____

Please Check or Circle Items you would like below:

- Skippy Peanut Butter
 - Creamy
 - Chunky
- Smucker's Jelly
 - Grape
 - Strawberry
- Box Cereal
 - Honey Nut Cheerios
 - Cinnamon Toast Crunch
- 1 lb Box of Spaghetti
- Prego Italian Sauce
- Box Shells w/ Cheese
- White Minute Rice
- Quaker Instant Oatmeal
- Complete Pancake Mix
- Maple Syrup
- White Bread

Canned Items

- Green Beans
- Whole Kernel Corn
- Sweet Peas
- Bush Baked Beans
- Bush Black Beans
- Bumblebee Tuna
- Spaghetti O's w/Meatballs
- Campbells Tomato Soup
- Campbells Chicken Noodle Soup

Community Cupboard



*LAST MONDAY OF THE MONTH!

August 26th

September 30th

October 28th

November 25th

December 30th

3-5 PM



GEORGETOWN YOGA

FREE TO RESIDENTS

Join local instructor Andrea Reazer for a free monthly yoga class the second Sunday each month for the rest of the year!

Sept 8th
Oct 13th
Nov 10th
Dec 8th

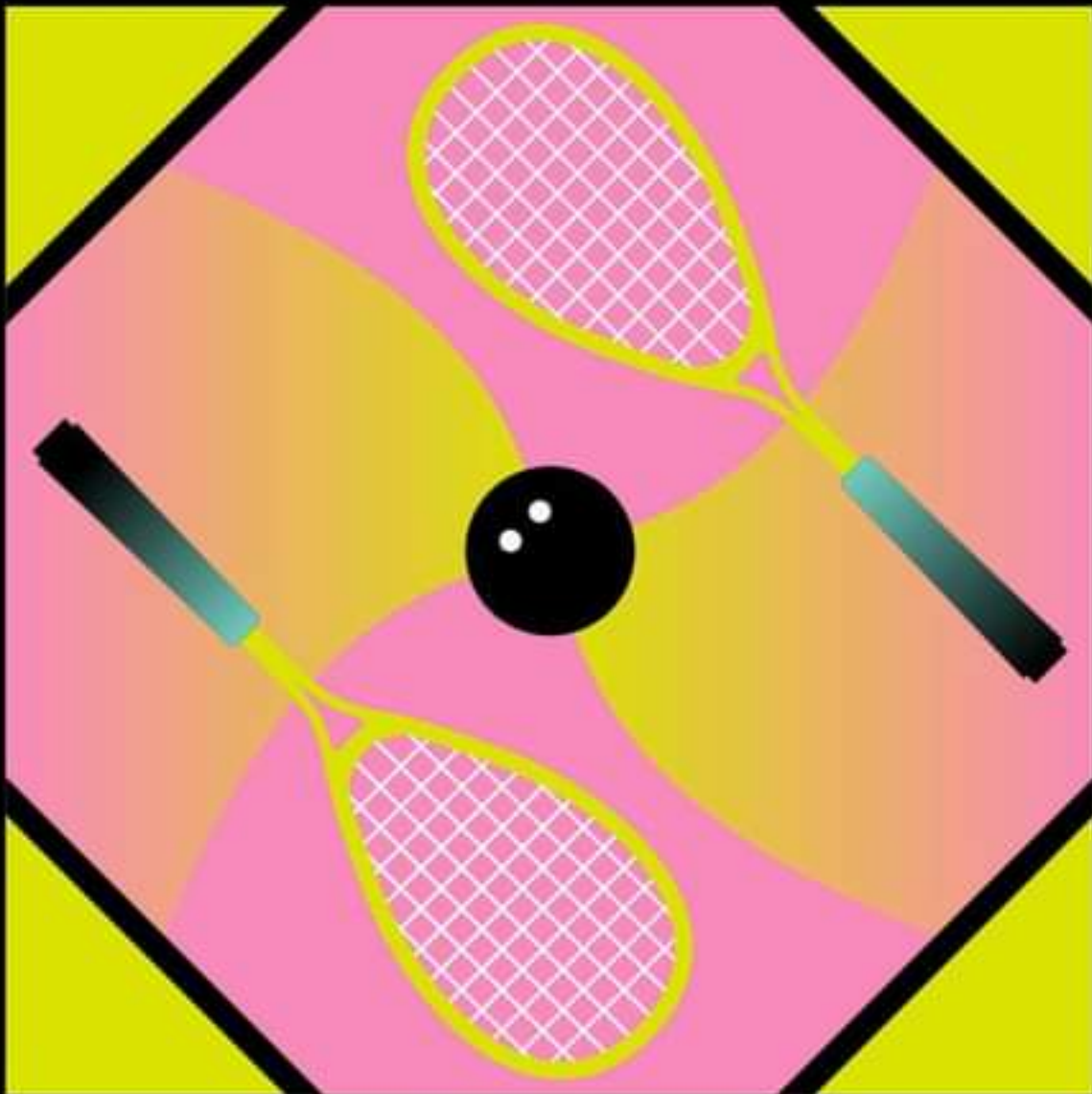
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