

Report on the Selectboard Meeting of May 27, 2025

Prepared by Alison Freeman

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

The Meeting: The meeting was conducted as a Zoom hybrid. Selectboard Member Jon Collins, Town Administrator Tyler Washburn and Finance Director Mary McDonald were together in the Town Office. Selectboard Members Bronwen Tudor and Aria Ee were on Zoom. There were 8 members of the public in attendance in person or on Zoom.

The minutes of the meeting of April 22nd, May 6th, and May 13th, 2025 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.

- The Town Warrant for Annual Town Meeting was approved
- Representative Allison Hepler provided a Legislative Update
- The Selectboard declined Arrowsic's request for funds to help with the removal of the abandoned boat
- Eldest citizen, Delores Wyss will receive the Boston Post Cane at a short ceremony before Town Meeting at 9am on June 10th

Correspondence:

The Town Administrator reported on correspondence received. For a complete listing of this correspondence, see the Meeting Agenda on the Town website. Members of the public may come to the Town Office to read the correspondence items listed here.

The most interesting items were:

- Maine Senate – Office of Denise Tepler – Legislative Update
- State of Maine – Maine Climate Council Newsletter (Grant Notice)
- State of Maine – Maine Climate Council Newsletter
- State of Maine – BMV – Notice about Exempt Plates
- Georgetown Volunteer Fire Department – Informational Handout re :Budget
- Maine Municipal Association – FOAA Training
- Sweetser – Annual Report (Copy in the Office)
- Habitat for Humanity – Newsletter

Public Comment:

- Lisa Sabatine spoke out against the request from Arrowsic for funds to help with the removal of the abandoned boat.

Upcoming Events/Dates:

Select Board Meeting	Tuesday, May 27 th	6:00pm HYBRID
Recreation Committee	Tuesday, June 3 rd	6:00pm HYBRID
Planning Board	Wednesday, June 4 th	7:00pm HYBRID
Conservation Commission	Monday, June 9 th	6:00pm ZOOM

ELECTION DAY IS TUESDAY, JUNE 10. POLLS ARE OPEN 8AM TO 8PM GCS Gymnasium

Select Board Meeting	Tuesday, June 10 th	6:00pm HYBRID
Solid Waste Management Co	Thursday, June 12 th	7:00pm ZOOM

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING IS SATURDAY, JUNE 14 9:00am GCS Gymnasium

TOPMB	Wednesday, June 18 th	5:00pm IN PERSON
Planning Board	Wednesday, June 18 th	7:00pm HYBRID

TOWN OFFICE CLOSED ON JUNE 19 IN OBSERVATION OF JUNETEENTH

Select Board Meeting	Tuesday, June 24 th	6:00pm HYBRID
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The next meeting of the Selectboard will be at 6 PM on Tuesday, June 10th. The public is welcome to attend in person or on ZOOM. E-mail gtwnme@hotmail.com for the ZOOM code to join the meeting no later than 2pm that day. The agenda and meeting packet are available, usually the Monday before a meeting, at:

https://www.georgetownme.com/?page_id=6611

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SELECT BOARD, TOWN OF GEORGETOWN

Agenda for Tuesday, May 27, 2025 at 6:00 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 Select Board**

***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:

- 6:05pm – Legislative Update with Rep. Hepler

Minutes:

- Minutes of April 22nd Meeting for review and approval *
- Minutes of May 6th Meeting for review and approval *
- Minutes of May 13th Meeting for review and approval *

Review:

Assessing items:

- Abatement(s) Update

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Continuing Items:

Receipts for pumping:

Maine Waste Discharge License **renewal** / transfer applications:

Maine Waste Discharge License **approvals**:

PBR / NRPA :

Board Member / Committee Updates:

- Mr. Collins:
- Ms. Tudor:
- Ms. Eee

Town Administrator Update

Finance Director Update

Fire Chief Update

Old Business:

- Approval of letter to Coast Guard re: Opposition to Buoys Removal*★

New Business:

- Discussion and Approval of Proposed Town Warrant for Annual Town Meeting *★
- Discussion regarding County Tax Payment Schedule*
- Approval for Harris Local Government (TRIO) Trainings for both Deputy Town Clerk and prospective Town Clerk *★
- Possible rescheduling of the June 10th Meeting*★

Items For Signature:

- Town Warrant will be signed following review from Town Counsel

Public comment:

Executive Session:

Adjournment:

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PERIWINKLE PIE CO.

OPENING DAY!

THURSDAY MAY 29TH

8AM-1PM

ROBINHOOD FREE MEETINGHOUSE
210 ROBINHOOD RD.
GEORGETOWN

*Summer Hours:
Thursday-Saturday
8am-1pm*

SAVE THE DATE

Georgetown Working League

YARN SWAP

SUNDAY, JUNE 22ND

FROM 2-4PM

**GEORGETOWN COMMUNITY
CENTER**

WWW.GEORGETOWNWORKINGLEAGUE.ORG



The background is a dark blue field filled with numerous white, red, and blue stars of various sizes. Scattered throughout are stylized fireworks in red, white, and blue, some appearing as bursts and others as streaks. The overall theme is patriotic and celebratory.

Fourth of July PARADE

Be a part of the FUN!! Join GCC and
decorate yourself, bike, car, horse,
wagon, trailer, or MAKE A FLOAT!
2PM July 4th Five Islands Square



Georgetown Historical Society

20 Bay Point Road, Georgetown, Maine 04548
207-371-9200 georgetownhistorical@gmail.com

GHS hours: Wednesdays 10 – 5 and Saturdays 10 – 1

Celebrate! 50 Years, 50 Treasures: Selections from the GHS Collections

An exhibit which takes visitors back through our island's history –
from the current day to pre-colonial Indigenous habitation.



May 24 through November 1, 2025



Join us as we celebrate the 50th anniversary of
GHS and The Georgetown Tide.



Georgetown Working League DONATIONS

The GWL is seeking donations for our Thrifts and Gifts shop. We are looking for clean and gently used White Elephant items, Collectibles and unique items for our Silent Auction. As you are doing your spring cleaning, please keep the GWL in mind!

2 DROP OFF LOCATIONS

COMMUNITY CENTER

Mondays. April 14th - July 28th
(except for 4/21, 5/26 & 6/2)
from 10 - 11:30am

THRIFTS AND GIFTS SHOP

Saturday, May 3rd and 17th
from 9 - 11

When Shop is Open

Friday - Sunday from 10-4pm
May 23rd - July 27th



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GEORGETOWN WORKING LEAGUE

SUMMER

FUNdraising

Thriffs and Gifts Shop

Open Friday-Sunday 10-4

Memorial Day Thru Labor Day
833 Five Islands Road Georgetown

Handmade crafts-thrifts-local artisans-
collectibles-kids corner and much more!



2025 Quilt Raffle

\$5 For a Book of 7 Tickets

Buy a chance to win our 2025 GWL quilt!
Tickets can be purchased at the Thrifts and
Gifts shop or through our website.

BID\$ and BITE\$

Saturday, August 9th from 10-1pm

Georgetown Community Center

Silent Auction-Baked Goods-Live Music-
Coffee-Kids Activities-Quilt Raffle Drawing



JOIN THE GWL!

Create-Volunteer-Raise Money for the
Community-Meet New People-
Have fun!

Email for more information:
gwl.events.04548@gmail.com

Help us raise money for the Community
WWW.GEORGETOWNWORKINGLEAGUE.ORG





**April 5th
at Patten Free Library**



**May 3rd
at Bath Habitat for
Humanity ReStore**



**June 21st
at the
Curtis Memorial Library**

Why Replace when you can repair?

A Repair Cafe brings together a community of fixers willing to educate people so that they can repair their everyday items rather than throw them out

**All events held on Saturday Mornings
10 A.M. till 12:30 P.M.**

Our Repair Cafe will have experts able to repair:

- Electronics
- Computers
- Clothing
- Small appliances
- Wooden Furniture
- 3D Printed Repairs
- Leather Repairs
- Knife Sharpening

**We are always looking for
additional volunteers, if you
are interested call Curtis
Library!**

Questions? Please call the Curtis library at 725-5242 ext 4

SELECT BOARD, TOWN OF GEORGETOWN

DRAFT MINUTES for Tuesday, April 22, 2025 at 6:00 pm

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The meeting was **called to order** at 6:02 PM by Chairman Collins.

Mr. Collins was in attendance, as were Ms. Tudor and Ms. Eee. The Town Administrator and Finance Director were in attendance, along with members of the Financial Advisory Committee. Various members of the public attended both in person and via Zoom.

There was no **public comment**.

No items were added to the agenda.

The Board held **one scheduled appointment**: a 6:15 PM meeting with the Financial Advisory Committee for the presentation of the proposed 2025-26 Town Budget.

On a motion by Ms. Tudor, seconded by Ms. Eee, it was unanimously voted (3-0) to approve the **minutes** of both the March 25 and April 8 meetings.

The Board was provided with the March financials for **review**.

The lone **assessing** item was an update that the Town's Assessing Agent, Bill Van Tuinen, would be in town on April 23 to conduct site visits for properties under consideration for abatement.

The Board was provided with the following items of correspondence:

- State of Maine – Maine Climate Council Update
- City of Bath – Upcoming Household Hazardous Waste Information
- Town of Georgetown – Updated Transfer Station Brochure
- GVFD – May Plant Sale Notice
- Maine Municipal Association – Legislative Bulletin
- GIEF – Upcoming event with Halcyon String Quartet

There were no **continuing items**.

The following **Board Member and Committee updates** were provided:

- **Mr. Collins** reported that the Planning Board continues to receive surveys regarding short-term rentals. He also reported on the recent TOPMB meeting, where the budget was

discussed at length. At that same meeting, the TOPMB shared with two business owners their rationale for denying the Special Use Permit for kayakers.

- **Ms. Tudor** reported on the Solid Waste Management Committee, noting a report of trespassers at the Transfer Station and stressing the importance of adhering to posted hours. She also stated that the joint grant application between Arrowsic and Georgetown Conservation Commissions received high marks and would likely be funded.
- **Ms. Eee** noted that none of her committees had met and that she was working to coordinate a date for the Working Waterfront Work Group. She also reported that the School Committee had passed its budget.

The Town Administrator gave a brief **update** on the following items:

- The Town Office is open for regular business hours, but the Clerk's desk will remain closed until Thursday. It was also noted that Alex will open the Clerk's desk on Friday from 9 AM to 1 PM to accommodate residents needing access on that additional day.
- Delores Wyss is now the longest-lived citizen on the island, and plans are being made for a presentation with the outgoing Select Board Chair to honor her as the Boston Post Cane recipient
- Attorney John Cunningham has been contacted regarding the Town Meeting moderator role, and confirmation of his availability is expected by the end of the week.
- Mr. Washburn updated the Board on his findings in response to Bill Webster's December letter. He noted that during Town Meeting, residents can amend budget articles to a lower amount but cannot raise them. Ordinances cannot be amended on Town Meeting floor.

Following the update, Ms. Tudor moved to direct the Town Administrator to check with Maine Municipal Association's Legal Department to confirm his understanding of the amendment process and to follow up with Mr. Webster once that had been done. Further, she moved that this process be outlined at the Budget Hearing and at the outset of the Town Meeting by the Moderator. This motion was seconded by Ms. Eee and unanimously approved (3-0).

Following this update, the Financial Advisory Committee and Finance Director presented the proposed 2025-26 Budget. The full presentation has been recorded and can be viewed online (www.youtube.com/@georgetownme) or at the Town Office. The full budget, as presented, is appended to these minutes.

Following the Budget Presentation, it was determined that the Select Board would need an additional meeting for budget deliberations. The Board decided to set a Special Select Board Meeting for May 6, immediately following the scheduled public hearings.

The Finance Director gave a brief **update** on the following items:

- Ms. McDonald noted that monthly financials had been distributed. There were no questions.

- She reminded those in attendance that the Budget is a live document and will continue to evolve.
- Lastly, Ms. McDonald noted that APRA reporting would be completed prior to the April 30 deadline.

The **Fire Chief** gave an **update** on the following items:

- Since his last report, there were 17 calls—15 EMS calls and two fire-related calls.
- The Chief reported that the Department held a training on forestry equipment and thanked Mike McDiarmid for his assistance in preparing the equipment.
- He also reported that he continues to work on training all new Department members, including at a site in Bath that allows for live fire training.

Old Business:

- On a motion by Mr. Collins, seconded by Ms. Eee, it was unanimously voted (3-0) that a Hybrid Candidates' Night would be held on May 20 at 6 PM in the Georgetown Central School Gymnasium, moderated by Nancy Kinner.

New Business:

- On a motion by Ms. Tudor, seconded by Ms. Eee, it was unanimously voted (3-0) to approve the following:
 - A Memorandum of Understanding between the Town of Georgetown and Georgetown Central School for the Story Book Trail.
 - A Memorandum of Understanding between the Town of Georgetown and the Georgetown Community Center for the Playground.
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- On a motion by Ms. Tudor, seconded by Ms. Eee, it was unanimously voted (3-0) to schedule a Public Hearing on May 6 to discuss the potential Blueberry Hill Road Septic Easement.
- On a motion by Ms. Eee, seconded by Mr. Collins, it was unanimously voted (3-0) to reschedule the May 13 Select Board Meeting to 7 PM.
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The following **items** were available **for signature**:

- Snowplow Contracts (Roads & Municipal Areas)
- Memorandum of Understanding between the Town of Georgetown and Georgetown Central School
- Memorandum of Understanding between the Town of Georgetown and the Georgetown Community Center

There was no **public comment**.

On a motion by Mr. Collins, seconded by Ms. Eee, and pursuant to MRS § 405 (6) (A), it was unanimously voted to enter **Executive Session** for a personnel matter. The Executive Session began at 7:42 PM and ended just before 8 PM.

Immediately following the Executive Session, action was taken. On a motion by Ms. Eee, seconded by Ms. Tudor, it was unanimously voted to raise the Town Administrator's salary to \$64,000 in the proposed budget to be considered at Town Meeting. It was also determined that an agenda item related to drafting a warrant article to make the Town Clerk and Tax Collector positions appointed rather than elected would be added to the next meeting.

Having transacted all business before it, the Board stood **adjourned** at 8:04pm.

SELECT BOARD, TOWN OF GEORGETOWN

SPECIAL MEETING

Draft Minutes for Tuesday, May 6, 2025

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The meeting was called to order immediately following the Blueberry Hill Easement Public Hearing at 6:42 p.m. by Chairman Collins.

Mr. Collins was in attendance, as were Ms. Tudor and Ms. Eee. The Town Administrator, Finance Director, and Fire Chief were also present. Various members of the public attended both virtually and in person.

There was no public comment.

The lone item of business was **Deliberation on the Proposed 2025-26 Town Budget**. There were a series of revisions made which will be recorded below.

- **Board of Appeals**

- On a motion by Ms. Eee, seconded by Ms. Tudor, it was voted unanimously (3–0) to:
 - Recharacterize the line item “Tapes, Transcribing Minutes” as “Hearing Expenses.”
 - Reduce that line item from \$650 to \$250.

- **Fire Department**

- While no changes were made to the Fire Department budget, Ms. Tudor sought clarity on the long-term plans for the various reserve funds. The Fire Chief responded to Ms. Tudor’s questions, noting that while there was not a set goal, planning—especially for large vehicle replacement costs—was important. It was determined that this would be an ongoing conversation.

- **Health, Recreation, and Social Services**

- On a motion by Ms. Tudor, seconded by Ms. Eee, it was voted unanimously (3–0) to:
 - Reduce the line item for the Bath Area Seniors Activity Center from \$800 to \$500.
 - Increase the Bath Area Food Bank line item from \$700 to \$1,000.
- On a motion by Ms. Tudor, seconded by Ms. Eee, it was voted unanimously (3–0) to:
 - Reduce the Bath Area YMCA line item from \$400 to \$0.
 - Reduce the Big Brother/Big Sister line item from \$450 to \$250.
 - Increase the MidCoast Maine Community Action line item from \$0 to \$600.

- On a motion by Ms. Tudor, seconded by Ms. Eee, it was voted unanimously (3–0) to:
 - Reduce the Oasis Free Clinics line item from \$500 to \$400.
 - Fund the Maine Public line item at \$100.
- On a motion by Ms. Tudor, seconded by Mr. Collins, it was voted unanimously (3–0) to increase the Spectrum Generation line item from \$496 to \$500.
- On a motion by Ms. Tudor, seconded by Ms. Eee, it was voted unanimously (3–0) to set the Tedford line item to \$500.

Lastly, on a motion by Ms. Eee and seconded by Ms. Tudor, it was voted unanimously (3–0) to proceed with the budget as amended and send it to the public hearing on May 14, 2025.

There was no executive session.

Having transacted all business before it, the Board adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

SELECT BOARD, TOWN OF GEORGETOWN

DRAFT Minutes for May 13, 2025

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Mr. Collins was in **attendance**, as were Ms. Tudor and Ms. Eee. The Town Administrator, Harbormaster, and Code Enforcement Officer were also present. Various members of the public attended virtually.

The meeting was **called to order** by Chairman Collins at 7:04 PM, followed by a moment of silence in memory of Jon Teller.

There was no **public comment**.

The Board **added one item to the agenda** under New Business: directing the Town Administrator to draft an article for inclusion on the Town Warrant to make the Town Clerk and Tax Collector positions appointed.

The Board held one **scheduled appointment** with the Harbormaster to seek input on the proposed federal removal of buoys and Arrowsic's funding request for assistance in removing the Hook, Line, and Sinker. The Harbormaster expressed opposition to the removal of the buoys and stated he would submit comments to the Coast Guard. He also shared that he did not feel Georgetown should help fund the removal from Arrowsic.

On a motion by Ms. Eee, seconded by Ms. Tudor, the Board voted unanimously (3-0) to table the **minutes** of both the April 22 and May 6 meetings.

The Board received the April financials for **review**.

The Board addressed the following **assessing items**:

- On a motion by Ms. Tudor, seconded by Ms. Eee, the Board voted unanimously (3-0) to approve a Veteran's Exemption for Linda MacGillvary.
- On a motion by Ms. Tudor, seconded by Ms. Eee, the Board voted unanimously (3-0) to accept the Assessing Agent's recommendation and deny the abatement request from Five I Fuel for Lot 13U-051.
- On a motion by Ms. Eee, seconded by Ms. Tudor, the Board voted unanimously (3-0) to accept the Assessing Agent's recommendation and approve an abatement request from the Estate of Eugene Reynolds for Lot 03R-036, fully abating the building value.
- On a motion by Ms. Tudor, seconded by Ms. Eee, the Board voted unanimously (3-0) to accept the Assessing Agent's recommendation and partially approve an abatement

request from Susan Hess for Lot 11U-002, reducing the assessed view factor value by \$90,000.

- The Town Administrator noted that one additional abatement request from Thomas Burgess had been received and would be addressed at a future Board meeting. He also reported that the abatement request deadline was May 30.

The Board received the following **correspondence**:

- Maine Department of Labor – Paid Medical Family Leave Bulletin
- Sagadahoc County – County Budget Public Hearing Notice
- Maine Municipal Association – Legislative Bulletin #14
- Maine Municipal Association – Legislative Bulletin #15
- MidCoast Council of Governments – Georgetown Culvert Report (DRAFT)

There were no **continuing items**.

Board Member / Committee Updates:

- **Mr. Collins** reported that the Planning Board received many responses to the short-term rental survey and planned to collate the data. He also shared that the TOPMB was discussing replacing rocks at Five Islands with curbing and the placement of a gazebo at the Laura Richards Library.
- **Ms. Tudor** reported on the Conservation Commission's excitement over the climate resiliency grant approval, noting potential challenges with federal funding logistics and new reporting requirements. She highlighted strong interest in the upcoming mosquito presentation on May 15, with 70 people signing up. Reporting on the Solid Waste Committee, she noted that the new substitute employee was performing well and described a recent dispute over construction waste disposal rules. While the waste disposal was allowed under current regulations because it was from a citizen rather than a contractor, the Solid Waste Committee unanimously supported revising the ordinance language. The Planning Board, which oversees the ordinance, will consider potential changes in the future.
- **Ms. Eee** reported on the Recreation Committee's Get to Know Your Neighbor Party held on May 4, celebrating Kathy and Bob Gravino as the 2024 Citizens of the Year. The event was a great success, with approximately 150 to 170 attendees. Thanks were extended to the Recreation Committee and contributions from local businesses, the Georgetown Jammers, The Osprey, Georgetown General Store, Periwinkle Pies, the Working League, and the GCC for hosting. She also noted that the Working Waterfront Work Group will hold its first meeting on May 20 as a hybrid session. Additionally, she mentioned that the Board of Appeals has not met yet, and the Harbor Committee is still finalizing its next meeting schedule.

The **Town Administrator** provided brief **updates** on the following items:

- Mr. Washburn reported that the School Budget Hearing had concluded and the Town Budget Hearing would take place the following evening.

- He discussed the County Budget Hearing, stating that while the formal hearing was brief, there was a lengthy discussion afterward regarding possible regional services and the potential for dividing the County Tax Payment into installments.
- Mr. Washburn noted that the Town Warrant would be ready for the next Select Board Meeting.
- He also reported that Deputy Clerk Farina would be manning the Clerk's desk later in the week and was working on obtaining necessary BMV training.
- Lastly, he encouraged everyone to attend the upcoming Georgetown Historical Society Exhibition for their 50-Year Anniversary.

Old Business:

- On a motion by Ms. Eee, seconded by Ms. Tudor, the Board voted unanimously (3-0) to direct the Town Administrator to draft and provisionally place a warrant article regarding a proposed easement for a septic system on town land.

New Business:

- On a motion by Ms. Tudor, seconded by Ms. Eee, the Board voted unanimously (3-0) to direct the Town Administrator to draft a letter opposing the possible federal removal of buoys.
- On a motion by Ms. Eee, seconded by Ms. Tudor, the Board voted unanimously to defer action on Arrowsic's request for funding the removal of the Hook, Line, and Sinker.
- On a motion by Ms. Tudor, seconded by Ms. Eee, the Board voted unanimously (3-0) to invite John Cunningham to serve as Moderator for the 2025 Town Meeting.

The following items were available for signature:

- Cemetery Deed for Judith and David Teller (Lot 133A)
- Veterans Exemption
- Various Abatement Applications

There was no **public comment**.

There was no **executive session**.

Having transacted all business before it, the meeting **adjourned** at 8:23 PM.

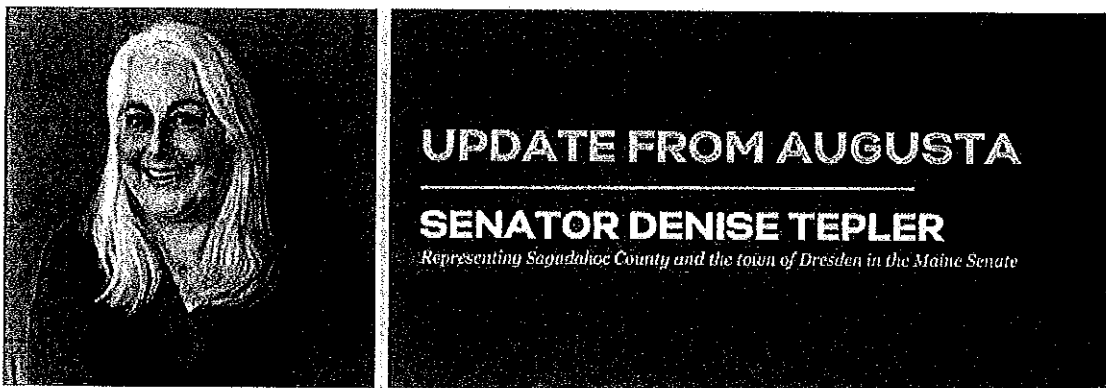
Update from Sen. Tepler

From Denise <denise.tepler@legislature.maine.gov>

Date Fri 5/16/2025 3:31 PM

To gtwnme@hotmail.com <gtwnme@hotmail.com>

Having trouble viewing this email? [Read it as a web page.](#)



Dear Dolores J. Pinette,

As we all know, the foundation of a healthy life is being able to access quality, affordable care in our communities. During my time in Augusta, I've heard from so many folks in our district about the importance of reducing the cost of health care, expanding a talented medical workforce and sustaining our local hospitals and pharmacies.

That's the progress we should be working toward, but it seems like some politicians in Washington want to take us backward.

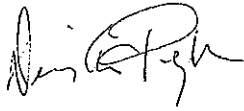
That's why, last week, my colleagues and I called on Congress to reject proposed health care cuts that would devastate Maine's health care system. Some estimates show that these cuts could cost Maine hundreds of millions of dollars and kick tens of thousands of people off their health care. There is no sugarcoating it — these proposals could mean providers closing their doors, people losing their jobs and Mainers unable to get the care they need.

While I fight for a stronger health care system here in Maine, I hope that those politicians in Washington realize that they cannot pay for their tax cuts for the rich by taking away care for Maine families.

If you have a direct question about legislation or an issue you're seeking help with, please reach out to my office. My staff and I are dedicated to representing you and assisting you

with any issues you may be experiencing. Please contact me at **207-287-1500** or by email at Denise.Tepler@legislature.maine.gov.

Sincerely,



Senator Denise Tepler

State Senator, District 24

Representing Sagadahoc County and Town of Dresden in Lincoln County

Maine Trivia: Where can you find billboards in Maine?

Read to the end to find out!

WELCOMING THE STATE CHAMPION MORSE HIGH BOYS' SWIM AND DIVE TEAM

I recently had the privilege of hosting the Morse High School Boys' Swim and Dive Team to the Maine State House. I sponsored legislative sentiments on their tremendous individual and team performances that led to win the 2025 Class B State Championship. This victory is especially historic, as it marks their first state title since 2006! The team also had the special opportunity to go inside both the Senate and House chambers. LET'S GO SHIPBUILDERS!



Rep. David Sinclair and I welcomed the Morse High School Boys Swim Team in the Senate chamber

LOCAL EVENTS

E-Gear Expo and Community Bike Ride in Bath

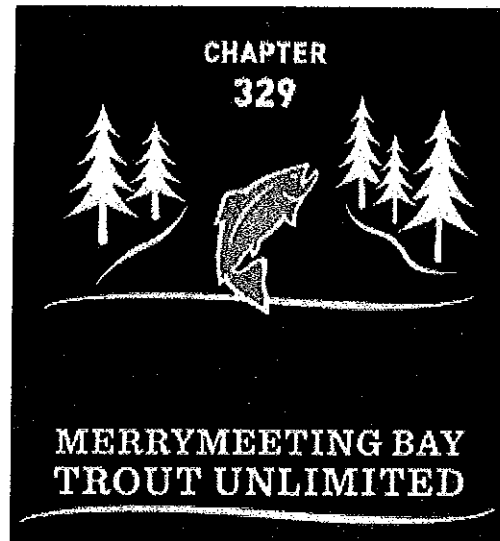
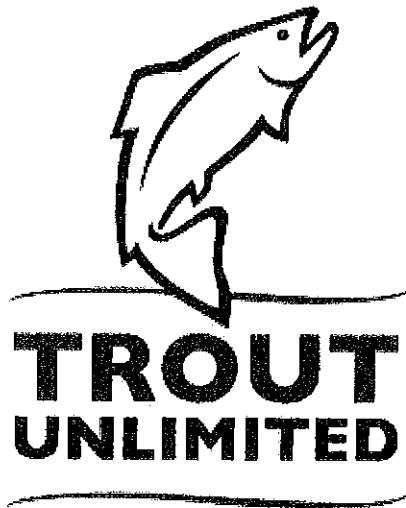
Explore electric gear, get your bike tuned-up and enjoy a community bike ride with friends and neighbors at Bridge Park on Saturday, May 17, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Visit [Bath's website](#) for more information.

Merrymeeting Bay Chapter of Trout Unlimited Meeting in Topsham

Join the fishery biologist for the Sebago Lake region for updates on recent work and future projects on Tuesday, May 20, at Sea Dog Brewing at 7:00 p.m. Click [here](#) for more information.

Native Plant Sale in Bowdoinham

Buy plants grown in Maine and sourced from local nurseries at Mailly Waterfront Park on Friday, May 23, from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.





E-GEAR & EXPO

COMMUNITY BIKE RIDE

Saturday, May 17
Bridge Park, 23 Commercial St

10AM - 2PM

E-GEAR EXPO
Explore electric gear—from lawn tools to e-bikes, chat with real users, plus test ride a Pedego e-bike!

10AM - 12PM

BIKE REPAIR POP-UP
Get your bike summer-ready with a free tune-up and learn basic bike maintenance from a pro.

12PM

COMMUNITY BIKE RIDE
Join your friends and neighbors for a fun, healthy way to kick off the season! *Helmets are required

 **PRESENTED BY:**



LAW ENFORCEMENT MEMORIAL DAY

MAY 15

LAW ENFORCEMENT MEMORIAL DAY

This week, we took a moment to honor the brave men and women of Maine who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty.

Outside of the State House, the Law Enforcement Officers Memorial lists the names of the troopers, officers and wardens who gave their lives to protect and serve you, me and our neighbors. On Tuesday, I joined my colleagues and Law Enforcement Officers from around the state to honor those lost.

I hope you will join me in thanking and remembering them this week.



WOMEN'S HEALTH WEEK

Prioritizing Women's Health:
Caring for *Mind* and *Body*

MAY 11 — 17, 2025

It's National Women's Health Week! Let's celebrate the importance of health and wellness for everyone by prioritizing self-care and supporting each of our neighbors in living their healthiest lives.

According to the Office on Women's Health, National Women's Health Week 2025 "encourages women to focus on their whole health — mind and body," emphasizing care for menopause, mental health and cancer.

This year, I'm proud to support legislation that promotes health care access for Maine women, whether it is funding family planning services, increasing access to doula care or supporting menopause education.

Let's continue to improve access to quality, affordable care for women and all Mainers.



Beginning May 7, 2025, travelers will need a federally recognized ID, whether that's a Real ID, passport, military ID or Employment Authorization Document (EAD) to fly commercially or enter specific federal buildings that already require identification.

That has meant that Maine BMV branches are experiencing high visitation and long wait times as folks get their Real IDs. If you are looking to get a Real ID, the Secretary of State's office highly recommends that you book an appointment using their online system:

BOOK AN APPOINTMENT

REAL ID DOCUMENTS NEEDED

KEEP MAINE WILDLIFE WILD



Passing along this message from the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife:

“Young wildlife will soon be out and about learning the ropes. They might still have a little bit of fluffy down sticking out from under their new feathers, be a little wobbly on their long legs, or lack some understanding of the dangers in the great outdoors, but give them a little time and plenty of space and they’ll figure things out. They’re Mainers after all. Behind each cute face is the determination, resourcefulness, and fierce independent spirit that makes them tough as nails and able to thrive in our wild woods and waters without help from humans.”

When you cross paths with young wildlife this season, remember...

- Being found alone does not mean a young animal is orphaned.
- Being out during the day does not mean an animal is sick.
- If you care, leave them there.

LEARN MORE ABOUT SICK, INJURED OR ORPHANED WILDLIFE

Trivia Answer: Nowhere! Maine banned billboards in the late 1970s!

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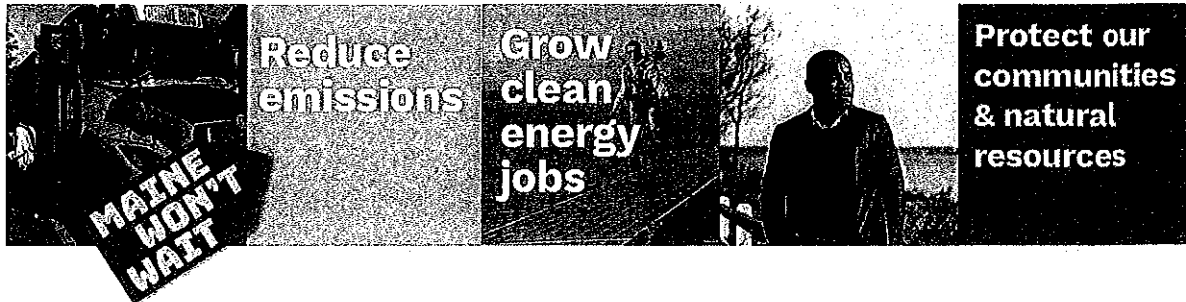
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 **Historic Community Resilience Investments and New Building Codes Webinar**

From Maine Climate Council <maineclimatecouncil@maine.gov>

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To Tyler Washburn <gtwnme@hotmail.com>



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Dear Tyler,

Yesterday, Governor Mills announced a record round of grant awards through the Community Resilience Partnership. Totalling \$8 million, this is the largest grant round ever since the Partnership began in 2021, and will support projects in 166 communities throughout Maine.




COMMUNITY
RESILIENCE  PARTNERSHIP

Read the Press Release

Communities in Maine will implement priority actions they identify to increase resilience and reduce carbon emissions.

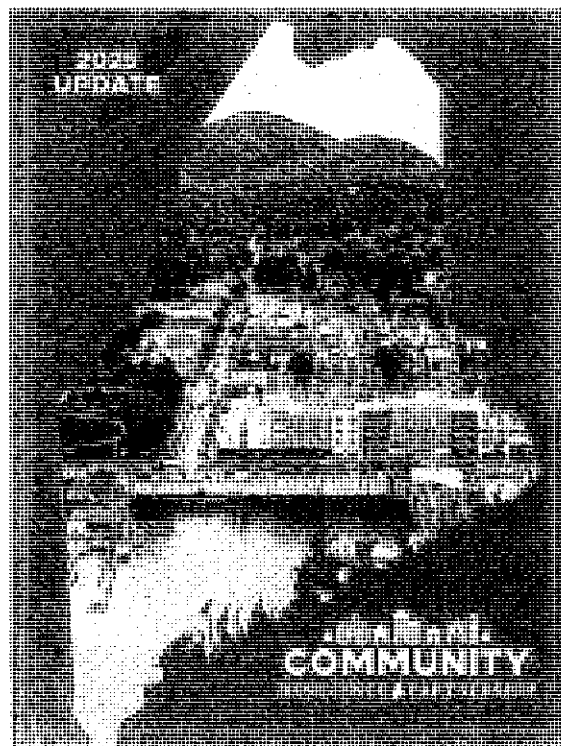
Round 5 Community Action Grant recipients include:

- Acton
- Arrowsic-Georgetown
- Bangor
- Beals
- Biddeford
- Bristol
- Canton
- Caratunk
- Corinna
- Cumberland
- Durham
- Freeport
- Gardiner
- Hallowell
- Harrison
- Hollis
- Howland-Enfield
- Jay
- Kennebunkport
- Livermore Falls
- Machias
- Monhegan Plantation
- Mount Vernon
- Newcastle
- Northport
- Orono
- Owls Head
- Penobscot Nation-
Houlton Band of
Maliseet
- Portland-South Portland
- Rockport-Camden
- Saco-Old Orchard Beach
- Shapleigh
- South Berwick
- Southwest Harbor
- Stockton Springs
- Stonington
- Alfred
- Auburn
- Bath
- Belfast
- Bowdoinham
- Brooks
- Cape Elizabeth
- Chebeague Island-Long
Island
- Cranberry Isles
- Dover-Foxcroft
- Eastport
- Fryeburg
- Gorham
- Harpswell
- Hartford
- Hope
- Islesboro
- Kennebunk
- Lincoln
- Lubec
- Mariaville
- Montville
- Naples
- North Haven
- Ogunquit
- Otisfield
- Parsonsfield
- Phippsburg
- Rockland
- Rome
- Scarborough
- Sorrento
- Southport
- St. George-South
Thomaston
- Stoneham
- Strong

- Sullivan
- Temple
- Topsham
- Trescott Township
- Vanceboro
- Waldoboro
- Warren
- Waterville
- West Bath
- Wilton
- Woolwich
- York
- Surry-Brooklin-Castine-Sedgwick
- Thomaston
- Tremont
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- Vinalhaven
- Waltham
- Waterford
- Wayne
- Westport Island
- Winthrop
- Yarmouth-Falmouth

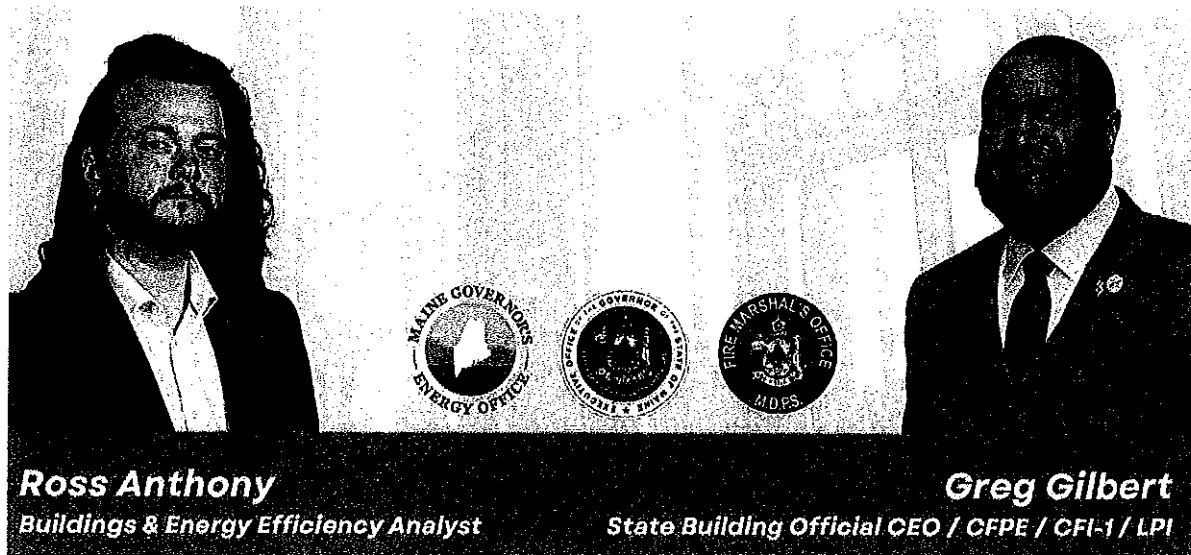
The Partnership also awarded grants to 13 service providers to assist communities in enrolling in the Partnership and, new this round, to complete vulnerability assessments that help communities identify vulnerable community infrastructure and populations, assess risk, and prioritize actions.

The Partnership also released its 2025 Update Report, which provides an overview of the program's continued impact in helping Maine communities become more resilient.



View the flipbook online

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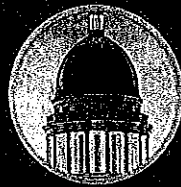
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[Register to attend here](#)

Upcoming Meetings

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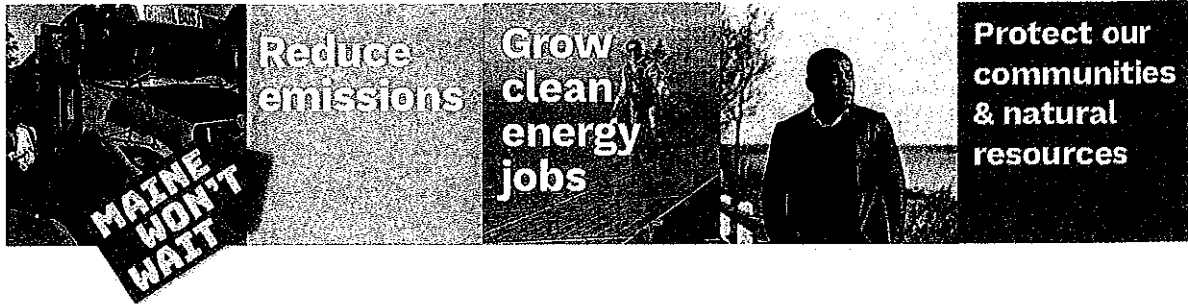
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 **Departure of Hannah Pingree + Green Schools Leadership Award**

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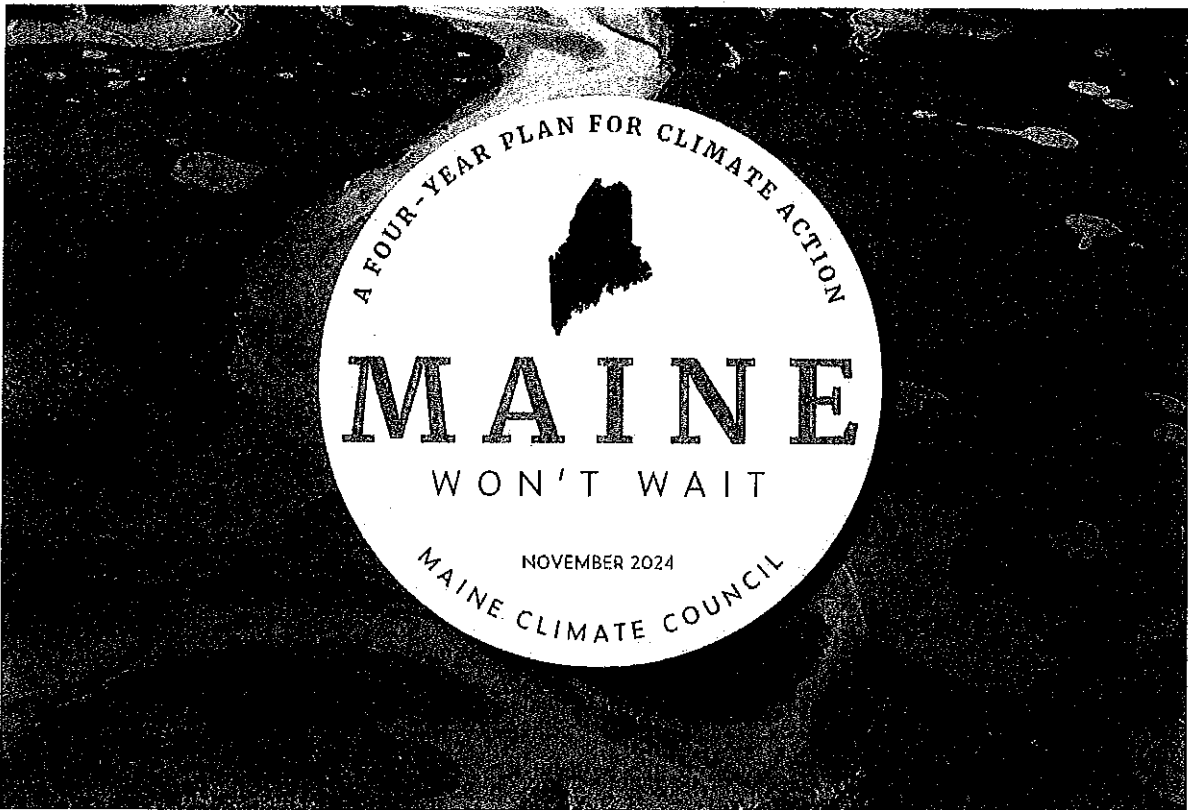
Today, Governor Janet Mills announced the departure of the Governor's Office of Policy Innovation and the Future Director Hannah Pingree, who helped establish the office in 2019 and led the creation of the Maine Climate Council.

Her last day will be Friday, May 16, 2025.



Governor Mills proposed her unique “Office of the Future” in her first inaugural address in 2019 to work in partnership with people, businesses, and communities to pursue common-sense solutions to long-term issues facing Maine. Under Pingree’s leadership, GOPIF drove Administration efforts to address climate change, increase the supply and affordability of housing, strengthen the economy and workforce, improve early childhood education and expand child care options, and support Maine people as they age.

Under Pingree's leadership, GOPIF advanced bipartisan legislation in Maine to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and create the Maine Climate Council to address the impacts of climate change on Maine, meet statutory targets to curb greenhouse gas emissions, and support investments in communities and infrastructure.



As Council co-chair, Pingree led its development of Maine's climate action plan, *Maine Won't Wait*, which spurred action to curb emissions, including the installation of more than 100,000 heat pumps two years ahead of schedule, expanding programs to make homes more energy efficient, reducing Maine's dependence on heating oil, growing the clean energy economy and workforce, and investing in making communities more resilient.



Governor Mills has named Sarah Curran (*above*) to succeed Pingree as Director of GOPIF. Curran has served in GOPIF since its establishment and as deputy director since 2021, during which time she has led its climate planning and community partnership programs.

She will join Department of Environmental Protection Commissioner Melanie Loyzim as the new co-chair of the Climate Council.

[Read the Press Release](#)

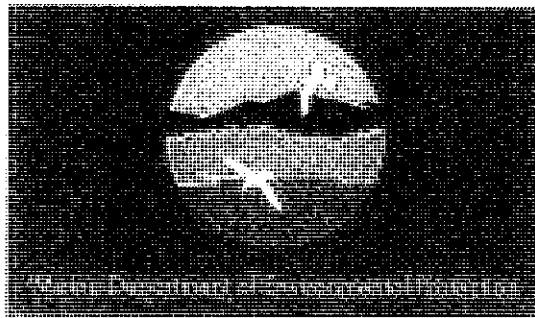


From left to right: Glenn Cummings, Director of Green Schools, Maine DOE; Abigail Hayne, Maine Youth Climate Engagement Coordinator, GOPIF; Robin Sidman, Executive Director, Project Green Schools; Dan Chuhta, Deputy Commissioner, Maine DOE; Michael Isenberg, Board Co-Chair, Project Green Schools

**Maine Honored by Project Green Schools with National
“Difference Makers Award”**

Today the Maine Department of Education (DOE) and the Governor's Office of Policy Innovation and the Future (GOPIF) were recognized nationally with the 2025 Difference Makers Award for their groundbreaking collaboration on the Green Schools Initiative, an ambitious statewide effort to support Maine schools in improving energy efficiency, saving public funds, and reducing pollution in the state's pre-K through grade 12 schools.

Presented in Washington, D.C. by Project Green Schools, a nonprofit developing the next generation of environmental leaders, this award celebrates Maine's visionary leadership in aligning education and environmental policy to improve math, science, and social studies results, reduce pollution emissions, and build climate-resilient school communities.



2025 Waste Diversion Grants Program Announced

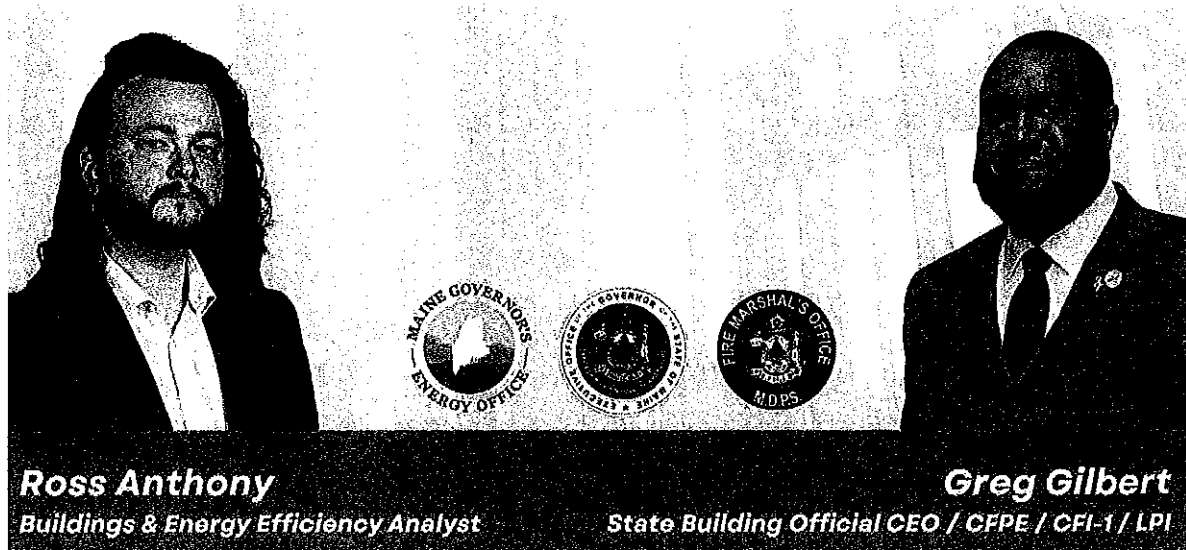
The State of Maine is seeking proposals for the development, implementation or improvement of programs, projects, initiatives, or activities designed to increase the diversion of solid waste from disposal. Proposals are due **June 13, 2025**.

Eligible projects may include but are not limited to the following categories: solid waste diversion education, source reduction, upcycling of discarded materials, donations of food or other materials, repair and reuse projects, recycling, composting, and digestion. Projects that contain any references to disposal practices (landfilling or waste-to-energy incineration) are strongly

discouraged and will be deemed ineligible for consideration.

A copy of the RFP and all related documents can be obtained here.

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Headquarters, Bureau of Motor Vehicles
Division of Title Services
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Reply to
The Attention of

Senior MV Section Manager

15 MAY 2025

MEMORENDUM FOR RECORD

Subject: Title Exempt Vehicles Reminder: Title 29-A, Chapter 7, §651. Exempted Vehicles

1. Municipal Teams,

Due to an increase of received Title Applications for Title exempt vehicles, I wanted to provide a quick reference to Exempted Vehicles pursuant to Title 29-A, Chapter 7, §651. Exempted Vehicles. The list provided in §651 can be found at the following location:

- <https://www.mainelegislature.org/legis/statutes/29-A/title29-Asec652.html>
- 2. The specific exemption that I would like to highlight is the following:
 - **13. Vehicles more than 25 years old.** Vehicles more than 25 years old, except when the Secretary of State determines it is in the best interest of the State and the applicant to issue a warranty title as prescribed under section 651, subsection 3 to a motor vehicle more than 25 years old;
[PL 2023, c. 634, §10 (AMD).]
 - As of January 1, 2025, vehicles with a model year of 2000 or newer must have a title. (Vehicles model year 1999 or older do not require a title).
 - As of January 1, 2026, vehicles with a model year of 2001 or newer must have a title. (Vehicle Model year 2000 or older will not require a title).
- 3. When these applications are received it slows production due to us having to initiate the application withdrawal process and issue rebates for title application fees. Thank you for your assistance and consideration regarding this process, it is going to assist our team in the timely processing and issuance of future titles.
- 4. POC for this memorandum is the undersigned at JOSEPH.BRETON@MAINE.GOV or (207)-624-9226

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. O. Breton', with a stylized flourish at the end.

JOSEPH O. BRETON
Title Services Division
Senior MV Section Manager

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GFD Budget Fact Sheet	<u>Budget</u> <u>2024-25</u>	<u>Budget</u> <u>2025-26</u>	<u>Inc/Dec</u> <u>%</u>	Explanation
Personnel Expenses				
Firefighter/EMT Training Exp	5,000	7,800	56.0%	5 New members, EMT and FF courses
Payroll - Fire & EMS Admin/Maint	13,000	29,120	124.0%	Increase in pay rate from \$25/hr to \$28/hr up to \$15,000 from State EMS Grant funding
Payroll - Admin	23,400	30,000	28.2%	Pay increase to equivalent of \$35/hr, 16.5 hr/wk. No pay for calls
Payroll - FF & Ambulance Calls	29,000	35,000	20.7%	Increase in base pay from \$18/hr to \$20/hr & 5 new members
Payroll - Training	9,500	12,500	31.6%	Base pay increase & 5 new members requiring training
Payroll - Stipends	7,000	7,200	2.9%	
Subtotal	86,900	121,620	40.0%	
Operating Expenses				
Advanced Life Sup. (Midcoast)	8,500	8,500	0.0%	
Communications/Technology	3,035	5,850	92.8%	2 new iPads to replace ambulance tablets
EMS/Ambulance	11,000	16,500	50.0%	Contract with Bath rescue (10 calls to town)
Equipment Replacement	5,000	5,500	10.0%	
Gear, Uniforms, & Health Exp	8,500	11,000	29.4%	New turnout gear & new members health testing
Maintenance - Bldgs & Gnds	3,000	6,100	103.3%	Building repairs - Center Station
Maintenance - Vehicles	22,000	23,000	4.5%	
Maintenance - Equipment	6,700	9,350	39.6%	State requirement to test forestry hose = \$4000 increase
Misc (Rctmnt, Outreach, Disc)	1,000	1,100	10.0%	
Office Expenses	2,675	4,000	49.5%	Purchase of online meeting equipment, include more in training
Utilities/ Building Fuel	12,000	13,350	11.3%	
Vehicle Fuel	6,250	6,000	-4.0%	
Subtotal	89,660	110,250	23.0%	
Reserve Funds / Loan Payments				
Capital Equipment Res Fund	10,000	20,000	100.0%	Equipment needing replacement in next 5 years \$190k+
Emergency Vehicle Res Fund	50,000	60,000	20.0%	Ambulance replacement due in 2028 \$400k est. cost
Five Islands Station Res Fund	0	0	0.0%	
Subtotal	60,000	80,000	33.3%	

Capital Expenses

2023-2024 New / Used Squad	0	0	
Subtotal	0	0	0.0%

Total Expenses 236,560 311,870 31.8%

Appropriation

Emergency Vehicle Res Fund	0		
Town Funds	236,560	311,870	31.8%
Total Appropriation	236,560	311,870	31.8%

Reserve Fund Balance

	<u>Jun-24</u>	<u>Jun-25</u>
Emergency Vehicle Res Fund	117,963	167,963
Capital Equipment Res Fund	-	10,000
Five Islands Station Res Fund	15,816	15,816

MMA Understanding the Freedom of Access Act Webinar-Required for Many!

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~WEBINAR~

Tuesday June 24: 2-4pm
Essential Training ~ REGISTER TODAY!

DATE - TIME - LOCATION - COST

DATE: Tuesday June 24
TIME: 2:00-4:00pm
LOCATION: Zoom WEBINAR ONLY
COST: MMA Members: \$40; Non-Members: \$80

PRESENTED BY:

Sarah Jancarik, Staff Attorney - Maine Municipal Association
Adelia Weber, Staff Attorney - Maine Municipal Association
Nathan Poore, Town Manager - Town of Falmouth

WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

This webinar is aimed at helping elected and appointed officials understand Maine's Freedom of Access Act and fulfill FOAA training requirements. It will provide an overview of the FOAA, including public/open meeting requirements, why FOAA requests are filed, and how to handle them properly. **(This webinar qualifies as Maine-required FOAA Training. This session does not explore laws about criminal investigations and records.)**

COURSE INFORMATION:

Does our board meeting need to be held in public? When can the board enter executive session? How do we respond to a record request from a citizen? Or a serial requester, or a journalist? Maine law requires that all "public proceedings" occur in public and that FOAA requests be handled properly, fairly and in a timely manner. This webinar is designed to help municipal officials at all levels comply with the FOAA and make good decisions about FOAA requests, even if the requests grow in number.

TOPICS INCLUDE:

- Maine's FOAA Law: An Overview
- Public/Open meeting requirements
- Executive Sessions
- Receiving & Fulfilling Public Records Requests
- Appointing a Public Access Officer (PAO)
- Timing and Deadlines
- Violations and Penalties
- Required FOAA Training

Certification: This course applies to the Maine Town, City and County Management Association (MTCMA) Certification Program as 2 credits in the Elected Relations category.

REGISTER HERE

Webinar registrants will receive their Zoom link and meeting details directly from Elected Relations no later than 24 hours in advance. An

official workshop confirmation from MMA will follow with further instructions and access to meeting materials.

Please email training@memun.org if you have not received your link the day prior to the training.

UPCOMING 2025 FOAA Trainings

- Wednesday September 3, 4:30-6:00pm: Understanding the Freedom of Access Act
- Wednesday December 3; 2:00-4:00pm: Understanding the Freedom of Access Act & Best Practices in Compliance

Registration is open - click on your preferred date to sign up!

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advocating for collective municipal interests.

The Maine Municipal Association has a core belief that local government is a fundamental component of a democratic system of government. MMA is dedicated to assisting local governments, and the people who serve in local government, in meeting the needs of their citizens and serving as responsible partners in the intergovernmental system.

MMA's services include advocacy, education and information, professional legal and personnel advisory services, and group insurance self-funded programs.

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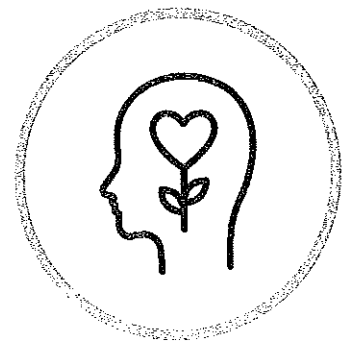
May 2025

Town of Georgetown Officials,

Please find included in this packet copies of Sweetser's latest Annual Report for each of your local elected officials.

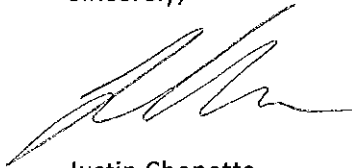
Sweetser envisions a world where mental health stigma is eliminated and access to treatment and recovery is possible for all. We make this possible through a statewide network of community-based mental health, substance use recovery, and educational services.

We wanted to share with you highlights of this past year and the important services we provide to more than 12,000 Maine children and adults each year, including residents in your area.



We hope to continue helping those in need of the vital services we provide. Reach out at any time if we can assist you or if you would like an update on the important work we are doing in your community and across the state.

Sincerely,



Justin Chenette
Senior Director of Public Relations & Advancement
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May/June Newsletter

From Habitat for Humanity/7 Rivers Maine <chris-habitat7rivers.org@shared1.ccsend.com>

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To gtwnme@hotmail.com <gtwnme@hotmail.com>



Dear Mary,

What an amazing May we are having! We just celebrated our 32nd Spring Walk to Build, and as I am writing this we are getting our new Home Build house set on its foundation! The ReStore is launching the first of its Monthly Mini Auctions, and we are now selling affordable paint. We're excited to share more information about all of this with you.

OUR 2025 SPRING WALK TO BUILD WAS A GREAT SUCCESS!

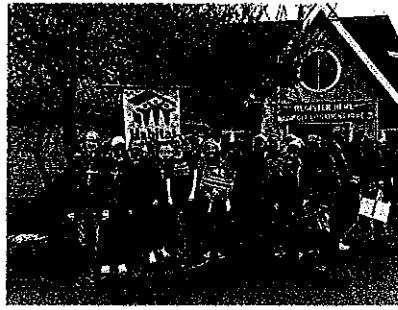


We had over 200 registered walkers and raised over \$50,000 for our Critical Home Repair Program and our Home Build Program! We are so grateful to everyone who participated in this year's walk, from business sponsors and donors, to all who served as Team Captains to recruit walkers and donations for our work.

It's not too late to contribute to our walk. We have almost reached our goal of \$55,000. We are accepting donations until May 30th.

Donate to the Spring Walk to Build

SAVE THE DATE FOR NEXT YEAR'S WALK: SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2026



OUR 49TH HOME BUILD HOUSE HAS BEEN DELIVERED!

Check out this video of the home being set!

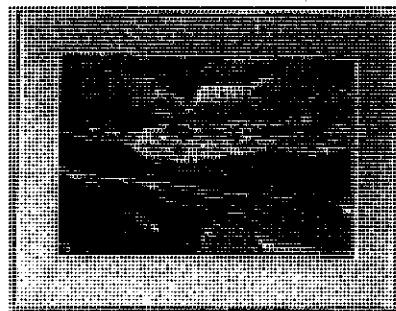
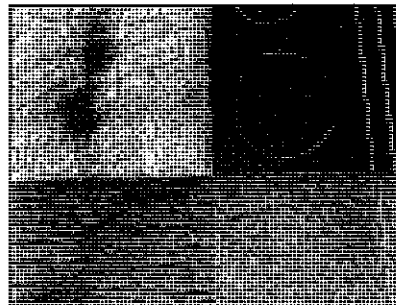
We are still reviewing potential applicants for the home. This would be an ideal home for a family of four with a gross annual household income of no more than \$82,550. Please visit our website and read through **the eligibility criteria** closely. If you think you qualify, please contact Adam Lacher at 207-504-9332.





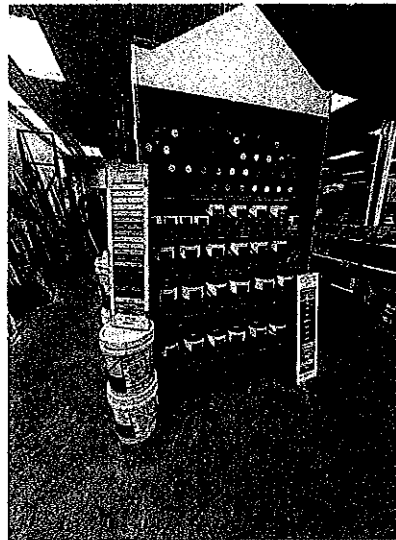
The ReStore is trying something new! We receive some amazing fine art and furniture donations over the course of the year. Instead of holding on to it all year and having one large auction in February, we have decided to do mini auctions each month. Our first Monthly Mini Auction is now live with 18 original, signed fine art pieces. The auction will run until Saturday, June 14th at 5:00 PM. Get your bids in today!

Check out the Monthly Mini Auction



WE HAVE PAINT!

Our ReStore, located at 1 Chandler Drive in Bath, is now carrying affordable interior and exterior paints. Stop by during regular business hours, Tuesday- Saturday, 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM.



Chalk paint \$20
Interior/exterior quarts \$15
Gallons \$28
Five gallon \$92

A Repair Cafe is a community-based initiative designed to encourage people to repair broken or damaged items rather than discarding them. Curtis Memorial Library partners with other community groups to bring together skilled volunteers who help fix everyday items.

Upcoming Repair Cafe:

June 22, 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM: Curtis Memorial Library, Brunswick



Think of us when you are decluttering and want your items to help our neighbors in need. You may drop off donations at the ReStore during regular business hours, Tuesday-

Saturday, 10:00 AM- 5:00 PM.

ReStore Facebook Page

**Please consider making a donation to help our neighbors live in homes
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To Whom It May Concern,

The Georgetown Select Board strongly opposes the removal of U.S. Coast Guard navigational buoys along the Maine coast, especially the buoy at the Mouth of the Sheepscot River. Stripping away this critical aid is not modernization - it is recklessness.

The Sheepscot River is known for strong currents, unpredictable weather, and complex navigation, particularly for small vessels. The buoy at its mouth is not just a marker—it is a vital safeguard. It provides mariners with a reliable reference point, especially in fog and heavy seas, offering a level of security that technology alone cannot replicate. Eliminating it ignores the realities of local waters and places mariners in unnecessary danger.

While we recognize advancements in navigation technology, physical buoys remain irreplaceable. Electronic tools—GPS, digital charts—are prone to failure from equipment malfunctions, signal interference, or power loss, leaving mariners vulnerable. The Sheepscot buoy is a time-tested safeguard that must remain in place to ensure safe passage.

Further, removing buoys unfairly burdens small boaters, including kayakers and recreational fishermen, who may lack the financial means to invest in costly electronic navigation systems. The decision disproportionately affects those who rely on traditional navigation, limiting accessibility and increasing risk.

Georgetown's maritime heritage is deeply rooted in our community. Fishing, recreation, and navigation are not merely activities—they define livelihoods and sustain the local economy. Removing the Sheepscot buoy undermines maritime safety and threatens our way of life.

We urge decision-makers to reconsider this proposal and ensure that essential navigational aids remain intact. Stripping away proven safeguards is an indefensible step in the wrong direction.

Thank you for your attention to this critical matter—one with real and potentially irreversible consequences.

Respectfully submitted,



Tyler Washburn <tylerwashburn2011@gmail.com>

Removal of ATONs around Georgetown, Maine

Woody Hanstein <hanstein.woody@gmail.com>

Wed, May 21, 2025 at 4:49 PM

To: D01-SMB-DPWPUBLICComments@uscg.mil, Woody Hanstein <hanstein.woody@gmail.com>, Tyler Washburn <tylerwashburn2011@gmail.com>

Hello,

I am the Harbormaster for the town of Georgetown, Maine and I also have been sailing in the Georgetown area for a number of years. I am writing to urge that the Coast Guard not remove either the buoy at the Sheepscot River entrance (Lighted Buoy 2SR) or the gong buoy marking the southern end of the approach to always popular Damariscove Island (Gong Buoy TM). I make this request in both my capacity as Georgetown's Harbormaster and also as the owner of a recreational 34' sailboat who frequently, especially in foggy weather, has relied on Coast Guard ATONs to keep myself and my crew safe.

As Georgetown's Harbormaster, I have already heard from a number of the citizens I serve that the removal of these ATONs would be very worrisome to them. Some of these recreational boaters cannot afford expensive electronics and some of them have had bad experiences having them misbehave while they were using them. I have a good GPS system (with ASI) on my sailboat, but the best high tech solution in the world still doesn't give me the peace of mind I get when I can see a buoy and check my chart to know exactly where I am.

I am hoping to sail up to Halifax this summer, and I expect if I were to call the local Coast Guard station in Boothbay Harbor to ask for advice on whether or not I should take along paper charts with me, that I would be told in no uncertain terms that it would be negligent for any mariner to put to sea without them. Would anyone in the Coast Guard think of advising me that I didn't need to bother with paper charts because I already had GPS on board?

The Coast Guard is a wonderful organization that gives every boater great peace of mind just knowing you are there if we need you. The same thing can be said of these ATONs which we have also relied on for years -- they give many mariners the comfort of knowing that, even if their GPS system has conked out, that all they need to do is find that first buoy leading up the Sheepscot River and they will know both exactly where they are and also exactly what course to steer to get to the next one. On behalf of all of the mariners in Georgetown, I urge you to reconsider the decision to retire these ATONs.

Respectfully submitted,

Woody Hanstein
Harbormaster, Georgetown, Maine
207-592-7092



Outlook

County Tax payment

From Kim Dalton <administrator@woolwich.us>

Date Mon 5/19/2025 2:16 PM

To Ross McLellan <phipp@phippsburg.com>; townadministrator@westbathmaine.gov
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Good afternoon,

I have been asked by one of my Select Board members and also your State Legislature Rep. Allison Hepler, to reach out to all of the town/cities in Sagadahoc County to find out if there is a consensus of towns/cities that would like to see at least two installments for paying the County Tax instead of one lump payment.

This year, we had to take out a tax anticipation note for the 1st time in over 20 years and we will need to do it again in September. It seems the County Tax keeps increasing and the County Commissioners at this point in time do not feel it necessary to allow towns to pay in two installments.

Allison would like to hear back from everyone regarding their thoughts and if having two payments to pay the County Taxes would be beneficial for your towns and cities.

A bill recently passed through Legislation that allows Counties to accept split payments but when discussed with the County Commissioners, they were not in favor of it. The reason they say is that they need the money all at once to pay their bills. I disagree, and think the interest they accrue on it is very beneficial to them. They also have not had an audit in over two years.

Please either reach back out to me, or Allison Hepler with your thoughts.

Thank you.

Kim Dalton
Town Administrator
Town of Woolwich
207-442-7094



Authorized Quote

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Description of Authorized Work

4 hours of RE Taxes and MV training for new Clerk and Deputy Clerk. Also, 4 hours of travel time and 177.6 miles in travel

Cost Breakdown	Quantity	Rate	Estimate
Training / Support Costs (number of hours)	4	\$200	\$ 800
Travel time	4	\$75	\$ 300
Mileage or Rental Costs (number of miles or rental days)	177.6	.70	\$ 124.32
Meals / Per Diem Costs (number of days)		\$65	\$
Lodging Costs (number of nights)		\$250	\$
Total Estimate			\$ 1224.32

Only hours used will be billed. A minimum of 4 hours may be billed for all on-site time. Mileage, Meals and Lodging costs are estimates and may vary at the time of billing.

To proceed with this request, we require your written approval. Once received, we will confirm receipt and provide you with an estimated date of completion. Any applicable travel and lodging expenses will be billed as they are incurred.

Please note the work on this agreement may be subject to State Taxes. Please ensure that we have your Tax Exemption Certificate on file. If you do not wish to proceed with this work, please advise and we will update our records accordingly. If you have any questions or need further information, please feel free to contact:

Harris Contact Name: Chad Coombs
Title: Professional Services Manager
Phone: 716-463-2531
Email: ccoombs@harriscomputer.com

A signature below will serve as authorization to proceed with this quotation.

Tyler washburn

Print Name	Signature	Date
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