

Report on the Selectboard Meeting of January 23, 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 Jon Collins and Rich Donaldson, 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.

The minutes of the meeting of December 12th, 2023 and January 9th, 2024 were approved. They will be posted on the Town website.

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

- Emergency Management Director Chris Wilcoxson updated the Selectboard regarding storm cleanup and ongoing discussions with MEMA and FEMA (Maine and Federal Emergency Management Agencies)
- Rich Donaldson would like to remind folks that a Demolition Permit is required in order to remove/demolish any existing structure greater than 100 square feet. The Demolition Permit is also important to ensure a structure is removed from the tax roles
- The Selectboard discussed the possibility and logistics of providing a dumpster or dumpsters in hard hit areas for storm cleanup
- Fire Chief Brian Whalen provided a synopsis of the Georgetown Fire Department (GFD) storm response
- The Selectboard approved the Recycling Contract with Lincoln County

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:

- Office of the Governor – via Sagadahoc EMA – Press Release regarding Special Meeting of the Climate Council to Discuss Impacts of Recent Storms*
- Maine Department of Labor – e-Blast*
- Island Institute – Email re: Business Resilience Storm Recovery Grants*
- Maine Municipal Association Legislative Bulletin - January 5th*
- Maine Municipal Association Legislative Bulletin – January 12th*
- Funding Request Letter from Bath-Brunswick Respite Care*

Public Comment:

- Dave Polito told the Selectboard that the Solid Waste Committee (SWC) recommends approval of the Recycling Contract with Lincoln County
- Alison Freeman told the Selectboard that members of the SWC have seen the Recycling Contract with Lincoln County although they have not had a meeting since it was received so have not discussed it. In response to comments from Rich Donaldson, she said it is true that sometimes single stream recycling does end up being incinerated rather than being recycled, but that is unlikely to occur with recycling sent to Lincoln County because they use Maine Resource Recovery Association (MRRA) to broker their recycling. The reason Lincoln County sometimes asks the Transfer Station to make changes in what we accept is the ups and downs of the various commodities markets
- Bob Trabona commented that any dumpsters provided would need to be supervised. Poorly loaded dumpsters are not cost effective

Upcoming Events/Dates:

SWC Ordinance Workshop	Thursday, January 25th	7:00pm ZOOM
Financial Advisory Committee	Tuesday, January 30th	10:00am IN PERSON
Shellfish Conservation Committee	Thursday, February 1st	4:30pm IN PERSON
Recreation Committee	Tuesday, February 6th	6:00pm HYBRID
Planning Board	Wednesday, February 7th	7:00pm HYBRID
Solid Waste Committee	Thursday, February 8th	7:00pm ZOOM
Conservation Commission	Monday, February 12th	6:30pm ZOOM
Select Board	Tuesday, February 13th	7:00pm HYBRID

The next meeting of the Selectboard will be at 7 PM on Tuesday, February 13, 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.

Prepared and distributed by Alison Freeman



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





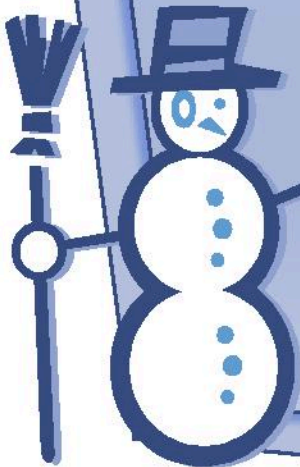
Emergency Community Outreach

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 23, 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:

Minutes:

- Minutes of December 12th Meeting for review and approval******
- Minutes of January 9th Meeting for review and approval******

Review:

- December Financials*
- December Hauling Numbers*
- Shellfish Conservation Ordinance – Draft Changes*

Assessing items: None.

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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

- NIMS Zoom Reminder
- Robinhood Road FEMA Update
- Lincoln County Recycling Contract Update
- Insurance for decking at Wharf
- Reid State Park Visit – January 24th

Finance Director Update

EMA Update – Storm Responses

Fire Chief Update – Storm Responses

Committee Updates:

Minutes:

- Solid Waste Management Committee Meeting – December 14th
- Financial Advisory Committee – Kickoff Meeting – January 9th

Membership:

Liaison Updates:



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

Board Member Updates:

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

Old Business:

New Business:

- Discussion re: Dumpsters for Storm Cleanup *
- Appointment of a Georgetown Representative to the Patten Free Library Board of Directors*

Items For Signature:

Public comment:

Executive Session

Adjournment:

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