

Report on the Selectboard Meeting of February 27, 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 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 18 members of the public in attendance in person or on Zoom.

The minutes of the meeting of February 13, 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.

- Regarding the Code Enforcement Officer Position, Tyler Washington was directed to schedule a workshop with the Selectboard and board members from Woolwich and Arrowsic to discuss creating a shared Code Enforcement Officer Position
- When discussing correspondence, Mr. Donaldson reminded everyone that all correspondence regarding Town business should be addressed to and sent to the Town. Mail sent directly to the Town Attorney will be forwarded to the Town, not read by the Town Attorney, so the Town can avoid being billed for services the Selectboard has not authorized
- Robert Trabona was re-appointed to the Financial Advisory Committee (FAC)
- Terry Taylor was re-appointed to the Financial Advisory Committee (FAC)

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's e-Blast
- Maine Department of Marine Resources – Shellfish Warden Training
- Email from Philip B. Davis, *new* Emergency Management Director for Sagadahoc County
- Maine Municipal Association Legislative Bulletin #6
- Maine Municipal Association Legislative Bulletin #7
- Letter from Rufus Brown re: Georgetown Tax Rebate to MacMahan Island
- Funding Request Letters
 - People Plus Volunteer Transportation Program
 - Midcoast Community Action Program

Public Comment:

- A representative of the Island Home Club (Malden and Hen islands) thanked Tyler Washburn for all of his help navigating the storm damage recovery process

Upcoming Events/Dates:

<i>Presidential Primary Election</i>	<i>Tuesday, March 5th</i>	<i>8:00am to 8:00pm</i>
Planning Board	Wednesday, March 6 th	7:00pm HYBRID
Cemetery District Trustees	Thursday, March 7 th	10:00am IN PERSON
Shellfish Conservation Comm	Thursday, March 7 th	4:30pm IN PERSON
Recreation Committee	Thursday, March 7 th	6:00pm HYBRID
School Budget Workshop	Thursday, March 7 th	6:00pm HYBRID
<i>Daylight Savings Time</i>	<i>Sunday, March 10th</i>	<i>Spring Forward!</i>
Financial Advisory Comm.	Monday, March 11 th	2:00pm IN PERSON
Conservation Commission	Monday, March 11 th	6:30pm ZOOM
Select Board	Tuesday, March 12 th	7:00pm HYBRID
Solid Waste Committee	Thursday, March 14 th	7:00pm ZOOM
<i>St. Patrick's Day</i>	<i>Sunday, March 17th</i>	<i>ALL DAY</i>
Town Owned Property Mgt	Tuesday, March 19 th	4:00pm IN PERSON
School Committee	Wednesday March 20 th	5:00pm HYBIRD
Planning Board	Wednesday March 20 th	7:00pm HYBIRD
Select Board	Tuesday, March 26 th	7:00pm HYBRID

The next meeting of the Selectboard will be at 7 PM on Tuesday, March 12th. 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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BOARD OF SELECTMEN, TOWN OF GEORGETOWN

Agenda for Tuesday, February 27, 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 February 13th Meeting for review and approval* 

Review:

- Draft Changes – Waterways and Harbor Ordinance*
- Draft Changes – Solid Waste Management Ordinance*
- January Hauling Numbers*

Assessing items:

- Application for Working Waterfront Land Classification – James, Kelly and Andrew – U11-017

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Other Correspondence: none

Continuing Items:

Receipts for pumping: none

Maine Waste Discharge License *renewal* / transfer applications:

- Bernet, 14 Hinckley Road 12U-029
- Sabol Family Trust, 23 Misty Lane, 14U-029

Maine Waste Discharge License *approvals*: none

PBR / NRPA :

Finance Director Update

Committee Updates:

Minutes:

- January Meeting of the Harbor Committee

Membership:

- *Retroactive Appointment* of Robert Trabona to a three-year term on the Financial Advisory Committee
- *Retroactive Appointment* of Terry Taylor to a three-year term on the Financial Advisory Committee

Liaison Updates:

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

Board Member Updates:

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

Old Business:

- Master Ordinance for Fee Schedule Discussion

New Business:

- Discussion regarding Code Enforcement Officer Position*
- Request from the Town Owned Property Management Board re: ARPA funds*

Items For Signature:

- *If approved*, Appointment Certificate of Robert Trabona to the Financial Advisory Committee
- *If approved*, Appointment Certificate of Terry Taylor to the Financial Advisory Committee

Public comment:

Executive Session

Adjournment:

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GEORGETOWN CONSERVATION COMMISSION

BIG NIGHT

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

ZOOM TRAINING AND INFO SESSION
SUNDAY, MARCH 3RD AT 3PM

Join us for BIG NIGHT this spring as we save amphibians during their yearly migration! On rainy spring nights, when evening temperatures start to climb above 40 degrees, amphibians start to migrate to vernal pools to lay their eggs. Many amphibians are hit by cars and so BIG NIGHT, a multi-state project, was created.

Email Jessica Weller with any questions jessica@troopweller.com

**REGISTRATION LINK:
[HTTPS://BIT.LY/CCBIGNIGHTTRAINING](https://bit.ly/ccbignighttraining)**





Georgetown Game Days Are Back!

Who: Georgetown Adults are welcome

Where: Georgetown Community Center

When: Thursday, 2/29, 3/21, 4/4, 4/18, 4/25

Time: 1PM to 4PM

**Games: Cribbage, Mahjong and Dominoes
or bring your own!**

No experience necessary.

We hope to see you there!

**Sponsored by the Georgetown Recreation
Committee**



COME TO THE COMMUNITY CUPBOARD!

19 Old Schoolhouse Road



**Please come to GCC,
we'll help fill your pantry for
free!**

February 26th

March 25th

April 22nd

May 28th (Tuesday)

3pm-5pm



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





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.



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.

