

Report on the Selectboard Meeting of January 09, 2024

Prepared by Alison Freeman

Note: These are not official minutes -- just notes taken by me. Official minutes will be available from the Town Office and will be posted on the Town web site following Board approval at the next meeting.

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These notes, and the full agenda for the meeting, are available at SingingBridge.net as a PDF.

Recordings of Selectboard meetings are available on the Town's YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/@GeorgetownME>

The Meeting: The meeting was conducted as a Zoom hybrid. Selectboard Members Rich Donaldson and Jon Collins, Town Administrator Tyler Washburn, and Finance Director Mary McDonald were together in the Town Office. Selectboard Member Bronwen Tudor was on Zoom. There were 14 members of the public in attendance in person or on Zoom.

Approval of the minutes of the meeting of December 12, 2023 was tabled. They will be approved at the next selectboard meeting.

Most Important/Interesting Items: In my judgment, the following items were the most important things covered during the meeting.

- The meeting was interrupted briefly due to a wifi disruption
- Scheduled meeting with Town Owned Property Management Board (TOPMB) regarding the proposed changes to the Fee Schedule process. TOPMB requested clarification. Selectboard members explained their intention to simplify the administrative process of setting the various fees collected by the Town. Currently fees can only be changed using the ordinance amendment process which takes at least six months and a vote at Town Meeting. DRAFT language has been requested, but not yet received from the Town attorney. This language, saying that the Selectboard will set the fees at the recommendation of the committees, will be inserted into any ordinance that has fees. This change is still in process. To hear the full discussion please watch the meeting at <https://www.youtube.com/@GeorgetownME>
- Selection of a bid for Engine One. The highest bid was accepted
- TOPMB requested approval of expending a sum, not to exceed \$90,000, from the Wharf Reserve Fund for decking replacement. The request was approved
- Tyler Washburn reported that the FEMA grant was awarded

Correspondence:

The Town Administrator reported on correspondence received. For a complete listing of this correspondence, see the Meeting Agenda on the Town website.

The most interesting items were:

- Maine Department of Labor – e-Blast*
- Maine Department of Marine Resources – Shellfish Warden Training*
- Sagadahoc County Sheriff's Department – Incident Report*
- Midcoast Council of Governments Newsblast: Funding Opportunities*
- Island Institute – Funding Request Letter*
- Sweetser – Funding Request Letter*
- Bath Area YMCA – Funding Request Letter*
- Police One Academy – Certificate of Training for Animal Control Officer (ACO New Law Update)
- Maine Town and City Magazine – December Edition* (note: Select Board Copies at Town Office)

Upcoming Events/Dates:

Solid Waste Committee	Thursday, January 11th	7:00pm ZOOM
OFFICE CLOSED	Monday, January 15th	MLK Jr. DAY
TOPMB	Tuesday, January 16th	4:00pm HYBRID
Planning Board	Wednesday, January 17th	7:00pm HYBRID
Select Board	Tuesday, January 23rd	7:00pm HYBRID

The next meeting of the Selectboard will be at 7 PM on Tuesday, January 23, 2024. The public is welcome to attend on ZOOM. E-mail gtwnme@hotmail.com for the ZOOM code to join the meeting no later than 2pm that day.

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We included a copy of this notice in all tax bills and are posting for those who could've missed it or don't receive tax bills. Save and put on your fridge!

SAVE THIS NOTICE ✓

Town Office Hours

- Monday** 9am-12pm, 1pm-5pm
- Tuesday** 9am-12pm, 1pm-5pm
- Wednesday** 9am-12pm, 1pm-5pm
- Thursday** 9am-12pm, 1pm-5pm
- Friday** Closed

Holiday Office Closures

- Jan 1** – New Years Day
- Jan 15** – Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Feb 19** – Presidents' Day
- April 15** – Patriot's Day
- *May 27** – Memorial Day
- *June 19** – Juneteenth
- July 4** – Independence Day
- *Sept 2** – Labor Day
- *Oct 14** – Indigenous Peoples' Day
- Nov 11** – Veterans' Day
- Nov 27 & 28** – Thanksgiving
- Dec 25 & 26** – Christmas

The Transfer Station will be open on the above dates noted with an asterisk (*)

2024 Election Dates

- March Presidential Primary**
When? March 5
- State Primary Election & Municipal Election**
When? June 11
- State General Election**
When? November 5

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TOWN MEETING WILL BE HELD ON JUNE 15, 2024

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STAY TUNED FOR HEARING DATES!
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DOG REMINDER

State law requires dogs to be licensed in each municipality that they reside in for more than 10 days.



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IN THE EVENT OF INCLEMENT WEATHER, CALL TOWN OFFICE BEFORE COMING IN. IF THE SCHOOL IS CLOSED, WE TYPICALLY ARE, TOO.



Georgetown recreation department



Nov 1 at 12:09 PM · 🌐

Pickleball will be moving indoors starting this weekend on Saturdays and Sundays from 9 AM - 11 AM, unless otherwise notified. We'll tape lines on the Central School gymnasium floor and the net will be setup for your enjoyment. Rackets and balls will be provided.

Pickleball has become a great social event for our town. Skill level and age make no difference. It's truly a game for all skill levels and ages. Take a look at this video to learn a little bit about the game and come and have fun!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kqLRRNOpe8U>



Pickleball





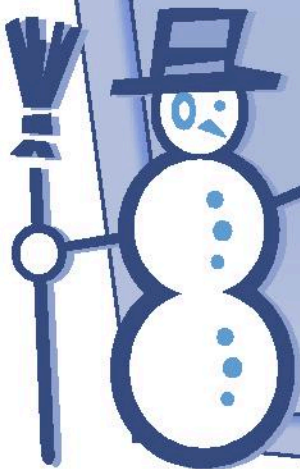
Emergency Community Outreach

Power outages, extreme cold, fires and flooding are all part of life in Georgetown. We are lucky to live in a place where family, friends, and neighbors pitching in and providing support as needed is the norm.

The collective groups who serve this town want to ensure that every Georgetown resident knows how to get help in the event of an emergency incident. While our reach is greater than it ever has been, we would really like to know all of our neighbors are being looked in upon, at the very least.

If you or someone you know would like to be included in an emergency contact system during a high-risk situation such as a power outage, forest fire, flood risk, or other urgent event, please let us know. We will then identify the means of contact that you prefer: a telephone call, email, or visit.

Please share this message with anyone you think might be interested. To opt in to this system, or if you have any questions, please contact Jim Peavey at gtagefriendly@gmail.com or 207-387-0440.



BOARD OF SELECTMEN, TOWN OF GEORGETOWN

Agenda for Tuesday, January 9, 2024 at 7:00 pm

Hybrid meeting held via ZOOM for public and at the Town Office for SB Members who wish.

Please email gtwnme@hotmail.com for the ZOOM login info.

*indicates copy provided to Selectmen

***INDICATES THE NEED FOR A MOTION TO APPROVE**

Call to order:

Public comment:

Items to be added to agenda (if approved by chair and board):

Scheduled appointments:

- Meeting with Town Owned Property Management Board regarding Fee Schedule (7:30pm)*

Minutes:

- Minutes of December 12th Meeting for review and approval* *****

Review:

- Hauling Numbers for November 2023*
- Town Owned Property Management Board – Suggested Ordinance Changes*

Assessing items:

- Reminder Municipal Valuation Return Returned (due Jan 3rd)
- Abatement Request for Susan Saveikonis (03R-036-E), Property Tax Stabilization not properly applied* *****
- Abatement Request for Audrey Moore (11R-005-E), Previously Abated - Building Value* *****

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Other Correspondence: none

Continuing Items:

Receipts for pumping: none

Maine Waste Discharge License *renewal* / transfer applications: none

Maine Waste Discharge License *approvals*: none

PBR / NRPA : none

Town Administrator Update

- FEMA Award Update
- Response to storm
 - Fire Department
 - Other
- Reminder regarding requests for meeting links
- Letter from Board to Committees
- Other / TBD

Finance Director Update

Committee Updates:

Minutes:

- Solid Waste Committee – November 9th
- Conservation Commission Meeting – November 13th

Membership:

Liaison Updates:

- Mr. Collins:
- Mr. Donaldson:
- Ms. Tudor:

Board Member Updates:

- Mr. Collins:
- Mr. Donaldson:
- Ms. Tudor:

Old Business:

- Discussion regarding compensation for Addressing Officer / Emergency Management Director

New Business:

- Selection of a bid for Engine One*★
- Approval of Recycling Contract with Lincoln County*★
- Approval of expending a sum, not to exceed \$90,000, from the Wharf Reserve Fund for decking replacement*★

Items For Signature:

Public comment:

Executive Session

Adjournment:

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